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## Looking Into the World Tomorrow

**By Herbert W. Armstrong**  
Let's be sure we understand what our lives are all about!

Here we are in the middle of the ninth decade of the 20th century. We know we are in the very last decades of the 6,000 years of human life on this earth. And at the end of that 6,000 years Jesus Christ will come in HIS GLORY AND SUPREME POWER!

He is coming to remove Satan from deceiving mankind. He is coming to GOVERN — TO RULE OVER ALL NATIONS!

And we of the Church — if we remove all our spots and wrinkles (Ephesians 5:25-27) — are to have important positions in the worldwide GOVERNMENT TO RULE ALL NATIONS FOR A THOUSAND YEARS!

We keep the Feast of Tabernacles to get a foretaste of that wonderful WORLD TOMORROW. And it is nearer now than you think!

We need to get our bearings. We need to know what went on before — and where we are today in the events working out God's tremendous MASTER PLAN!

First, angels inhabited this earth before man. Those angels SINNED (II Peter 2:4) under the super archangel LUCIFER (Isaiah 14:12-15), who was created by God PERFECT IN ALL HIS WAYS — until rebellion and iniquity were found in him (Ezekiel 28:15). Lucifer's name was changed to SATAN.

Then God created MAN — male and female — Adam and Eve. God instructed them fully, but they rejected God as

Revealer of knowledge, as their God and as RULER.

So God SHUT ALL MANKIND OFF FROM HIM AND HIS HOLY SPIRIT (Genesis 3:22-24) except those infinitesimal FEW God would specially call for SPECIAL COMMISSION OR DUTY PREPARING FOR HIS KINGDOM.

For almost 6,000 years now, NO OTHERS BUT THOSE FEW have been able to come to Jesus Christ (John 6:44), although millions have been misled by Satan to think they are Christians. God has called NO ONE JUST FOR SALVATION! You were

spiritual creation BEGAN with Jesus Christ.

To keep His Church in mind of God's SPIRITUAL CREATION OF MAN, God appointed SEVEN ANNUAL FESTIVALS!

The FIRST of these festivals is the PASSOVER, which comes on the eve of the 14th day of the first month of the sacred calendar, in the spring.

The SECOND festival, the Days of Unleavened Bread, lasts SEVEN DAYS, the first and seventh of which are annual SABBATHS. The Passover pictures to us the DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST

WORLD. To attain salvation is MUCH HARDER than it will be for the overwhelming MAJORITY to be called during the Millennium and Great White Throne Judgment. But, if we OVERCOME Satan and his world, we shall REIGN WITH JESUS CHRIST!

The FIFTH festival is the most solemn day of the year, the Day of Atonement — a holy convocation. It is a day of fasting. It pictures Jesus Christ doing away with Satan, so that Satan cannot tempt those during the Millennium or the Great White Throne Judgment. It pictures AT-ONE-

another year progressively fulfilling the work we have been given to do.

This year, perhaps more than ever before, we need to attend! The strengthening of our resolve to fulfill the great commission of preaching the Gospel to the world is bringing new vigor and NEW PERSPECTIVE into a more dynamic and dedicated Church. We ALL need to feel this impact. Pray to become more inspired and more dedicated to the work that yet lies ahead.

This Feast is the time for us to hear the vital messages that relate to the times in which we live and the deep meaning of the prophetic events that are beginning to happen. Sermons portraying the meaning of recent events and the fulfillment of prophecy in our time will be absolutely vital to hear. You cannot afford to miss a single service!

God knows His Church needs new LIFE, new VIGOR and GREATER INSPIRATION! This Feast of Tabernacles promises to be jam-packed with just what you need to fulfill the very purpose for which you are on earth.

### Unprecedented impact

When this Festival brings some 6,000 to 10,000 people into a community for eight days, the impact on that area is simply UNPRECEDENTED! The entire community wonders what these people will be like. Anticipating the worst (having experienced other large crowds drawn by rock bands and public demonstrations), and yet hoping for the best, each area in its own particular way girds for the onslaught of our "conventioners."

For example: Our Festival Office staff members are often asked: "What kind of people are these?" "What do they believe?" "What is the Feast of Tabernacles?" "How will they treat my establishment?" "Are they heavy drinkers?" These and dozens of other questions are running through the minds of thousands of the local residents.

You will give them the (See TOMORROW, page 8)



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called for the special duty of standing behind Jesus Christ's apostle in preparing for THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

### A special people

We, then, are a SPECIAL and PECULIAR PEOPLE (I Peter 2:9), not of this world — thousands of people backing Jesus' apostle in going to the world.

God established a 7,000-year MASTER PLAN for accomplishing HIS PURPOSE in MAN! Yet there is DUALITY in everything God does.

God's work through humans started with the creation of the first man, ADAM (and his wife, Eve). The PHYSICAL creation of man began with Adam. But the SPIRITUAL creation of man begins with the second Adam, JESUS CHRIST. Man's ultimate

— His SHED BLOOD for the remission of our sins UPON REAL REPENTANCE. The second festival pictures the coming out of SIN, as the Israelites came out of Egypt during those same seven days.

The THIRD festival is the "Feast of Firstfruits," called in New Testament times "Pentecost." It reminds us that the FEW of us in God's Church are only the FIRST SMALL HARVEST of God's spiritual harvest.

The FOURTH festival, the Feast of Trumpets, comes on the first day of the seventh month of the sacred calendar. It pictures to us the RETURN of JESUS CHRIST TO EARTH IN SUPREME POWER to rule all nations.

Up to then, the VERY FEW called by God have had to overcome SATAN and SATAN'S

MENT with God.

Then the SIXTH festival is the one we are now about to celebrate — the FEAST OF TABERNACLES. It pictures the GREAT MAIN HARVEST OF THIS 7,000 years.

The SEVENTH festival, the Last Great Day, follows the SEVEN DAYS of the Feast of Tabernacles. The first of these seven days is a high Sabbath, and the one day following the Feast of Tabernacles — the eighth day — is a high Sabbath, picturing the GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT.

### A time of rejuvenation

The Feast of Tabernacles is intended to be a time of inspiration, a time of rejuvenation! It is the only time in the year that God makes it possible for all His children to rest from their regular duties, to worship and rejoice together, to concentrate on the deep meaning of the age in which we live and RENEW our personal dedication to the commission we have been given!

Attending this Feast of Tabernacles, YOU should be refreshed by living eight days in a manner that renews your perspective of God's coming Kingdom and REDEDICATED to go out

serves are about what was expected.

The General Ledger section of the Accounting Department completed its financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30. It is pleasing to see that the "fund balances" have increased about 6 percent during the year.

This fiscal report is not an audited report, as only the annual report is audited. It is used to measure progress at midyear, and to fulfill requirements of certain loan contracts.

Church members contribute

about 80 percent of the income received by the Church, co-workers about 15 percent and donors about 5 percent. These figures vary a little from time to time.

There are about as many co-workers as there are members, and these two categories provide about 95 percent of the income of the Church.

These contributors make it financially possible for the Gospel to be preached to the world for a witness, on television, radio and by the printed page. Millions hear and see this good news and benefit from it, while tens of thousands make it possible. This reminds me of Gideon's army of 300 in Judges 7.

Most members are generous in their offerings as well as being faithful in tithing. There are, no doubt, exceptions to this. What the Church needs is more financial laborers for the harvest. If we pray earnestly, I am sure that God will influence many others from among those millions to join us in this effort, and abundantly supply the need.

## Finances up, reports treasurer

By Leroy Neff

PASADENA — The July report is a little more encouraging than last month. July income was up 17.1 percent over July, 1984.

*Evangelist Leroy Neff is treasurer of the Worldwide Church of God.*

Such a good increase brought the year-to-date increase to 12.3 percent, which is just a little over budget. Expenses are still at about the same level as last year so cash re-

### Pre-Feast Worldwide News

PASADENA — "Preparations continue to go very smoothly overall for this year's Feast of Tabernacles, although much remains to be accomplished," said evangelist Ellis La Ravia, a member of the Festival coordinating team.

"Each of us individually should begin now to concentrate on completing our personal Feast plans," he continued. "We hope the articles in this issue of *The Worldwide News* will help."

Articles to help brethren prepare for the Feast begin with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's article on this page.

### World Tomorrow: No. 1

PASADENA — *The World Tomorrow* is aired in more television markets than any other religious program in the United States, according to the May syndicated program analysis from Arbitron, an independent television and radio ratings service.

The *World Tomorrow* telecast now airs on 290 stations in 196 markets.

David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing, said: "We have the highest potential viewing audience of any religious program aired in the U.S. We have the potential of reaching 98.8 percent of Americans, virtually the entire U.S. population."

"Arbitron publishes a report every three months," Mr. Hulme told *The Worldwide News* Aug. 9. "When the next one comes out in September, we expect to be No. 1 in some other categories, since we use more television stations than any other religious program and have added several new ones in the past few months."

## Tomorrow

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answers, by your example, for a full eight days!

Here is the opportunity to be a LIGHT to the world by LIVING the picture of the Millennium—the Kingdom of God in action on this earth—as a witness to these people.

We can, by our own PERSONAL EXAMPLES during this Festival, be used by God as a powerful witness that may help lead others into the very truth of God—and a way of escape from the terrible times ahead!

### We set an example

THINK about that as it is a very real responsibility!

God expects us to set an example for others. That EXAMPLE is Jesus Christ living His life in you! At the Feast of Taber-

done in MODERATION. However, let's not flaunt this privilege before the community by drinking to excess!

We need not hide what we do, but we do need to guard against setting a wrong example in the communities that are hosts of the Festival.

The apostle Paul said, "Do not let your good be spoken of as evil" (Romans 14:16, Revised Authorized Version throughout). Paul continued to say, "It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak" (verse 21).

We are to be a light and an example to others. Please set a good example and BE MODERATE in ALL things!

### Give according to blessings

Remember, also, God com-

Remember that "God loves a cheerful giver" (II Corinthians 9:7). PLAN to give as generous an offering as you can possibly afford, according to the blessing God has given you. We are God's people! Let's continue proving it to Him!

This year we are again looking forward to one of the finest, most inspiring Feasts of Tabernacles of all!

There is no way to describe the emotional IMPACT and the DEEP THRILL that can be yours in journeying to the place God has set His name in a humble, yielded and worshipful attitude where thousands of others are assembled together, gathering as one family in one place for the observance of God's annual Festival!

From the first sound of thousands of voices lifted in song during the opening service to the

ing in Bible studies, family occasions, recreational activities such as boating, waterskiing, picnicking, hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, fishing, visiting historical sites or tourist attractions or just relaxing with one's family around the pool with a group of friends.

God has given you all this—and more—in His Feast of Tab-

ernacles! However, let's keep this Feast fully understanding WHY we do so, RENEWING once again the meaning of this Festival and REDEDICATING ourselves to the work that God has called us to finish.

May God be with you and bless this Feast of Tabernacles even beyond our expectations!



**PRESS TOUR** — From left: Roger Lippress, production director of Publishing Services; Colin Passmore, managing director of Ambassador Press; Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services; Dexter Faulkner, managing editor of the Church's publications; and Boyd Leeson, U.S. Plain Truth circulation manager; tour Ambassador Press in Radlett, England, Aug. 6. [Photo by David Gunn]

## Press rebuilds equipment to handle British growth

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Ambassador Press in Radlett, England, has made various improvements to meet demand caused by an increased pressrun for *The Plain Truth*, according to David Gunn, printing coordinator.

The pressrun at Ambassador Press, owned by the Passmore Print Group, increased with the concentration of foreign-language-edition printing in England and increases in *Plain Truth* circulation, Mr. Gunn said.

The changes mean that Ambassador Press will be able to maintain the two-week cycle of printing and mailing *The Plain Truth*.

All presses were rebuilt to improve output and quality. A high-speed binding line was installed along with linking equipment so bound magazines can be moved around the bindery automatically. This streamlines the flow of work through to the Mailing Department, Mr. Gunn said.

The Mailing Department has also expanded by adding a second plastic-wrap machine with specifications selected for *The Plain Truth*.

These developments mean that Ambassador Press can more efficiently cope with the Church's production needs and give the Church better service in all areas, Mr. Gunn said.

Colin Passmore, managing director of Ambassador Press, told us that when we said we were going to grow he believed us, but he was surprised at the speed of growth, Mr. Gunn said.

### Special Music Needed for Sites

PASADENA — Choir members, soloists and instrumentalists are still needed to perform special music at several Feast sites, including Anchorage, Alaska, and Corpus Christi, Tex., according to the Festival Office. Please immediately contact the appropriate Festival choir director as listed in the June 24 *Worldwide News*.

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nacles, we should express to each community the fruits of a totally changed and converted life. That is a very important way in which each one of you can serve!

Jesus lived a life of cleanliness; He took care of the property of others! He undoubtedly paid His bills in full and on time. Let's be aware that our relationship with each individual with whom we come in contact at the Festival is representative of the Church as a whole.

We have been called out of a darkened world to be a light—to shine before men that they may see our GOOD WORKS and glorify our Father who is in heaven.

Drinking, for example, is a part of this festive week when

mands us NOT TO COME EMPTY to His Festival, but to plan ahead, and be prepared to give a generous offering, ACCORDING to the blessing He has given us.

Notice! "Three times a year all your males shall appear before the Lord your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks [Pentecost], and at the FEAST OF TABERNACLES; and they shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed" (Deuteronomy 16:16).

God says each is to give, AS HE is able (verse 17).

Where OUR TREASURE is, that is where OUR HEARTS will be also! Where is YOUR heart? Hopefully in the work Jesus Christ is doing!

So please THINK about it.

closing prayer, the Festival is always an exciting, thrilling and never-to-be-forgotten experience. There will be literally thousands of fellow heirs in Jesus Christ in our midst, thousands to whom every day, every event will be an experience they will cherish for the rest of their lives!

### The week of the Feast

Just think of what lies ahead during the week of the Feast of Tabernacles: the wonderful opportunity of visiting and fellowshiping with thousands of others in whom is the Spirit of God; attending inspiring, uplifting, dynamic services and hearing the meaningful sermons; attending the many special activities scheduled; participat-

ing independence began a little more than two decades ago."

More than 15 years ago Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong began to accept invitations to visit world leaders—to spread the Gospel to the gentile world. Some were overthrown before he could accept a second invitation.

We look forward to a world of permanent leaders. Those in high office will be immortal. At that time another proverb will have found its ultimate fulfillment. "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice" (Proverbs 29:2).

## Aftershock

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ple outright, with an additional billion succumbing later to injuries from the blasts, fires and radiation.

And speculations about a resultant nuclear winter—dust and smoke hovering in the atmosphere, shutting out sunlight, producing severe temperature drops and a catastrophic decline in agricultural production—indicate the death toll could rise as high as four billion, or about 90 percent of the human population.

Imagine! Only a tithing of humanity left. And it could be worse if the effects of nuclear winter were transported south of the equator where 10 percent of the population live. (Nearly all the major population centers, including India, are in the Northern Hemisphere.)

Thus, all humankind is threatened with extinction, confirming Matthew 24:22—"unless those

days were shortened, no flesh would be saved" (Revised Authorized Version).

Dr. Brown wrote that it is foolish to rely on concepts such as "mutually assured destruction" to guarantee that the ultimate war will not break out. History reveals that human beings, he said, "have shown that they are willing to see everything destroyed if they cannot have their way."

The beginning of a "nuclear build-down" is urgently needed, Dr. Brown contended, "paving the way for bringing some kind of order out of the international anarchy from which the whole world suffers."

The creation of, as he called it, "truly effective peacekeeping machinery" is imperative, so that "international disputes together with warlike actions" can be handled by means of a "global legal code backed up by the legal, military and economic machinery needed to take firm enforcement measures when required."

What Dr. Brown is describing, in secular terms, is not only what is needed, but what is soon to occur to this war-ravaged planet.

Soon, the Kingdom of God will be established. It will have the "legal, military and economic machinery" and power to enforce world peace (see Revelation 2:26-27).

This government of God will enforce the one "global legal code" that all men can live by successfully—the law of God.

Many of the great minds of this world, scientists, educators and politicians, know that a world government is needed. But they can't see how it will come about.

"I am not so naive," said Dr. Brown, "as to suppose that a full-fledged world government can be created in the near future."

Scripture reveals how a world government will be established. In the words of Jesus Christ, the coming King of kings: "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).

## Leadership

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tary, disembarked from the train and gave his official greeter a Russian bear hug. Later Mr. Brezhnev (looking none too well) was shown approaching Finlandia Hall where the original CSCE meetings also took place 10 years ago.

Then Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko was seen entering Finlandia Hall. Then U.S. President Gerald Ford and family.

Also Marshal Josip Tito of Yugoslavia. And finally Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of the Federal Republic of Germany.

These 10-year-old news reports stimulated some thoughts. These leaders had one thing in common. Not a single one was in attendance at Helsinki 1985. Mr. Brezhnev and Mr. Tito are dead. Mr. Gromyko has moved on to another office. Mr. Ford is out of office. Mr. Schmidt is associated with a leading West German newspaper.

Human leadership is fragile. This age seems to be particularly hazardous for political leaders.

Great length of reign can be a great blessing. Saul, David and Solomon each reigned 40 years. There was continuity of leadership.

England prospered during the 64-year reign of Queen Victoria. The present constitutional monarchy (Queen Elizabeth II has reigned more than 30 years) has benefited Britain more than many have realized.

Disruptions in leadership can cause chaos. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill was summarily dismissed by the British electorate

in 1945. By the time he assumed the office of prime minister for the second time in 1951, the British Empire had virtually disappeared.

U.S. President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated in the early weeks of his second term. The Civil War had damaged the nation severely. A constructive healing process was desperately needed. President Lincoln believed in great magnanimity toward the South. But hope for an orderly healing process was dashed to pieces with his sudden death. The South suffered needlessly.

Long reigns of wicked rulers are, of course, counterproductive. King Manasseh of ancient Judah reigned 55 years. He rivaled King Ahab for wickedness. The people suffered greatly under Manasseh in spite of a late repentance on his part. Nevertheless, frequent changes in leadership usually spell trouble.

The proverb says: "Because of the transgression of a land, many are its princes" (Proverbs 28:2, Revised Authorized Version throughout). Transgression of God's Law creates a climate conducive to musical offices. A series of wicked rulers causes transgression. It's a vicious circle.

Historically, the kings of Israel were infamous for their wickedness and short reigns. One only reigned a few days. Twice, three kings reigned in the same year. Of course, there were exceptions. Israel prospered materially (but not spiritually) during the long reign of Jeroboam II.

In our day, this principle still applies. *The Times* of London reported July 29: "Uganda's military coup is the 140th change of government in Black Africa since the wave