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TITO'S DEATH TO HASTEN U.S. OF EUROPE

by Herbert W. Armstrong

As I write, Friday noon, President Tito of Yugoslavia is at point of death. News reports say he has passed "point of no return." His death will SPEED UP the prophesied resurrection of the medieval "Holy Roman Empire" in Europe.

Josip Broz Tito is just two months older than I. He would be 88 May 25.

Russian troops have been massing near the Yugoslav border recently. This is stirring excitement and concern in Europe and in Washington. President Carter recently had a private telephone conversation with Tito. He has promised military aid, in case of Soviet invasion. Military aid in this case evidently means sending military arms and supplies.

Now just what will happen?

The whole world stands poised, now, for major climactic events, as things move much more swiftly toward the grand CLIMAX AT THE CLOSE OF THE AGE. The world crisis DEEPENS week by week. News is happening MUCH FASTER now. God is NO LONGER HOLDING WORLD EVENTS BACK.

The furor President Tito's imminency of death has caused in Europe and Washington means this: The Russian bear will stand poised, READY to invade Yugoslavia. It is vital and important to the USSR's plans for world domination to take possession of Yugoslavia. But because of the reaction AGAINST a Soviet strike into Yugoslavia right on the heels of their intervention in Afghanistan, I think Moscow will NOT invade Yugoslavia immediately, but stand poised and READY, thus provoking a WAR OF NERVES!

But neither the Kremlin nor the Administration in Washington remotely suspect what actually will happen.

The Red Army threat will SPEED UP even faster the plans now going on secretly between certain heads in Europe and the Vatican, to bring back to life the so-called HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE, with the Pope riding "the Beast."

The Russian troops rushed into Afghanistan, the threat of a Red army invasion of Iran "to settle the confusion there," the threat of massed forces on the borders of Western Europe, all combine to arouse leaders in Europe--especially West Germany, France and Italy--to the point almost of consternation. They must move and they must now move FAST!

There will now be an effort to bring Yugoslavia into the Holy Roman Empire alliance! There will be strong pressure from the Vatican, in view of the Pope's visit to his native Poland, to bring Poland into the new United States of Europe. If Yugoslavia and Poland go in, then expect at least Rumania also to go in.

Prophecy says there will be TEN NATIONS (or groups of nations such as the Benelux), but it does not say WHICH nations. The WHICH nations is speculation, but current rapid-fire news happenings do give us significant clues.

Yugoslavia is a country made up of three former small nations, each with its own language. At the San Francisco Conference, summer of 1945, where the Charter for the UNITED NATIONS was drawn up, I had a long private interview with a former Prime Minister of one of these countries. He told me of how the new communist government took farms and businesses away from owners--the government suddenly owned EVERYTHING.

TIME IS NOW SHORT and rapidly GROWING SHORTER! We need to be sure GOD'S CHURCH IS 100% BACK ON THE TRACK, and READY for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ to RULE ALL NATIONS--and bring PEACE, PROSPERITY, and ETERNAL SALVATION TO ALL NATIONS! Keep your congregations alert. We are NOT YET 100% back on the track of our GOD--although Christ has made tremendous progress the past year and a half in getting us back. Let's NOW renew our vigor, the intensity and earnestness of our prayers, our UNITED spirit of TOGETHERNESS! GOD IS WITH US!

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NASHVILLE CHURCH REJUVENATED

UNDER JAMES L. FRIDDLE

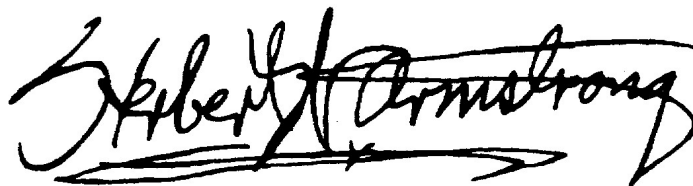
by Herbert W. Armstrong

One of the "trouble spots" in God's Church was the very important Church at Nashville, Tennessee. The ministry to this church had been very sadly neglected.

Mr. Jimmy Friddle was transferred from the San Diego church to Nashville some two or three months ago.

I have just received his report on the NEW LIFE that the new minister has generated there. My heartiest CONGRATULATIONS to Jimmy and Marge, who so willingly gave up their home in San Diego, leaving family members there, and accepting the challenge to go to Nashville.

Following is Mr. Friddle's heart-warming report.



REPORT ON CONDITION OF NASHVILLE CHURCH

As an older church area, one would expect the Nashville Worldwide Church of God to be well-established spiritually, but I have found the members hungering for spiritual food and fellowship. I have begun from scratch to retrench the Church.

The Church was meeting in an old labor hall in a very dangerous and dirty part of town. The men of the Church had to clean the hall of beer cans and trash every Sabbath before services. Some men had to sit outside the hall for security reasons during the Sabbath services. Even so, drunks still wandered into the hall at times and young boys ogled and followed the young girls of the Church.

Now the Church is meeting in the War Memorial Building in downtown Nashville next to the Tennessee capitol building. Rent is only one third of the cost of the labor hall. There is no security problem, and the hall is always clean with padded theatre seats. The members are overjoyed and very inspired with the new hall. We will be able to grow because the hall seats over 2000. The Hall has rooms for Y.E.S. every week without extra cost. We met there for the first time on Sabbath, February 2, 1980.

There has been very little action in the Nashville area for some time. I was told there has been no Spokesman Club in Nashville for about four years. When they had a Men's Club, one spoke only if he wanted to speak. No Leadership Training Club has been initiated for years. Fred Bailey did visit while he was in the area, but Tony Hammer visited very little. Fred Bailey conducted Bible Study twice a month, but Tony has not attended one for at least two years or more. Very few attended Bible studies. Tony did attend social functions but he did not arrange any of them. There have been only about three Deacons' meetings in the last two years. Y.O.U. was allowed to function more or less on its own with Mr. Gary Davis--a capable man--conducting Bible studies and all functions independently. Y.O.U. has need of the ministry behind it to give it encouragement and impetus.

We have had one Bible study since I have been here. One hundred twenty-eight attended the study. There were many questions and enthusiasm was very high. I am planning weekly Bible studies for the Church when we find a hall to meet in.

Sixteen attended the first Spokesman Club organization meeting, so we plan to have Spokesman Club every week on Thursday night. The leadership Training Class has thirteen members attending the second and fourth Tuesdays every month.

Everyone was very enthusiastic at the church dinner-dance January 25. We have planned a church talent show and bunko party this winter, plus three picnics this summer.

We have planned to have a Y.E.S. Teachers' Organization meeting twice but had to cancel because of inclement weather.

The Church has purchased a mimeograph machine so we can produce an Announcement Bulletin to be handed out every Sabbath.

Marge and I are having three or more families for dinner at our home every weekend that we are able. Hopefully we will be able to invite everyone in the Church.

Church attendance continues to increase and everyone is very enthusiastic about the Work of God. They really enjoy listening to and have made many favorable comments about the tapes from China by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and Mr. Stanley Rader, and the Bible Study tapes Mr. Armstrong is giving on Romans. They are looking forward with anticipation to Mr. Armstrong's planned trips to other nations.

--Jimmy Friddle

FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES

Church Visits Resumed

Church visits were resumed last Sabbath, February 9, with all the Florida churches as well as the Moultrie, Georgia church. Each of the visiting teams expressed Mr. Armstrong's deep concern and love for God's people and his desire to inform and update, and especially encourage and inspire them through these visits.

Preceding the sermon, the now-completed one-hour documentary about the State of California's attack upon God's Church was shown to each of the 13 churches that were visited. Each of the seven visiting teams reported tremendous enthusiasm and appreciation from the brethren. Dozens of comments were received expressing thanks to Mr. Armstrong for providing such encouraging and uplifting messages.

Following are the churches visited February 9th and the visiting teams:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Visiting Team</u>
Panama City, Geneva	Richard Ames Aaron Dean
Moultrie	Richard Rice Fred Stevens
Gainesville	Leroy Neff Jim Snook
Orlando, Melbourne	Dean Blackwell Kevin Dean
St. Petersburg, Tampa	Raymond McNair Joe Kotora
Ft. Myers, Lakeland	Joe Tkach Mike Feazell
Miami, Ft. Lauderdale	Ellis LaRavia

The next set of church visits will be on February 23 and will include the following churches: Montgomery, AL; Warner Robins, GA, Columbus, GA; Augusta, GA, Columbia, SC; Walterboro, SC; Fayetteville, NC, Florence, SC; Jacksonville, NC; Raleigh, NC.