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Wide World Photo
WAR IN LAOS continues. Berlin crisis is not the only trouble spot boiling under communist pressure. Here, troops patrol streets against Red infiltration as struggle in Southeast Asia spreads to South Viet Nam.

Personal with the Editor

THIS is being written at sea. Mrs. Armstrong and I are returning to America on the world's fastest passenger liner, the S.S. *United States*. This morning I was reading a news item in yesterday's Paris edition of the *New York Herald Tribune*. It provoked this little chat with our readers.

This is our first morning out at sea on the present voyage. Yesterday morning, in London, we left a group of friends waving, as our special boat train puffed out of Waterloo Station. At 1:00 P.M. we left another group of friends and relatives waving at Southampton docks, appearing to shrink smaller and smaller in the distance as this big liner slowly got under way. We docked at Le Havre, France, about 7:00 P.M., where I picked up the newspaper that stimulated this talk. The ship got under way again about 1:00 A.M. while we were asleep in our room.

Last evening after dinner, as we were docked at Le Havre, the chief steward of the Ballroom and Lounge on the Promenade deck came to our room to shake hands with us. He said he and his wife have been reading *The Plain Truth* for years, and their children have *The Bible Story* almost memorized. Their lives, he said, have been completely changed, and they are a most happy family. They live in New Jersey, and hear *The WORLD TOMORROW* on our New York stations. It was an inspiring start for the ocean voyage!

The news item I was reading, which sent me to this typewriter, struck me as an instance of more or less common unbalance of attitude. It started a train of thought.

I began to wonder about YOU who read *The Plain Truth*. Do you *think* about the things you see, or read, or hear? And do you try to maintain *balance* of mind? Do you avoid prejudicial extremes? You may not have thought much about these things—but they are very important to you.

Back in my pre-conversion years I was, for some little time, the "Idea Man" on the editorial staff of America's largest trade journal. I was trained to look for ideas, and to adapt them to a particular problem or circumstance. It has, through the years, become habit to *apply* a thought or idea to altogether different categories.

This news story from Washington, D.C., in *The Herald Tribune*, concerned the Secretary of Defense, Mr. Robert S. McNamara. But to me, it concerned YOU!

The dispatch stated that the Secretary is popular almost everywhere except in the department he heads, in the Pentagon. President Kennedy, it stated, considers him the "most useful" cabinet officer. The news men have come to approve him. He is liked by Senators and Congressmen. His popularity rating is high with the public.

Then *why* the lack of enthusiasm among the Army, Navy, and Air Force top brass? Well that brings us to the point I want to make. It seems there is a lack of a well-rounded sense of *balance* in the rival schools of military service. And this is typical today, in almost all professions and phases of life.

You may not have realized that there is keen rivalry between the various branches of the armed forces. Many Air Force Generals, and some Navy Admirals, are advocates of the "over-kill" and "counter-force" tactics. Some Army and Marine Generals demand that the nation's safety be entrusted to the "mobility-flexibility" program of defense. Other high officers are "drop-the-bomb" advocates. Some want to rely almost wholly on the missile program. Others disagree with all this, and demand specialization only on supersonic bombers.

Each is a *specialist*. Each thinks his one specialty is the "cure-all" that will win all wars.

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It is the same in most fields. This is an age of *specialization*.

Glance, momentarily, at other fields. In medicine, the day of the family doctor and general practitioner is about gone. Those still in practice (that word *(Please continue on page 27)*)

The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

After four trying years, the broadcast expands into another major population area—now on the air in Seattle!

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THE "lean years" continued on through 1938 and the succeeding decade. It was constant struggle, hardship. Growth seemed so very slow. Yet, viewed today in retrospect, expansion has been consistently rapid. Occasional set-backs were discouraging. But always the forgings-ahead were far greater than the slips backward. Actually, few activities engaged in by man, in our time, have enjoyed as consistent and rapid a growth over more than a quarter century duration.

By June, 1938—four and a half years after *The Plain Truth* started as a mimeographed "magazine"—the first two printed editions finally had been produced. Old files examined since the publication of installment 38 have shown that the May-June, 1938, number was not actually the first, but the second edition to come off a real printing press. And they were only 8-page editions. Until then all issues had been ground out on a hand-fed, hand-cranked, antiquated neostyle, ancestor of the mimeograph.

Back to Mimeographing

But the expense of producing those two printed issues threw us into a financial hole again. So back to the frail old neostyle we went, hand-producing a combined July-August, 1938, issue, which finally was mailed July 28th that year.

With that number a letter was mailed to the little Co-Worker list. An interesting statement in that letter explained that only one in ten of those on *The Plain Truth* mailing list had ever sent a contribution of any kind toward the expenses of the work. And they had never been asked. The few contributors had become Co-Workers voluntarily, without solicitation. The other nine in ten had never received any solicitation for contributions.

As a matter of personal interest, I have just had a check-up made over at the Ambassador College Press on this ratio, as it is today. It has not changed. Not counting the 50,000 names on the mailing lists at the London and Sydney offices, there are now some 270,000-plus names on the yearly subscription list at the Pasadena office, beside an additional 30,000 copies of the magazine on reserve which will be sent out during the following 60 days to new subscribers. Of this 300,000 in the United States who will receive the current issue, only 29,000 are Co-Workers. Slightly less than one in ten has ever sent a contribution for the support of this now great work.

And today, the policy still is the same. The other 271,000 people on our subscription list (or to be put on within 60 days) not only have sent no contributions—they have never received any request, directly or indirectly, for financial support.

Every month a few send us money to pay for their subscriptions—but this money is promptly returned! When we say that *your* subscription has *already been paid* for you—that you cannot pay for your own—we mean precisely that!

From the first, this work of God has been supported by sheer faith in GOD to supply every financial need for His own work. The 29,000 who do support this work with their honest tithes and free-will offerings *became Co-Workers voluntarily*.

This present world-wide activity started, in 1934, with less than a hundred Co-Workers. Through the years they have been joined by hundreds, then thousands of additional Co-Workers whose hearts are truly in the work of GOD—for, as Jesus said, where one's treasure is, there will his heart be also!

Many are astonished. Many cannot understand this. It is not the way of the

world, nor of this world's religious activities—all of whom, so far as we know, either beg for money on the air or put a price on their literature. But the true original Gospel of Jesus Christ is a FREE Gospel. It offers a FREE salvation. It is not commercialized or SOLD like material merchandise! We have *nothing* to sell. God's way is giving, not getting or taking. We GIVE Christ's TRUTH to the world, as He gave it freely to us—and as voluntary Co-Workers contribute freely to pay financial costs.

Back in 1934 many told me it could not be done. They said people would never support a ministry that dares preach the unvarnished TRUTH—that tells people their SINS—that refuses to be muzzled. I answered that Almighty God is able to provide for His own work. True, only about one in a thousand listeners to any one broadcast will even write in a request for *The Plain Truth* or other free literature. And only one in each ten of those joins us in supporting God's Work. That's about one in ten thousand *reached* with Christ's Gospel. Think of it! Each individual Co-Worker gets the Gospel to TEN THOUSAND OTHERS! Today 33,000 students are enrolled in the Bible Correspondence Course. And, beside all this, each dollar today performs other vital work, such as contributing its portion to the colleges in Pasadena and in England, training men and women for their part in this great and growing world-wide work of God.

So, after all, it is remarkable—almost incredible—how *much* each single dollar does accomplish when placed at GOD'S disposal for use in HIS work. Frankly, I know of no other use for money where so MUCH is accomplished with so little!

It was the same, back in 1938. The difference is merely expansion. The work operates on a vastly multiplied
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RADIO LOG

"The WORLD TOMORROW"

TO THE U.S. & CANADA

WINS—New York—1010 kc. 9:00 a.m., Sun.; 7:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

WNTA—Newark, N.J.—970 on dial—9:00 a.m. Sun.—8:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.—9:00 p.m. Sat.

WIBG—Philadelphia—990 on dial—12:30 p.m. Sundays.

WPIT—Pittsburgh, Pa.—730 on dial—3:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

WBMD—Baltimore, Maryland—750 on dial—12 noon daily.

WEAW—Chicago—1330 on dial—9:30 a.m., Sun. (AM & FM), 7:00 a.m., Mon. thru Sat.

WWVA—Wheeling, W. Va.—1170 on dial—10:30 a.m.; 11:15 p.m. Sun., E.S.T.; 10:00 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

WKYR—Keyser, W. Va.—1270 on dial—5:30 a.m., daily.

WCKY—Cincinnati, Ohio—1530 on dial—7:00 and 9:30 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m., Mon. thru Sat., E.S.T.

WSPD—Toledo, Ohio—1370 on dial—9:05 p.m. every night.

WADC—Akron, Ohio—1350 on dial—9:30 p.m. every night.

WIBC—Indianapolis, Ind.—1070 on dial—10:30 p.m., Sunday.

WJBK—Detroit, Mich.—1500 on dial—9:30 a.m., Sun.

WSM—Nashville, Tenn.—650 on dial—12 midnight Mon. thru Fri.; 1:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Sun., C.S.T.

WLAC—Nashville, Tenn.—1510 on dial—7:00 p.m., daily; 5:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat., C.S.T.; 10:30 a.m. Sun.

WPTF—Raleigh, N.C.—680 on dial—5:30 a.m. and 8:05 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.; 9:30 a.m. Sun.

WGUN—Atlanta, Ga.—1010 on dial—Mon. thru Sat. 11:00 a.m., Sun. 4:00 p.m.

WMIE—Miami, Fla.—1140 on dial—8:30 a.m. Sun.; 12 noon Mon. thru Fri.; 11:30 a.m. Sat.

WGBS—Miami, Fla.—710 on dial—10:30 a.m. Sun.

KWKH—Shreveport, Louisiana—1130 on dial—9:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.; 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. Sat.; 10:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Sun.

WNOE—New Orleans, La.—1060 on dial—9:30 a.m. Sundays.

KTHS—Little Rock, Arkansas—1090 on dial—9:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.; 8:00 p.m. Sat.; 9:30 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. Sun.

XERF—Del Rio, Tex.—1570 on dial—10:00 p.m., Mon. thru Sat.; 11:00 p.m., Sun.

KCTA—Corpus Christi, Tex.—1030 on dial—12:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.; 4:30 p.m. Sat.; 2:00 p.m. Sun.

XELO—800 on dial—every night, 8:00 p.m., M.S.T., 9:00 p.m. C.S.T.

XEG—1050 on dial—every night, 8:30 p.m. C.S.T.

KRLD—Dallas, Texas—1080 on dial—6:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.; 8:10 p.m. Sun.

KCUU—Ft. Worth, Tex.—1540 on dial—7:00 a.m., Mon. thru Sat.; 1:00 p.m., Sun.

KTRH—Houston, Tex.—740 on dial—9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.; 8:30 p.m. Sun.

KENS—San Antonio, Tex.—680 on dial—9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.; 9:00 p.m. Sun.

KFMJ—Tulsa, Okla.—1050 on dial—12:30 p.m., every day.

KRMG—Tulsa, Okla.—740 on dial—9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.; 7:30 p.m. Sun.

KBYE—Okla. City, Okla.—890 on dial—10:30 a.m., Sun.; 12:30 p.m., Mon. thru Sat.

WKYB—Paducah, Ky.—570 on dial—12:00 noon, Sun. thru Sat.

KCMO—Kansas City, Mo.—810 on dial—8:15 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.; 7:30 p.m. Sun.; 5:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KWTO—Springfield, Mo.—560 on dial—7:00 p.m. daily.

KXEN—St. Louis, Mo.—1010 on dial—12:00 noon, Mon. thru Sat., 10:30 a.m., Sundays.

KFH—Wichita, Kansas—1330 on dial—8:30 p.m., Mon. thru Sat.; 9:30 a.m. Sun.

KXEL—Waterloo, Iowa—1540 on dial—8:00 p.m., Sun.; 9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KRVN—Lexington, Nebr.—1010 on dial—10:30 a.m. every day.

WOW—Omaha, Nebr.—590 on dial—9:30 p.m. Sun.; 5:00 a.m. Mon. thru Fri.; 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KFYR—Bismarck, N. Dak.—550 on dial—7:00 p.m. every night.

WNAX—Yankton, S. Dak.—570 on dial—8:30 p.m. nightly.

KLZ—Denver, Colo.—560 on dial—10:45 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.; 10:30 a.m., Sat.

KCPX—Salt Lake City, Utah—1320 on dial—7:00 p.m. every night.

KBOI—Boise, Idaho—950 on dial—7:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.; 9:15 p.m. Sat. and Sun.

KPHO—Phoenix, Ariz.—910 on dial—6:30 p.m. every day.

CFRN—Edmonton, Alberta—1260 on dial—7:30 p.m. every night.

CKLW—Windsor, Ontario—800 on dial—7:00 p.m. Sundays.

CFQC—Saskatoon, Saskatchewan—600 on dial—10:30 p.m., Sun. thru Sat.

In French—

CKJL—St. Jerome, Quebec—900 kc.—10:30 a.m. Sunday.

KFRE—Fresno, Calif.—940 on dial—8:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.; 10:30 a.m. Sun.

KHJ—Los Angeles—930 on dial—7:30 p.m., Sunday.

KRKD—Los Angeles—1150 on dial—7:00 p.m., Mon. thru Sat.; 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sun.

KGBS—Los Angeles, Calif.—1020 on dial—10:00 p.m. Sun.

KBLA—Burbank—1490 on dial—7:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. daily.

XERB—1090 on dial—7:00 p.m. every night.

KNEZ—Lompoc, Calif.—960 on dial—9:30 a.m., Sunday.

KITO—San Bernardino—1290 on dial—7:00 p.m. daily.

KIRO—Seattle, Wash.—710 on dial—10:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m., Mon. thru Sat.

KNBX—Seattle—1050 on dial—12:00 noon every day.

KHQ—Spokane, Wash.—590 on dial—9:00 p.m. every night.

KWJJ—Portland—1080 on dial—10:00 p.m., Sundays; 9:00 p.m., Mon. thru Sat.

KUGN—Eugene—590 on dial—7:00 p.m. every night.

KFQD—Anchorage, Alaska—730 on dial—9:00 p.m., nightly.

KULA—Honolulu, Hawaii—690 on dial—10:00 p.m. every night.

In Spanish—

KALI—Los Angeles, Calif.—1430 on dial—4:45 p.m. Sun.

TO EUROPE

In English—

RADIO LUXEMBOURG—208 metres (1439 kc.)—Mondays and Tuesdays: 23:30 G.M.T.

In French—

RADIO LUXEMBOURG—1293 metres—5:40 a.m. Mon.

EUROPE NO. ONE—Felsberg en Sarre, Germany—182 kc. (1622 m.)—Wed. 5:45 a.m.

In German—

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TO AFRICA

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RADIO ELIZABETHVILLE (The Congo)—OQ2AD—5980 kc. (60 m.), 10:00 p.m., Sun. thru Fri.

TO ASIA

RADIO BANGKOK—HSIJS—461.5 metres (651 kc.), Monday 10:35-11:05 p.m.

RADIO TAIWAN (FORMOSA) "The 3rd Network, B.C.C."—BED23 Taichung 1380 kc.; BED82 Chiayi 1460 kc.; BED79 Kaohsiung 1220 kc.—18:00 T.S.T., Wed. and Fri.

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KGO—San Francisco—810 on dial—9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.—10:00 p.m. Sun.

KSAY—San Francisco, Calif.—1010 kc.—7:00 a.m. every day.

KRAK—Sacramento, Calif.—1140 on dial—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.; 10:30 p.m. Sun.

RADIO LOG (Continued)

RADIO OKINAWA — KSBK — 880 kc. Sundays: 12:06 noon.
ALTO BROADCASTING SYSTEM — PHILIPPINE ISLANDS:

DZAQ, Manila — 620 kc. — 9:00 p.m. Sunday.
DZRI, Dagupan City — 1040 kc. — 9:00 p.m. Sunday.
DZRB, Naga City — 1060 kc. — 9:00 p.m. Sunday.
DXAW, Davao City — 640 kc. — 9:00 p.m. Sunday.

TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

2KY — Sydney, NSW — 1020 kc. — 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:45 p.m. Fri. and Sat.
2AY — Albury, NSW — 1490 kc. — 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.; 10:00 p.m. Sun.
2GF — Grafton, NSW — 1210 kc. — 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
2GN — Goulburn, NSW — 1380 kc. — 10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
2HD — Newcastle, NSW — 1140 kc. — 10:03 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:50 p.m. Fri.; 10:30 p.m. Sun.
2KA — Katoomba, NSW — 780 kc. — 10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
2KM — Kempsey, NSW — 980 kc. — 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
2MW — Murwillumbah, NSW — 1440 kc. — 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
3AW — Melbourne, Vic. — 1280 kc. — 10:30 p.m. Sun.
3BO — Bendigo, Vic. — 960 kc. — 10:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and Sun.
3CV — Maryborough, Vic. — 1440 kc. — 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri. and Sun.
3HA — Hamilton, Vic. — 1000 kc. — 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri. and Sun.
3KZ — Melbourne, Vic. — 1180 kc. — 10:45 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:15 p.m. Fri.; 10:30 p.m. Sun.
3MA — Mildura, Vic. — 1470 kc. — 3:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.; 10:00 p.m. Sat.
3SH — Swanhill, Vic. — 1330 kc. — 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri. and Sun.
3SR — Shepparton, Vic. — 1260 kc. — 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri. and Sun.
3UL — Warragul, Vic. — 880 kc. — 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri. and Sun.
3YB — Warrnambool, Vic. — 1210 kc. — 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri. and Sun.
4AK — Oakey, Qld. — 1220 kc. — 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:30 p.m. Fri.; 9:30 p.m. Sun.

4BK — Brisbane, Qld. — 1290 kc. — 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:30 p.m. Fri.; 9:30 p.m. Sun.
4CA — Cairns, Qld. — 1010 kc. — 10:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.
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4KQ — Brisbane, Qld. — 690 kc. — 10:30 p.m. Sun.
4WK — Warwick, Qld. — 880 kc. — 10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
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6KG — Kalgoorlie, WA — 860 kc. — 10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
6PM — Perth, WA — 1000 kc. — 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.; 10:00 p.m. Sun.
6AM — Northam, WA — 980 kc. — 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.; 10:00 p.m. Sun.
7AD — Devonport, Tas. — 900 kc. — 3:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.
7SD — Scottsdale, Tas. — 540 kc. — 4:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.
2XM — Gisborne, New Zealand — 1180 kc. — 8:30 p.m. Wed.; 9:15 p.m. Thurs.; 10:00 p.m. Sat.

TO LATIN AMERICA

In English—
RADIO SWAN — Swan Island — 1160 kc. — 5:30 p.m., C.S.T. Sun.
RADIO AMERICA — Lima, Peru — 1010 kc. — 6:00 p.m. Saturdays.
HOC21, Panama City — 1115 kc. — 7:00 p.m., Sundays.
HP5A, Panama City — 11170 kc. — 7:00 p.m., Sundays.
HOK, Colon, Panama — 640 kc. — 7:00 p.m., Sundays.
HP5K, Colon, Panama — 6005 kc. — 7:00 p.m., Sundays.
RADIO CARAIBES — Santa Lucia, W.I. — 840 kc. — 10:05 p.m. Thursdays.
In Spanish—
RADIO SWAN — Swan Island — 1160 kc. — 9:00 p.m., Sat. and Sun.
RADIO LA CRONICA — Lima, Peru — 1010 kc. — 7:00 p.m. Sun.
RADIO COMUNEROS — Asuncion, Paraguay — 970 kc. — 8:30 p.m. Thursdays.
RADIO SPORT — CXA19 — Montevideo, Uruguay — 11835 kc. — 4:00 p.m., Sundays.
RADIO CARVE — CX16, 850 kc., and CXA13, 6156 kc. — Montevideo, Uruguay — 3:30 p.m., Saturdays.
In French—
RADIO CARAIBES — Santa Lucia, West Indies — 840 kc. — 9:45 a.m., Mon.; 10:05 p.m. Wed.

Point Campaign," mentioned in earlier installments, was continuing. This consisted of almost constantly holding personal evangelistic campaigns in Oregon and Washington—usually six nights a week—in addition to the radio program, and the issuing of *The Plain Truth*. A summary of those campaigns might be of interest here.

These evangelistic campaigns had started, as explained earlier, April 1st, 1934, in downtown Eugene. That campaign, held only three nights a week, Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights, carried on until about September. We learned that three times a week was not effective.

Beginning October 14th, 1934, the second campaign was started at the Alvadore school auditorium, 15 miles northwest of Eugene. This was a six-nights-a-week campaign. It carried on to the end of 1934, and was resumed beginning January 13th, 1935.

Beginning May 5th, 1935, a short two week's campaign was carried on at the Clear Lake schoolhouse, between Eugene and Alvadore. Beginning December 1, 1935, the campaign was opened at the Eldridge school, twelve miles north of Salem. This lasted, I believe, six weeks. Meanwhile there had been meetings held in a schoolhouse at Goble, Oregon, about 50 miles north of Portland, campaigns of six weeks or more each time at our own "little church at the end of West Eighth Avenue, in Eugene." At other times special evangelistic Sunday night services were conducted there.

Then about the first of June, 1936, a big tent campaign of six weeks was held six nights a week in Springfield, a sister city adjoining Eugene on the east. I have recounted in earlier installments how the big tent was taken from us in the middle of this campaign. We finished with a small tent that held a third or less of our crowd.

Then beginning June 15th, 1937, there was a six weeks' campaign in the big tent in Eugene. October 19th to 23rd, inclusive, I held a five nights' evangelistic service at a Community Church somewhere near Eugene. This has gone from my memory—I do not remember where it was located—but

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

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scale today. In fact, the letter sent to Co-Workers July 28th, 1938, estimated 100,000 being reached each week with the broadcast. Today, by the same means of calculation, some 16 million are

reached weekly. The power of the work has *multiplied* 160 times in 23 years.

Evangelistic Campaigns

All through these years, the "Three-

there is a handbill record of it in the old files.

Also there is a handbill of evangelistic meetings beginning January 16th—the year is not shown, but apparently it was 1939—at Townsend Hall, in Cottage Grove, about 30 miles south of Eugene.

Later, evangelistic meetings were held in Portland, Seattle and Vancouver and Everett, Washington—and, in 1942, in the Biltmore Theatre in downtown Los Angeles.

New Facilities Needed

As the work expanded, through 1938 and into 1939, a few items of new equipment became an imperative need. I do not mean convenient *wants*—but absolutely necessary *needs*.

According to usual office standards, we might have thought we needed a better office, with sunlight and ventilation. Remember, as described earlier, we were working all these years in a small inside office, without windows or ventilation. We might have thought modern steel filing cabinets were a need. I was still using cardboard cartons, obtained free at the grocery store, as receptacles for keeping correspondence files. We might have thought that office desks to work on, if only second-hand, were needed. But we were able to work, these years, on a few old tables we found in our little, stuffy, \$5 per month office room.

But when the old antiquated neostyle finally was wearing out—about to lay down and cease functioning because of old age—and we were still obliged to crank out *The Plain Truth* by hand on this piece of primitive mechanism, then a new mimeograph became an absolute need—or else *The Plain Truth* had to cease publication, and die a natural death along with the neostyle.

So it was, that on February 4, 1939—five years after the first issue of *The Plain Truth*, a letter to our few Co-Workers said: "I will have to tell you that we are VERY SERIOUSLY IN NEED of a new mimeograph machine. The present one is about worn out, and we are producing this issue of *The Plain Truth* under difficulties. I can get a very good used mimeograph, almost new, one capable of turning out the large amount of work that is necessary in this office,

and will last for several years, for \$65. There is not one cent available for the mimeograph, unless some of our friends can send in a special and additional offering just for this purpose."

By April 5, 1939, a letter to Co-Workers found in an old file says: "At last, after many unavoidable delays, we are sending you *The Plain Truth*. This issue goes to about one thousand NEW READERS. It is still mimeographed, because we have not enough funds to print it, as we did two issues last year. It is a tremendous task, and nearly all the work is done by Mrs. Armstrong, our daughter Beverly who is office secretary, and myself."

In spite of inside office, lack of light or ventilation, lack of desks, filing cabinets and office equipment, the work was GROWING! *The Plain Truth* circulation was growing. We were not able to get it out every month. There were seven issues in 1938. The June number was only the third during 1939. It was issued as often as there was enough money for paper, ink and postage. Yet already this little mimeographed "magazine" was being read by a few *thousand* people—and a hundred thousand or more were hearing the very Gospel Christ Himself preached every week—besides almost continuous evangelistic campaigns reaching hundreds.

The few dimes, quarters, and dollars were producing fruits that were to last for eternity!

But now our old second-hand car was about to lie down and die of old age and much use.

Near the bottom of this letter of April 5, 1939, I find this: "Another serious *need* is a new car. The present one, five years old, is in an Albany garage for lack of a \$50 repair bill. We are totally dependent on our car to transport the six of us (self and singers) to Portland and back for the Sunday broadcasts. We have to drive 600 miles every week—2,500 miles a month—in God's work. The present car won't hold out longer. We are doing the very best we can with what we have to do with."

This referred to the 1934-model used Graham car we had purchased as a result of Mrs. Starkey's letter sent out December 21, 1937. But we were not to be able to get another car until 1941.

That old Graham blew con-rods every few thousand miles. But it was destined to suffer some *real* punishment, with weekly trips clear to Seattle, before we could replace it!

God has *promised* to supply all our NEED. But during these years it was surely *bare need*, not wants—and the needs were not always as great as they appeared to us.

How many of our readers, today, realize how much *more* than bare needs *you* are enjoying? Not many have had to struggle along with *real bare needs*, as we did through those lean years!

U.S. of Europe and War Predicted

The February-March, 1939, issue of *The Plain Truth* contained another article on the resurrection of the Roman Empire to come. We have warned our radio listeners of this prophesied event since the first year we were on the air—1934. We have shouted this prophecy ever since 1934 in *The Plain Truth*. This issue carried a full-page map, which I sketched and traced on the mimeograph stencil, showing the territory of the original Roman Empire.

This map circled four of the sea gates which control sea-access to this entire territory. The article stressed the fulfillment of the prophecy of Genesis 22:17 and 24:60, showing how the U.S.A. and Britain were to possess the sea gates of enemy nations. This was part of the national dominance promised Abraham for his descendants. But the article also pointed out that our peoples, since receiving this Birthright inheritance, have turned from our God—our national sins have increased—and God is going to punish our nations at the hand of this coming resurrected Roman Empire, with invasion, captivity, and slavery. These four vital sea gates, the article explained, must be taken from Britain before the "Beast" power—revived Roman Empire—can rise. Britain has, as of today, lost Suez, and exercises no real control over the other three.

This tremendous prophecy *was* fulfilled, in the form of the insignificant "sixth head of the Beast," by Mussolini very shortly after this article appeared. But the all-important seventh and last

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"head" is being formed, today, before our very eyes! It is rising out of the Common Market in Europe—out of which ten nations or groupings of nations will combine to form a new U.S. of Europe!

During March and April, 1939, 1,000 new requests were received for annual subscriptions to *The Plain Truth!* The work was GROWING!

The August issue of *The Plain Truth*, 1939, contained an article captioned: *World War May Come Within Six Weeks.* The war started September 1.

In an article in the November, 1939, *Plain Truth* on "*The European War,*" a paragraph or two may be of interest:

"Finally, remember this war is merely a *resumption of the world war.* It is not, so far as present events are concerned, directly and specifically mentioned in the Bible prophecies at all. *But undoubtedly it is paving the way for prophesied events.*

"One of two things may happen: 1) the allies may go on to smash Hitler, possibly with the help of either or both of the United States or Italy; 2) Italy might yet come in on the side of Germany—the battle sector shifting at once to the Mediterranean, especially Egypt (the Suez canal gate), and Palestine, (as described with maps in the February-March *Plain Truth*)."

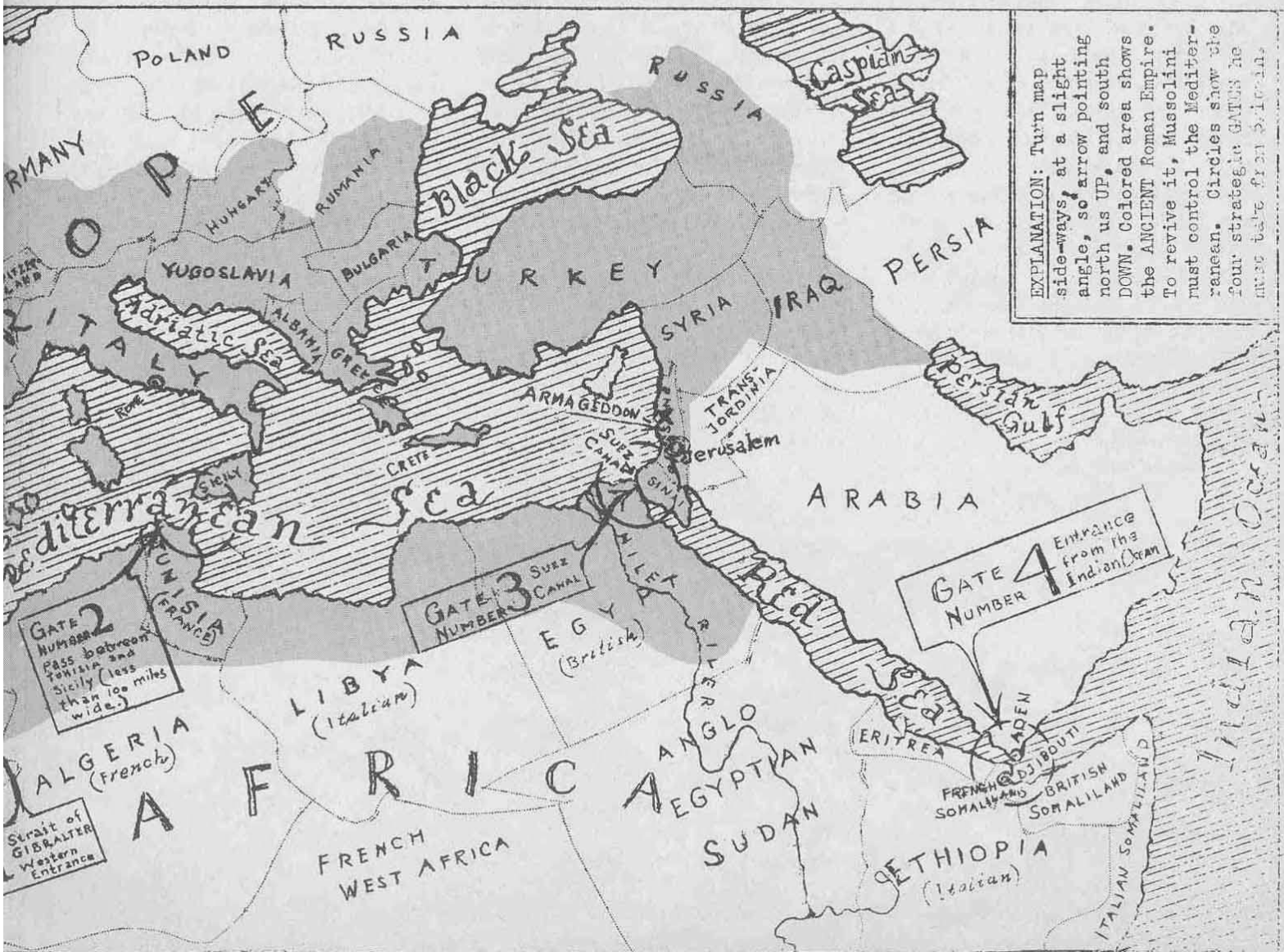
Reproduction of pages 3 and 4 of the mimeographed Feb.-Mar. 1939 issue of the PLAIN TRUTH. Map points out key gateways Mussolini had to capture from Great Britain.

Into 1940—Still a Struggle
The uphill struggle—climbing constantly in growth of the work in spite of inadequate facilities and financial backing, continued into the year 1940—and throughout the decade of the forties.

The March, 1940, *Plain Truth* was the first since November, 1939. It was still mimeographed. More than 100,000 people were *listening* to the message weekly. *The Plain Truth* circulation was 2,000 copies. Expenses were being held to \$300 per month—including our family living of less than \$85 per month.

Boys Growing Up

Meanwhile, our four children were growing up. The two girls now were twenty and twenty-two. The boys ten and eleven—Dick about twelve. For the boys, this, I believe, is the happiest age ever enjoyed by any person. Surely nothing to compare is experienced by girls.



I remember so well when I was eleven. My only sister, Mabel, died that year in an attack of spinal meningitis, at age 9. However, a year later my brother Dwight Leslie and his twin sister Mary Lucile, were born. During those years, with other boys of the same age, I took up wrestling—these were the days of our "heroes" Frank Gotch and "Farmer" Burns; we went swimming, skating in the winter, sledding. We dug caves. We had white mice and ferrets, and probably we stuck frogs in our pockets. I rode a bicycle everywhere.

At eleven and twelve a boy has few responsibilities—devotes himself primarily to "fun"—and yet, he does not altogether take a vacation from disappointments, humiliation and painful suffering. His problems are far more serious to him than they are to Dad or Mom or other grown-ups.

I have recounted how, when younger, Garner Ted had given me a big kiss—and when I asked what he was after now, he replied that was for picking out for him the best mother in the world. He still feels that way. Only I didn't "pick her out"—we both have always known, somehow, that God chose us for each other. But if our boys had "the best Mom in the world" she was best, except for just one or two things—at age ten and eleven.

For one thing, they had a mother who wanted them to swim—only she did not want them to go near the water until *after* they had learned how to swim. This problem was far more serious to young growing boys than

Mother ever knew.

During the summer of 1940 we were returning to Eugene along the McKenzie Highway alongside the swift-flowing McKenzie River. The boys wanted to do some fishing. Finally, after much pleading, we stopped at a country store, bought a small roll of fishing line, a few hooks, and a bottle of salmon eggs.

Our elder daughter, Beverly, and her fiance, Jimmy Gott, were with us, and Jim cut two big "fishing poles" from a willow tree and tied the line to them.

From here on, I will let Garner Ted recount for you in his own words the humiliating experience he and his brother Dick suffered—all because of the "best Mom in the world." Just before rushing to the broadcast studio for today's WORLD TOMORROW program, Garner Ted Armstrong rapped out the following on his typewriter:

"We were on the way returning to Eugene from a trip, I believe to Blemis' home, or else up to Belknap Springs—but at any rate, up the McKenzie highway.

"Dick and I (I mostly, I believe) pleaded and pleaded, and finally, we stopped at a country store, and bought a small roll of fishing line, a few hooks, and a bottle of salmon eggs.

("Bev and Jim were along, I remember definitely—because Jim cut us two big club-like 'fishing poles' and tied the line to them.)

"So—we were carefully herded over the rocks, with deep pools swirling around through under-cut areas, to the

brink of the mighty rushing McKenzie at one of its fastest, deepest points.

"Having known only a *little* about fishing—I *did* know you had to get the bait *down to where the fish* were. We had no split shot or weights, no leaders on our lines, no reels, so casting was impossible.

"Mom picked out the spot where it was SAFEST—instead of letting us go where we thought we might find a *fish*. There we sat, with the short line, a tiny gold single-egg hook and a bright red salmon egg—skipping frantically along the top of the gigantic rush of tons of blue-white water, on the edge of one of the fastest and deepest rapids along the McKenzie!

"There wasn't the *faintest, remotest* chance of ever catching a trout under those conditions—and we both knew it—but at least, we were SAFE!

"As a result—we had pretty sour expressions! (I had already caught numerous trout in the Molalla River up on Grandma's farm—and had done so by wading to the head of a riffle, and drifting grasshoppers, crickets, salmon eggs or cut-up pieces of chub into the quiet pools behind large rocks—so I knew it would be a miracle if there were any fish whatsoever in this frantically rushing part of the river—they were actually about two hundred yards farther down, resting in the natural 'feeder pools' where the riffles quieted.)"

No Hallucinations

On April 2, 1940, I had to write Co-Workers: "The only way I have

FISHING—where there were no fish! At left is Richard David and at right is Garner Ted, ages 12 and 10½ respectively.



managed to keep the work going has been by personal sacrifice—taking money intended for our family living, letting my family suffer. One of my daughters has had to stop school. We are about to lose our home. We have gone without badly needed clothing. I could tell you more, but do not want to talk about ourselves—our heavenly Father knows. We are willing and glad to make any sacrifice. BUT THE POINT IS, WE HAVE NOW COME TO THE END, UNLESS SUBSTANTIAL HELP COMES AT ONCE. The work cannot be held up by this method of personal sacrifice any longer. As long as it was only us who suffered, I said nothing. But now the Lord's WORK will stop unless substantial help comes quickly. For the work's sake I must appeal to our helpers. I would starve before I would ask one cent as charity for myself. But I'm willing to humiliate myself in any way for the Gospel's sake."

During the early years of this ministry, as I have noted before, no illusions of grandeur flooded my mind. I had no grandiose visions of conducting a great earth-girding work reaching many millions on all continents. If anyone had then suggested that this work would grow to even a tenth its present scope and power, I would have regarded it as an empty pipe-dream.

This work has not grown to its present proportions because I planned it that way—but because GOD planned it, expanded it, empowered it.

I was not without vision. When the broadcast first started, in January 1934, I did envision a work reaching the entire Willamette Valley and probably Portland. After we reached Portland, I did envision going on to cover Seattle, and the entire Pacific Northwest. As the work grew, the vision for the future expanded with it. But this ministry was not started with any such hallucinations, spawned in self-pride, vanity and egotism, as a few ne'er-do-wells who have come to me, announcing: "Mr. Armstrong, I have come to announce to you that I am Elijah that was prophesied to come;" or, "Mr. Armstrong, God has shown me in a dream that I am to be your right-hand man, and soon to take your place." One mental off-balance walked into Garner Ted Armstrong's

office recently, announcing loudly, "I am Jesus Christ!"

All self-important vanity had been rudely knocked out of me by the successive business reverses, being knocked down repeatedly, and made for years to bite the dust of poverty and humiliation. But I had come to receive a *new* confidence. It was based on faith in CHRIST—not in self. It was *the* faith of Christ, which God had given as one of the gifts of His Spirit.

First Vision of World-Wide Scope

But in May, 1940, God had begun to bring into my mind a glimpse of the future world-wide destiny of this work, for the first time. We could not know, then, whether World War II, already under way in Europe, would continue on into Armageddon and the END of the world. We could not know, then, that God would grant *another recess* in the world war—and for the very purpose of allowing this WORK OF GOD to fulfill Matthew 24:14 of preaching and publishing Christ's Gospel of God's KINGDOM to all the world as a witness, just before the END of this world and the coming of Christ!

But the sense of *imminence* of the END—combined with the knowledge that this very Message *must* first be proclaimed—inspired a letter to Co-Workers dated May 23, 1940, which asked, in part:

"Dear CO-WORKERS: We enter, now, the most CRUCIAL period of our co-laborers together in the powerful proclaiming of the GOSPEL. The ZERO HOUR has struck! Whatever is to be done, we must do quickly. Soon we shall not be permitted to carry on this great work. . . . But now, as never before, people WILL HEAR! People are STUNNED by the war events in Europe! Everywhere, people . . . are now turning eager ears to *hear!* They are beginning to realize the Bible prophecies are being fulfilled—that we are in the VERY LAST DAYS! . . . NOW is the time when Jesus said 'this Gospel of the KINGDOM'—the Good News of the coming GOVERNMENT BY JESUS CHRIST, the KINGDOM OF GOD—'shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the END come!'"

For the first time, I saw the real mean-

ing of that prophecy. I knew of no other preaching of THIS VERY GOSPEL. No-where else was this prophecy being fulfilled. I saw, now, that THIS MESSAGE was to go world-wide—to ALL NATIONS. I did not yet envision that this very work would be used of God in its accomplishment. But I *did* now see clearly that we should *step up* our energies, and as far as it was GOD's will to use us in this fulfillment, to expand the work.

I began, much more intensely than before, to focus attention on expanding the broadcast into Seattle. Almost a year before I had taken a trip to Seattle to explore possibilities of obtaining a good time on a Seattle station. But no door opened, then. And, in 1939 it was financially impossible.

A Heart-touching Sacrifice

The Seattle broadcasting was started by an unusual sacrifice made by a man and wife in Clarke County, Washington, listeners over KWJJ. This family had lost all they had in the great drought of 1934 and 1935. They then migrated from South Dakota, and had made a down payment on a small farm a few miles outside Vancouver, Washington. The man and a son had managed to build the outside shell of a house. The siding was not yet on. A second floor had been partially laid—just the sub-flooring. There was no stair-way as yet—and no partitions either upstairs or down—just one large room on each floor. The children slept upstairs, gaining access by climbing up a ladder.

This man had, over two or three years' time, saved up \$40 over and above bare family expenses and getting this much of a home built. The \$40 was saved to buy lumber for the partitions for separate rooms in their house.

When these people heard we were trying to get started on the air in Seattle, they sent me that \$40, explaining how they had saved it, and for what purpose. Since we were driving to Portland every week for the broadcast, I drove out to their little farm, to return the money.

"I just couldn't take this money," I said, "when you have struggled so long to save it so you could have a home to live in."

Tears filled the woman's eyes. She shook her head, refused to accept the

money back. "Mr. Armstrong," she said, "of course it would be nice for us to get up partitions and have separate rooms—but that is not an absolute NEED. We just *could not* use this money for a *temporary material home*, when it will help get Christ's Message of a HOME FOR ALL ETERNITY IN GOD'S KINGDOM to *many thousands* of people!"

Below appears the Co-workers' Bulletin which told of the new Seattle station opened to The World Tomorrow in 1940.

I realized, then, that it was really GOD'S WILL that this money be used for HIS GOSPEL—and that these people were actually receiving a spiritual blessing in giving it that far outweighed the material benefit of using it for themselves. Incidentally, these people *were* blessed materially after that, and it was not too long until their house was completed, after all. Jesus Christ said, seek

first the KINGDOM OF GOD—the spiritual values—and the material THINGS shall be ADDED. God always does add them!

On the Air—SEATTLE!

When I sent out a letter to Co-Workers telling of this sacrifice, and the NEED to get on the air in Seattle, there was a surprising response. We received

OUR Co-workers' BULLETIN

September 17th, 1940

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Published every little while, by your radio-pastor editor, Herbert W. Armstrong, Box 111, Eugene, Ore. to bring spiritual edification and encouragement to our little family of Co-workers who make possible the RADIO CHURCH OF GOD and The PLAIN TRUTH.

NOW ON THE AIR IN SEATTLE!

GREETINGS!, Co-Workers, from Seattle! The true Gospel---God's last warning message---is now ON THE AIR, IN SEATTLE!

That for which we have prayed so long, and worked so hard--- that for which some of you have sacrificed so much---is now an accomplished fact.

The RADIO CHURCH OF GOD was on the air for the first time in Seattle last Sunday, September 15th, over station KRSC, 1120 kilocycles, with a power of 1,000 watts---twice the power of our Portland station KWJJ---and at the same time, 4 o'clock in the afternoon. We will now be on KRSC at this same time every Sunday.

How God Has Answered PRAYER

I want to tell our family of Co-workers some of the inside story of our finally getting on the air here in Seattle---for this of The BULLETIN is being printed and sent to you from Seattle. something of the problem we had to solve, the God went before us, answered pray-

one day in the mail the largest sum we had ever received—\$100, for broadcasting in Seattle. It took our breath!

But, a few days later, two more \$100 sums came, three contributed \$50 each, and several sent in single dollars.

And so, finally, three long years after the broadcast expanded from Eugene only into Portland, it now *leaped into Seattle!*

From Seattle, I mimeographed a new Co-Workers' BULLETIN, the second such BULLETIN in new form and dress, dated September 17, 1940. The leading caption stated the news: "NOW ON THE AIR IN SEATTLE!"

The program started there Sunday, September 15th, over 1,000-watt station KRSC—twice the power of our Portland station, KWJJ—and serving a larger population.

The exciting story of how we finally were enabled to add the Seattle area to those of Portland and Eugene in the broadcasting work was told in this BULLETIN, and can best be told here in a condensation of that BULLETIN:

There was a sub-head, "*How God Has Answered PRAYER.*"

Then: "I want to tell our family of Co-Workers some of the inside story of our finally getting on the air here in Seattle. I want you to know something of the problem we had to solve, the difficulties in our path, and how God went before us, answered prayer, and worked out everything so perfectly.

Answered Prayer

"Radio stations, especially in Seattle, do not want religious programs on their stations. I learned that a year ago when I was up here. I knew nothing but prayer could open the way for us, but I had faith God wanted us to speak His Word faithfully in this Seattle district, and I knew He would not fail us.

"Mrs. Armtsrong and I arrived in Seattle late Wednesday afternoon. I did not feel we could afford the high cost of one of the five larger 5,000-watt stations here. This reduced our possibilities to two stations. One, KRSC, has never taken religious programs, and its owner gave me no encouragement when I saw him a year ago. The other station, same power, was throwing all religious programs off their station, didn't want any

more, and the price was just double what we pay in Portland.

"It looked discouraging. But I decided to see the owner of KRSC again. He auditioned one of our programs. He became interested, said we had a splendid program that would attract a large listening audience. However, he would not take any outside religious program unless approved by the Seattle Council of Churches. He then called their secretary by telephone to his office to hear one of our programs auditioned. This man was well impressed with our program, and also with *The Plain Truth*, which he carefully examined. It happened that he was familiar with the truth of our national identity in the House of Israel, and he was glad to see this truth published in *The Plain Truth* magazine.

"So the owner side-tracked a 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon news broadcast so we could have the same time we have over KWJJ in Portland, and then made me a rate just \$1.40 more per broadcast than we pay KWJJ! Since this station has double the power of KWJJ, and is the highest class independent station in Seattle, I'm sure you'll realize how fortunate we were.

"There is but one explanation. God Himself worked it all out. It is surely an answer to prayer. Mrs. Armstrong and I will remain here until after next Sunday's broadcast, which I want to conduct in person, then we shall return home. While here, we are broadcasting by transcription from KWJJ. When we return home we will send transcribed broadcasts to Seattle."

The next sub-head in this BULLETIN was captioned: "LOS ANGELES NEXT!"

The *vision* of the mission to which God had called us, and in which the living CHRIST was using us now expanded. World events made it clear.

The BULLETIN continued:

"The Lord willing, we hope now to add a radio station in LOS ANGELES next. Such a station would add a QUARTER OF A MILLION people to those now hearing the true Gospel of the Kingdom.

"As I wrote in the last Bulletin, GOD'S TIME HAS COME for this last warning Message to go—and to go to the millions, with great POWER! The

whole world is IN ARMS! God now calls *us*, His children, TO ARMS! THE WARNING MUST GO!"

The next installment will show how we finally did expand to Los Angeles.



Little Miss Mabel Armstrong, younger sister of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, shortly before she died, age 9, from attack of spinal meningitis. She is mentioned on page 22 in this installment.

possible!" The parents thus *categorize* these children, letting all and sundry, in the few moments of conversation, know of these "categories" into which their children fit. In this manner, they hope, when their child destroys the neighbor's china or his furniture the neighbor will patiently understand—because he has been intelligently forewarned that this particular child was "impossible."

Possessing a dog that is known to bite, the owners are instructed to keep him muzzled! Having a child that is given to biting, the parents assure their neighbors their child is "a little biter" but that he will soon outgrow this particular "phase!" Many and varied are the mythical phases of childhood! If you want to rear a child who will defy every supposed "stage" through which he is obligated to grow, according to the child psychologists, simply rear him *God's way!* He will *not* throw things at one, kick you at one-and-a-half, scream "no!" at two, throw temper tantrums at two-and-a-half, bite the neighbor's children at three, run away from home at three-and-a-half, be over-bold at four, or neurotic at five! Rather, *at all these ages*, he will be *lovable, obedient, helpful, self-reliant, respectful toward authority*, and will, most of all, be *living proof* that the insipid theorizing and demented arguments about his "phases" are totally untrue!

Let us ask a final question of the child psychologists: "If our children *don't* scream "NO!" at 2, run away at three-and-a-half or show other signs of these 'stages' of growth—are they sick?"

Personal with the Editor

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"*practice*" is so truthful!) often call in heart specialists, kidney specialists, eye-ear-nose-and-throat specialists. For child-birth one goes to the obstetrician, and employs also the anesthetist, the pediatrician, and perhaps others.

Then look at the so-called "healing arts" as a whole. Medical men believe *only* in drugs and knives. The chiropractor tries to cure everything by

manipulating the spine. The naturopath has faith only in diet, and none seems to have faith in God—except a diminishing few.

In the field of law, there are corporation attorneys, divorce lawyers, criminal lawyers and a host of other specialists. In England there are the various solicitors, and the barristers.

Look at the field of religion. Not only do we have hundreds of differing and disagreeing religions, sects and denominations, but within Protestant denominations there are the modernists and the fundamentalists—and even among them the evangelicals—and the conservatives. Among Jews there are the two broad divisions of orthodox and reformed, beside minor differences. And many of these, too, have their hobbies and pet doctrines on which they place most of the emphasis.

This trend toward specialization exerts a pull toward narrowmindedness—*toward mental unbalance*. It is causing men to adopt as an approach to all problems and questions the narrow concept of a single fetish. Men, supposing themselves to be highly educated, are becoming lop-sided.

Now this news story about the Secretary of Defense is probably totally irrelevant to your own personal problems or interests. Yet, as a result of these many years of training in adapting ideas or applying principles to other circumstances, I saw in it opportunity to explain to our readers two things: 1) the value of *thinking* about what you read, observe or hear, and *applying* the principle or the lesson to other problems or circumstances, and 2) the importance of over-all broad UNDERSTANDING—*of balance*—of soundness of mind.

It is literally true that most people, today, are unbalanced. They lack vision. Their view is narrow. They tend to see only *one phase* of a thing, and to go to one extreme or the other, in their thinking, their planning, and their actions.

In connection with this news story, I chanced on a magazine article about the Defense Secretary. Mrs. Armstrong had brought to our room a copy of the current week's *Saturday Evening Post*, which she purchased at the ship's news stand. In it, Contributing Editor Stewart Alsop reveals Mr. McNamara as a super-

brilliant intellectual student-professor type; a former professor at Harvard Business School, a former "whiz-kid," forging his way finally in the Ford organization to become President of the Ford Motor Company, from which office he was appointed to his present job. He is painted as supremely self-confident, decisive, authoritative.

It seems no past Defense Secretary has been able to bring a unified order out of the rival contentions of competing military services. But, after hearing the various views of Chiefs of Staff, the new Secretary is likely to start with three words: "*I have decided . . .*"

If you will pardon another digression here, this reminds me of what happened at the end of the first Cabinet Meeting held by President Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Lincoln was regarded by the important men of New York and the east as a sort of back-woods second-rater. President Lincoln had selected for his cabinet the biggest, most competent men he could find. These well-known and important men were full of sympathy for the plight of the country, now to be steered by such a "weak" personage as Mr. Lincoln. However, they agreed that they, together, would "save the country" by virtually taking over, and running the government themselves.

At the very first cabinet meeting there was a conflict of ideas. The new President took a vote. There were seven cabinet officers at the time. They were unanimous against the President's proposal. Mr. Lincoln then announced tersely: "The vote stands seven nays, and one aye. *The ayes have it!* I will notify you when I decide to call another cabinet meeting. Good-day, Gentlemen."

Seven important men were left trying to catch their breath. They had just learned who was running the government.

It seems the Joint Chiefs of Staff have learned who is running the nation's defense program—subject, I think, to the President's OK.

But the important thing, so far as Secretary McNamara is concerned, is whether he takes a limited, narrow, one-sided view, or whether he has the vision to take in the *WHOLE PICTURE*—to see *all* of the factors concerned, and in their true perspective and relative importance.

And also whether he is able to view a major problem, wherein all of our lives may be at stake, free from prejudicial concepts. Does he have BALANCE—sound mindedness—wisdom?

President Kennedy has surrounded himself with a personal staff of "intellectuals" of the college-professor variety. I am not including Ambassador College professors when I say there is a tendency for college professors to be narrow and unbalanced. In education, as in other fields, we have "progressed" into the era of *specialization*. The average professor knows, according to currently accepted *theories*, his own field. Outside of that he may know little.

Education, too, has evolved largely into the realm of speculation. The trend has been to arrive at a pet theory, which may be far from truth; and then, by inductive processes, to *reason* and to search for supporting evidences to back up the theory.

Few classroom professors are practical men. Their thinking is limited to the narrow confines of class-room, and to books written by other human theorists. For the sake of all of us, it is hoped that these whiz-boys now occupying seats of vast power in Washington are not of this class.

But of immediate importance is the matter of how *YOU* view things.

Do *you* really THINK about what you read, or hear, or see? Do you try to avoid prejudice? Do you try to see the WHOLE picture? Are you able to *apply* the principle involved to other circumstances?

Compare the viewing of any circumstance or problem to looking at a tree. First of all, many people get so close to the tree they cannot see the forest. The tree should be viewed in its true perspective and relation to all the other trees. One reason they cannot see the other trees is that they do not even see but a *part* of a small branch, or a tiny twig. They focus the whole attention on this tiny detail—perhaps unimportant.

I began, years ago, to train myself to see first the entire forest—then the tree; and then to take into the scope of vision the WHOLE tree; and to proceed, in more detail, from the roots and trunk to the major branches, then the smaller branches, and, finally the twigs and

leaves. That way, when I finally set attention to examine the smaller details, they are comprehended in their true perspectives and relationships.

Now apply that principle to the circumstances of LIFE.

Correct View Important

First, take a view of the whole forest. This "forest" includes all that has to do with your existence here on earth—of the world, the entire universe—of the PURPOSE of life—its objective and potentiality.

When you view this "forest," if you really see it all without blindness or prejudice, you have to see, first of all, its First Cause—its Creator—GOD, because this "forest" is God's CREATION. It is He who makes it GROW. Next you have to comprehend that God not only created—He is, by the very *fact* of being Creator, also Supreme RULER over all the forces, powers, and circumstances that exist.

The "trees," in this case, may represent all the stars and planets, and the people and nations of the earth. The Bible sometimes views nations, symbolically, as trees. And God is pictured as the ROOT from which the *life* proceeds. Israel is the olive tree, in Romans 11, and the Gentile nations are wild olive trees. People are the branches.

So *you* are a branch, or a twig. The main branch of the tree, in Ezekiel 17, is the king or human ruler. The top-most twigs are his children—the princes and princesses, the latter being "tender" twigs.

Jesus spoke similarly when He compared us to branches of a vine—perhaps referring to a grape vine. He, Himself, is the main Vine—comparable to the trunk of the tree. What we produce by being alive—if anything—is the "fruit." If we are cut off from the Vine, Christ, we cannot produce anything worthwhile, just as a branch severed from the grape vine cannot produce grapes.

Other Scriptures show that all have sinned—transgressed against God's Law—rebelled against God's RULE—and thus they are *cut off* from God. In Romans 11, even all natural born Israelites have been cut off of their natural olive tree by sin. But, by real repentance from the heart, and faith

in Christ and His sacrifice testified by baptism, we may be *reconciled* to God—the branch is connected to the main Vine, and the ROOT (God), and then the life-giving, fruit-producing "sap" flows through the branch.

In other words, God *promises*, under these circumstances of reconciliation, our justification of sins that are past, and that into us shall FLOW His *gift* of His Holy Spirit.

Now look at this world, its professions, its sciences, educators, business men and politicians. They, too, have followed the course of rivalry—of competition and strife—of vanity and greed. In other words, they have transgressed God's Law. *They are cut off* from the living GOD! Many of them do not believe He exists. To the rest of them He is unreal. They are totally unacquainted with Him. Thus they are cut off from His all-important revelation of vital, essential, basic KNOWLEDGE. This is the knowledge of the PURPOSE of life—of potential human destiny—of THE WAY to PEACE, to universal prosperity, to happiness, and the full, abundant life, as well as life eternal.

They may see a forest. They may realize *the forest* is in existence. But they do not know HOW it *came*, or what imparts life and motion and growth. They may see the trees, but not the roots. So, they specialize. They climb out onto their favorite little branch or twig. They become very learned in their specialized knowledge of every insignificant detail of this limited area.

But when you see the *roots* of the trees of the forest—you see GOD. And to those who get to know God, comes the realization that the most necessary knowledge—can be acquired *only* by God's special revelation to mankind. God has given this in the Holy BIBLE. But the natural mind, without God's Spirit, *cannot* UNDERSTAND the Bible. To most scientists, and world leaders, and even to many leading ministers of religion, it is largely myth and legend. Their "specializing" minds are closed to its truths.

As a major example, the brilliant former whiz-kid, the outstanding, self-assured, intellectual new Secretary of Defense *does not know* that wars are not won by armaments or military

strategy. He does not know, as the truly enlightened mind may know from what is revealed in the 33rd Psalm, that The Eternal looks down from heaven, beholding all mankind—that He who designed and created human minds notes all that people and nations do—that He brings to *nothing* what NATIONS plan—that HE, *alone*, determines the outcome of wars—that He rescues the individual or nation that relies on Him from defeat or destruction.

If you have listened for any length of time to The WORLD TOMORROW or read *The Plain Truth*, you may have noticed that in presenting any subject we try to keep to the *trunk* of the tree first, always mindful of the *ROOT*—and then proceed from there to the major branches, then the minor branches, and, finally, the twigs. But I do try to present the little twigs in their true perspective and relationship to the whole tree and the *ROOT*.

So many people become confused, mixed up, unbalanced, by closely scrutinizing a small branch or tiny twig, but failing to see the tree. Religiously, many make a hobby of a few isolated doctrines or religious ideas. And, failing to see their place in the whole tree, they draw false conclusions and come to believe fables. The *IMPORTANT* matters they utterly overlook.

Perhaps it is largely *because* God has caused us of The WORLD TOMORROW and *The Plain Truth* staff to keep pretty close at all times to the basic fundamentals that He has enabled us to be His instrument thru whom He has made His *TRUTH* clear and *PLAIN* to thousands of our readers and radio listeners. Thus God has given many of *you* a clear and balanced *UNDERSTANDING*.

Speaking of the education and the science of this world, the Apostle Paul was inspired by God to write to Timothy:

"Warn certain individuals against teaching novelties and studying myths and interminable genealogies; such studies bear upon *speculations*, rather than on the divine order which belongs to *FAITH*. Whereas the aim of the Christian discipline is the *LOVE* that springs from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from a sincere faith.

Certain individuals have failed here by turning to empty arguments . . . they have no idea either of the meaning of the words they use or of the themes on which they harp." (I Tim. 1:3-7 Moffatt translation).

In studying any one verse or chapter in the Bible, always be sure to understand it *in its setting*—its true relationship to the whole chapter—the whole Book—the whole Bible.

Just one example of that: Often you hear quoted the 8th and 9th verses of the second chapter of Ephesians: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast."

They fail to read the 10th verse, which completely reverses the meaning.

Stopping, as they do, with verse 9, they use this *partial* passage to teach that "there are no works," as they express it, to salvation—that is, it is not necessary to *obey* God.

Verse 9, when you read it in its setting, does not teach that there are "no works"—but rather that the "works" do not *earn* salvation—that salvation comes by grace through faith, and that even this faith is supplied by God. Verse 9 is not doing away with works—it is merely showing what good works *do not do*—they do not *earn* salvation. God is not required to *PAY* us salvation, as a debt.

WHY cannot good works earn salvation? The answer is in verse 10: "For we are HIS workmanship, *created* in Christ Jesus *UNTO* GOOD WORKS, which *God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*" Good works—righteousness—cannot *EARN* salvation, which we thereupon have a right to *DEMAND* of God—for the simple reason that *WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP*. We are the clay. He is the Master Potter. We are the work of His hands.

The keeping of God's Law is righteousness—good works. But it is a *spiritual* law, and the only love that fulfills it is the *LOVE OF GOD*, which God *gives* us by His Holy Spirit. So, as our own faith cannot save us—but rather the faith God *gives* us, so our own righteousness, says God, are as filthy rags to Him. Paul said the Jews were going about trying to establish *their own*

righteousness, ignorant of the *RIGHT-EOUSNESS OF GOD*. This is HIS righteousness—not ours. It comes by HIS *LOVE*, given us by His Spirit, fulfilling His Law.

But of course we have to submit—we have to make the decision—we have to *SEEK* His Spirit and His Righteousness.

In Christ we become a *NEW CREATION*—a creation of holy, spiritual character—and *GOD* is the Creator of this new character—this new *person* living by His Law. We are thus HIS workmanship—HIS creation. And we are created *UNTO* "good works"—that is, *UNTO* obedience, and divine *RIGHT-EOUSNESS* produced by *GOD'S SPIRIT* in us, *by Christ living in us*. God has ordained that we should walk in these good works—that is, in God's own righteousness, *GIVEN* as HIS *GIFT*.

This, then, is the true *MEANING* of Ephesians 2:8-10, when considered in true relationship to the whole chapter, to the whole Book, and to the whole Bible.

The religious teachers who see only the little *twig* of verses 8 and 9 *alone*, drawing their own false conclusion from them out of their own reason and their own spirit of rebellion against their Maker, assuredly fail to see the whole tree and the *ROOT* of it—and the whole forest.

In the news dispatch which started me on this train of thought, I saw the *narrowness* of many military specialists. They limit their vision to their one pet branch of the service. Apparently the new "boss" over the services does see the whole *TREE* of military organization with all its departments—Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, etc. But does even he see the *ROOT* of the tree? Is he not in total ignorance of the relationship of the living Creator *GOD* to it all?

I saw in the news story this *principle*. In this little *personal* chat with you readers, I have permitted myself to ramble a little, but I hope it has been helpful.

We regret that space in this issue prevented appearance of "THE SICK AMERICAN"—a striking article on U. S. health problems. Read it next issue!

It Won't Be Long, Now!

BRICKET WOOD, ENGLAND

written in August.

THIS morning I was listening to the BBC News. Mr. Khrushchev was still threatening trouble over Berlin that could lead to nuclear war. He also dropped a bombshell, fraught with danger to France. He promised to visit the trouble-spot in Tunisia in person, and to give "all forms of aid" against the French at Bizerte.

The news, in short, was full of striving, nerve-shattering tensions. This world is literally full of crosspurposes, struggles of man against man, business against competitor, parent against children and children against parents, social climber against social climber, armed nation against armed nation.

In my personal capacity in God's great work, I have to deal constantly with the world. And, more often than not, these contacts are full of striving—of offense and defense—of thrust and parry.

In the purchase of additional property for the expanding work, wherever in the world, more often than not it is a nerve-racking business. Those who have the property to sell use every argument, every tactic, to get a higher price than the property is worth—as much higher as they think they possibly can "take us for." I have to parry these thrusts to

protect God's work, and God's money.

Business contacts are often a matter of harassing strain and struggle. It seems no one wants an honest, fair deal—everyone is "out for himself"—to get more than he ought to have—to give less than is right.

That is the way of this world. Businessmen flatter, assure you of their sincerity and honesty, and their devotion to your interests and service, then scheme to take every advantage. Out of the same mouth they puff you up with flattery and compliments, and lie to you.

And yet, the masses of ordinary carnal people seem to love this evil world! They resent and put up a hostile guard against even hearing about the peaceful, happy, prosperous, interest-packed, joyous WORLD TOMORROW which the government of GOD is going to bring.

God Himself says the carnal mind is *hostile* to God, and is utterly *unwilling* to be subject to HIS laws, or HIS *way of life*—HIS rule by His laws! This way of GOD is the way to everything everybody *wants*—and the *only* way.

It is hard to understand! People *want* these blessings which can come only by God's inexorable laws and through God's Spirit. But people do not want them *that way*. They want to go the way that leads only to frayed nerves, fears and worries, tensions, wars, fighting and violence, heart-aches, emptiness,

boredom, sickness, and death—yet they want *THAT WAY* to lead them to peace, happiness, prosperity, abundant and interesting living, and real continuous JOY. They want to run directly *away from* the blessings they crave, and yet run smack *into* those blessings!

Sometimes I think the man who said every unconverted mind is CRAZY was right!

Jesus Christ told us to pray for God's Kingdom to come. The longer I live, the more diligently and earnestly I pray for that!

It's a sorry business—a nerve-shattering experience, with no rest, having to be in and to deal with this world.

But Jesus Christ, who has gone on before us that we might follow Him into the brilliant energized GLORY of God's Kingdom, counted the sufferings in this world as *nothing* compared to the indescribable glory He has inherited. Likewise, *our* sufferings now are not worthy to be *compared* to the GLORY that shall be revealed in us!

So, let's count it all JOY when trials and tests come. We are on the way toward the glorious Kingdom of GOD! And every day, now, it is one day nearer!

IT WON'T BE LONG, NOW! And then we shall REST from these useless and stupid strivings and settle down to TREMENDOUS achievements and accomplishments in PEACE, and HAPPINESS, and JOY!

For ALL ETERNITY!

Letters to the Editor

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the word 'saved' actually meant. Now I have seen the truth. I know it is the truth because I can prove it. But to see the truth is a joy which cannot be described with words. Now I know what it is to be really happy."

Person from Durban, Republic of S. Africa.

Editor's comment: Those who have not read Mr. Armstrong's recent PLAIN TRUTH article, "What do You Mean—Salvation?" should be sure to request a copy. It is now in booklet form.

Watches World Situation

"I am requesting the Bible Correspondence Course, because I have heard you speak many times about the 10 nations in Western Europe. Last week I was reading Time magazine and found what you have been saying for a long time. I think that I had better study my Bible a little more."

Man from Montclair, California.

Received No Bills

"Enclosed find a gift toward your

ministry. I have received seven issues of The PLAIN TRUTH without being billed or solicited for payment. I feel compelled to contribute this sum to an organization such as yours. What a relief to find someone who is trusting in God exclusively and not looking toward man to supply the needs."

Person from Pennsylvania.

Tithing Self-Defensive

"I am happy to enclose my tithes for last week. My income has again increased and I know it can only be due to my new faith and relationship with Almighty God. My wife is still rather skeptical, but she cannot possibly deny

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