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CURRENT TRIP SO FAR

by Herbert W. Armstrong

We left Tucson Friday noon, January 2nd, arriving Honolulu Friday evening. I met with and preached to the Church on Sabbath. Left Honolulu Sunday noon. Crossing international date line in afternoon it became Monday; arrived just before dark at Tokyo Monday.

Mr. Rader accompanied me as usual in early afternoon visit with Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki at his official residence. He is the sixth prime minister I have met in private visit in Japan. I congratulated him warmly on his new "Suzuki Doctrine" announced that morning for Japan aid to, and cooperation with, the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) announced in the Japanese press that morning.

I congratulated him on a policy of "give" instead of "get." His office was filled with TV and still cameras and bright lights, and reporters for our interview which was reported in Wednesday morning Japanese-language newspapers, but not in English-language papers. We presented him with a gift of steuben crystal as we had to other prime ministers before him.

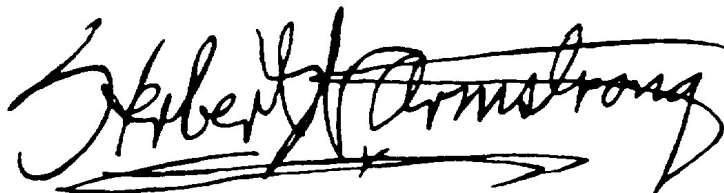
Prime Minister Suzuki left Tokyo for Manila Thursday for conferences with President Ferdinand Marcos. I will have conference with President Marcos week of January 11th.

On Wednesday the 7th, Mr. Rader and I had tea and an hour's visit with Prince Mikasa, the Emperor's brother, and his wife, Princess Mikasa. We have known them for twelve years, and we decided we were all getting old for we talked over old times of 1968, 1970 and later, that we have enjoyed together.

Thursday night was the big banquet in the Imperial Hotel's largest ballroom. Four hundred and eighty-two were present--the very top elite of Tokyo, including 22 Ambassadors representing other nations and some 20 of my "Japanese sons" who are congressmen in the Japanese Diet. I was chief speaker and gave them a strong message on the Kingdom of God.

Sabbath afternoon at 2:30 I spoke to an audience of about 100 Plain Truth subscribers--all Japanese and all either students or faculty from universities who understand English. They seemed very interested and the

sermon was in power on approaching world crisis (great tribulation) and Christ's coming Kingdom of God, way of life, spiritual law, and peaceful world tomorrow. Will speak here again three weeks from today and expect a larger crowd. Leave Sunday for Hong Kong and Manila.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Herbert Armstrong". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font. The name "Herbert" is written in a larger, more prominent script than "Armstrong". There are some horizontal lines and flourishes at the end of the signature.

(The above article by Mr. Armstrong for the Pastor General's Report was telexed to Pasadena. It will also appear in the Worldwide News.)

MR. ARMSTRONG MEETS JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER

(This report was received prior to Mr. Armstrong's preceding article.)

Dateline Tokyo:

Mr. Herbert Armstrong met today (January 6, 1981) for 30 minutes with Prime Minister Suzuki of Japan.

Prime Minister Suzuki, who will be departing for his first overseas visit as Prime Minister of Japan, discussed with Mr. Armstrong Japan's great interest in promoting cooperation with its neighbors and other peoples around the world. He also expressed deep appreciation for Mr. Armstrong's continued contribution to a better understanding between the peoples of Japan and the peoples of the United States.

Mr. Armstrong, accompanied by Mr. Rader, will be in Japan for another four or five days. Tomorrow he will meet with Prince Mikasa, brother of the emperor, and plan for the Ambassador Foundation's participation in the Middle East Cultural Museum and Library which has now been completed.

On Thursday evening, January 8, Mr. Armstrong will address 450 leaders of the Japanese community at a banquet in his honor. Some 15 Japanese Diet members, Mr. Armstrong's "spiritual" sons, will pay tribute to his efforts over the past 15 years in Japan. Then, on Saturday, January 10, Mr. Armstrong will address a large public meeting in Tokyo to discuss the crisis in world affairs and the way to world peace.

January 8 Update

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong was honored last evening at a banquet attended by 480 people in association with the Japan, China and United States Cultural Friendship Association. Mr. Armstrong spoke for some 40 minutes on world affairs. Those attending included 22 Ambassadors from various countries, 20 Diet Members, as well as numerous government officials and heads of industry and education in Japan.

A Voice Cries Out: WHY?

We Can:

- send men to the moon and back,
- produce computers, robots,
- develop science and technology, learn secrets of physics and chemistry, build industries.

But We Can't:

- solve our troubles, eradicate evils:
- within family and home,
- within industries and factions,
- government, domestic or foreign problems.

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WHY?



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- 1) There has to be a *cause* for every *effect*.
- 2) The effect—the troubles and evils—spring from our *way of life*.
- 3) There are, broadly, *two* ways of life, traveling in opposite directions: "GIVE" (outflowing love and concern for the good of others in serving, cooperating, sharing) and "GET" (self-centeredness, coveting, competition).
- 4) Both ways of life are spiritual in nature.
- 5) Our troubles and evils are caused by the "GET" incentive.
- 6) Our near-miraculous, mind-boggling accomplishments are physical and material in nature. There seems no end to the possibilities of human accomplishment in the realm of the physical and material.
- 7) But conversely, humanity seems utterly helpless before his real troubles and evils. Why?

- 8) The "GIVE" way of life actually is a spiritual law as inexorably relentless as the law of gravity.
- 9) Because the way of "GIVE"—outflowing love to God and to neighbor—is a spiritual law, much of mankind has tended to think of things spiritual as maudlin, unrealistic nonsense. Yet the spiritual principle of "GET" has been so REAL it has imposed on suffering humanity all its evils!
- 10) I look at a misguided humanity—some rich, some not so rich, many poor—some scholarly, some illiterate—but

almost *all* discontented, not knowing the incredible human potential, not living a truly rich and abundant life. Yet if we all lived by the "GIVE" approach to life, each helping his neighbor to live by the same objective, we would enjoy real UTOPIA!

- 11) It's time you began to THINK about this!

This voice cries out 1) a message of the CAUSE of all our woes and ills today and how we could—if willing—change the EFFECT; and 2) with the announcement that the all-powerful unseen "Strong Hand from Somewhere" will soon intervene in this world's troubled affairs and *compel* a misguided self-willed humanity to enjoy world peace, happiness, universal abundance.

One's agreement does not matter. It's as certain as the rising and setting of tomorrow's sun!

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