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MR. ARMSTRONG STEPPING UP PACE OF WORK ON ALL FRONTS

by Herbert W. Armstrong

As announced in the February 8th letter to Members and Co-Workers, the year 1981 is starting out with the final lunge forward and increased burst of speed as we come in on the final home stretch FINISHING GOD'S WORK.

It is going to require extra sacrifice, stepped up drive and energy, increased intensified, earnest and prevailing PRAYER and effort on the part of all--ministers and lay members alike.

NEVER have we been so UNIFIED TOGETHER throughout the whole Church. The living Christ has been getting the whole Church back on the track. All ministers who have been in Pasadena on the Refresher Program will tell you there has NEVER in twelve years been such harmony and cooperation at all spiritual levels at Pasadena. UNITEDLY God's great spiritual END-TIME WORK is generating a final burst of speed with renewed vitality.

Twice-Monthly Combined Church Meetings at Church Centers

Last Sabbath I flew up to Seattle for a combined Church service of churches in the Seattle area. There were 2,500 brethren there. Some came down from Canada. A few came up from Portland. Virtually all brethren within the state of Washington were there. It was an enthusiastic and joyous gathering of brethren in the Pacific Northwest.

A week from this Sabbath (which is tomorrow) and two weeks from the Seattle meeting, I plan to speak at the largest congregation, outside of Pasadena, in the entire Church--which is at Big Sandy, Texas. Dr. Don Ward, who is Pastor there, expects to match the Seattle assembly of 2,500 brethren.

I now plan, relying on God to infuse me with His energy and vitality, to speak at various such centers over the United States and Canada every two weeks.

This present week on Tuesday I recorded two more television half-hour programs, and two radio programs. On Wednesday two more TV and two more radio. When I returned from the Tokyo-Manila trip, arriving home at precisely 9 a.m. Sunday morning, my program was just starting on our local channel 11. It was the first of the new series of TV programs. Prior to that program we had eight of the new programs recorded in advance. Now, with that, two of those programs have been aired. But as of this minute we have 12 programs ahead not yet run. We have gained

four more programs in reserve; I have recorded six new programs since returning home. I hope to be able to do four new programs every week from now on, except if I have to be overseas.

Yesterday I went to Big Sandy. I was amazingly surprised to see the well-maintained, virtually immaculate condition of the campus there, even though everything has been closed down so long. Few junior colleges in the U.S. have such superb facilities. Following is a report on the visit I wrote on the flight back last evening.

I knew there would be pressure brought to open also the Imperial School there. I found the Imperial School separate campus and facility in the same well-maintained condition--an especially fine, modern facility. At Pasadena we have reopened the Imperial School on a basis where parents' tuitions virtually pay the costs. I have directed a complete research of this situation as it applies to Big Sandy.

If, as at Pasadena, parental tuitions can defray the costs so that it will not have to be supported out of the general Church budget, it is possible the Imperial School may reopen also at Big Sandy simultaneously with the college campus. The physical facility is all ready to go. I am told most of the faculty is available and waiting. There can well be a certain amount of cooperation in the teaching load from the college faculty--as there is at Pasadena. God wants His Church to be concerned about the children, and close parent-child relationships--that is, whole FAMILY relationships among God's people.

What we can do within our means, God wants us to do.

All around the world, reports are coming in that growth in the Church and its Work is once again, for the first time in about 12-14 years, mounting up close to 30% per year. When WE, THE CHURCH here on earth, are pleasing GOD, then He blesses us with GROWTH. Success depends more on how well WE please HIM than on our efforts in other directions. Of ourselves we can do NOTHING. "GOD doeth the WORK!" We are instruments.

All Church troubles through the years have come from NON-spiritual political efforts for personal human power, position or money. I have labored ceaselessly these past 2 1/2 years to put God's Church back on GOD'S track, PLEASING TO HIM. The fact of the surge forward in growth reports, not only over the U.S., but in Britain, Europe, Canada and around the world (the Philippines, I found, is on a 30% increase now).

Fellow ministers and wives, PRAY and fast, and pray as NEVER BEFORE. Put your whole mind and heart into GOD'S WORK!

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BIG SANDY CAMPUS OPENS AGAIN

by

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En route from Big Sandy, Feb. 19:

I have spent the entire afternoon on the Big Sandy campus. It was a revelation! I had forgotten how beautiful it is! And many of the inside facilities are actually superior to those on the Pasadena campus. I found everything beautifully maintained, both on grounds, and in buildings. It is a superior facility!

After conferences with Mr. Raymond McNair, Deputy Chancellor at the Pasadena campus, Mr. Leon Walker, to be Deputy Chancellor at the Big Sandy campus, Dr. Don Ward, to be Dean of Faculty at Big Sandy, Mr. Ron Kelly, to be Dean of Students, Mr. Ellis LaRavia, Director of Grounds at both campuses, and Mr. Leroy Neff my executive assistant, considerable progress was made in selection of the faculty of the reopened Ambassador Junior College--to be a two-year college, opening this fall.

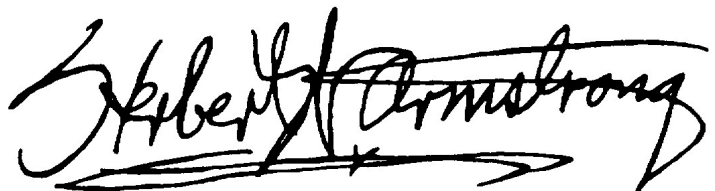
I cannot announce the new faculty until members have been contacted and their appointment confirmed. But I can tell you that all considered faculty members are loyal members of the Worldwide Church of God. Also that the proposed faculty, subject to their acceptance, will be selected from ten PhD's and eight holding M.A. degrees--none lower.

We were enthusiastically elated over the prospect of such a fine and highly qualified faculty--and all dedicated members of God's Church!

I had not seen the new Science Lecture Building, with its labs and a lecture auditorium seating 200, and available for classes other than those in Science. It is a fine facility in every respect, up to Ambassador standards.

I was surprised to see, on inspection, that dormitory buildings are in excellent condition. The Library Building--in fact all facilities--are in excellent condition, and have been well maintained. It was a joy to have luncheon served in the same seat I had previously used for years --and the room seemingly as new as when first occupied. The auditorium is a beautiful facility as it was remodeled some little time before the closure of the college. It will seat more than 2,500--twice the seating capacity of the superb Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena--and a beautiful room.

We all felt like shouting for joy. The campus, with very little work to be done on it, it ALL READY for reopening to new students this fall. One hundred new freshmen will be admitted. Seventy-five sophomores will be transferred from Pasadena.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Herbert W. Armstrong". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

A Voice Cries Out: YES! There is a National Emergency!

The question made news in late December:
Should Mr. Reagan declare an economic
emergency on inauguration? President
Carter said *No!* Others, *Yes!* Just what is the
condition now, and *where are we headed?*

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YES! WE are now deep in much more than an economic emergency! We're in a social emergency—a moral emergency—an international emergency—a military life-and-death emergency! The weapons of mass destruction, for the first time since mankind inhabited this planet, can erase humanity from the earth!

But we're too occupied taking confident pride in awesome 20th-century achievements in science, technology, business and industry to notice *OUR REAL AND IMMINENT DANGER!*

We've had our minds on what we think of as 20th-century "PROGRESS"! It seems that the human mind is virtually limitless in what it can accomplish! We assume confident and smug complacency in such mind-boggling feats as sending men to the moon and safely back, receiving unmanned spacecraft close-up photos of Jupiter, Saturn and the Martian surface, such technological productions as the computer! And even full-color television and modern telephonic advances would astonish those who died in the 19th century.

But, just when we pat ourselves on our backs, and think we're pretty good and far "advanced"—WHAM! An astronaut returns safely from a moon voyage and finds he is helpless to handle his family problems. His home and family breaks up in divorce!

We are *helpless* before our troubles and the myriad evils that confront mankind.



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Our marriage, home and family structure, on which a *stable and permanent* society is based, has broken down. People can't get along with *people, factions with factions, nations with nations*.

Why? Our successes are physical and material, but our troubles and evils are in the spiritual realm.

Even in the physical and material area it takes time, patience and perseverance. A motorcar company loses millions calling back certain models to correct a mechanical fault. Yet, with patience and at smaller or greater cost, we do make continual progress, in the physical and material areas, that is. So we think we are pretty good! These materialistic achievements do boost our vaunted morale! But we like to ignore causes of spiritual problems.

I've been hammering away on the fact there is a *CAUSE* for every effect—and humanity has tended to deal with effects instead of correcting causes in trouble areas! I repeat again and again and again—*THERE IS A SPIRITUAL LAW* that governs the problems, troubles and evils we've been unable to solve. We smugly prefer to ignore it in our confident vanity

Yet it's as inexorable—as relentless and as certain as the law of gravity. Break it, and it breaks you.

That spiritual law is the principle—the motivation—the attitude of outflowing LOVE. It is outflowing concern for the good and welfare of others. I simplify it by the term "GIVE" and its transgression as "GET."

This materialistic world has been traveling the way of "GET"—self-centeredness, covetousness, envy and jealousy, competition, strife, violence and war, resentment of authority.

The invisible law of "GIVE" is cooperating, helping, serving, sharing. If we would all live with that incentive our troubles and evils would vanish. *But this civilization will not!*

Where does that leave us? Our evils and woes are accelerating. We are speeding on a collision course with human annihilation!

But thank God! Before such final crash, that all-powerful, all-"GIVE" "Strong Hand from Someplace" is going to intervene in this world's affairs, and save a rebellious humanity from itself! All humanity shall be compelled to enjoy peace, happiness, universal abundance in well-being!

Science, industry, human government will not achieve this. It will have to be done to us! Of course, that means that at last mortal eyes shall be opened to the TRUE VALUES—and *to* the spiritual way of "GIVE." Humanity shall learn, at last, that truly it is "more blessed to give than to receive!" Indeed, some of us are *learning it already!*

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