

A WHOLE NEW BALL GAME

By Herbert W. Armstrong
TUCSON, Ariz. — In the past two weeks, this world has entered into a "whole new ball game." The intervention of the Soviet Union in Afghanistan changes the whole world picture. Or, does it?

President Jimmy Carter has said this new development has given him a new insight and appraisal of Communist Russia. It gave me no such thing. I wrote 30 and even 46 years ago, the nature and the undeviating policy and commitment of the Communist Party, which runs the Soviet Union.

I wrote then that nothing will dissuade the Kremlin rulers but **MILITARY FORCE** that is **SUPERIOR TO THEIRS**.

In 1945 — 30 years ago — I was writing articles and making broadcasts comparing Communist Russia to a huge **BEAR**, lumbering along, kicking against doors. If the door caved in, the bear waddled on in, and once it planted its huge feet inside it would never move out unless driven out by a superior force. But, I then said, if a snarling bulldog

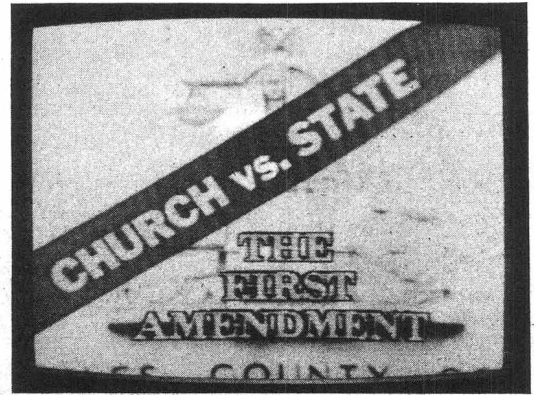
came growling viciously at the bear from inside, the bear would draw back and run lumberingly away.

The Russian Communists don't want a war they can't win. That's why for some years we had the Cold War. The United States was keeping even with them, or was superior, in armaments and nuclear warfare development. Even so, the Russians pushed at the United States as far as they safely could without endangering a nuclear showdown — which they would avoid at any cost.

I was saying over the air, and writing, back in 1934, that the communist unwavering strategy was, as a first offensive toward world domination, propaganda. They began sowing the seeds of their communist atheistic education all over the United States — especially among college professors and students. They invaded American university campuses, full force, and U.S. universities trustingly let them in. They made inroads into the U.S. government structure. The State Department was a fertile working ground for

their doctrines. The State Department official who authorized my credentials as a press representative attending the San Francisco (Calif.) Conference in 1945, where the charter for the United Nations was formed, was later convicted as a Communist spy.

The Communist permanent policy, to which all party members are solemnly dedicated, calls first for a war of propaganda (call it "education" if you will). Next, a war of nerves, or "Cold War," short of actual military offensives, then in countries where sufficient inroads have been made, such as South Vietnam, (See **NEW BALL GAME**, page 12)



TELEVISION DOCUMENTARY — *The First Amendment: Church vs. State*, a documentary produced by the Work's Media Services Department, was aired on KCOP-TV in Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 16, the first of its scheduled showings across the United States. [Photo by Roland Rees]

TV documentary on legal crisis shown publicly in prime time

PASADENA — "But the real issue has now surfaced. The whole question is: Who is the Lord? Is Caesar or Christ Lord?"

So proclaimed Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong Jan. 16 to the people of Los Angeles, Calif., in a taped documentary of the year-long crisis brought on by the State of California's attack on the Worldwide Church of God. Entitled *The First Amendment: Church vs. State* the hour-long documentary produced by the Work's Media Services' television department was aired on KCOP-TV in Los

Angeles during prime time.

Advertisements aired

Three advertisements were aired during the broadcast, including an offer of the booklet *This is the Worldwide Church of God* and an advertisement for Mr. Armstrong's book *The Incredible Human Potential*.

According to Bill Butler of the Work's Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) line, several persons outside of the Church called the advertised phone number to express their concern over what was happening to

the Church, including a Presbyterian man who wished to contribute financially to the legal battle.

Other callers included ministers and members of other churches who were deeply troubled by what the State was doing, and they expressed their hopes that the Worldwide Church of God would ultimately win its legal struggles.

The documentary chronicled the events surrounding the crisis, beginning with the installment of receiver Steven S. Weisman in early January. Black and white photographs of the receiver's men, attorneys Hill and Rafael Chodos, and others rifling the files of Mr. Armstrong and Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader were shown, as well as personal interviews of the central figures in the crisis.

No stone unturned

"No stone was left unturned in backing up all the facts presented," reports Church Public Information Officer Kevin Dean. "Media Services used more than 12 hours of videotape and film in making the one-hour special, which resulted in a very factual, yet powerful and chilling documentary on the erosion of the individual rights of Americans."

The Church-produced television documentary was publicized with an advertisement headlined "Did January 3, 1979 Mark the Death Knell for Religious Freedom?" in the Jan. 16 Los Angeles Times (see advertisement on page 6).

Mr. Dean noted that "Special emphasis was placed on showing that rights of individuals are lost step by step, detailing the great danger that all churches face if the Worldwide Church of God is destroyed. Taped comments of Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Rader and others peel away the facade of 'justice' from the naked power grab of certain individuals on behalf of the State."

Plans are being prepared to show the documentary in major cities within the United States, with scheduled showings in two major California cities to begin the coverage. Film copies of the documentary are in the works for use in church areas worldwide, according to Mr. Dean.

75 additional students enroll as semester begins

PASADENA — As 430 students began the first academic session of the new decade Jan. 14, Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor of Ambassador College, said Herbert W. Armstrong, the college's founder, is pleased with the direction the college is now taking. Twenty former students have returned to finish their education here, and 55 new students are enrolled this semester making a total of 75 new students.

Enrollment stands at 21 students more than last semester, now that the sabbatical program has been discontinued and the ministers have been transferred to field assignments.

Many of the students enrolled this semester have come from around the world to attend, as Mr. McNair calls it, the only college or university that is "fully accredited by God." International students comprise about 22 percent of the student body, representing, among other countries, Australia, Canada, South Africa, Trinidad, West Germany, Tasmania, Colombia, New Zealand and England.

In addressing the student body in the first forum of the semester, Mr. McNair described the basic approach to education at Ambassador that this world does not understand.

"A threefold cord is not quickly broken," said Mr. McNair, quoting Ecclesiastes 4:12 and explaining that in addition to the development of the mind, or intellect, which is the only thing taught at colleges and universities of this world, Ambassador goes on to develop personality and character as well.

"Here at Ambassador we believe in the development of the whole man," Mr. McNair said. "If you would just develop what God gave you, I don't believe it would be possible to have a bad personality."

To help the new and continuing

students get acquainted, the Food Services Department opened the student center for an evening of free hot dogs and French fries Jan. 10.

Students to participate in dig

PASADENA — Ambassador College Deputy Chancellor Raymond McNair announced Dec. 24 that the college will again be participating in archaeological excavations in Jerusalem this summer, this time on the ancient City of David. Ambassador students last participated in 1976 in excavations on the Temple Mount there.

"We believe the students will help to further strengthen the iron bridge which has been erected between the

people of Israel and the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation and Ambassador College," Mr. McNair said. Twenty-four students will be chosen to participate in the dig, in conjunction with Hebrew University.

Richard Paige, Ambassador College faculty member who is coordinating the details of the college's involvement and who will be accompanying the students on the trip, added that the summer program is

"far larger" than just the dig.

Strengthening bridges

"We are trying to plan the program so that we'll not only strengthen the bridge Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong has built, but so the students will be able to get a greater feel for the events of the Bible by seeing the actual places biblical events occurred. . . . We hope the students will derive a great deal of importance that they will be able to share with the people in the local church areas and be able to contribute to the college community when they return," Mr. Paige said.

"The program provides an academic program of study of the Bible in its Middle Eastern setting and an introduction to the institutions and current problems of the Jewish and Arab communities in Israel."

He added that the 24 students chosen for the program will be required to take the seven units of courses offered during the summer and go on all field trips arranged for the group, but will also be encouraged to make personal sightseeing trips in small groups to other areas of interest, to broaden their awareness and knowledge of the country, past and present.

The students will be making a two-day stopover in London on the way to Jerusalem to allow them to adjust to a 10-hour time difference

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DIGGING UP HISTORY — Ambassador College students work at the archaeological excavation site on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem in the summer of 1976, the last time students participated in the dig. The college plans to send 24 students to work at the site this summer.

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UPDATE

PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong announced that site selection is almost complete for the 1980 Feast of Tabernacles.

Newly appointed Festival housing director William Kessler, who formerly assisted Ministerial Services head Joe Tkach, expressed his concern about the toll inflation will take on members having to pay for housing at the Feast. Mr. Armstrong has ordered that the best housing possible be arranged for Church members, and that any discounts the Church is able to arrange be passed on to members.

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PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong approved the itinerary and speakers for a new series of ministerial visits to church areas. The visits are scheduled to begin Feb. 9, with meetings set for all of Florida; Geneva, Ala.; and Moultrie, Ga.; and to continue every two weeks thereafter until Mr. Armstrong's trip to Egypt and Israel.

Mr. Armstrong has personally assigned the traveling ministers to cover the topic of loyalty in the second half of a split-sermon format for the services. During the first half of services the Work's film about the legal crisis, *The First Amendment: Church vs. State*, will be shown.

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PASADENA — Year-end figures reveal substantial growth in Canada, reports the International Office of Ministerial Services. Income for the Canadian Work is up 14 percent, *Plain Truth* circulation is up 10 percent and responses from the various in-house mailings totaled 97,700 — a 27 percent increase over 1978. *The World Tomorrow* broadcast over Canadian News Radio CKO ["Update," WN, Dec. 24] resulted in several responses, and the International Office expects the responses to increase.

Plans for 1980 are already underway, as 5 by 8 inch newspaper inserts will be included in major newspapers in Canada, according to the International Office.

All programs have been accelerated because of the possible postal strike after the Canadian federal elections Feb. 18.

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PASADENA — Richard Rice of the Work's Mail Processing Center reported in the Jan. 17 *Pastor General's Report* that the mail count during 1979 registered its first increase since 1973. "We view this as a very positive sign for the future," wrote Mr. Rice. "Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong's vigorous, dynamic actions are reaching out and moving our media audiences." Mr. Rice attributed the increase to Mr. Armstrong's efforts to put the Church "back on the right track."

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PASADENA — The Work's Spanish Department is planning to place 170,000 inserts in the three top Spanish language newspapers in the United States Jan. 27 and Feb. 2-3 according to Leon Walker, Spanish Work director. Inserts will be placed in the Miami, Fla., *El Diario Las Americas*, the Los Angeles, Calif., *La Opinion* and the New York City *El Diario La Prensa*. Mr. Walker reported in the Jan. 17 *Pastor General's Report* that an estimated 21 million Spanish-speaking people live within the borders of the United States, accounting for the only domestic U.S. work as well as international Work within the Church.

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PASADENA — Church attendance figures in several international areas are up significantly, reports Rod Matthews of the International

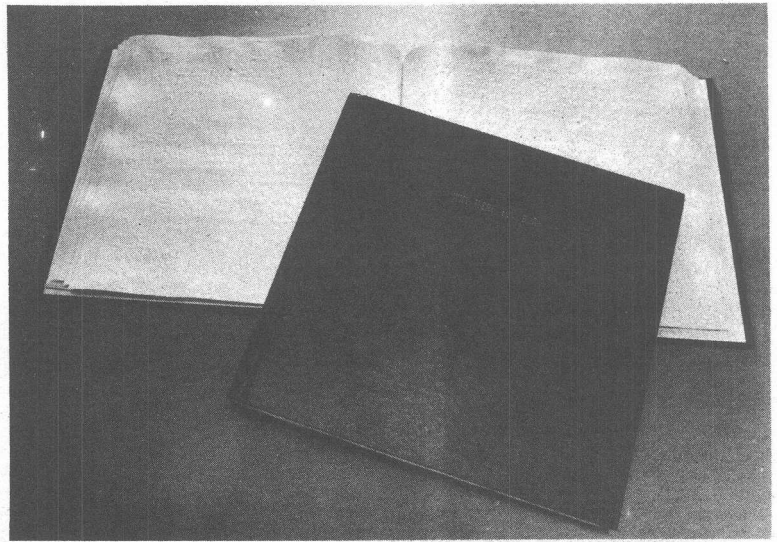
Office here. Attendance is up 15 percent in the United Kingdom, 34 percent in the Scandinavian countries and 26 percent in east and west Africa. Mail income in the United Kingdom is up 24 percent from 1978, says Mr. Matthews, which helps to offset the high rate of inflation.

As a result of direct mail efforts in England and Eire, 1,223 subscribers have been added to the *Plain Truth* mailing list. The International Office also reports that nearly 10,000 copies of the booklets, *Coming — A New Age* and *The Plain Truth About Christmas*, were mailed in response to requests by *PT* readers in England and the Scandinavian countries.

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MANILA, Philippines — The largest ministerial conference in the history of the Philippines took place at the Matkati, Metro Manila, regional office Dec. 24-27, reports Colin Adair, regional director of the Philippine Work. During the conference it was reported that baptisms were up 102 percent in the Philippines, with a 7 percent increase in the size of the Church. Mr. Adair also reported that income was up 26 percent over 1978, and he stated that "Growth and more growth was the keynote for 1980."

Twenty-seven ministers and their wives attended the conference, which featured updates on administrative procedures, sessions of techniques of counseling, ministerial ethics, minister/church relations and many others. An evening get-together at the Adairs' and a beach barbecue provided a respite from the sessions and lectures during the conference.



BRaille BOOKLETS — A limited number of copies of the booklet *Why Were You Born?* have been produced in Braille form for blind members or co-workers. Braille characters are composed of a system of raised dots, as shown in the opened book, to be read by touch. (Photo by Roland Rees)

Braille books offered to blind

PASADENA — A limited edition of a Braille version of *Why Were You Born?* by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong is being made available to interested people, according to Garland Snuffer of the Work's Educational Services for the Handicapped.

The Braille editions have been provided to Educational Services on a special program for the blind and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

A co-worker wrote to Mr. Snuffer

informing him of the possibility of producing limited editions of selected Church booklets, and Mr. Snuffer developed a program that would produce 40 Braille copies of *Why Were You Born?* and *The Wonderful World Tomorrow* at no cost to the Work.

Currently, only the *Why Were You Born?* booklet is available, and additional copies may be produced if the need exceeds the supply. The Braille editions are only offered to co-workers and members who are blind

or unable to read the booklets in their regular formats.

Individuals interested in receiving a copy of this booklet should have someone write (telephone calls will not be accepted) directly to Mr. Snuffer at the following address: Worldwide Church of God Educational Services for the Handicapped, Attention: Garland Snuffer, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91123.

Those interested are urged to send in their request as soon as possible, because supplies are limited.

NEW BALL GAME

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support of guerrilla warfare.

The unchanging policy has been, where the Russian bear plants its boot, it never removes it, unless driven out by superior force.

All Communists have been taught this program. They have been taught that they know total world domination cannot be achieved without one final all-out military war. For this purpose the Red army was formed, and the Russian nuclear development added. Its purpose meanwhile, was literal defense — but even an offense like that now going on in Afghanistan is termed by Communists "defense," or "liberation."

So, just where are we now, at the moment? We thought it was the Chinese Communists who were backing North Vietnam in the war over there. Vice Chairman Tan Zhen-lin of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, one of the three top men in the People's Republic of China, told me it was Russia who actually backed the North Vietnamese, and was promoting the "domino theory," which he said the Russians are still pursuing. The vice chairman was close to both the late Chairman Mao and Premier Chou En-lai, and fought with them in the war.

Actually, what is taking place right now in Afghanistan is another thrust on the "DOMINO THEORY." By Monday, Jan. 7, the Russians had 100,000 or more troops in Afghanistan, and more being

massed at the border, ready to crash on through. The Russian boot is now planted in Afghanistan, and NOTHING short of SUPERIOR MILITARY FORCE is going to drive them back.

The domino-type strategy means they plan next, in due time, to plunge on farther south through Pakistan, giving them an outlet into the Indian Ocean, from where they plan to control, with their superior nuclear submarine fleet, all commerce to and from the Far East and the Middle East.

Iran to become satellite?

But more. The United States has been too busy concentrating its mind solely on some 50 hostages in Iran to realize the GREATER turn of events in Afghanistan. But local civil wars are sputtering in three or four separate areas, against the Khomeini government in Iran. Iran is in TURMOIL. It borders on Russia. This offers the Kremlin a logical reason, from their viewpoint, to send massive troops into Iran to "settle the turmoil and civil war," and bring "peace" to Iran. Of course, once the Russian boot is planted in Iran, it will have no intention of removing it. Iran, like Afghanistan, will become another Russian satellite nation.

This is all part of Russia's ultimate goal to impose communism on the WORLD. Once they have formed a ring around the Far East and Middle East, by dominating the Indian Ocean, and completed the domino program of toppling over adjacent nations from Vietnam on through Cam-

bodia [Kampuchea] — Thailand next (King Bhumibol told me he expects the Vietnamese to invade Thailand) — then Malaysia and on into the Indian Ocean at the point of Singapore — once they have achieved all that they will control all commerce through Asia, the Far East and Middle East — then they have only the West to consider.

Meanwhile the domino strategy and toppling the nations adjoining "continues MARCHING ON: AND THIS IS ALARMING EUROPE!"

The European allies of the United States know that somewhere along the way in this mass-plan for world communism is going to be a military invasion next door to the West — into WESTERN EUROPE! Of course first must come domination around southern Africa.

The European nations have relied on United States' armed and nuclear strength to protect them from the Russian satellites bordering them on the east.

Just where are we?

Again, WHERE ARE WE, at this moment?

President Carter has been concentrating on 50 U.S. people in Iran. Now Russia is employing MILITARY MIGHT. At least 100,000 troops are now in Afghanistan, and more on the way. President Carter says he is trying every option short of military force.

But the Kremlin, even after Mr. Carter called Mr. Brezhnev on the HOT LINE, has used military force! They will not be deterred by anything short of SUPERIOR MILITARY FORCE! The embargo on grain and fish may hurt Russia

A LITTLE — like a slap on the wrist — but their military forces will keep marching on! Don't for a moment suppose the men at the Kremlin are so stupid that they actually started this MILITARY intervention without first calculating such meager retaliation as these embargos! The men at the Kremlin figured that the stakes were worth it!

Meanwhile, consider this from the viewpoint of London, Bonn, Paris and Rome. Mr. Carter is indulging in wrist-slapping, while the bear lumbers right along — and EUROPE FEARS IT MAY BE NEXT! THAT IS THEIR FEAR!

I see in this a real fear in Western Europe, that will force European leaders and the Vatican to get their heads together in mutual DEFENSE — European civil nations against nuclear military invasion, and the Roman Curia and Papacy against atheism making inroads over all Europe! In their eyes, President Carter is DOING NOTHING — and Russia is MOVING!

When we entered the decade of the '80s just eight days ago as I write, the world entered an entirely NEW BALL GAME!

THE WHOLE WORLD SITUATION HAS SUDDENLY CHANGED! But Washington is BLINDED!

Jesus said, "O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky, but can ye not discern the signs of the times?" (Matt. 16:3).

Prophecy says Ephraim and Manasseh would be stupid in worldly politics, and they are!

But for US? Can we discern the signs of the times? END-TIME EVENTS are going to happen FAST from here on! The '80s well might see the END of this present world; WAKE UP!