

EIGHT DAYS OF GOOD NEWS

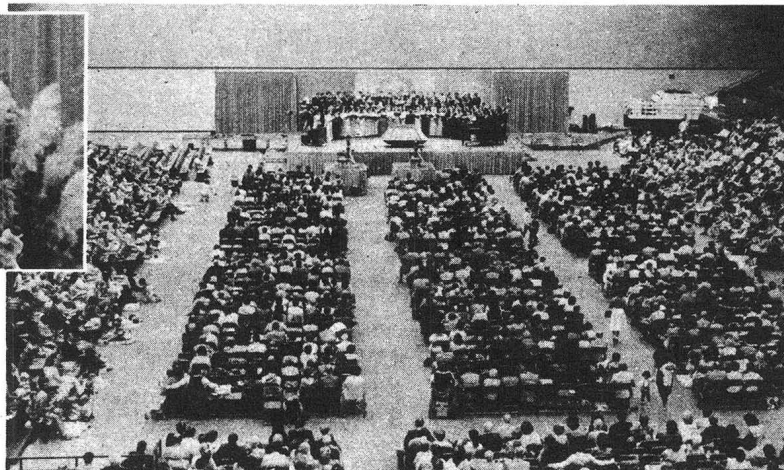


TUCSON — "There is nothing like this on earth," declared Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong to an audience of more than 80,000 brethren on the Last Great Day Oct. 2. On the first day of the Feast, linked by microwave and satellite transmission to 29 Feast sites in North America and Britain, the pastor general expounded the meaning of God's Festivals.

Mr. Armstrong commented on the State of California's attack on the Church: "We have been brought together by this lawsuit... and for the last two years God's Church has been in the process of getting back on God's track."

Solemn warning

Mr. Armstrong warned of the power of Satan the adversary: "There is a devil... there is a mighty, invisible, spiritual power for evil." He spoke of the power and



CONTINENTAL SERVICES — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong addresses members in the United States, Canada and Britain by microwave and satellite transmission, left. Above, brethren enjoy special music at the Tucson site, where the transmission originated. [Photos by Andrew Burdette and Mike Hale]

plan of God, and how God plans to put His government back into power on earth.

Comparing man's imperfect government with God's, Mr. Armstrong illustrated the point that: "In the government of God... there are the three major constituencies that form the government. The law, that is the foundation, is the spiritual law — it is based on the word

love, which is an outflowing concern for the good of others; it is an outflowing submission to God and worship to God — in obedience. Love to God first of all, then love to fellow man equal to love for yourself."

Continuing, he said, "Now, in God's case... God the Father is the great Lawgiver. There is no Congress, there is no Senate, there is no House of Representatives, there is

no Diet, there is no Knesset, there is no Parliament. God Himself gives the law." Mr. Armstrong related that the world's problems are grounded in the practice of the "get" way of life as opposed to God's way, which is focused on "giving."

The second part of God's government is *administrative*, said the pastor general. He spoke of the United States presidency, how the office is

supposed to administer the laws of that country. He stated, "In the government of God, Jesus Christ is the great Administrator." The only place the government of God is now operating is in God's Church, said Mr. Armstrong, and Jesus Christ is the chief Administrator of the Church, directly guiding and moving it according to God's law.

"Now the third branch of government," stated Mr. Armstrong, "is the *judiciary*." He pointed out that Jesus Christ is the Supreme Judge of the government of God, as God the Father committed all government and judgment to Him.

"God does not judge," declared Mr. Armstrong, "Christ does. God makes the laws — Christ is the One who judges." This, he said, exemplifies the meaning of the Last Great Day in God's plan, when those individuals who now know nothing of the truth of God will have an opportunity to learn without the pull of Satan. That, said Mr. Armstrong, is when God will "save" the world.

Incredible impact

"Everyone was elated to see Mr. Armstrong," reported Kevin Dean, public information officer for the Church. "The power and strength was evident and it electrified the Church." Mr. Dean stated that the pastor general was excited and vibrant during the Festival, happy for the opportunity to meet with ministers and other friends. He was able to powerfully exhort the ministry at a ministerial luncheon for more than two hours, and enjoyed the one-on-one (See GOOD NEWS, page 11)

NEW MAGAZINE TO BE BORN

By Herbert W. Armstrong
During the midst of the Feast of Tabernacles God put in my mind the need of still another magazine.

Already we publish more magazines and regular publications than any church so far as I know. I have even wondered if we are top-heavy — publishing too many. But I really don't think so — people are reached through the eye more effectively than by any other means.

The PRINTED WORD has done more to build and inspire God's Church than any other means. Radio and TV have been effective — the first approach. But the booklets, Correspondence Course, *The Plain Truth* and in the Church itself *The Good News*, *The Worldwide News* and for the ministry the *Pastor General's Report* — not to mention even full books — have done more to follow up a first temporary casual interest into a completely changed and dedicated life than radio and TV by far!

But God has now shown me that we have been neglecting a MOST IMPORTANT NUMBER OF OUR PEOPLE — the youths from age 18 and under. We have the YOU and the YES and the SEP summer camp at Orr, Minn. But

our young people coming along are the FUTURE MEMBERSHIP AND LEADERS IN THE CHURCH AND THE LEADERS IN THE WHOLE WORLD GOVERNMENT OF TOMORROW!

In a sense, doesn't that make them almost the MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE ON EARTH?

So it came to my mind that they need a REAL MAGAZINE of their own. Not even a tabloid newspaper-type paper — a REAL MAGAZINE! Full color. I have thought, turned over in my mind and prayed over the NAME of the new magazine. I had thought of several, such as the *Junior Plain Truth*, and then *Youth Today*. Discussing it with Dexter Faulkner, managing editor of our publications, he came up with *Youth/81*. The following year it would be *Youth/82* and so on — a takeoff from *Quest*.

The first issue will come out as the January, 1981, number — Vol. 1, No. 1. It will be sent without subscription price to all youths, children of Worldwide Church of God members, ages 13 to 18.

We will have a department for "What our readers say," and if some of our youths will write in right away telling us what they think of the idea of a magazine of THEIR OWN, the editors will select from among them letters to be published in Vol. 1, No. 1. And that will become a treasure

copy to be kept for years.

I want this magazine to be well illustrated. There's a saying that one picture says more than a thousand words. I would like some of the illustrations to be humorous, some to bring a laugh — yet others to illustrate more serious or thought-provoking articles. There will be articles on sports, and the things all youths

are interested in, and also articles looking into the future, such as "WHAT DO TEENS AND YOUTHS HAVE TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN A MODERN WORLD?"

There will be news of the YOU and the YES. I would like someone to write a good article on "LIFE AT SEP CAMP." There (See MAGAZINE, page 11)

ATTORNEY GENERAL DROPS LAWSUIT

Ending more than 21 months of litigation against the Church, California Attorney General George Deukmejian broke off proceedings Oct. 14, according to Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader. Mr. Rader discusses the action and plans of the Church on page 10.

'BORN-AGAIN POLITICS'

By Herbert W. Armstrong
On the front cover of this past week's [Sept. 15] *Newsweek* magazine was a picture of the TV evangelist who comes on just ahead of me on our Tucson Channel 11 Sunday mornings. His name is Jerry Falwell, and if I may be forgiven for a harmless pun, he does fall well when it comes to UNDERSTANDING the Word of God!

The big-type red-ink headline atop his pic on *Newsweek's* front cover is "Born-Again Politics." It reminds me of the poem of 60 years ago: "The barefoot boy with shoes on stood sitting in the

grass, and it rained all day that night" — a parody of opposites.

Mr. Falwell is NOT "born again" and has no understanding of what the term MEANS. And if he were, he would never be in politics. When one is born again he would no more be in politics than a barefoot boy would have shoes on his feet — than a boy sitting in the grass would be standing, or than day would be night.

Do I then criticize Mr. Falwell or condemn him? Not at all. Not at all. God is not judging him — yet — and neither do I. But this is an apt illustration, blared before the whole nation on *Newsweek's* cover, of what did happen to the first man, Adam — and what is consequently the state of ALL in the world today, EXCEPT the very few God has specially called. Hu-

manity has lost sight of all this. The religionists of "traditional Christianity" think they believe the Bible as the Word of God, yet they don't — any more than the barefoot boy has on shoes.

The first man Adam was the father — the progenitor — of the human race. He was required to make a CHOICE between receiving God's Holy Spirit to open his mind to revealed knowledge from God, or taking to himself knowledge of what is good and what is evil. ADAM MADE THE CHOICE FOR MANKIND as a whole — his progeny who would be born from him. He CUT MANKIND OFF FROM GOD, from the Holy Spirit, and thus from revealed KNOWLEDGE from God understandable only through the Spirit (See POLITICS, page 11)

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the legislature has spoken plainly and loudly.

And it just so happens I have always felt that the most democratic institution that we have in this country is the legislature. And that the best example of democracy at work in this country and hence in this world is when the legislature acts after ventilating very, very, very carefully and fully whatever the issue might be and giving ample opportunity for everybody who has an interest, giving an opportunity to anybody and everybody to participate.

And of all the recent important issues, political, social, whatever they may be, I don't think I know of an issue that has been so well ventilated as this one; where so many different parties, in many cases from the entire spectrum of society including the entire spectrum of religious activity in the United States, they all had their opportunity to be heard. And the conclusion was 52 to 1 in the senate; 50 to 12 in the assembly.

Gov. [Jerry] Brown didn't take the easiest way out, which was to let the bill slide into law by not signing it. He signed it although he had a lot of people pressuring him to veto the bill.

And I said the attorney general all summer, himself, as well as his deputies on every single occasion when they lobbied the governor, when they lobbied the assembly, when they lobbied in the senate, when they lobbied on television, on radio

and in printed pages of our newspapers, he said consistently that if the legislature passes the bill, he will more than likely have to drop the case.

Then he went on and said if the governor signs the bill, he will have to drop the case. And therefore I have said the attorney general has been consistent in his approach to democratic institutions as he understands them, and has on this occasion proved to be at long last a man of his word. And I think we should give him some credit for that, just as we should give the governor some credit.

But, of course, we must give the living God the real credit for having given to Deukmejian the wisdom and the strength to make the right political, moral and legal judgment at long last. Just as I said Gov. Brown certainly was inspired by the living God to do the same thing when he signed the bill; as I think Sen. [Nicholas] Petris was when he introduced the bill, and the cosponsors in the senate and the assembly were, and those who voted for it. Because God is on His throne, as Mr. Armstrong said, and His hand has been in this from the beginning. It's interesting how His hand shows itself even in some very small ways.

I had agreed to give an interview for 8 o'clock Tuesday morning to the CBS station in Sacramento for a very important public affairs program. But it was taped. It would not be seen until Saturday or Sunday. I decided to cancel it because I was sure that if God were going to come down on Deukmejian and give him this power, wisdom and strength to sign this dismissal, that he might do



TRIUMPHAL RETURN — Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader is greeted by more than 500 cheering Church members at the Los Angeles, Calif., International Airport Oct. 14. The evangelist was returning from Sacramento, Calif., with news of the California attorney general's decision to withdraw from the 21-month-old legal struggle. [Photo by Michael Snyder]

so and in essence moot that taped performance on Tuesday morning.

And Marc Segal up in Sacramento was very upset originally. He had worked hard to set this one up and they were very upset afterwards because they wanted me very badly because this thing had been set up over a month ago. And I said, No.

I didn't explain all the reasons why, I just said, No, I don't want to appear. I didn't want to say some-

thing on a Tuesday morning and have it not only pass by sometime Tuesday afternoon if I were right about my timing. But I might say something there that I wouldn't have said exactly the same way if I knew what the attorney general were in fact going to do.

And so again God, I said, opened my eyes, and that's the only time I've ever canceled a radio or television appearance, and I have had them, the likes of which no one would believe. I won't even bother recounting them to you, because you wouldn't believe me. You'd think I was making it up, the kind of schedule we have kept.

But talk to some of the ministers out there in the field who have been there with us, with me and with the indestructible Mr. [Joe] Kotora with his two valves in his cardiac system, takes Drano, as I said, every Saturday. He sets the schedule because he is indestructible. And that's the only time that I've canceled a program. It was an important one, but I just felt it would be best. So, I want you to keep those things in mind that there will be perhaps in the future more attacks. We don't know who'll bite next. It's just impossible to tell.

A lot of people out there, even if they're not wicked, and they're in government, they're kind of soft-headed too. And some people go out looking for headlines. I don't like to say often, but I've said it on the air, Guyana was caused by many things. But maybe what pushed it right over

the abyss was a headline hunting congressman who had no right to be in Guyana. He had no jurisdiction in Guyana over anybody. And he was advised not to go, but he went. And he got his headlines. He didn't get to read them. It is unfortunate.

But when you're looking at cause and effect, the last cause was the congressman who went down there to butt in where he was not invited or needed. There are other agencies of the government that could have perhaps interceded on behalf of concerned people. The congressman wanted a junket. So let's keep that in mind.

There are people out there, the ones who shoot first and ask questions later. Can you imagine, as I've told other people around the country, what would have happened if [Sen.] Robert Dole had been the [United States] attorney general in January of 1979 instead of Griffin Bell? Griffin Bell was the attorney general then when a bunch of headline hunting, shoot-first-ask-questions-later types went marching into his office from the Congress of the United States demanding a federal investigation of cults.

What did Bell do? A Southerner from Georgia, a fine lawyer, one of the better judges in the country, a man responsible for some of the best civil rights decisions, he just laid back and said, Gentlemen, I don't know what a cult is, but I'm a Baptist. I guess that makes me a cultist. Well, that ended the federal investigation of cults.

'BORN-AGAIN POLITICS'

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it of God. All, that is, EXCEPT the minute FEW God would specially call and choose.

God made Adam's decision BINDING on all EXCEPT the very few God would call. That made God RESPONSIBLE, knowing well He was leaving Satan on the throne to DECEIVE mankind. So God BLINDED humanity — left humanity CUT OFF from Him and His KNOWLEDGE UNTIL the second Adam, Jesus Christ, should overcome Satan, qualify to restore God's GOVERNMENT, and Himself be inducted on the throne over the earth.

That means the world is CUT OFF and cannot UNDERSTAND God's knowledge UNTIL the Second Coming of Christ and the removal of Satan. Meanwhile, the world is NOT BEING JUDGED. Those in the world uncalled are NOT "lost," neither are they "saved." Just not judged — YET! But this they do not understand.

The leaders of "traditional

Christianity" do not seem to know Jesus was born to be a KING. Jesus came to QUALIFY to replace Satan on the THRONE over the earth. If we are called and chosen by Him, we shall sit with Him in His THRONE over the entire earth. We shall be given divine spiritual POWER to RULE the world with and under Christ "with a rod of iron."

WHY are we called, now, into God's CHURCH? For a PURPOSE! That purpose is that we, too, through Christ and the Holy Spirit, overcome Satan, have our minds opened by God's Spirit to GOD'S KNOWLEDGE (truth), grow in grace and knowledge, develop spiritual CHARACTER to qualify us to RULE in the Kingdom of God with the restored GOVERNMENT OF GOD over all the earth.

BUT WE ARE NOT called to become part of the GOVERNMENTS of THIS WORLD — manipulated by Satan. This is Satan's world. Those not begotten (not yet

BORN) are NOT children of God, THEY ARE CHILDREN OF SATAN (Jesus said so — John 8:44). But when we are called to repentance, faith and receiving the Holy Spirit, God's Spirit witnesses with our spirit that we are the begotten children of God (Romans 8:16), but until then we are NONE OF CHRIST'S (Romans 8:9).

If we are begotten children, not yet BORN, we are like father Abraham, a stranger and pilgrim in this world. Yet not of this world or its politics. Our real citizenship is reserved in heaven (Philippians 3:20). We are like foreigners and strangers in this world.

ONE BEGOTTEN OF GOD TAKES NO PART IN THIS WORLD'S POLITICS!

NEW MAGAZINE TO BE BORN

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will be updated articles on the PLAIN TRUTH ABOUT SEX. There is perhaps no need more urgent for premarriage youths than proper, intelligent and frank knowledge about sex after puberty and before marriage — AND WHY! You can't get this sorely needed knowledge from other kids — and very few ever get it from parents. Nor any book on sex at bookstores.

There will be articles about youth and parent relationships, about competition in sports, about sports in the world tomorrow.

Articles [about] where do youths get their lifestyle, and where SHOULD THEY? An article on "Did SATAN Get to YOU When You Were Young?"

The above gives you a few ideas of the type of articles and

material that will appear in *Youth/80*.

Another, "Is the BIBLE for Youths — or ONLY for middle-aged and the elderly?" I would welcome ideas and suggestions from youths about the kind of articles and subjects they feel should be covered in THEIR new magazine.

I am personally very enthusiastic about this. I myself will be in my 90th year a year from now — but don't ever get the idea I'm an old man. I still have very YOUNG IDEAS — though both God and the years have added enough wisdom to know which are the BETTER values even for kids and youths. I don't mean better for God or for parents — I mean better for the YOUNG. Yes, and better for us ALL!

Remember, God does not deny us anything that is good for

US — He wants our lives to be happier, with more JOY that is good for US! Some people — adults, middle and old aged as well as the young — are deceived into thinking some things are good that make us painfully sorry afterward.

By the way, I would urgently request all youths of Worldwide Church of God parents to send in AT ONCE, their names and addresses, with age (13 to 18 inclusive). And, if some a year or so younger or older want to subscribe, we will enter the subscription. Be sure to PRINT the name and address in block letters.

Send the subscription to *Youth/81*, Worldwide Church of God, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91123. [Youths outside the United States should write to *The Plain Truth* office nearest them.]

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one contact at various get-togethers.

On the technical side, Media Services manager Larry Omasta said that the massive operation was "98 percent trouble free." Aside from some difficulties at a few Feast sites on the East Coast (Savannah, Ga., in particular), the microwave satellite network "worked beautifully."

Mr. Omasta reported that response to Mr. Armstrong's address has been "overwhelming." Several reporters from the media visiting the sites "were very impressed. Here were two men [Mr. Armstrong and Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader] who had been represented as thieves, duping an innocent public. They had heard the reports that Mr. Armstrong was old

and unable to function. And here they were able to see firsthand the real Mr. Armstrong — a man alive and well and full of power. They went away impressed — having seen the truth for themselves."

Mr. Omasta also said that one of the convention managers was so angry at *60 Minutes* for misrepresenting Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Rader that she said she was going to write the CBS producers and Mike Wallace. "She remarked on the obvious dedication of Mr. Rader and the leadership of Mr. Armstrong. Those are things you can't fake," he said.

The majority of overseas sites heard Mr. Armstrong's first day sermon on delayed telephone hook-ups.