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WIDE WORLD

What our READERS SAY

Mr. Kennedy's Assassination

"I do hope that you will be able to give us something in the coming issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH* relative to the tragic death of the President yesterday (22nd) from the prophetic point of view. It must have some national and world significance."

Mr. H. K., Ann Arbor, Michigan

"Will you please write an article on the death of President Kennedy and the man who killed him?"

J. P., Sheppard AFB, Texas

"After what happened yesterday—the assassination of the President—we can look for almost anything."

Mrs. Ruth M., Texas

"Today I cried. I wept for my country—a nation called America the Beautiful—that in this great land, a country that should have been a model of the Eternal's power and glory and love—such a terrible thing as the premeditated murder of the President of our nation could take place! 'America, America, God shed His grace on thee. And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea. What an ugly contrast between those prayerful words of hope and love and the maniacal assassination of Mr. Kennedy.

"I would like to have your analysis and evaluation of the assassination of our President, John F. Kennedy.

"Today is a dark day in the history of this nation—assassination of our President. How true our Bible is being fulfilled. It's not safe to be outdoors at night any more. This news is shocking."

Mr. Earl B., North Carolina

"People (most) are in sorrow today for the death of President Kennedy. Dallas is seventy-five miles from Athens. I have felt several times that something may happen to him."

V. S., Athens, Texas

"This is the day of real tragedy . . ."

E. N., Washington

"Received the copy of your letter today as the whole world is in mourning with the loss of our President. May God help us to be better men and women."

Sarah M., San Francisco, California

Buy Friends

"In 'Who Will Rule Space?' you give me the impression that Germany will attack us. Is this correct? If so, why? I thought we helped them."

F. S., San Diego, California

• *We've helped Russia in WW II, sent aid to Laos, Viet Nam, and many other countries. But we've never yet bought a friend.*

"Beat Generation" Listens

"You'd be surprised how many of us supposedly 'crazy, beat generation' are eager for 2:30 to come around so we can hear what you have to say. Believe me, Mr. Armstrong, you have opened lots of teens' eyes and ears. We don't turn to your program because there is no place else to turn. It's awfully interesting or we wouldn't be listening. We keep looking for something, not quite sure what it is. Invariably we end up joy riding, attending wild parties, etc., and end up either hurt or a much wiser person. But still we don't know what it was we were looking for. I hope, Mr. Armstrong, you could some day have a program about how you can acquire strong faith. I've tried and it's hard."

Christine C., Klamath Falls, Ore.

• *Send for our free booklet "What Is Faith?" and "What KIND of Faith Is Required for Salvation?" You'll learn!*

"My husband has listened to your broadcast for over three years now. Recently I've been listening. I've come to agree fully with you and my husband. At first when he wanted me to send for your books I told him there was a catch, you could never get anything for nothing. We received *The PLAIN TRUTH* without any request for money and have continued getting it ever since. Recently

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Personal from the Editor

PROBABLY you will always remember precisely where you were, and what you were doing, when you were stunned with the news of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Personally, I was teaching a class here at Ambassador College in Pasadena. For some years now I have dispensed with all teaching, personally, except this one class. This particular class I hope to continue teaching for life. It is our course in *Principles of Living*. I teach it each year both at Pasadena, and at the college in England. This class includes the vital and sacred subject of sex and marriage.

Dr. E. H. Owen collaborates with me in this class. It lasts two hours—ten to twelve on Fridays.

The 10:55 buzzer had sounded. I had paused momentarily until the buzzer silenced, then continued speaking. The red light flashed beside the telephone. Dr. Owen, sitting near the telephone, answered. It was a call for me.

As I left the platform and walked to the telephone, I wondered what the call could be. Our switchboard would never interrupt me in the middle of a class unless it was an emergency. Was my wife taken ill? I hurried to the telephone.

"Mr. Armstrong, President Kennedy has just been shot in Dallas, Texas!" came the startling message. "Also Governor Connally of Texas. They have been rushed to a hospital. The President is still alive, but in critical condition."

All of us in the room were simply stunned. Back on the platform I asked the class immediately to rise. The Word of God instructs us to pray for our civil rulers. As the class bowed, I prayed immediately that if Mr. Kennedy were still living God would spare his life and restore him to a fit condition.

But the President was already dead. It was then just after 1:00 P.M., Central Standard time, in Dallas.

I tried to carry on with the class lecture. It was difficult. I doubt whether

the students got much out of it.

Then, some forty-five minutes later, the red light on the telephone flashed again.

Dr. Owen answered.

"The President is dead," he announced quietly.

IMPOSSIBLE! The President was so young! He was too young to die. It simply couldn't be—yet, shocked and stunned though we were, we knew it was true.

I remember, President William McKinley had been assassinated when I was a boy nine years old. He was the first President of the United States I had ever seen. He made a rear-platform speech from a train in Des Moines, Iowa, when I was five. My father had held me up high, in his arms, so I could see the President. That had impressed itself on my memory so that I never forgot it. But the shooting of the President, four years later, had not.

I remembered, also, how in 1932 I was advertising manager of a daily newspaper. In the newsroom one day, the city editor, reporters, and others got into a discussion as to what possible event would make the most sensational banner headline. The very first suggestion was the headline: THE PRESIDENT ASSASSINATED! A few others were suggested: WORLD WAR II BREAKS OUT!—NEW YORK CITY BLASTED OFF THE MAP!

Then the city editor said, "This one tops them all: *SECOND COMING OF CHRIST OCCURRED TODAY!*" "Ha! Ha!" They all laughed, in ridicule.

"You're going to write that headline sooner than you think!" I snapped sharply—and the laughing stopped.

Yes, thank God! *THAT* event, to eclipse all the world-shaking happenings of history, is nearer than people think! The savagery of the world today, with its assassinations, wars, crimes of violence, causes those of us who know the TRUTH to cry out to God the more earnestly, "*THY Kingdom come! THY* (Please continue on next page)

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OUR COVER

From above the midst of acclaiming thousands came sudden bursts of gunfire. The President of the United States, John F. Kennedy, was shot dead. John Connally, Governor of Texas, was severely wounded. A stunned world asked: How could such a thing happen in America? The Late President was the fourth to fall before assassins' bullets. Though, apparently, the latest assassin acted alone, yet the terrible crime reveals a common attitude pervading the nation: disrespect for authority.

will be done in earth, as it is in heaven!"

Dastardly crimes like this impel a look once again at *this* ugly world. In the Bible we find *three* worlds spoken of. There was the world that was—"the world that then was, being overflowed with water," which "perished." (II Peter 3:6) also spoken of as "the old world," (II Peter 2:5). Then there is "this world," or "this present evil world," (Gal. 1:4), and also "the world to come" (Mark 10:30; Luke 18:30), also called "that world" (Luke 20:35). This latter is the one we call "The WORLD TOMORROW"—a world of peace, happiness and right ways, *governed by GOD*.

No rulers then will be assassinated. They will be immortal.

In this present evil world, *the same nation*—the United States of America—richest, most blest (materially) of all in history, produces BOTH the President, and his crazed, warped-minded, perverted, twisted, distorted little killer! The SAME COUNTRY produced *both!* Did you ever stop to think how *opposites* spring from the same sources?

James speaks of the human tongue. It, too, he says, is a "little member, and boasteth great things"—just like presidential assassins! "Out of the same mouth," says James, "proceedeth blessings and cursings. My brethren, these things ought not so to be" (James 3:5, 10).

Look at the assassins, or would-be assassins, of presidents—nearly all were *little* men, of twisted, perverted minds, bent on making BIG HEADLINES. The supposed and accused killer of Mr. Kennedy was Lee Harvey Oswald. If you watched TV those three fateful days following the heinous tragedy—and who didn't?—you noticed that Oswald was a *slight* man, wearing a BIG smirk of arrogance and conceit.

Of all presidential assassins, or those who attempted assassination, only one, John Wilkes Booth, murderer of Abraham Lincoln, was even average height of his time. Booth was 5 feet 8 inches tall. That would be short, today, but was about average or just slightly above in 1865.

But all others were shorter, ranging down to Giuseppe Zangara, who attempted to assassinate Franklin D. Roosevelt—two and a half weeks prior,

however, to his first inauguration. This little anarchist was just 5 feet tall (or should I say *short?*) and weighed only 106 pounds. This small piece of misguided humanity fired five shots. Five men and women near Mr. Roosevelt were hit and wounded, though the President-elect was not. But Mayor Anton J. Cermak of Chicago was killed.

Other little men with big-murder ideas were Charles J. Guiteau, who shot President James A. Garfield in the back, July 2, 1881. Then there was Leon F. Czolgosz (pronounced "Cholgosh"), who walked up in line to shake hands with President McKinley in Buffalo, September 6, 1901, and, as the President smiled cordially, and extended a friendly hand, this contemptible little malcontent, with a gun in a hand wrapped in a bandage feigning an injured hand, pulled the trigger twice, killing the President.

There was John N. Schrank, who on October 14, 1912, in Milwaukee, shot Theodore Roosevelt in the chest as he was stepping into the rear of an open car, though this shot was not fatal.

Then there was the attempt on the life of President Harry S. Truman. It was during the rebuilding of the White House. The President was living temporarily in Blair House, across the street. He was taking a nap on November 1, 1950, and was awakened by gunshots. Two Puerto Rican Nationalists, Oscar



Wide World Photo

Lee Oswald, 24, Marxist and accused assassin of late President, wore smirk after capture. Despite manacled hands, he shows his character by clenched fist.

Collazo and Griselio Torrezola, were trying to shoot their way past Secret Service agents to rush inside and assassinate Mr. Truman. Two men were killed and three others injured in this attempted assassination.

A European assassination touched off the fuse that started the first World War, in 1914. There was a somewhat recent attempt on the life of President Charles de Gaulle of France. There have been many other assassinations and attempted assassinations of heads of state. The Communists took over the government of Russia by this method.

But we may be thankful that the accused and probable killer of John F. Kennedy was not, apparently, an agent of an organized conspiracy.

Think what might have happened afterward, had this assassin been either a Negro integrationist, trying to kill the President because he might have felt the government was not bringing about Civil Rights as rapidly as he wanted; or, a Southern White Segregationist seeking revenge because he felt the President was bringing about integration too rapidly.

Ether way, would there not have been riots and mass murders breaking out all over the land spontaneously, before hot-heads could be cooled?

Or, suppose it had been an agent of the Kremlin, on direct orders from Khrushchev. Might that have led to an all-out NUCLEAR World War III?

Actually, it happens that, apparently, *all* of these self-appointed President-killers were acting independently, as individuals. Each was a man possessed of a fancied but wrong CAUSE, holding emotional feelings of personal animosity, feeling he was a man of DESTINY, an instrument in the hand of God.

HOW TWISTED AND PERVERTED, in their thinking about GOD, can men get? After shooting President Lincoln *in the back*, assassin Booth wrote: "Our country owed all her troubles to him, and God simply made me the instrument of His punishment."

In one respect, only, he might have been right. He had the *wrong god*—Satan, the God of this world!

After Guiteau killed President Garfield, he explained his reason: "His re-

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NOW! Prophesied for 1964

What astounding turn of events will happen to the world? What UNEXPECTED things are going to happen to YOU, in this one year? Will 1964 be the most fateful year of all history? ONLY Bible prophecies can reveal the future!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

WHO WOULD have expected that the year 1963 would see President Kennedy assassinated—a new administration in Washington?

Who—a year ago—would have anticipated the Profumo scandal in Britain, the illness of Mr. Macmillan, and a new Prime Minister at number 10 Downing Street?

The UNEXPECTED Happens!

Isn't it about time we WAKE UP to the stark reality that we are now living in times that are *different*? Times when the whole world is in shock—STUNNED by sudden, unbelievable turns in world events? You are not living in normal times. WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

If you think everything is all right with the world, just take a quick glance at what happened in this one year just ending!

Here's a real SHOCKER for you! The change in the government at Washington, resulting from VIOLENCE, is only ONE OF MANY that took place in this one revolutionary year! So hold your breath—for I don't think you have realized!

Here are the national governments toppled in this one year by VIOLENT overthrow:

The United States—President assassinated, new administration in Washington.

South Vietnam—President Ngo Dinh Diem assassinated—government overthrown by violence.

Dominican Republic—Dictator Raphael Trujillo assassinated May 30, and subsequently elected President Juan Bosch ousted in September, country now ruled by three-man junta.

Guatemala—a violent military coup d'état deposed President Miguel Ydigoras March 31, and Col. Enrique Peralta seized government.

Ecuador—violent military coup ousted President Carlos Julio Arosemena July 11, and presidency seized by Castro Jijon.

Honduras—Government of President Ramon Villeda Morales overthrown by violent military coup d'état, and Osvaldo Lopez Arellano is acting new Chief of State.

Iraq—Government overthrown by violence, President Abdul Karem Kasim killed March 8. Abdel Salam Aref has assumed Presidency.

Peru—President Prado, ousted by Army in 1962, and new government under Fernando Belaunde Terry, elected in 1963.

Syria—a violent military coup, overthrowing government, brought Ba'athist Party into power.

Togo, West Africa—Premier Olymio assassinated. Nicolas Grunitzky is new Premier.

OTHER Big Changes

That is not all! There have been vitally IMPORTANT non-violent changes in government, which seriously affect the world's future.

Thailand—Premier Sarit Thanarat died December 8 (as we go to press), bringing new administration.

Great Britain—Scandal in high places, and illness of Mr. Macmillan sent Prime Minister Sir Douglas Home to Number 10 Downing Street. It now appears that Labor Government may come to power during 1964.

Vatican City State—Death of John XXIII brought election of new Pope, Paul VI.

West Germany—Konrad Adenauer finally stepped down under pressure. New Chancellor, Ludwig Erhard. This change will have important bearing on speeding up prophesied United States of Europe, which will drastically change the whole world picture.

Other governments changed by elec-

NEW LEADERS FOR 1964—



New leaders include, from left to right, Tho of South Vietnam, Prime Minister

Home of Great Britain, Pope Paul VI, Erhard of West Germany, Papandreou

of Greece, Rahman of Malaysia.

Wide World Photos

tions will be mentioned later.

Instability of World's Governments

How would *you* like to be the head of one of the governments of this world? How much more insecure would you feel today, than when William Shakespeare wrote his famous quotation: "*Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown!*"

What security could you have? President Kennedy was perhaps the most guarded man on earth. Every precaution had been taken for his safety in Dallas. Safety measures had been planned on a major scale for two weeks in advance. Even every manhole and sewer along the parade route had been checked for bombs. Buildings along the way had been inspected and rechecked. The body-guard assigned to him included the elite of the Secret Service corps. 350 extra policemen had been enlisted to protect Mr. Kennedy. And yet a mixed-up young man managed to end his life in a flash.

The accused assassin was protected and surrounded by dozens of policemen—yet another man managed to shoot him in plain view of MILLIONS of TV onlookers!

WHAT SECURITY can one have, in *this* world? What guarantee has any *government* that it will still be in power after sunset today?

WHEN will humans learn that there is *only one* real security—only ONE SOURCE of real protection and continued existence—the power of Almighty GOD!

Can all the vast military power of a nation guarantee that nation's security from overthrow—or annihilation by nuclear power? Do you know what GOD says about that?

Listen! "*Armies* do not bring victory to a king, the warrior is not rescued by sheer strength, cavalry are in vain for victory, there is no winning by the strength of that!" So says GOD (Psalm 33:16-17).

But HERE is the only SURE security—same Psalm: "The Eternal wrecks the purpose of pagans, He brings to nothing what the nations plan; but the Eternal's purpose stands forever, and what HE plans will last from age to age. Happy the nation whose God is The Eternal, the people He has chosen for His own! The Eternal looks down from heaven, beholding all mankind; from where He

sits, he scans all who inhabit the world; He who alone *made their minds*, He notes all they do. Armies do not bring victory to a king . . . No, the Eternal's eye rests on His worshippers, who rest their hopes upon His kindness, that HE may rescue them from death" (Psalm 33:10-19—Moffatt translation).

But those changes of governments listed above are not the only ones of the past 12 months. Others changed by elections included:

ZANZIBAR—new changes in government—has just gone independent;

KENYA—went independent December 12;

MALAYSIA—a new federation formed September 16 last, combining Malaya (Singapore), North Borneo and Sarawak.

Then, by new elections, new governments took over during this one year in ARGENTINA, CANADA, GREECE, ISRAEL, ITALY, VENEZUELA, AFGHANISTAN, HOLLAND, NICARAGUA, and NORWAY.

Underground Movements SWIFT

On the surface, it may have appeared that 1963 was a year of comparative quietude-in-chaos. But plotters for world domination like Khrushchev, and Mao Tse-tung, do not tell the world all that they plan and do. They disclose only what they *want* people to know or believe—whether true or false.

An extremely significant turn in events during 1963 that promises heavy bearing on what *will* happen in 1964 and following years, was the new heads of state in West Germany and the Vatican. These changes are destined to have serious effect in hastening along the resurrection of the "Holy ROMAN EMPIRE"—the union of nations in Europe forming the prophesied United States of EUROPE.

Already the new Pope is calling for a "spiritual summit meeting." He is also planning, as we go to press, a revolutionary trip to Jerusalem, a journey never previously undertaken by any Pope. Watch the Vatican and Jerusalem in 1964!

For 30 years the WORLD TOMORROW broadcast and *The PLAIN TRUTH* have been proclaiming to the world this coming European church-state union. It will ASTOUND the world! It will completely

change the whole world-picture. And it will be formed within eight years or *less!*

On the surface, world events appear to be moving somewhat slowly, at the moment. But when all contributing factors are understood—when all secret, behind-the-scenes plans and movements are grasped—the TRUTH is that world events are moving *at frightening speed* toward the GRAND SMASH CLIMAX of CIVILIZATION! Yes, toward the END OF THE WORLD—but toward the happy, peaceful, prosperous WORLD TOMORROW!

This year—1964—may bring, as did 1963, astonishing and unexpected happenings. But, basically, the world will move toward the following three developments:

To Develop This Year

1) RESURRECTED ROMAN EMPIRE: a politically and militarily-united Europe to emerge from the present economic Common Market. The stepping down of Mr. Adenauer from office in Germany—the election of the new pope at Rome—are two incidents of 1963 that will have bearing on this movement. Undoubtedly 1964 will see many moves in this direction, behind the scenes, which may not be revealed to the public. 1964 will bring definite developments toward this final objective.

2) FURTHER COMMUNIST GAINS: Look for these gains in southeastern Asia—Vietnam, Malaya states, India—and possible moves involving Japan. President Johnson will be *tested*—perhaps at Berlin—perhaps a test involving Castro, and activities through him and Cuba involving Central or South American revolutions. Indications, however, are that both Khrushchev and Castro are going to find President Johnson tougher than they expect.

3) OUR STRENGTH FURTHER SAPPED: 1963 saw increased drought and upheavals in the prophesied revolution in the WEATHER patterns. We may have an occasional *good* year in the weather, but the trend in general will continue until—probably by 1971 or 1972—it will become an acute disaster, especially to the United States, Canada, Britain, Australia. In ways we seem not to realize, foreign nations are gradually

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The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

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INSTALLMENT 61

AFTER the purchase of the camellia nursery, and the Green Street properties, we felt that Ambassador College was really *on its way!*

The camellia nursery would give us an athletic field. It was small—there would not be space for a quarter mile track, a stadium, or football field. But there was sufficient ground for an eighth-mile running track, and two new tennis courts. There was also room for run-up tracks for the pole vault and broad jump, and space for the high jump, and the shot-put.

Then the Green Street houses could be converted into men's dormitories. Mayfair could be made exclusively a girls' student residence.

We felt that, with a classroom building, an administration building, both men's and women's residences on campus, and an athletic field, even though small, we were coming to have a college campus.

First "FRUITS" of College

During 1950 I had been able to issue only four numbers of *The PLAIN TRUTH*—and they were all reduced to mere 8-page numbers. I have stated before that one reason was my personal inability to fully execute all the fast-growing responsibilities of this expanding Work in mere 24-hour days.

By the autumn of 1950 I was having to teach FOUR different classes in theology, and now three hours each class. That meant twelve hours of teaching each week.

Up to this time I had written *every word* that went into *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I had been doing a half-hour broadcast seven days a week.

The early years in Eugene, Oregon, had resulted in the raising up of several small churches in the Pacific Northwest, through evangelistic campaigns I had conducted. But there were no pastors to

minister to those churches. Only two remained—in Eugene and in Portland.

All these years the broadcasting work was expanding. By the end of 1942 it had grown to a national audience. This necessitated my absence from Eugene and Portland much of the time beginning with 1943, and all of the time after April, 1947, when we moved to Pasadena.

The whole work was a one-man ministry in those years. In my absence attendance at Eugene dwindled from around 100 to about 30. You know what the Israelites got into when God called Moses away from them for just forty days at Mount Sinai; the people abandoned God and made for themselves an idol.

"As for this Moses," they said, "we wot not what has become of him. Come on, let us make an idol god of our own to worship."

At Eugene, three would-be leaders said, in effect: "As for this Herbert Armstrong, we wot not what has become of him. Come on, let us make an idol god of our own to worship in the form of a local social club, like all the worldly churches." And so even the thirty members remaining were split into two differing camps.

The Portland and the Vancouver, Washington, churches had consolidated into the one church at Portland. And even that had diminished to eleven or twelve members.

A one-man ministry could not maintain several local churches, an expanding broadcasting work, editing and writing all the articles for a fast-growing magazine, teach four college classes, and act as executive head of a growing college, without something slipping backward somewhere.

But 1951 was the year that produced the first "fruits" of the new college.

In April of that year we began the first activity toward an enlarged PLAIN

TRUTH. I was still unwilling to publish in *The PLAIN TRUTH*, articles written by students. Yet something had to be done.

Herman Hoeh had submitted a few articles for *The PLAIN TRUTH*, but none had been used. They were not written in what I termed "Plain Truth STYLE." Yet young Mr. Hoeh did not give up. Every month or so another manuscript was handed to me.

Finally, still reluctant to use material written by students in *The PLAIN TRUTH*, a new idea was born. *The PLAIN TRUTH* circulation had grown to more than 50,000 copies, and it was too costly to publish every month on our income of that period. That, combined with the fact I simply could not find time to write the entire edition every month, by myself alone, forced the new idea.

I decided to completely scrap the entire mailing list!

We would start building a *new* mailing list from scratch. That would solve half the problem—the lack of funds to publish a 16-page magazine every month.

Twelve years before I had started a second magazine, called *The GOOD NEWS*. It was to have been a church membership organ, edited exclusively for baptized church members. *The PLAIN TRUTH* was to continue as the general magazine for as many of the general public as would request it. But at that time—February, 1939—I had been unable to continue publication of *The GOOD NEWS* beyond the first issue! The reason? Same reason—lack of funds, and inability of ONE MAN to do so much.

But now, twelve years later, I decided to bring *The GOOD NEWS* back to life. It would circulate, at the start, only to Co-Workers whose tithes and offerings made this growing Work possible.

If we could no longer afford to offer

The PLAIN TRUTH to the entire radio audience, it seemed to me imperative that we provide, at least, a regular monthly publication for those who voluntarily financed God's Work, and Ambassador College. And our students could share with me the burden of writing the articles.

Consequently, in April, 1951, *The GOOD NEWS* was re-born!

Now, for the first time, our students began to make active contributions to the activities of this expanding Work!

That same year, Herman Hoeh—our "straight-A" student—began to remove some of the teaching load from my shoulders, by assisting in the teaching of the Bible courses.

Also, for several months during 1951, Raymond Cole acted as Pastor of the church at Portland, giving it a spiritual "shot in the arm."

The New GOOD NEWS

The leading article, beginning on the front cover of the April, 1951 *GOOD NEWS*, written by me, expressed the situation.

Here is a condensation of what it said:

Quote from that article: "A new idea is born! *The GOOD NEWS* is re-born!

"With the turn of the war in Korea world events *speed up* in the chaotic plunge to oblivion! And beginning now, the all-important Work of God also must speed up! The pace must be accelerated! It must expand now to *dynamic WORLD-WIDE ACTIVITY!*

"It is later than we think!

"When God first started Ambassador College, many brethren and Co-Workers lacked faith. They couldn't see God's hand in it. Some felt your pastor's duty was solely to preach the Gospel to the world—not realizing that one man *alone* can't do it all!

"They had forgotten that Jesus, Peter and Paul surrounded themselves with specially God-called men whom they *trained* to assist them in their great mission.

"Some said, 'Why, there isn't time! It will be four years before the first students graduate, and even then they will still be just youths without maturity or actual experience.'

"But there was, *and still is*, enough time—though there is not a day to lose.

The end of this age *can't* come until this very Gospel of the Kingdom has been preached and published in all the world as a witness to all nations (Mat. 24:3,14).

"Students Now Ready"

"Our students have been gaining actual experience *during* their college years!

"By their fruits we *know* they have been called of God for their important parts in this Great Commission of Christ. They are trained and ready. They are consecrated and Spirit-led.

"Already more than one hundred and fifty, brought to repentance and conversion through this Work, have been baptized by these competent disciples (and the word 'disciple' means student, or learner).

"It is already ably demonstrated that God made no mistake when He started Ambassador College!

"The New Idea"

"And now, with this issue, A NEW IDEA is born. Through Ambassador College students *The GOOD NEWS* is re-born! With this issue, our students launch a new activity in Christ's ministry—and at the same time, a new college activity.

"It was back in February, 1939—twelve years ago—that with only Mrs. Armstrong's help, from a little stuffy inside office without windows or ventilation in Eugene, Oregon, the first issue of *The GOOD NEWS* was printed—on a second-hand mimeograph. . . .

"But the Commission to 'feed my sheep' is second to the Great Commission, '*This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world.*' One man alone could not carry on a campaign of evangelism then expanding from local to national, and conduct a personalized ministry to so many at the same time. And so no other issues of *The GOOD NEWS* were published—until now.

"But now, at long last, *The GOOD NEWS* is re-born, *as one of the first fruits of Ambassador College*—one of the *evidences* that this college was necessary." END OF QUOTE FROM THAT ARTICLE.

In that issue of *The GOOD NEWS*—a

16-page number—was the announcement of the establishment of the Ambassador College Graduate School of Theology.

But, even with the editorial help of students, finances permitted the publication of only four issues during the remainder of 1951—plus one 16-page *PLAIN TRUTH*, issued October, 1951—written wholly by me.

Is it significant that the leading article, starting on the front cover of that edition of *The PLAIN TRUTH* was captioned: "The Pope Plans to Move Vatican." As this current 52-page January, 1964, issue goes to press, it is announced that Pope Paul plans to visit Jerusalem. Never before has any Pope visited the birthplace of true Christianity. Will he say that Peter has *returned* in the person of the pope?

Published October, 1951

That article seems timely and pertinent just now, as I write. Let me quote a few brief excerpts from it:

QUOTE FROM PAGE 1, OCTOBER, 1951, *PLAIN TRUTH*: "A showdown nears between Pius XII and Stalin. Rome is in fear—laying secret plans! Here are the present Vatican plans, and the revelation from prophecy of what will *really* happen!

"The pope's secret plans are no longer secret. 'Unimpeachable Vatican sources' revealed them to a Rome correspondent of a New York newspaper. And *Look* magazine published his story.

"The article was a national sensation. But few, if any, readers caught its real *significance*. For Bible prophecy reveals that the Vatican *will* be moved, but not where the pope now plans.

"Here is the published present plan, in the event of a Russian invasion of western Europe leading to occupation of Rome.

"First, Pius XII, fearing martyrdom, would abdicate his throne. Then, shorn of his authority, he would remain in the Vatican, perhaps a prisoner of the Reds.

"Second, those Cardinals who head Vatican departments would flee from Rome to the new location of the Vatican, in Catholic Quebec, Canada.

"Third, there a conclave of Cardinals would be called to choose a new Pope and re-establish the Vatican in the West-

ern Hemisphere." END OF QUOTATION.

I presume that by now most of our readers have long since forgotten this bit of 1951 Vatican strategy—planned *in case* Soviet hordes overrun and conquered western Europe.

Still Struggling Upward

All this history, in retrospect, about the struggle to publish *The PLAIN TRUTH* will remind the reader, once again, that it has been a long, hard, and persevering upward struggle to bring God's Work to its present position of world-wide activity, power, and influence.

But back, for a moment, to this April, 1951, GOOD NEWS. In it appeared the very first article by Herman L. Hoeh we had ever published—and even this was not—*yet*—in *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Its caption sounds, to me today, rather tame compared to many he has written since. It was: "ARE GOOD MANNERS GOOD?" It had to do with the right or wrong of etiquette.

The radio log shows that, at that time, *The WORLD TOMORROW* was being broadcast on only seven stations: XEG, seven nights a week; a local Pasadena station, KALL, at 7:30 seven mornings a week; and all others were Sunday only—stations WAIT, Chicago; XERB, Lower California; KXL, Portland, Oregon; KVI, Seattle; and XENT, Mexico, just below the Texas border.

In the second issue of this reborn GOOD NEWS appeared the very first article we ever published under the by-line of Roderick C. Meredith. It was the lead article starting on the front cover: "*College Atmosphere at Ambassador.*"

In the November, 1951, number my picture appeared—for the first time in the 18 years of this Work. The caption at the top of the page was: "YOU asked for it—" followed by the sub-caption: "Ten thousand of you have demanded Mr. Armstrong's picture. For the first time in the 18 years of this Work, he has finally consented. Here are four pages of pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, faculty and students, and the campus of Ambassador College." There were 30 separate pictures—mostly of faculty members, students, and campus scenes.

Why Picture Finally Published

I remember how it came about that my picture appeared. For many years I had not even permitted a picture to be taken of me. If anyone came around with a camera, I ducked, dodged, or ran. But when Mrs. Armstrong and I went to Europe in 1947, it was obligatory that passport photos be taken.

We had arrived in Washington, D.C., one morning. We had to obtain passports and visas, and take the train next afternoon for New York. We hurried, first thing that morning in Washington, to a photograph studio for passport photos. We had to have these before applying for passports.

Those photographs were more than four years old by November, 1951. But they were all I had, except a few camera shots I had finally allowed to be snapped after our first college Commencement exercises on June 15th of that same year.

WHY did I refuse, prior to this time, to be "shot" by a camera—or to have my son published? No scriptural reason, certainly. It was merely my own personal feeling in the matter.

I reasoned this way: God had called me to preach His Gospel—not show off my person. It was Christ's MESSAGE I sought to focus attention on—not myself. In my pre-conversion years I had been vain, egotistical, conceited. I knew full well that God had punished me—brought me low, especially in an economic way—to crush out the ego, and to bring humility. Consequently, from the time of conversion, I did my best to keep down the SELF.

But WHAT, then, changed the attitude—induced willingness to allow pictures to be published? It was a letter I received from a radio listener. I can't quote that letter word-for-word—but it said, in effect: "What have you got to *hide*, Mr. Armstrong? Why do you refuse to let us listeners know what you look like? Are you trying to cover up something? Suppose you attend a church service, and the pastor HIDES behind the pulpit. Suppose he lets the congregation hear his voice, but he hides his face. Wouldn't you get suspicious? Wouldn't you think he was covering up something? When I go to church, I want to SEE what the preacher looks like, as well as to listen to his sermon.

A man's character shows in his face. Are you ashamed of yours? WHY WON'T YOU PUBLISH YOUR PICTURE?"

THAT DID IT!

I simply could not answer that man's argument any way except to let him—and all our readers—know what I looked like. So, in this November, 1951 GOOD NEWS, I came "out of hiding," so to speak!

AT LAST! Publishing Monthly

The results of the college were beginning to show. Without it the Work never could have expanded much beyond its status in the forties.

In 1952, for the first time in our history, we were able to publish a 16-page magazine every month—twelve full issues! The rapid development of students—and, now, our first graduates—made this possible. Ten of these issues were of *The GOOD NEWS*. But the June and August numbers were *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

I mentioned, a while back, that Herman Hoeh had turned in to me a number of articles, before any were published. Shortly before we began the GOOD NEWS, in April, 1951, I began to realize that Mr. Hoeh showed considerable promise as a writer and editor. Even though I never published them, he persisted in writing articles. But they simply were not written in what I called *PLAIN TRUTH style*.

So one day—it must have been February or March, in 1951, I stopped him beside my car, parked between the Library and the Administration buildings. Possibly he was handing me another manuscript just as I was about to leave in my car.

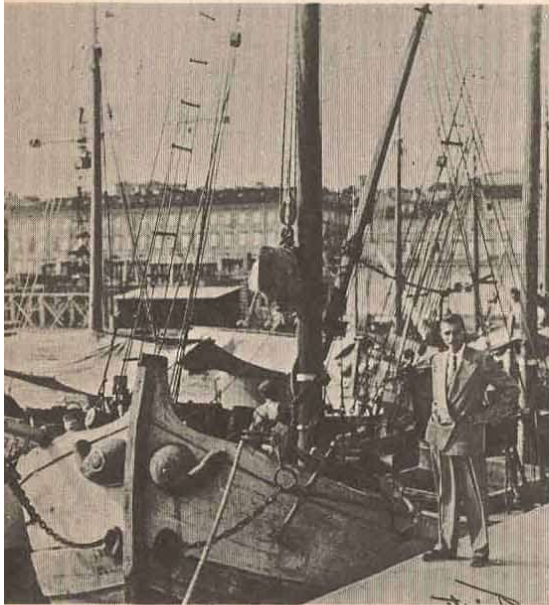
"Herman," I said, "I have only a few moments' time—but let's see if I can explain to you the *PLAIN TRUTH style* of writing."

In my briefcase I had a copy of the January-February, 1949, issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I turned to the article: "*Who is the 'BEAST'?*" beginning on page 3. That article now is available in booklet form. With it I explained the writing style—lucid, plain and simple, fast-moving, somewhat dynamic, authoritative, smooth-flowing.

I probably did not devote more than five or ten minutes to the explanation.

But that alert and scholarly mind of Herman Hoeh's grasped immediately the style. He began to examine a number of my articles from a new angle. He captured the method. He began to write in *The PLAIN TRUTH* style!

Roderick Meredith also began to study this style in writing. He had done considerable writing before, on school papers in Missouri. My elder son Dick (Richard David) adapted himself to the style naturally. Later, beginning the school year of 1952-53 my younger son,



Mr. Dick Armstrong at the Port of Trieste, in 1952, just before entering Communist Yugoslavia.

Garner Ted, entering college as a Freshman after four years in the Navy, demonstrated a natural flair of his own in writing. Mr. Hoeh helped him in matters of organization of material. Soon he was contributing regularly.

The very first time that any articles, written by others than myself, appeared in *The PLAIN TRUTH* was the issue of August, 1952. Reporting from London, articles were published under the bylines of Richard D. Armstrong and Herman L. Hoeh.

In a sense, that was the very BEGINNING of the larger, regularly published *PLAIN TRUTH* of today.

The following month *The GOOD NEWS* was published. The lead article, starting on the front cover, was by Richard D. Armstrong, written from Paris. This number contained also an article, written from Frankfurt, Germany, by Herman L. Hoeh.

This was the first tour abroad taken by Ambassador graduates. It was the high-spot of Dick Armstrong's life, up to that time.

Speaking Like a Native

For years, seeing Paris had been the great dream of my son Dick's life. He had taken his preliminary work in the French language while in High School at Eugene, Oregon.

One policy I had been determined to set for Ambassador College had to do with teaching foreign languages. I wanted them taught so thoroughly that a student would learn to speak the language he pursued precisely as that language is spoken natively in its own country—without any accent whatever.

French has always been taught here by men who grew up in France or French-speaking Switzerland. Dick took to French as a duck takes to water.

Actually we have learned that some students have the "knack" of adapting themselves to a foreign language. Others have no such aptitude, and probably could never learn to speak such a language natively—unless they had started learning at about age six.

But both my sons, it seems, had the "knack." Dick took to French—Garner Ted to Spanish. Under old Professor Mauler-Hiennecey, Dick became very proficient, after his four college years. It was the fulfillment of his life's dream when, near graduation time, 1952, he learned he was really going to be sent to Paris after graduation.

Dick still had enough "boy" in him to want to see if he could pass himself in France as a native Frenchman. In Paris he bought a beret, dressed like a Frenchman, and sallied forth to see if

he would be accepted as a native.

He was! It was a great thrill to him.

Later, in 1954, Mrs. Armstrong and I were being driven by Dick in his British Hillman-Minx car from Paris to Luxembourg to visit our radio station there. It was a hot afternoon. Mrs. Armstrong and I were thirsty, decided to stop at the next town for a Coca-Cola. Dick drove us up to a soft-drink parlor. He needed to fill the fuel tank with petrol, so he let us out saying he would join after gassing up.

In the soft-drink parlor we had a terrible time making the proprietor understand what we wanted. Coca-Cola may be "everywhere," as their commercials and advertisements say, but this Frenchman simply could not understand our way of saying it. Finally I pointed to a Coca-Cola sign I found on a wall. He nodded assent and served us.

In five or ten minutes Dick drove up, parked outside, and strolled in. He began talking to the proprietor.

"I don't understand!" said the proprietor, in French. "You are a Frenchman; these people seem to be your parents—but they are Americans; and your car is English with a British tag on it. It's all confusing!" he exclaimed with a French shrug.

He was SURE that Dick was a Frenchman! Then how could Americans be his parents? All this gave Dick very great satisfaction. And me, too—for here I had EVIDENCE that Ambassador College taught French so students could speak it natively, without accent!

On his two tours of South America, Garner Ted has enjoyed the same experience in the Spanish language.

Next month, we will continue in the development of Ambassador College.



Mr. Dick Armstrong, waving his Hom-burg hat, returns home at Los Angeles International Airport, 1952, after trip that took him behind Iron Curtain in Berlin and into most of western Europe.

by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. FOR SO IS THE WILL OF GOD . . . Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king" (I Pet. 2:13-17).

Take careful note of his wording. "Submit yourselves to every ordinance." Peter did *not* say, "*Obey* every ordinance." Of course not, He knew that many human regulations are wrong. God expects all Christians to obey human regulation whenever and wherever possible, and always submit to the penalty in case obedience to human law would be sin. We should never rebel or use violence even if we know human governments are making wrong decisions.

Christians are to be examples of submission to government regulations, no matter how childish or absurd some stipulations may be. "Be subject to principalities and powers . . . to be ready to every good work, to speak evil of NO man" (Titus 3:1, 2).

Is It Wrong Even to Speak Evil of Officials?

It is a common practice for people to resist government regulations and to accuse office-holders, whether the President or the corner policeman. This supposed "right" of the people is abominably misused. There is a righteous limit to the "freedom" of speech.

The Bible sets that limit by commanding you to refrain from speaking evil of dignitaries. Solomon said you are not to curse officials even in your thoughts (Ecc. 10:20).

It is reproachful to Christ as well as a dishonor to His authority for Christians to hurl or to repeat *needless accusations* against rulers. This, of course, does not mean that you can't say anything about a man's mistakes. Rather it means that no gossip or misrepresentation of facts which damage a person's character or prestige is to be repeated.

Christians should not fight the government in its own courts as certain deceived religious sects sometimes do. Rather submit, and patiently pray for God to change the circumstances according to His will.

Most Christians ought to pray more earnestly that their minds and hearts would be free from slanderous thoughts, NO MATTER HOW MUCH THE PERSON

SEEMS TO DESERVE THEM. The righteous Michael the archangel even refused to accuse Satan. He calmly said, "The Lord rebuke thee." Only the *ungodly* dig up evil to throw needlessly at their enemies (Prov. 16:27).

There is also another important point which has often been overlooked. In Romans 13:4, you read that Christians are to "be afraid" of government power, if they have committed evil. Yet Jesus taught us *not* to fear man, but rather fear God (Luke 12:5). How can you reconcile these verses?

By the fact that Christians are *not* actually to be afraid of the *men* in office, but rather "*of the power*" which they wield by God's permission. You fear their authority because they are the servants or revengers of God to curb crime. In reality, then, you are only fearing the power of God who gave this authority to rulers.

When you do good, you "may boldly say, 'The Lord is my helper, and I will NOT fear what *man* shall do unto me'" (Hebrews 13:6).

Is the Payment of Taxes Necessary?

Now comes an often-misunderstood part of this vital message. Should you pay taxes if you are a Christian? If so, why?

Paul said that Christians MUST PAY TAXES, CUSTOM DUTIES AND TRIBUTE to those in authority. Why? "For they are God's ministers," His servants, "attending continually upon this very thing." It is their job, their work to regulate society and to punish crime. Government costs money. Officials are worthy of their hire.

Because of covetousness, especially when income tax or land tax bills appear, some seize upon the words of Jesus in Matthew 17:24-27 as an excuse for failure to pay taxes. Notice what Jesus really said: Christians, being free and heirs of the Kingdom of God, should not be required to pay tribute to a *foreign* government, "notwithstanding, lest we should offend them . . . give unto them" the tax.

Yes, Christ commands you, just as Paul did, to pay taxes. And you should not pay them grudgingly, either. It is the right of leaders to receive remuneration for their duty. But what if officials are

not performing their duty properly or are squandering tax money for private ambition? Are you still to pay taxes?

Certainly. You are not the one to judge whether he is worthy of his hire. As long as any person is in office, you are to honor that office by submitting to it. It is so easy to forget that human beings are not the judges of one another—that God is the Judge. Officials are not responsible to the people but to God. Your responsibility ceases once you have honestly paid the tax or the duty. It is the official's responsibility to see that he properly administers the money.

Although this is the day of exorbitantly high government costs and subsequent high taxation, you should never fear that God may fail to provide the amount necessary to conform to state, Federal or local laws. Jesus provided Peter with the extra tribute money beyond the normal increase (Matt. 17:24-27).

Prayer for Officials

In the days of the Roman Empire, when Jesus was training his disciples, it was the custom of the government to *compel people to carry mail* and goods belonging to the Empire. Jesus referred to this forced practice when he said, "Whosoever shall compel thee to go a
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draining our nations of their economic strength. This in fulfillment of Hosea's prophecy: "Ephraim allows himself to be mixed up with foreigners; . . . Foreigners eat away his strength, unknown to him" (Hosea 7:8-9).

This prophecy applies primarily to Britain's great power which resided in her colonies and possessions. Other nations have been eating away at these. Britain has been reduced to a second-class power.

It is being said in London, by some, that Mr. Macmillan probably was the last British Prime Minister who will ever sit in any Big-Power conferences. Britain's sun has already set. Britain is in the fading moments of her dusk period. The blackness of night is drawing rapid-

ly on. Yet most Britons seem not to be conscious of what has happened to them.

America's sun is sinking rapidly toward the horizon. We may have about eight more years to go—but does anybody realize it?

Our Last President?

Could it be that the United States already has her last President? Is it possible that no other President will ever take up residence in the White House?

I do not say it will happen. God's prophecies do not name our individual



Wide World Photo

President Lyndon B. Johnson. Is it possible that he may be the last President the United States will have?

Presidents. I merely suggest that as a startling, yet entirely *possible* situation.

As I write, it appears President Johnson will be automatically nominated at the Democratic National Convention. On paper, it could easily be figured that he could be defeated in the election. But there are, already, indications that he may prove a much stronger President than anyone anticipated. He is eligible to be a candidate in 1964 not only, but also in 1968. If elected both times he would be in office until January, 1973.

And unless the people of the United States of America, as a whole, do a complete ABOUT-FACE in many ways they like to call so proudly "THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE," repent of it, turn to the Almighty GOD of creation, and SEEK GOD'S WAY OF LIFE, the indication of prophecy is that there may not be any United States of America by January 1973!

Is that a shocking statement? You think that couldn't happen here?

What was your first thought, when

you heard President Kennedy had been assassinated? Weren't you, like most of us, torn between shock and disbelief? Didn't you think, "Why, IMPOSSIBLE! That couldn't happen *here!*"

Do you know the lesson of history? Do you realize nations have always risen and then fallen?

Is GOD so unreal to you? Are you able to realize that God really does exist—that He is so MIGHTY that He sustains the whole vast UNIVERSE—rules over and controls every force, energy, and power in all the endless reaches of SPACE?

Are you oblivious to the FACTS—and to the SERIOUSNESS of the facts—of America's downward plunge in crime, in morality, in health, in mental sickness, in principles, in ethics, in honesty? Are you so sound asleep, or so mixed up in mind that you can't realize THERE HAS TO BE A DAY OF RECKONING?

Why Nations Collapse

God Almighty set in motion many invisible LAWS—some physical, some spiritual. The PURPOSE of these laws is to make possible every happiness, every blessing. The PURPOSE is to make possible PEACE, well-being, prosperity, security, interesting and abundant living—and, ETERNAL LIFE as God's free gift.

And our peoples are denying ourselves these blessings by *breaking* every one of these laws, God warns, in HIS WORD to US: OBEY these laws as our WAY OF LIFE, and we shall have these great blessings.

But, He warned, BREAK THEM, and every pain, suffering, sorrow and punishment will come to us.

And WHY?

You think the penalties were promised because God, in anger and resentment wants to deliberately make us suffer? God isn't going to send the punishment Personally. The punishment is AUTOMATIC. Augustine once believed that SIN is merely the absence of GOOD. God's LAW is THE WAY to peace, happiness, joy, prosperity, eternal life. Suffering is the ABSENCE of those things.

God's LAW was invented *and* put in motion to PREVENT our bringing on *ourselves* all these evils we are suffering.

God isn't a hating Monster. God SO LOVED the world that He devised and

set in motion THE WAY to keep us out of wretchedness and suffering. God SO LOVED the world that, even after we have brought these penalties on ourselves, He GAVE His only begotten Son that, if we will REPENT, and BELIEVE ON HIM, we should not suffer eternal death, but have EVERLASTING LIFE!

God has blessed the United States and the British with more wealth and national greatness than any nations in history. But we have used it IN VIOLATION OF HIS RIGHT LAWS. Thus we are failing to protect and KEEP the unmatched national status with which He blessed us!

Oh yes, it CAN, and unless we repent, *it will* happen here!

How many of YOU who read this are going to heed? THAT IS YOUR DECISION. God sets me as His Watchman (Ezek. 3:17-21; 33:1-16) to American and British Commonwealth peoples. Through the prophecies, and knowledge of world conditions, I SEE WHAT IS COMING—and YOU ARE BEING WARNED. But the decision is yours. And neglect *is* a decision—the WRONG one!

Time after time through the years, in *The PLAIN TRUTH*, in free booklets, we have been warning *our* peoples. I happen to know that governors of states, members of Congress, multi-millionaire businessmen, have been LISTENING to the broadcast—perhaps receiving *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Many listen *secretly*.

But these men DO listen, in spite of themselves! They can't help it! The TRUTH is too intriguing. It's shocking—it's different—it fascinates—and people simply CAN'T resist listening. Yes, TWENTY-TWO MILLION of them listen every week, on every continent around the world.

Watch World Events

But mere listening won't protect! It's going to take DOING!

Have you read the free booklet, "1975 in Prophecy"? That tells, in the language of today, what's GOING to happen by, or before, 1975. It gives you a SUMMARY of ALL prophesied events FROM HERE.

1964 is going to move us along toward that prophesied destination. Better read what it is. The booklet is free for the asking!



Wide World Photo

Soviet Premier Khrushchev continues Communists' program of subversion. Russian schools, in Moscow were attended by Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of Late President Kennedy. Is this where he learned his technique?

a Peruvian ex-Communist, also described a visit to this Comintern center in 1938 in his book *The Yenan Way*.

Incidentally, Ravines was the recipi-

ent in 1934 of the type of special revolutionary training given to foreign Communist leaders considered too important and busy to go through one of the colleges. His teachers were Mao Tse-tung, Chu Teh and Li Li-san, top Chinese Communists, who were quartered in a dacha several miles outside Moscow where their presence could not be detected by Western diplomats or newsmen.

The latter precaution was of the greatest assistance to Left Wingers in the United States and elsewhere who were still claiming as late as 1949 that the Chinese Communists had no connection whatever with the Soviet Union. These Chinese worthies coached Ravines for two weeks on how to set up a "popular front" movement, which he later succeeded in doing in Chile.

Since the war the secrecy cloaking these schools has been very dense. We know that Americans are being sent for short-term training to Prague, Czechoslovakia. Matt Cvetic, former F.B.I. counterspy in the Pittsburgh area, described to the writer the "holier-than-thou" air about the returning students. Whether this sort of decentralization has diminished the importance of the Moscow-situated schools we do not know.

We do know that the Soviets officially "abolished" the Comintern in 1943 as a gesture in return for American war materials. This was *strictly* a gesture however, and the functions of the once semi-autonomous Comintern were merely attached to the Kremlin apparatus.

America Without Defense

The only logical conclusion that can be drawn from the entire picture is that such a successful operation must be continuing. To date, our reaction to the Kremlin's political warfare offensive, staffed by these Moscow-trained shock troops, has been about as effective as spears against tanks, or bows and arrows against airplanes.

Let us hope devoutly that . . . an American political warfare training program for a cold war counterattack against communism, will be adopted . . . and that it will reverse the tide that so long has run against the cause of freedom.

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Personal from the Editor

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removal is an act of God." Later, on trial for his cowardly act, he said to the jury: "Let your verdict be that it was the Deity's act, not mine." The jury didn't see it that way.

After Czolgosz killed President McKinley he explained why: "I thought it would be a good thing for the nation to kill the President."

After attempting to kill President Truman, Collazo justified himself in court thus: "I did it for the cause of the liberty of my country."

Did any of these little warped-minded assassins repent of their foul deeds? NOT ONE! All thought they were men of destiny, taken over by the power of God to do their murders.

And very possibly many, if not all,

were taken over, and actually *possessed*, by demons in the service of the diabolical god of this world, Satan the devil!

Did you notice their foreign names? Most were of foreign birth, yet all were United States citizens at the time of their deeds. Not one did his terrible act out of personal animosity resulting from personal or official relationship. Not one was, apparently, a part of an organized conspiracy by any foreign government or even any organized cause.

It seems each acted on his own, independently of human organizations. Each was a little man, seized by an invisible satanic force, with illusions of diabolical grandeur, and a perverted sense of mission.

How can a nation completely protect its head from such men? Probably, in this world, it can't. But in the WORLD TOMORROW, with the divine and glorified Jesus Christ ruling all nations as KING of kings, all rulers will have been

born again—born of GOD as immortals, who CANNOT DIE! *Then, there will be no more assassinations.*

I know that I am an instrument in the hands of the true Creator GOD—but I am commissioned to preach LOVE, and MERCY, PEACE and JUSTICE, and the Commandments of God, one of which is: THOU SHALT NOT KILL (do no murder).

John F. Kennedy was a Roman Catholic, and I am not—I take no part in politics, and therefore I *did not vote* for him—BUT I DID PRAY FOR HIM, and I hope you did, too!

I believe all true and understanding non-Catholic Christians were as shocked and grieved by this terrible murder as were Catholics. Mr. Kennedy was the President of the United States! As such we felt a respect, a high regard, and even a LOVE for the leader of the country of our birth and the country which has blest us so richly and given us its protection, its liberties, its freedoms, its

opportunities and blessings!

I wonder how many of our readers know that the Bible commands us to pray for the heads of our nations? The Bible does *not* command us to take part in this world's politics—strange as that may seem to many. But it *does* emphatically teach RESPECT for, and SUBMISSION TO the government of man that is over us.

Jesus Christ took no part whatsoever in human government—but He did command, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's"—meaning taxes, as well as subjection and respect.

Actually Jesus Christ came to qualify to become KING over the whole world. But His kingdom was not of *this* present world. The Old Covenant with Israel "married" (spiritually) that nation to the Eternal. The NEW Covenant is to "marry" God's Church to Christ. This is to set up GOD'S GOVERNMENT on earth. The Church, then, is the affianced Bride of Christ (Rev. 19:7-9), now *engaged*, and expected to remain true to her future husband by avoiding fornication. The false church has committed fornication—HOW? By mixing in this world's politics!! (Rev. 17:1-2.)

But though Christ's Church is forbidden to be a *part* of this world's governments, IT IS STRICTLY COMMANDED TO BE SUBJECT to the worldly government—to honor and pray for its rulers.

Notice: "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, *prayers*, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; FOR KINGS, AND FOR ALL THAT ARE IN AUTHORITY; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (I Tim. 2:1-2).

Again, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever, therefore, resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation" (Rom. 13:1-2). These little assassins resisted—and, in every case, TO THEIR OWN DAMNATION!

To Titus, Paul admonished: "Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready for every good work" (Titus 3:1).

Peter speaks of those who "despise government, . . . not afraid to speak evil of dignities" (II Pet. 2:10). He says they shall receive the reward of unrighteousness (which is death). "Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings."

God's Word teaches us to have RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY. There can be no power, except *as God allows*. The Bible does not teach that this world's governments are righteous, or representing God. But, so long as God *allows* them to wield an authority HE established—even though they wield it contrary to His laws—to disrespect the government is to disrespect God.

OBEDIENCE TO LAW is the basic teaching of the Bible.

RESPECT FOR CONSTITUTED AUTHORITY is commanded by GOD!

Therefore, whether we agree with the man in office—his religion—his political party—his ideas, or whatever—GOD COMMANDS US TO RESPECT HIS OFFICE, TO HONOR IT, AND TO PRAY FOR HIM!

If any good whatsoever can conceivably come out of a presidential assassination, let it sober us and teach us some of these lessons.

Our staff at the college in England report that the British were as shocked as if it had been their Queen—and mourned Mr. Kennedy's death in just about the same manner they would have, had it been Queen Elizabeth! There may be a certain nationalistic feeling on the surface toward the United States on the part of some in Britain—but when something like this comes along, all that is immediately forgotten, and brother Ephraim mourns with brother Manasseh, and we realize we are one and the same people.

Personally, I think I was too stunned to shed tears. But Garner Ted Armstrong received the news before I did—an hour and ten minutes before he was due before the microphone for the daily broadcast of *The WORLD TOMORROW*. He went immediately to his desk to prepare the broadcast. Then, when news came later that the President was dead, he shed real spontaneous tears, and prayed to God to inspire him to say what ought to be said in his noon broadcast.

The program goes, live, on the air over a local station from our own studio at 12 noon. As the program is being heard over the Los Angeles area between 12 and 12:30, it is simultaneously being recorded on tape by our large battery of Ampex tape recorders. There is a master tape, from which scores of other tapes are recorded later in the day, and dispatched by air-express to radio stations all over the world. What was said on that program, one short hour after the assassination of the President, was spontaneous, and nearly all ad-libbed—as are virtually all *WORLD TOMORROW* programs. I hope most of our readers heard it.

But, emotionally as tragedies like this strike us, it is for us, the living, to press on. We in the Work of God have our biggest work yet to do. Time is short. It is later than we think!

I know that the same Satan, who undoubtedly is the real author of these assassinations of so many heads of governments, would—if he could—have me killed. And also my son Garner Ted Armstrong, and the other ministers on our growing staff.

Right now Satan is very ANGRY—because he knows well that he has but a short time left (Rev. 12:12). And against whom is he stirred to such satanic fury?

Against those people of God who "keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev. 12:17).

This is the Work of God that preaches that very TRUTH so hateful to the god of this world! But Satan is LIMITED in his powers! He can do no more than God *allows*!

I well know that my very life must be in the hands of the Eternal Almighty GOD. Unless He protects it, Satan would instantly destroy it! But we here, at the Headquarters of God's Work, take courage and inspiration to press on in the knowledge that thousands are praying earnestly for our protection and safety, as well as divine guidance and power!

But we should pray, even more, and in renewed fervor and intensity and faith, "THY KINGDOM COME; THY WILL BE DONE, IN EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN!"