CW BULLETIN

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Dear Co-Worker with Christ:

It has been two months or more since I have written most of our Co-Workers. Tremendous things have happened in that time, of world importance.

Yes, and what has happened to this work is destined to be of world importance! We will all see that a little later.

PROPHECY is being rapidly fulfilled. The whole world is swirling in the vortex toward the end of this world, into the WORLD TOMORROW! And what is happening to this work which God has committed to you and to me is a most important part of these prophesied events!

In these two months Chiang Kai-Shek has lost out and all China now stands helpless before the Reds. Prophecy reveals that the vast man-power of the Orient is to be in the hands of Communist Russia at the end of this age, and the beginning of the next. The fall of China to the Communists, placing all China now at the mercy and future control of RUSSIA, foreshadows the END OF THIS WORLD. It ought to wake us up, make us realize TIME IS SHORT and growing shorter! For twenty years I have been saying that just before the END Russia would take over China. And now that is actually happening!

In these two months events have happened in Europe that will hasten the astounding resurrection of the ROMAN EMPIRE, appearing as a sort of "United States of Europe," thru alliance of TEN NATIONS. Once again the Rhur is belching forth smoke, becoming geared once again to the mass production of military weapons. The giant Krupp works are running again, in charge of NAZIS who worked with Hitler! And the Russian-ordered persecution of the Roman Catholic Cardinal Mindszenty has stirred the entire Catholic, and even Protestant world, into a frenzy, ready for any sudden dynamic concerted action against Communism the moment the prophesied coming leader -- The "BEAST" -- successor to Hitler -- appears, with the plan he will have for UNITING Europe under his Fascist banner against Communism. Yes, we see these tremendous prophesied world events actually moving toward their prophesied END!

And in these two months, this great work of God -- yes, GREAT in importance and future power, tho still small in the world's eyes as a world-movement -- this wonderful work has been delivered miraculously by the Hand of God from the threatened death-stroke, and it has emerged from the terrible December crisis with the greatest leap ahead in its history so far!

And now this work starts confidently on -- delivered out of the "ditch" into which the devil had plunged it -- depending in faith upon GOD for guidance, for vision, for wisdom and direction, -- and for every need, -- confidently on, now toward WORLD MISSION!

For, dear Co-workers, we have been called to just that -- WORLD MISSION! Jesus' call and commission was not "Go ye into one little neighbor hood." It was not even "Go ye Coast to Coast in your own nation." It was "Go ye into ALL THE WORLD." And, knowing His Gospel Message which He brought from God would have been perverted, changed from the Message of christ to preaching about the Person of Christ, -- Jesus commanded, prophetically, for OUR TIME, "This GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM SHALL BE PREACHED IN ALL THE WORLD FOR A WITNESS UNTO ALL NATIONS; AND THEN SHALL THE END COME." -- yes, the END of the AGE.

The thousands of good, earnest, sincere missionaries blinded by the deceptions of this world into preaching about the Person of Christ in all nations HAVE NOT FULFILLED THE COMMAND AND PROPHECY OF JESUS. No, it remains yet to be fulfilled! It is not a gospel ABOUT the PERSON of Jesus Christ -- merely telling the world about a Saviour -- that Christ commanded to be preached in all nations. It is the Good News of the KINGDOM OF GOD -- and the Kingdom of God is not preached by those who do not even know what it is! The true Gospel of Christ is the Good News of the coming WORLD RULING GOVERNMENT which now is the world'S ONLY HOPE of averting the total destruction of human life from this earth -- the only hope of WORLD PEACE, and the SALVATION OF THE WORLD!

Look at this upset, confused, chaotic suffering world! UNLESS God Almighty intervenes and sets up WORLD RULE under the supernatural power of CHRIST can you see any hope of peace? UNLESS God Almighty again sends Jesus Christ (Acts 3:20-21) to this earth to SAVE THE WORLD for which He died 1900 years ago, and to DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL, can you see any hope of the salvation of the human family?

Then let us now take courage, renew our faith, catch the great vision, and with renewed consecration of our very LIVES, and OUR ALL -- our money, our property -- our ALL -- plunge forward with zeal, with fervor, with inspired energy to carry on the GREAT COMMISSION to which we have been called by JESUS CHRIST!

With this in mind, with vision inspired of God, trusting solely in HIS guidance, and HIS power, we are now formulating more concrete plans for the growth of this great crusade to ALL THE WORLD!

I have explained so many times the imperative need of the consecrated and trained personnel to help me in this great Call and Commission which can be supplied only by AMBASSADOR COLLEGE. By almost unbelievable miracles God opened the way for it to start. By almost unbelievable miracles He has now saved it from threatened destruction, and launched it firmly on its way forward. Another even more unbelievable miracle assuring the future growth of the college has just occurred in the past week -- I can't divulge the nature of it just yet. But the future of the college takes on a new aspect now!

Plans are being laid now for the expansion of the GOSPEL WORK into other nations -- for establishing in God's own due time headquarters in all parts of the world -- London, Switzerland, Palestine, the Far East, Australia, Buenos Aires, Rio de Janairo, Santiago -- for the powerful spreading of CHRIST'S LAST MESSAGE to the entire world. We shall not proceed, or obligate the work financially, faster than God supplies the need. BUT FROM HERE THE WORK MUST TAKE ON NEW LIFE AND VITALITY -- it must now plunge ahead as never before.

Brethren, Co-Workers, LISTEN! This is as much YOUR call and commission -- YOUR responsibility, as mine. Together we must sacrifice for it. It must become the CHIEF INTEREST, CONCERN, AND PURPOSE in your life as well as it already is in mine, if God's purpose is to be fulfilled. Remember, the "harvest is plenteous, but THE LABORERS ARE FEW," and we do not have a vast number of co-workers to help, and to supply the vast financial need. So, YOU must be willing to sacrifice -- to put this great Mission FIRST in your life and in the expenditures of your pocket-book. ONLY A FEW YEARS OF THE PRESENT ORDER -- THE PRESENT CIVILIZATION -- THE PRESENT WORLD, remain. After all, your money is not going to be worth any- thing anywhere ELSE, in a very few short years. If any of our co-workers start to think, "My Lord delayeth His coming," and shall allow their interest to become absorbed in this world's pleasures, or in the CARES OF THIS WORLD -- earning a living, laving up for self and for the future -- so that GOD'S WORK becomes second in interest, "the Lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for Him, ... and will cut him in sunder." But to YOU, dear Co-worker, Jesus says: "Seek not ye" -- that is, set not FIRST in your interest -- "what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after But rather seek ye THE KINGDOM OF GOD; and all these things shall be added unto you. ... Sell what you have, and give alms; provide yourselves ... treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ... BLESSED is that servant, whom the Lord when He cometh shall find so doing." (Luke 12:45-46; 29-34; 43.)

And where does the glorious work of God stand at this hour? We had a serious LET-DOWN in money received from coworkers for carrying on the work, in January -- a relapse after the miraculous response in December. Your pastor and editor is much fatigued of mind and body from the intense strain of overwork and the heavy responsibilities he carries and MUST get away for another rest. And now The PLAIN TRUTH has DOUBLED in circulation these past 60 days, and also DOUBLED IN SIZE, now to be 16 pages every month. I HOPE YOU LIKE IT! The need for funds -- another downpour of widow's mites, and also for generous larger offerings up into the thousand-dollar figures -- is again URGENT. Don't let this wonderful work relapse into another crisis! We must never become weary with WELL-doing, but keep everlastingly at it, diligently, with zeal and fervor, putting our HEARTS -- and our money -- into GOD'S WORK FIRST! GOD BLESS YOU --I know you'll never let down or fail us! And THANK YOU, from the bottom of my heart.

With love and gratitude, in Jesus' name,

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