

Christ's Apostle in the Philippines

By Stanley R. Rader

MANILA — Christ's apostle will be leaving Manila today [Jan. 29] having delivered to the Filipino people a message of hope — in fact, their heritage.

Just a few short weeks prior to the impending visit of Pope John Paul II, Christ's apostle has delivered the *TRUE GOSPEL* to thousands of Filipinos — eager to hear the *Truth* that has been suppressed for some 1,900 years.

Culminating his two-week visit to Manila was Herbert W. Armstrong's two personal appearances at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC). Christ's apostle delivered two powerful messages before capacity houses on Jan. 24 and 25.

Every day Christ's apostle was tracked by the local television and press — and not a negative vibration was to be heard or seen.

Mr. Armstrong's first appearance was before an SRO (standing room only) crowd at Adamson University, where Mr. Armstrong spoke for approximately one hour on the spiritual values that *alone* would give to university students everywhere the opportunity to live happy and abundant lives.

Next, Christ's apostle was the keynote speaker before the Philippine Constitution Association — 750 guests and members, including the chief justice of the supreme court and many cabinet members, heard Mr. Armstrong proclaim the only way to world peace. During the evening, Mr. Armstrong and I were made lifetime members of the association, which was responsible for the 1973 constitutional changes and, under the strong leadership of President Ferdinand Marcos, the lifting of martial law on Jan. 17, 1981.

The following day Mr. Armstrong spoke for one hour before the combined Rotary Clubs of greater Manila — again, he stressed that only the intervention of Jesus Christ — who will return soon to rule — as a King and High Priest — will prevent mankind from destroying itself.

In the evening, Minister of Labor Blas Ople hosted Mr. Armstrong at a private dinner party. Also present were the minister of agrarian reform [Conrado Estrella], minister of the budget and the minister of justice, as well as various directors of other ministries and selected assemblymen.

The minister of agrarian reform was so impressed with Mr. Armstrong's post-dinner comments that



CARRYING THE GOSPEL — Clockwise from upper left: After addressing the combined Rotary Clubs of Greater Manila, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong receives a plaque of appreciation from Fidas G. Reina, chapter president of the Rotary Club of Quezon City; Mr. Armstrong and personal assistant Stanley R. Rader en route to a Philconsa (Philippine Constitution Association) meeting, where Mr. Armstrong spoke; Mr. Armstrong answers questions at a Jan. 15 press conference upon his arrival

at the Manila airport; the pastor general addresses the Adamson University student body Jan. 19; Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Rader meet in private audience with Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos Jan. 23; a billboard advertising Mr. Armstrong's two-night campaign; the pastor general meets with brethren after speaking to the combined Manila churches Jan. 17. Center: Mr. Armstrong's meeting with President Marcos was featured in a leading newspaper Jan. 24. [Photos by Larry Omasta]

he invited him to speak a few days later before 450 of his own employees at a specially convened conclave.

The minister of agrarian reform requested that Christ's apostle deliver a *spiritual message* — you can bet he did — with his inimitable power.

On the Friday before the first public appearance, Mr. Armstrong and I were received by President Marcos in a 45-minute televised interview. I will not spoil the surprise in store for you by telling you what was said, because you will be able to see all after our television film has been developed and edited.

Mr. Armstrong's picture appeared the next day, Saturday, Jan. 24 — the first day of his personal appearance — on the first page in all newspapers in Manila, above the center fold.

A short meeting took place at the palace with Mrs. [Imelda] Marcos. She will of course be present tonight

at the special benefit performance of *The Sea Wolf* — proceeds of which will go to local charities selected by the first lady. The British ambassador will be present and the Colombian ambassador will be one of the co-hosts.

Hundreds of calls have been (See APOSTLE, page 4)

HWA honors ministers for 25 years of service

PASADENA — Five men were awarded plaques of merit from Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong denoting more than a quarter century of service in the ministry of Jesus Christ, during recent sessions of the Ministerial Refreshing Program, according to evangelist Joe Tkach of Ministerial Services.

Dean Blackwell, Jim Fiddle, Burk McNair, George A. Meeker Jr., and Norman A. Smith were presented plaques by Mr. Tkach on behalf of Mr. Armstrong.

"These men have touched the lives of many people in God's Church," Mr. Tkach related. "Their combined years of dedicated service represent more than a century as ordained ministers in service to God, God's Church and God's apostle. Their examples in pioneering many aspects of the Philadelphia era of God's Church under Mr. Armstrong are to be looked up to."

Mr. Tkach praised the wives of the ministers, stating: "A minister's wife performs an extremely impor-

tant role in her husband's ministry. The dedicated wives of these men deserve equal credit for years of service to both their husbands and the congregations they serve together."

The following are biographical sketches of the ministers:

Dean C. Blackwell, 49, was baptized in October, 1952, and married Maxine Tankersley shortly after his ordination in June, 1953. A 1954 graduate of Ambassador College in Pasadena, Mr. Blackwell says that "the Church is my adult life."

He has raised up and pastored several churches, including those in Big Sandy, Tex., South Bend and Indianapolis, Ind., and others.

He served on the faculty of the Big Sandy campus and currently teaches at the Pasadena campus.

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LONG OVERDUE ANNOUNCEMENT

By Herbert W. Armstrong

This is a belated and long overdue acknowledgment of outstanding service to God's Church and His Work by a faithful, competent and honored servant, Virginia Kineston, serving in the Executive Office as secretary to Treasurer Stanley R. Rader, performed a truly heroic self-sacrificing service on Jan. 3, 1979, the day the court-appointed "receiver," with armed deputies invaded the headquarters complex of the

Church in Pasadena.

At even the risk of her own life, before armed men, she held them off until word could be gotten to our attorneys. Since then her secretarial performance has been impeccable, and has exemplified outstanding professional capabilities. I know her to be a woman of highest moral and ethical integrity and professional in her abilities.

The whole Church owes her a debt of gratitude.

A Voice Cries Out: Arab Oil, Israel and the U.S.

-Peace Out of Conflict?!

THE HOT SPOT of world news recently has been the Middle East. It has involved the 52 U.S. hostages in Iran. It has involved Arab oil. And it has involved the Arab-Israeli struggle.

Could it be that out of this embroiling caldron of Middle East emotions and historic hatreds is being born a new vision

Prominent Egyptian leaders and editors abroad were assassinated following this initial peace gesture. Sadat's life was threatened.

After receiving military aid from the Soviet Union, President Sadat had canceled this program and ordered Soviet military aides out of Egypt. Since 1977 Mr. Sadat and Egypt were left with the sole partnership among nations of the United States.

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em broiling caldron of Middle East emotions and historic hatreds is beginning to emerge a new vision of world peace and happy abundance?

In a world whose No. 1 problem now is human survival—in a world of competitive preparations for a world war of nuclear weapons, chemical warfare, poison gas and nerve gas—a war capable of erasing all life from this planet, it's already a bit late for us all to become intensely concerned.

I repeat again and again, there has to be a CAUSE for every effect. There is a basic CAUSE for mankind's problems man is incapable of solving. There is, conversely, a way that could CAUSE peace, universal prosperity and well-being!

Very recently I returned from personal conferences with Prime Minister Menachem Begin in Jerusalem, and President Anwar el-Sadat in Cairo. Could it be possible these two Middle East leaders have started something with President Carter at the Camp David conferences that finally show the world the way to CAUSE PEACE?

And not only Middle East peace, but world peace?

The Egyptian president gave me details of his proposed \$70 million World Peace Center to be erected at the base of Mt. Sinai, symbolic of peace between nations and between religions. Religious antagonisms have caused many wars through world history. His new peace center will consist of a walled-in complex including a mosque, a synagogue and a church, emblematic of peace between the three major religions predominant in the three nations

the United States.

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And President Sadat plans his World Peace Center emblematic of cooperation in peace at the base of Mt. Sinai.

It is all a BEGINNING of the way of "GIVE"—of cooperation instead of hostility. I for one commend and give honor publicly to these men making a beginning in a harsh world of "GET" to the one and only way to peace—that of "GIVE." I am not naive enough to expect all leaders and all peoples to follow in that way.

We have in this world the way that leads to the ecstasy of winning and the agony of defeat. Too many still think they enjoy the "ecstasy," and are willing to risk the "agony." I hope these pages are causing some to THINK!

Because, agree or disagree, this voice is sounding the warning. If we mortal humans don't, it is very soon now going to be done *to* us! That unseen "Strong Hand from Someplace" is going to intervene in world affairs and *force* a stubborn humanity to enjoy peace, happiness and universal abundance—His way, the way of "GIVE."



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I repeat, there is one root cause of wars not only, but all this world's seemingly unsolvable troubles and evils. I term it, for brevity, the way of "GET"—self-centeredness, and hostile competition leading to strife, violence, war and destruction. The opposite way I term "GIVE"—cooperation, helping, sharing, outgoing concern for the good and rights of others.

Where emotional hostility has prevailed down through the centuries, only vision, willingness to sacrifice ("GIVE") and personal courage in leadership could start the way toward peace.

While she was prime minister of Israel, Golda Meir said to me in her executive office: "I wish Arab heads of state would be willing to sit on the other side of the table with me in friendship and peace. There is so much we could do for their peoples. Our scientists and technicians could help them and their peoples to so much more prosperity and abundance."

On November 20, 1977, President Sadat had the vision and the courage to take the unheard-of, unprecedented step to DECLARE PEACE—instead of war—toward Israel. On that date this leader, braving personal and political risk seldom if ever taken by a world leader, went to Jerusalem and addressed the Israeli Knesset in a gesture toward peace.

Egypt had fought Israel in four wars within 30 years. It was an incredible demonstration of personal courage. Egypt was the acknowledged leader of the Arab world. The headquarters of the Arab League was in Cairo.

I suggest you read my cover story in *Quest/81*, on newsstands about March 20, on the Middle East controversy, its origin and President Sadat's planned World Peace Center. *Quest/81* is quite generally regarded now as No. 1 in the quality magazine field—a publication advocating "the pursuit of excellence."

**A Voice Cries Out:
An Open Letter
to
President Reagan**

A Heartfelt Message of Encouragement

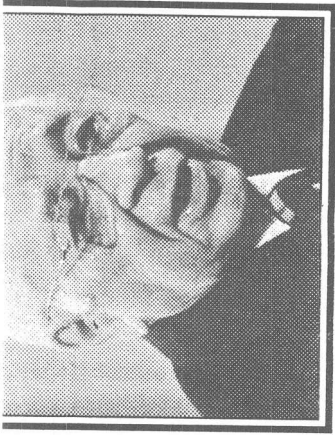


MR. PRESIDENT: You've assumed the most important office in the world on a landslide vote—a virtual mandate.

I know something of the stupendous problems with which you now must grapple. I have discussed world and national difficulties with heads of state on all continents. I know something of how difficult, knotty and often impossible of human solution are the conditions you now face—greater than those confronting any other head of state.

In late December the question blared forth in the media whether, on inauguration, you should declare an economic emergency. But, as you know, we are now deep in much more than an economic emergency. We're in a social emergency, a moral and spiritual emergency, foreign and international emergencies and the frightening LIFE-AND-DEATH emergency of human extinction. Never before since mankind inhabited the earth have weapons of mass destruction existed that can erase humanity from this planet. You have taken over the helm at a time when problems and troubles exceed in difficulty and complexity those faced by any President before you.

If ever a President needed the help of this great people he leads, it is now. Some are asking, can you turn the United States around? They look to problems of inflation, unemployment, energy, taxes, budget, business, defense. But those are materialistic problems. In the materialistic area we have fared better than we realize. This nation has



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led the world in materialistic advancement. In fields of science and technology, business and industry, knowledge production (our educational system has become almost wholly materialistic), our progress has been awesome. We have sent men to the moon and safely returned them. We've sent unmanned spacecraft to send back mind-boggling close-up photographs of Jupiter, Saturn and the Martian surface. We've produced computers and the most marvelous instruments.

But we can't seem to solve troubles between husbands and wives, parents and children, groups and factions, nation and nation. Our nation is in trouble. The whole world is in trouble! And those troubles and evils, however we may characterize them, are spiritual in nature. In every case, it seems, the individual, the group, the faction, the nation, is seeking only self-interest. *It's all in the way we live!*

I've said repeatedly in these page messages there is an unseen spiritual LAW in relentless motion—the law I simplify by the term "GIVE." It's as inexorable as the law of gravity. Break it, and it breaks you! This nation has been breaking that law, and our beloved country is being broken by it! That law is A WAY OF LIFE—that of cooperating, helping, serving, sharing—of outflowing LOVE! But our people, and the whole world, are living the diametric opposite way transgressing that invisible spiri-

tual law—the way I term "GET." We've been actuated by self-centeredness, vanity, covetousness, envy, competition, hostility, violence, war.

The other day I had a personal meeting with Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki of Japan, in Tokyo. He recently called on the Japanese people to continue working hard, and to remain united to protect the peace and the democracy of Japan. Loyalty to country and faithful hard work on the job are spiritual values that are paying off in Japan.

It is vital that our beloved country remain loyal AND UNITED! Not divided in the home, in the factory, in the office. It took a war for Franklin D. Roosevelt to unite us in one common accord. We need desperately now to be united in PEACE—in what we can do for our country, not what it can do for us!

You, Mr. President, cannot of yourself solve this nation's problems and rid it of its evils. That can be done only if WE, THE PEOPLE, STAND BEHIND YOU not only, but CHANGE OUR WAY OF LIFE FROM "GET" to "GIVE."

During the campaign you mentioned that we are a nation founded under God. God is LOVE manifested! He set in relentless motion the spiritual LAW that will CAUSE peace, happiness, abundant well-being for all—if we, the people, will turn to it! THAT'S HOW THIS COUNTRY NEEDS TO BE TURNED AROUND. Lead us in that way, Mr. Reagan, and God help us to follow you in it. I, with countless others, shall be praying for you in that.

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