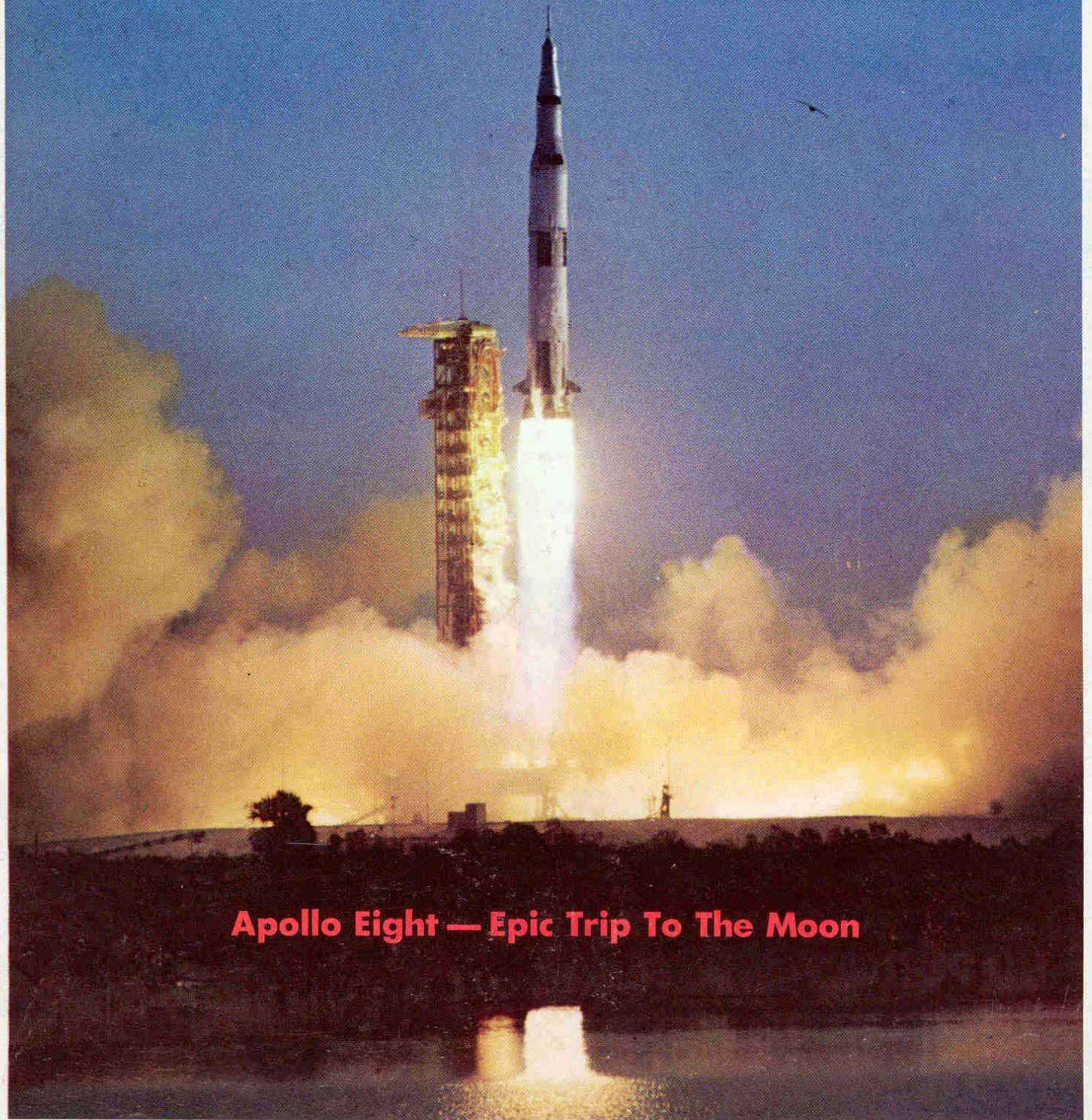


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Mrs. Bessie D. G.,
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Personal from the Editor

THIS is a "blood, sweat and tears" talk with our readers — with apologies to the late Sir Winston Churchill.

At Britain's darkest hour of World War II, Prime Minister Churchill's "blood, sweat and tears" speech saved the nation. It struck through to the hearts of the British people. It moved their emotions. Like an electric shock it gave them hope. It stirred their determination, aroused a willingness to suffer any sacrifice or privation, that their country might survive.

Today, as surely as Britain faced the question of survival then, all humanity faces the question of SURVIVAL now — the survival of the human race!

We don't like to think about it. We shrink from facing up to the existing facts. I know that well! But there is a story to be told about that, and I propose to tell it now.

Thirty-five years ago a tiny handful of financially poor but sober people did face up to it. They volunteered to join me in a "blood, sweat and tears" sacrifice to do something about it. As time went on, others caught the vision, volunteered to join with them. Now, in humanity's darkest hour — with most of humanity lethargically refusing to face up to it — our deliverance is near. Glorious victory is in sight. Humanity will be saved alive. The peaceful, happy, prosperous, joyful WORLD TOMORROW is soon to dawn.

The world little realizes now, but soon it will come to astonished awareness of the fact that these volunteers have had something vital to do with it.

Their unselfish sacrifice has gone too long unnoticed. I feel it is high time that I give full acknowledgment, and pay full tribute to those to whom tribute is due. They have made possible a very remarkable thing — something never done before! It is something that concerns every reader of this magazine.

This magazine now has a vast reader-

ship of more than five million people. Before this vast audience I want now to give public recognition, for the loving service, often at great personal sacrifice, given by a comparatively small army of volunteers. They have made it possible for YOU to hold this fine quality magazine in your hands just now. They have also done far more.

These are the loyal Co-Workers who have made possible the world's most powerful, most-listened-to broadcast — *The WORLD TOMORROW*. This program, 35 years on radio, and now worldwide, has a weekly audience of more than fifty million people. And now it is going out also on full-color television.

These same self-sacrificing volunteers have made possible Ambassador College, with its three campuses of tone and character.

People often ask: "How can you do it? How can you publish such a quality magazine of such tremendous circulation worldwide, without advertising revenue, and without subscription price?"

Since the writing of the preceding sentence, the following letter was handed to me. It came from one of our new subscribers, to whom I had explained, in a general letter, something about Ambassador College, which publishes *The PLAIN TRUTH*: "The information you have just sent me answered all my questions except one. It is: How can you produce the magazine *The PLAIN TRUTH* if you don't ask for money? I don't mean that I'm complaining; I just mean that it seems you would need money to put out such a good magazine."

So, since we receive such questions from many subscribers, it seems fitting that the tribute I wish to pay to this small army of volunteers should, at the same time, answer that very question.

When I say you *cannot* pay for your own subscription — it has already been

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OUR COVER

From three miles distance a 500 mm. telephoto lens recorded this spectacular view of launch of Apollo 8 atop Saturn 5 rocket. Photo was taken approximately 8 seconds after ignition. During first six seconds after ignition, cables hold rocket down until rocket engines reach full power. During launch, a million gallons of water — seen here as steam — are played on gantry and deluge the concrete flame trench and deflector.

children are not taught to look into "nature's" marvels with the AWE OF GOD in their minds — taught to marvel at the humor, warmth, good cheer, and kindness of their Creator — instead of being duped into seeing mindlessness, purposelessness, senseless "evolution" where only order, harmony, beauty, interdependency, complexity, law-abiding things exist.

Yes, the questions bees place before evolutionists are enough to make the most dauntless atheist break out in hives.

A complete book would be required to reveal even the barest of essentials about bees. And at least two books could be filled with questions for evolutionists to answer concerning their supposed "gradual" development.

But, putting a few questions simply, let's first ask, "Which came *first*, bees, or the flowers and plants which survive ONLY through pollination by bees' activities?"

Personal from the Editor

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paid — I do so because I do not like to use the word "FREE." In the strictest sense nothing is free. That is why we say: "Your subscription price *has been paid*." Of course SOMEONE had to pay for it. Yet we never charge YOU — the reader. You CANNOT pay for your own. Our mail-opening staff is instructed to return your money if you try.

This bewilders people. NO ONE ever did anything this way before.

Do we then, some ask, refuse to accept contributions? The frank answer is NO! But we DO refuse to ask the public for contributions. That tiny little family of volunteer Co-Workers has grown through the years. And candidly I do tell *them* about the financial needs. BUT — WE EMPHATICALLY DO REFUSE TO SOLICIT OR REQUEST PEOPLE TO BECOME Co-WORKERS.

Our expanding family of Co-Workers became so VOLUNTARILY.

So I repeat — though no one, even a

Co-Worker, can pay for his own subscription to this magazine, it did cost something to produce and put into readers' hands. Your subscription price HAS BEEN PAID — by these Co-Workers who became Co-Workers VOLUNTARILY! Their tithes and freewill offerings make possible an astonishing activity serving and helping multiple millions of people worldwide!

Let me be real personal, and tell you how this month's Personal talk came with such impact to my mind.

I was taking an important businessman on a tour of our Pasadena campus. He seemed quite impressed. People usually are. He said: "Mr. Armstrong, you have done wonders!" I tried to tell him I had done nothing of the sort. But I couldn't convince him. All he could see was simply that I had accomplished it. The unseen hands that made it possible were not visible to his eyes.

Too many people have been giving me credit for accomplishment over entirely too long a time. So it flashed to my mind that I must make this public acknowledgment, and give this public recognition where it is due. No — not just due — far too long *over-due*!

Some time ago one of our leading American news magazines, the *U.S. News and World Report*, made a statement to the general effect that our only hope for the survival of human life now lies in the power of a Strong Hand from somewhere. That is 100% true. But very few realize it.

You see, they were talking about an UNSEEN Hand from somewhere. What people cannot see, they usually cannot believe. People see *me*, and give me all the credit.

Forty-two years ago, my eyes were opened to a good many serious, sobering things. I "saw" the way humanity is drifting. I saw, even then, the threat to human existence. I read advance news reports, *proved* to be reliable, of the world's condition and trend. I read also of the coming SOLUTION of world problems, by and through this *unseen* Strong Hand from somewhere. I came to "SEE" this "unseen Hand." And I was given to "SEE" the challenge to awaken millions to the urgency of the world

crisis — and to the glorious GOOD NEWS of the happier world of peace just beyond.

A very small handful of personal acquaintances also recognized the challenge and the call to become instruments of that "Unseen Hand." That "Unseen Hand" has proved to be a very steady, strong and powerful Hand.

This small number of personal acquaintances were poor in this world's goods, but rich in the *true* values. In a sense, they, with me, felt "drafted" into this service — yet they willingly VOLUNTEERED.

That was thirty-five years ago, early 1934. Seven years before, early 1927, I had envisioned the idea of this magazine. At the time, I was living in Portland, Oregon. I even engaged a professional letter-artist to design a dummy front cover for a magazine called "*The PLAIN TRUTH*." I wrote three or four articles — never actually published, I believe, save one.

But it was not until seven years later that I was able to produce Volume I, Number 1 of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. That was the February, 1934 issue. It was a "homemade" "magazine" done on a borrowed mimeograph. The stencils were cut on a borrowed typewriter.

On January 6, 1934, due to the volunteered help of these few Co-Workers, I was able to go on the air with what became *The WORLD TOMORROW* program. It was a little 100-watt radio station in Eugene, Oregon. The charge for time — \$2.50 per half-hour program. The station owner had set a price lower than his operating cost for the half hour. Our tiny handful of Co-Workers were able, then, to contribute only about \$1.38 per week between them. I plunged ahead, taking the rest on faith.

The program then was only once a week. The first four broadcasts, I offered *The PLAIN TRUTH*, free, subscription already paid. How paid? By these few volunteer Co-Workers.

Gradually others caught the vision. It was then in the very depth of the Great Depression. Money was a scarce commodity. To even issue a handmade mimeographed "magazine" and pay \$2.50 per week for broadcast time

meant a real "blood, sweat and tears" sacrifice.

But we had a MISSION! There was a tremendous PURPOSE! We were sure we saw THE WAY to do it—no set subscription price for *The PLAIN TRUTH*—no request for contributions over the air. All had to be given WITHOUT PRICE!

Somehow those few self-sacrificing Co-Workers began to prosper. Even though they made serious self-sacrifice financially, their economic condition gradually improved. It was almost as if *it paid them* to have a part in this Work!

In those early years, this Work faced a constant struggle for survival. But gradually it grew—and grew—and multiplied in power and scope. By 1942 we were being heard nationally in the United States. In 1947 Ambassador College was born. But not without "birth pangs." For two years it was a fight for existence. Then a few people volunteered to send in their life savings to help. They have prospered financially since.

Gradually, as more and more people have come to recognize the challenge—to realize this great Work offers them an opportunity to have a *part* in changing, and in the end actually saving the world—the number who have volunteered to become Co-Workers has increased.

But there is a rather amazing factor here. Virtually every phase of our operations has increased on an average of 30% each year over a 35-year period—save one factor. That is the number of Co-Workers who make it possible. It costs money to conduct this Work. Our operational expenditures have had to increase at the rate of approximately 30% every year over the year before. That means it **DOUBLES** in approximately 2 years and 7 months—less than 3 years. I know of no enterprise—whether commercial or non-commercial—that has grown so consistently so long.

And of course that means the income for the Work from these Co-Workers has increased on an average of 30% each year—for we do pay our bills and therefore our financial standing today is quite strong.

BUT—the incredible thing is, the increase in the *number* of Co-Workers helping voluntarily with us each year is *only about 12%*.

How can we account for an increase of 30% each year in tithes and contributions received, with only a 12% increase in the number contributing? The answer is surprising indeed! Those who volunteer to have part in this great Work *do* find that it **PAYS**—their personal incomes, on the whole, increase! I do not mean in every case—but as a whole!

How can we account for that?

Well, there is that Strong Hand from somewhere. If that unseen Hand does not exist, humanity will not survive on earth another 25 years! I know whereof I speak, for no organization on earth has a more knowledgeable grasp and understanding of world conditions, trends, and causes, than ours. We know where the world is heading. It is **NOT** finding any solution for its major problems.

But there *is* that unseen **STRONG HAND!** There will be supernatural intervention to save humanity alive. And the revelation given mankind by the Supreme Personage that wields that Strong Hand explains **WHY** a 12% increase in supporting Co-Workers accounts for a 30% increase in what they provide.

Listen to a few excerpts from that revealed explanation: To our own nations, He says: "Even from the days of your fathers ye have gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Eternal of Hosts. But ye said, 'Wherein shall we return?'"

And He answers: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, 'Wherein have we robbed thee?' In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and **PROVE ME NOW HEREWITH**, saith the Eternal of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and **POUR OUT A BLESSING**, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:7-10).

Our Creator and Ruler of the universe **CHALLENGES** us! He challenges us

to **PROVE HIM!** He makes a promise. He says, put Him to the test! He **PROMISES** to prosper those who tithe to His Work.

Again, the words of Jesus: "GIVE, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over" (Luke 6:38).

And further, the apostle Paul: "He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall also reap bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, nor of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (II Corinthians 9:6-8).

We know that we have been given a very great Mission. That Mission is to awaken a drowsy lethargic humanity to the fact its **WRONG WAYS** are leading all humanity into a crisis that would mean the extinction of human life if the Almighty God did not come to our rescue. We have been called to proclaim to the world, as a witness, **THE FACT** that the Creator is **ALSO THE RULER OVER HIS CREATION**—that humanity as a whole has transgressed His Laws and therefore brought on itself all the accumulated evils that now exist in this world. We have been assigned to proclaim the very *imminent* coming of the Great Messiah in **TOTAL** supernatural **POWER** and **GLORY** to set up **THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GREAT GOD** over all nations, and to bring this unhappy world **PEACE** at last!

I have said these Co-Workers **VOLUNTEERED**. In a technical sense, if one understands, that is not entirely true. That is, it is not **ALL** of the truth!

For the *whole* truth is, that "unseen Strong Hand" is, literally, the living Christ who gave His life's blood to pay the penalty of the transgressions of the world, and who was raised from the dead—and is alive, in **POWER**, eternally. It is **HE** who guides and directs this great Work. Of that fact, we who *know* the facts have seen so much evidence over the years that it is no longer a question.

And this same Jesus, during His mortal human lifetime, said of His

disciples, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you" (John 15:16). In a sense, those of us having a part in this great Work with and under the living Christ have been *drafted*. But it is not a compulsory draft. Except for a full-time special mission, each individual makes his own decision. "And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17).

Therefore, our Co-Workers, of their own free will, made their own decision, unasked, unsolicited, by me or any in this Work. Even though called and chosen by that unseen Strong Hand, which they may not have realized, they did volunteer to accept; to *have a part* in changing and saving the world, under the living Christ!

We know that we are merely poor human instruments in the very Work of the Almighty Living God, preparing the way! Even now, this Work is *changing* the lives of thousands every year. Soon, under the world-ruling Government of God, it will finally result in not only CHANGING THE WORLD, but also in SAVING THE WORLD!

And THAT is why this great Work had to start so small! Whatever God does through humans must *start* the very smallest — and then *grow* BIG! THAT is why it has grown so surely and steadily to worldwide impact and power! THAT is why a 12% annual increase of financial Co-Workers have been prospered so that their contributions have averaged a 30% yearly increase!

It was truly a "blood, sweat and tears" struggle in the early years. It still is, today. But willingness of volunteer Co-Workers to suffer privation and sacrifice was rewarded not only in their financial betterment, but they have benefitted spiritually, socially, and in other ways.

I cannot, in this *Personal* article, give acknowledgment and credit by naming those I wish to honor. They have grown from a mere dozen into thousands — yet less than 2 percent of those who enjoy reading *The PLAIN TRUTH* pay the entire production cost. And they do far more — they finance *The WORLD TOMORROW* program reaching more

than 50 million people every week — they pay the operating costs of the three campuses of Ambassador College and all the other GOOD THINGS being done through this Work.

This Work, worldwide though it has grown, has never been able to quit struggling for survival. It still is a daily struggle that the income meet the needs. We have to struggle constantly with the budget. We dare not let it exceed income. We have to struggle to find new ways to make every dollar go farther — to give greater SERVICE to larger numbers of people.

I have intended this month's *Personal* to be an acknowledgment and a tribute to our Co-Workers. At the same time I have meant it to be a frank, yet simple and straightforward EXPLANATION to all other PLAIN TRUTH readers. It is NOT intended as a solicitation. We want NO ONE to feel any sense of

obligation. Rather, that YOU favor US, and we are indebted to YOU, when you allow us to *give* and to *serve*. For then *ours* is the greater blessing, for Jesus said "It is more blessed to GIVE than to receive."

Yet to say that we would not welcome other volunteers who wish to have part with our family of Co-Workers would be untrue. We assuredly would not deny any that privilege, but rejoice in welcoming them with open arms.

Paradoxically, as this Work struggles to survive — and to GROW in scope and power — it does so to WARN a world whose greatest problem is SURVIVAL — yet we are the only voice on earth with the GOOD NEWS of HOW THIS WORLD WILL SURVIVE — AND OF THE HAPPY WORLD TOMORROW! Our Co-Workers and I THANK YOU for allowing us to serve and GIVE!

INDIA CRISIS

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incompetent one may be for performing his duties, there must be no change.

Indian government officials are asking, How can "caste" be eradicated?

Attempts have been made since the days of Buddha to wipe it out, but with little or no avail.

The Indian Government has tried to weaken the hold "caste" has over the people by educating them, by granting them equality in the eyes of the law, and through new technological and economic influences.

Yet all these have so far been unable to make any appreciable dent in the problem. Unwillingness to change is still overwhelming. Many of the educated still *refuse* to work with their hands, even if it means going hungry and being unable to provide for an ever-increasing family.

And further, India's feeble attempts to lower the birth rate are not going to control India's population growth. Eventually it will be famine and disease that will check India's skyrocketing population. The problem is too many are producing children but not providing for them.

More and more Indian babies — over 12 million annually — are being born into this land of despair, hopelessness and disease. An ever-increasing number of them in families that cannot or do not provide for them. If foreign nations ship in food to stave off starvation, it just increases the number of children who are not provided for. And it adds to the number of parents who do not provide for their children.

This is the stark reality of India's overpopulation problem. Events in recent years have shown that instead of finding solutions, the problems are themselves becoming more and more insoluble.

What is going to happen in India? Where is India heading?

The combined efforts of India and her international friends have been unable to diminish the problem.

To solve the problem, each parent must be helped to see that it is his responsibility to provide for his own children by the work of his own hands and the training of his own mind.

It will take superhuman power — divine power — to accomplish such a task!



Kilburn — Ambassador College

December 24, 1968 — San Diego California. Commander Lloyd M. Bucher, Commanding Officer of *Pueblo*, speaks to assembled group. Tears rolled freely in emotion-packed ceremony at arrival of 82 living crewmen of U.S.S. *Pueblo*.

What Price HONOR?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

OF COURSE we all rejoice that the crewmen of the U.S.S. *Pueblo* are back home safe—even if not as sound as they might have been had they not been subjected to almost unbelievable beatings and inhuman torture.

But many are overlooking the *other*

side of the coin. I'm not a military man. I personally DO place the value of human life far ahead of the value of matériel, ships, and military equipment. I did not vote to make the United States a military power. BUT IT IS A MILITARY POWER — in a world of military powers. And as such it must conduct itself as

military powers are conducted — OR LOSE FACE, LOSE HONOR — and, in the end, lose all FREEDOM!

And this poses some serious questions:

To what depths of disgrace is the most powerful nation in the world willing to stoop? The United States stood

disgraced before the world when it allowed the U.S.S. *Pueblo* to be captured, or to be in such position that it could be taken.

What Should Have Been Done

To maintain honor and prestige in the world the U. S. Navy should have: 1) either protected the *Pueblo* so that it could not have been taken, or 2) sent superior naval forces immediately after it and taken it back at any cost — even to obliterating all North Korean naval forces. This nation had the power to do it. But that power is not worth much when held in disrespect and contempt by even little nations.

The manner of release of the *Pueblo* crewmen after 11 months of torture and inhuman treatment was one of the most disgraceful and bizarre diplomatic episodes in the history of international affairs. Orientals would die before they would lose face.

If they knew the TRUTH, no nation need ever go to war. But they do not know. And they DO go to war. If America is going to be part of such a world, participating in its ways and its wars, it cannot continue to endure as a free country if it is willing to cringe and crawl before little pip-squeek nations like North Korea. Do we not suppose North Vietnam, the Kremlin, and the Chinese Communists were watching, and now are laughing contemptuously at us?

Yet big, powerful United States, with the mightiest military power any nation ever had, has lost all pride in that power. It signed a document drafted by North Korea meekly apologizing for offenses it says emphatically it did not commit. It is like signing an unconditional surrender to a conqueror in time of war. The very fact that the United States repudiated the contents of the document, branding its statements as lies before signing, dishonors this nation the more.

If this nation has so little honor left that it publicly confesses to signing officially to a lie, it brands itself as a liar! Military men enlist, or are drafted, as men risking their lives for the honor and freedom of their country. When the United States did have honor, it often lost a hundred times as many men

to win a single battle. Military men have taught that human lives in certain instances are more expendable than military equipment or ships. Repeatedly in past wars that policy has been acted on.

But now the weak excuse is that they saved the lives of the men. The men, who were not required to sacrifice their lives, are home. BUT THE SHIP IS NOT. The North Koreans still have it.

Had Theodore Roosevelt been President, the ship would have been rescued immediately after capture. Authorities today protest that to have gone in after the ship would have cost the crewmen their lives. *Of course* we don't want to sacrifice those lives! But when a U. S. Naval ship was attacked and captured by an enemy naval force, that was an ACT OF WAR. And right or wrong, this nation has adopted the means of WAR — or maintaining and using MILITARY FORCE — to protect its honor, its freedom, and its sovereignty as a free nation. And to accept military DEFEAT, when attacked in an act of war, on the excuse that we were saving the lives of our military men, is to SURRENDER in battle rather than fight and risk the lives of soldiers or sailors. To carry that policy out to its ultimate conclusion, in repeated surrenders, is to lose not only HONOR, but ultimately ALL FREEDOM.

Upholding National Honor

In previous wars, the United States has sacrificed hundreds of thousands of lives in uniform — for what purpose? Why, officials would answer, to PROTECT THE NATION'S HONOR, AND ITS FREEDOM! No military nation can operate a military force, by accepting defeat in an enemy attack, on the excuse we wanted to save the lives of men who had offered those lives to protect our honor and our freedom!

The United States military saved those lives. We are glad they are home. But AT WHAT COST? First, they are home in obvious mental and moral exhaustion. They report having suffered inhuman tortures and beatings, prolonged isolation, attempts at brainwashing. But HOW MANY MORE LIVES WILL YET BE LOST IN FUTURE BATTLES because enemies will now be emboldened by this display of weakness to

anticipate easy victories over a United States that is AFRAID to fight?

Those lives were put on the block when those men donned their uniforms. If men sacrifice their lives for the honor and freedom of their country, then, even at cost of their lives — the way things are done in this world — the nation's honor should have been upheld before the world. It should have been an example that shouted to the world: "Don't tread even lightly on U. S. honor — because any nation who dares to do so will suffer the consequences." Then we should have been respected.

I have mentioned before how I was standing not more than six feet from former President Theodore Roosevelt, during President Wilson's campaign for a second term in early autumn of 1916. President Wilson was running for re-election on the campaign slogan: "He kept us out of war."

Mr. Roosevelt repeated the slogan contemptuously. Mr. Wilson had been sending the Kaiser note after note, protesting the sinking of United States ships by German submarines.

"I was President for seven-and-a-half years," said Mr. Roosevelt. "And if I were President now, I would send the Kaiser just ONE NOTE — and he would *know* that I MEANT IT! I did send the Kaiser a note when I was President. A German battleship was steaming toward Manila Bay to take the Philippines, then a United States possession. I sent a note to the Kaiser demanding that he turn his battleship back immediately! The Kaiser did not act. Immediately I sent a second note. But I did not send the second note to the Kaiser. I sent it to Admiral Dewey, in command of the U. S. Pacific fleet. My note ordered Dewey to steam full speed upon the German battleship, fire once over her, and order her to turn back. 'And if she does not turn back, SINK HER!' my note said. The Kaiser learned that I MEANT IT!"

Yes, the United States had PRIDE in its power then. Today we have multiple times that power, but we are afraid to use it.

Not only did this country lose face the world around by this incident, that

disgraceful release was made to look like a heroic act. What a travesty on honor!

Of course we are glad these men are back and alive. We would also like to have thousands of others back alive who died in battle to protect their country's honor and its freedom.

Many, many centuries ago, the God of our fathers promised unconditionally to Abraham the overwhelming national greatness, wealth and power that has come to the United States and Britain. In Moses' day it was promised to the children of Israel of that day—*IF* they would be ruled by His laws and statutes. Otherwise, penalties would follow naturally for disobedience, and this great promise would be held back for a duration of 2,520 years. That 2,520 years came to its end in 1800-1803. Since the promise to Abraham had been unconditional, God was bound, and such vast national wealth and greatness as no nations had ever enjoyed came quickly—first to the British, then to America.

But if we disobey God's right laws and reject Him, once He has KEPT

His promise by bestowing on us that promise, He foretold multiplied national punishments, and a complete FALL of our nations. Britain already has been reduced to a third-rate world power. Among the punishments was this: "And I will break the pride of your power" (Lev. 26:19).

This nation has rejected God in its schools and institutions of learning. Science has rejected God (though some scientists as individuals still profess Him), and set itself up as the Messiah to lead us out of our troubles. Our morals have hit a toboggan slide. Our homes and family life are breaking down. Our juveniles are delinquent. A tenth of us are mental cases. We are rapidly becoming a nation with crime running rampant. Our people are taking to stimulants, depressants, drugs, narcotics, in alarming proportions. Respect for law and order is breaking down—and, though we don't seem to know it, OUR NATION IS BREAKING DOWN!

And here is another example: GOD HAS KEPT HIS WORD — HE HAS BROKEN THE PRIDE OF OUR POWER!

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN 1969

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toward the Vietnam war, has stated repeatedly his desire to continue probing for every avenue out of Vietnam through the Paris talks. Three possible things can happen. *First:* Talks can drag on interminably, with wrangling, arguing, ploys and maneuvers while trying to gain battlefield advantage; meaning men will continue to die in piecemeal attrition. *Second:* The United States can gradually turn the battles over into the hands of the South Vietnamese; continuing massive support in every area except ground troops. *Third:* The war can again escalate, with from 700,000 to 800,000 U. S. troops directly involved.

But don't look for "easy answers," or an "early solution." The Communists simply don't deal that way. They are now, and always have been, OUT TO WIN in Vietnam. The way

they see it, victory WILL be theirs ultimately—in any number of ways.

But regardless as to HOW the United States finally curtails direct involvement in Vietnam—the chances are high the big move will come in 1969. *One thing is sure:* The attention of the world will SHIFT during 1969 from the periphery of ASIA to EUROPE and the MIDEAST.

Ultimately, Americans will be forced to see Vietnam as another weakening, debilitating, politically and morally frustrating war, fought for limited objectives at high cost, which only further served to weaken America in national RESOLVE and PURPOSE—as well as drain U. S. economic and military *strength*. PRIDE in our power is gone.

KOREA: Reds in Korea, though releasing the Pueblo crew, are stepping up infiltration attempts, terrorism, and attempts to enlist aid from peas-

ants. Probable Red timetable is for another MAJOR TEST of U. S. resolve in Korea. The United States, having seen and lived the trauma of Vietnam, will be extremely reluctant to give immediate and direct military support this time in Korea. U. S. will probably try to dump the whole thing into the lap of the United Nations, refusing to take any more than a normal "share" of any required military commitment—in spite of number of U. S. troops presently garrisoned in Korea.

EUROPE: The big news in Europe will be the reshuffling of NATO, and the German National Elections. While big furor has been stirred up over the NPD (the "new Nazi" party) and Mayor Willie Brandt has banned the party from Berlin—the real worry should be the "old" Nazis deeply entrenched in the ranks of the *major* political parties. Look for Franz Josef Strauss to become the real power in West Germany. Germany has refused to sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty—*could* manufacture her own atomic weapons if German demands (a la Strauss) for nuclear arms are not met in a restructured NATO.

Look for continued blocking of Britain's entry into the Common Market. Look for West Germany to be more and more demanding; insistent; and exercising a political voice as powerful as her industrial and economic one.

MIDDLE EAST: WAR could be in the immediate offing. U. S., through the U. N., will exert every influence to prevent it; meanwhile continuing to provide arms to Israel (U. S. has supplied arms to Jordan, too), in order to keep some sort of balance of power in the Mideast in the face of Russian arms in Arab countries.

If another war occurs, don't expect Israeli cities to escape harm; nor another swift and shocking victory for the Israelis. Arabs learned that lesson; and Soviet technicians and advisors are on the spot to make sure they remember it. Another conflict in the Mideast would bring U. S.