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## ALL SPORTS ARE NOT BANNED

**By Herbert W. Armstrong**  
Some of the youths at the second camp at Orr, Minn., may have misunderstood what I said to them about COMPETITION.

Truly, COMPETITION, not cooperation, is the attitude Satan inoculates into human minds. But that does NOT mean all sports are wrong or banned in God's Church, college and schools.

The LAW OF GOD is the way of righteousness. SIN is the transgression of the law. The law of GOD is given us in the broadest principle and also magnified into the Ten Commandments, and even into many further specific commands that are merely magnifications of the PRINCIPLES of the Ten Commandments. God expects us — through His Spirit and spiritual UNDERSTANDING — to APPLY these PRINCIPLES of His law to specific actions.

The basic law is LOVE, outflowing toward God above all else, and secondarily "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy-

self." TO HARM the other fellow and to gain by so doing for SELF is a kind of competition that is wrong. Hostility toward the other is sin. To get the best of another in a deal for one's own benefit is wrong.

Suppose you are an architect laying out a golf course. The one who wins at golf is not the one who GETS the most by taking it away from the other. In golf the player does not prevent the other from doing his or her best. The architect who designs and lays out the plans for building a golf course is not breaking God's law when he designs sand traps, small lakes or pools or leaves certain trees to HELP the player to increase his skill. These hazards hurt no one, but are an incentive and help to developing skill.

Two men or women — or several — in a race are not harming the other runners if they run according to the rules. The apostle Paul uses winning a race as an example of a Christian developing character.

So, golf is not a wrong competition — nor is any race at any distance, or hurdle race, or long jump, high jump, pole vault or other field competition in a track-and-field meet. At Ambassador we have banned the hammer throw because it might endanger others — but not because it is a wrong or unfair competition.

Now take basketball. Guarding on defense is, if within the rules, the same in principle as the sand trap, clump of trees or pond on a golf course. The rules make it a foul if a defensive player prevents a shot by actual bodily contact or holding. If basketball is played according to the

rules — IN A RIGHT ATTITUDE — it can be a very invigorating, enjoyable game, *not violating* God's law. All depends on the ATTITUDE of the players.

In interschool or intercollegiate competition, or the pro game, the ATTITUDE too often is BAD. When it is — when there is a spirit of HOSTILITY toward the other side — then it does break God's law. Therefore, at Ambassador College and in God's Church, competition against those outside the Church or intercollegiate competition at Ambassador is **BANNED!**

Behind my back when I was away from Pasadena all but about 60 days in a year, others without my knowledge or consent got Ambassador into intercollegiate competition. THE RESULTS WERE BAD! That is OFFICIALLY BANNED from now on.

But before that, in intramural games between our own classes, a GOOD SPIRIT was shown, and even an objectionable call by an official was not yelled at or received in hostile attitude.

Boxing is definitely BANNED. God did not design and create the human brain and head to be pummeled and knocked senseless by an antagonist.

Wherever a game in sports involves ANTAGONISTS — in HOSTILE ATTITUDE to harm the other and/or to "GET" from the other — to get the best of the other — then a harmful, satanic and evil attitude enters in, and the sport is EVIL, not good.

Sometimes there is a fine line between what is within and what is outside God's law.

Basketball is such a sport. So is football (American football), but because football is such a violent body-contact sport, it TOO OFTEN is played in an ATTITUDE OF HOSTILITY and is too DANGEROUS and fraught with PHYSICAL INJURY. Therefore it must be BANNED so far as participation by God's Church or people is concerned.

Soccer does not embody the same evils.

Baseball, softball, volleyball, while competitive, do not necessarily involve HOSTILITY, harm to others or trying to prevent the opponent from doing his best. When played in God's attitude

toward others these are acceptable and NOT banned.

The same is true of tennis. In pro tennis, in the past few years, there have been two or three "bad guys" who have brought unsportsmanship onto the courts. But tennis as traditionally played is a clean sport and acceptable.

This is sufficient to illustrate the application of the PRINCIPLE of God's law to sports. That participated in with an attitude of HOSTILITY toward the opponent is evil. That which HARMS mentally or physically an opponent is evil.

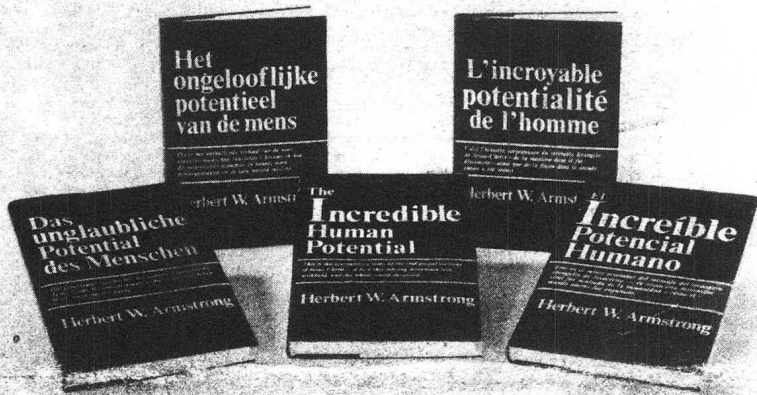
Satan is the author of COMPETITION based on hostility, harm

to the opponent, GETTING by taking FROM an opponent — to his harm or loss.

God's way is LOVE TOWARD neighbor equal to love of self.

Competition in business, which TAKES FROM or HARMS the competitor, is evil competition. Competition which HELPS the

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**TRANSLATIONS COMPLETED** — Nearly two years of work were brought to fruition when four translations of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's book, *The Incredible Human Potential*, were published. Clockwise beginning with the upper left are the Dutch, French, Spanish, English and German editions. [Photo by Roland Rees]

## Human Potential translators finish editions in four languages

*In the following article Roger G. Lippross discusses developments concerning Herbert W. Armstrong's book, The Incredible Human Potential.*

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**By Roger G. Lippross**

PASADENA — "Prepare yourself for the most shocking revelation of your life," writes Herbert W. Armstrong in the opening lines of his book, *The Incredible Human Potential*. This statement can now

be read in four new translations of what Mr. Armstrong feels is the most important book published by God's Church. Carrying a message suppressed for nearly 2,000 years, people who read and speak German, Dutch, French and Spanish can read in their own language the truth commissioned by Jesus Christ to be sent to the world.

**Milestone for the Church**

With such significant content a great deal of care is required for proper translation. The printing of this book marks several firsts in the history of the Church. *The Incredible Human Potential* is the first to be simultaneously translated into four languages and printed for the same publication date, and it's the

first case-bound book written by Mr. Armstrong to be published in any non-English language.

Only the best translation techniques were used. The French, Dutch, German and Spanish Departments, which consistently produce fine translations of *The Plain Truth* and other Church publications, devoted a great deal of time in carefully completing each step of production.

**High-quality production**

The non-English translations of Mr. Armstrong's book are printed with the same rigorous standards of the English-language edition. Careful attention was paid to producing a high-quality volume, because overseas editions are often inferior because of prohibitive costs. These books have the same high quality paper, heavy cover and glossy jacket. Compared to the English edition, the foreign language books look and feel the same — right down to the complete scripture index in the back.

For those involved with the editions in the Work's Publishing Services, the printing of these books marks the culmination of nearly two years of effort.

Plans are to distribute the book at appropriate Festival sites. The path for additional translations of Mr. Armstrong's books is now paved. This marks but the first of many to come.

## Petris bill: 'Great moral victory'

PASADENA — Culminating a four-month struggle through the California senate, assembly and various committees, S.B. 1493 was ratified by the California senate 25-1 Aug. 26 and sent to Gov. Jerry Brown for his signature or rejection, according to Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader.

The measure, authored by Sen. Nicholas Petris, was strongly opposed by California Attorney Gen-

eral George Deukmejian [W/N, "Update," June 30, July 14.]. No amendments sponsored by the attorney general were added, although Sen. Petris included four after initial passage by the senate, thus requiring the Aug. 26 action.

Mr. Rader termed the event "a great moral victory" for the Church and "a great moral and political defeat" for the attorney general. (See "Forum," page 4.) Church at-

torney Ralph Helge added, "The California legislature has truly expressed not only its concern, but its fear of the unbridled and irresponsible conduct being taken by the attorney general's office." Mr. Helge said the measure passed the legislature despite a "virtual onslaught by the attorney general," including an attempt "to create a real hysteria of fears against religionists."

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# Mr. Rader visits eastern states

PASADENA — Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader traveled to North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia Aug. 27 to 30 to meet with the press, brethren and ministers, according to Joe Kotorra, an aide to Mr. Rader.

"Mr. Rader's trip had tremendous impact," stated George Pinckney, pastor of the Charlotte, N.C., church. "It was the most exciting time I think I've had. I could keep up with him for one day, but I can't imagine trying to keep his schedule for much longer."

Before speaking to more than 2,000 brethren from Greensboro, Charlotte, Lenoir, Raleigh, Fayetteville, Roanoke Rapids and Jacksonville, N.C., Florence, S.C. and Bluefield, W.Va., Mr. Rader visited several media outlets on a "whirlwind tour" of the three-state area, says Mr. Kotorra.

Mr. Rader started Aug. 27 in Atlanta, Ga., being interviewed by Chip Wood on WRNG-radio. After dinner with Atlanta pastor Harold Lester and associate pastor Cecil Green, Mr. Rader and his group flew to Charlotte. The next morn-

ing, the Church treasurer was interviewed live by telephone on WBIA-radio from Augusta, Ga., where he explained at length God's Work. He then met with members of the media in the Carolina Town House for a press conference that was excerpted on several radio and television stations.

WSCQ-radio then interviewed the Church treasurer on a one-hour live talk show, after which Mr. Rader accompanied Columbia and Augusta pastor John Ritenbaugh to Augusta. The evangelist taped a half-hour program with Richard Howard of WATU-TV. After the taping, Mr. Rader held a press conference in the Augusta Hilton. Reporters from the Augusta Chronicle and Herald were present, which Mr. Kotorra says resulted in "very positive" coverage in the print me-

dia.

Next, the Church treasurer appeared on a talk show on WGAC-radio for two hours before flying back to Charlotte to spend the night.

The next morning, Mr. Rader was interviewed live by Dick Pomerantz for three hours on WSOC-radio, where he discussed the Church's struggle for its First Amendment rights and the great commission. At 1 p.m., the Church

treasurer taped another half-hour interview, this time for WSOV-TV. Mr. Kotorra reports the program was aired during prime time on Aug. 31.

At 2 p.m., a Church member flew Mr. Rader to Spartanburg, S.C., where he taped an interview for WSPA-TV. Afterwards, the Church treasurer appeared live on WSPA-radio for a half hour, speaking a "great deal" about the Church and its commission. Mr. Kotorra says WSPA-radio is a popular station with a large listening audience.

Concluding the interviews, Mr. Rader then played host to a minist-

rial meeting for 54 pastors, their wives and two area reporters, speaking more than two hours and answering their questions. Mr. Kotorra said the dinner finally ended a few minutes before midnight Friday.

"Mr. Rader made himself available to everyone," says Mr. Pinckney. After speaking on the Church's legal struggles and the events of the Work for more than two hours during services the next day, Mr. Pinckney reports that the Church treasurer met with brethren after services "until almost the entire Church left. He greatly encouraged all the ministers and the churches here."

The Charlotte pastor feels Mr. Rader's visits are "very important," as Mr. Rader "virtually canceled out any negative impressions of the Church" brought about through bad publicity. He said that as a result of the visit, "fair and objective articles appeared" in area newspapers, "allowing people to see our side to the story."

## Marriage lasts 70 years

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — Airplanes with engines, electric washers, radio amplifiers and stormy news from Europe threatening the advent of World War I were all developing in the United States during the first decade of the 1900s. At that time, George A. Dorn met his wife-to-be, Jennie, in New York City and married her by the end of 1910.

Sept. 11 marked 70 years of marriage for the couple. Mr. Dorn is a member of the Kalamazoo church.

Although his wife has been bedridden for the past five years because of a number of strokes, the 93-year-old and nearly blind Mr. Dorn feels, "greatly blessed by God, in spite of my many illnesses."

### Looking for truth

In 1962 Mr. Dorn started looking for a religion that "exemplified the Bible," he remarked.

"Well, I looked for nearly 10 years," he added, "until I picked up a copy of *The Plain Truth*. I picked up several more until I was sold on

this Church." He was baptized in June, 1977, at the age of 90. "He is the oldest person I've ever baptized," reported Ken Williams, pastor of the Kalamazoo church.

At 14, Mr. Dorn was working in the textile mills in New York, where he earned \$5 for 60 hours of work each week. "But the cost of living was low too, so we fared all right back then," he noted.

After bank jobs and other opportunities, Mr. Dorn returned to industry to become superintendent of a textile mill in Amsterdam, New York.

### Marriage advice

Mr. Dorn's advice for making a marriage work would be, "Meet the right one the first time and don't carouse too much with the women when you're single."

When asked his views concerning changing world conditions over the years, Mr. Dorn replied, "We're not part of world conditions, so I don't let it bother me."

## Petris bill

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The Los Angeles, Calif., Times reported that Gov. Brown's office said the governor "has not taken a position on the bill." According to a spokesman for the legal office of Rader, Helge & Gerson, the governor has 30 days to either sign, veto or allow the bill to become law without his signature. The spokesman noted that opposition to the measure has been voiced in Gov. Brown's office.

If Gov. Brown signs the bill, it will become law and take effect June 1, 1981. Assemblyman John Knox, cosponsor of the bill, said if the proposed law goes into effect, church congregations will be protected through California criminal statutes.

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truth, he doesn't apologize and say in parentheses, I want you to understand, this is what I believe, you don't have to agree with me. He says it with tremendous power and tremendous authority, and people recognize that. And he is, in essence, telling everybody that they're wrong.

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opponent by stimulating him to do his best or to do better, but does not harm — rather benefits the opponent — is healthy competition. So competition can be EVIL, or GOOD, depending primarily on the attitude in which it is participated.

The very name SATAN means "adversary." But Satan is an EVIL adversary, who desires to HARM — who has a spirit of HOSTILITY. If it has GOD'S SPIRIT OF "GIVE" — help, encourage, cooperate, stimulate for GOOD, based on an attitude of LOVE, it is right, not wrong.

# AMBASSADOR ACTIVITIES

### 34th SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS WITH FACULTY RECEPTION

"If we, both faculty and students, continue to put God at the center of all our activities and endeavors, then this 34th year can be the best in the entire history of this college of the future," said Deputy Chancellor Raymond McNair when he welcomed the incoming freshman class at the faculty reception Aug. 21. After meeting informally with the faculty at the Loma D. Armstrong Academic Center, the freshmen joined the rest of the student body for a formal dance in the Student Center. The college stage band, led by Tom Crabb, played big band era and popular music throughout the evening.



COOKOUT — Ambassador College students enjoy a Labor Day barbecue that took place on campus. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

### AMBASSADOR AND WOMEN'S CLUBS BEGIN

Kickoff week for most of the nine Ambassador clubs and eight Women's clubs began Aug. 25. This is the largest number of clubs in several years with almost the entire student body participating, according to Gary Shaffer, student body president.

With the large number of clubs, classrooms on the upper campus are being used in addition to the regular Student Center clubrooms.

Women's club coordinator Pam Dewyer said: "Enthusiasm was very high. The clubs were a smash success." She emphasized that the goal of each member is to experience all aspects of club in order to

help develop the whole Christian woman.

Ambassador clubs meet every week, similar to the Spokesman Club format, while Women's clubs meet every second week with a dinner evening.

### OUTREACH PROGRAM DRAWS LARGE RESPONSE

Thirty percent of the student body signed up to be a part of the Ambassador College Outreach program at an introduction night Aug. 20.

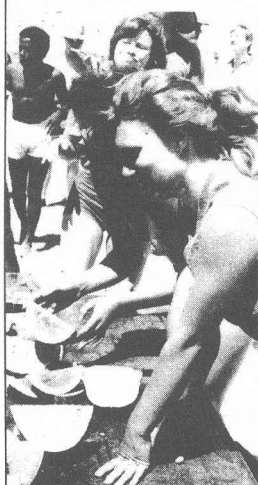
Played host to by Outreach director Barry Dixon, an Ambassador College senior, the students viewed a slide show on Outreach activities, followed by a performance from the entertainment section that visits homes for the elderly and handicapped in Pasadena.

"These people really appreciate our visits, especially when we sit down and talk with them after our show," said senior Rick Shallenberger, head of the entertainment division. "Some people had not been visited for as long as 25 years."

Other areas of Outreach include the youth division, which provides student teachers for the Sabbath school program, as well as tutoring in Pasadena schools. Students also provide transportation for elderly people to go shopping and the Special Projects division is ready to assist any Church department whenever there is need for labor.

### STUDENT-FACULTY BEACH PARTY

Sunday morning, Aug. 31, the



THIRST QUENCHER — It's time to cool off, as anxious students grab for watermelons during the Ambassador College beach party Aug. 31. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

Ambassador College student body, together with faculty and families, descended on Bolsa Chica beach for the annual fall semester beach party. The logistical problem of transporting the 400 students was solved with the hiring of eight buses and use of two college vans.

Apart from swimming and sunbathing, the main attraction was the unofficial volleyball tournament between classes.

The seniors finally emerged victorious and then replaced a determined challenge from the faculty, winning 3-1. A human pyramid, successfully formed on the second attempt, gave way under the combined weight of 15 people.

One thousand pounds of watermelons were provided to quench the thirsts and appetites of the group.

### FRONTIER ROOM REOPENS

"An informal social center for students to visit without having to go off campus" is how manager Jan Dowell describes the Frontier Room in the basement of Ambassador Hall. The room reopened Sept. 2 as a central meeting place for students, apart from dorm lounges.

During the 1960s, the Frontier Room was used as a student lounge with snack bar, but for the past few years the area was used for club meetings and as a lounge for sabbatical ministers.

A stereo system was installed to provide background music and to allow students to hear *The World Tomorrow* broadcast each evening. A television room with seating for 15 to 20 people replaces the former billiards room.

Student council members take turns serving as monitors for the facility, selling health foods, popcorn and fruit juices at the new snack bar.

Wednesday evenings are reserved for live entertainment, where students can perform, have sing-alongs or just enjoy the proceedings.