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WHO WILL RULE SPACE? With 1963 a new power enters the space race—Western Europe. The race to conquer the universe is fast developing into a three-way struggle. Read, in the lead article, what is determined for 1963.

Wide World Photo

What our READERS SAY

Treasure in a Chinese Shop

"It is indeed a blessing that I happened to read your magazine, *The PLAIN TRUTH*. This magazine was mixed in a bundle of old newspapers that I bought from a Chinese store for fifty centavos per kilo. I read it from cover to cover and I digested all the contents because it was reasonable, logical and believable."

Man from the Philippines

Prayer Answered

"One night I cried out to God for the truth about God and religion. Believe it or not, in about three days I received *The PLAIN TRUTH* in the mail. I had never heard of it before. I read it and marveled, and then I remembered my prayer and this was the answer."

Lady from Pennsylvania

From a Very Young Lady

"I am only 10. . . I found your pamphlet on "Why Were You Born" interesting and it taught me a lot. I think I am beginning to wake up and realize what is ahead for the world and myself."

A Girl from Honolulu

• Parents, how many of your children measure up to this standard?

Where There Is a Will . . .

"I received your wonderful magazine and enjoyed it very much, but I didn't understand very much. I do not have a Bible, but I've saved green stamps and I have ordered me a Bible. I am seeking to learn of Jesus and His ways."

Lady from Georgia

Family Reads Magazine Aloud

"We like your magazine, only wish it came out 2 times a month instead of once. We have it all read the first 2 or 3 days. We read most all of the articles aloud to everyone, because we all want to read it at once. That helps it to sink in better, too, and gives us a chance for discussion."

Family from Wisconsin

Exchange Student from Japan

"When I was in Denver, Colorado, as an exchange student from Japan, I listened several times to *The WORLD TOMORROW* and wrote for a subscription to *The PLAIN TRUTH*; however, my foster family in Denver said it was very fanatical and wouldn't let me read it or listen to the program any more. But I still remember the three or four messages I got to listen to were such an inspiration and blessing to me and now that I am back home in Tokyo, I am writing you for a monthly subscription to the magazine. If you have any subject you need prayer for, do let me know, too."

Japanese Exchange Student

• There is something that this young man can pray for. That is to have the doors to Japan opened to *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast!

Wants to be Reinstated

"I quit receiving your magazine because I didn't agree with you on some things, but I still listen to your program. I find that I miss your magazine and the truth that is in it. They certainly don't tell *the truth behind the news* on the news programs. Would you please renew my subscription."

A Steady Listener

• There's a man who learned his lesson!

Another Miracle

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"You will recall that my niece was in a terrible automobile accident. The car overturned 5 times. Her car was hit by an oncoming, speeding hit-and-run driver. Massive brain damage, a broken leg, a crushed hand, paralyzed right side and many other injuries were the result. When I visited her for the first time she was drawn over sideways, right arm drawn up out of shape, a pad on her nose with a tube through it with which they fed her, and her leg was in

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Personal from the Editor

ONCE AGAIN, you are holding an enlarged, improved PLAIN TRUTH in your hands. This time, four more pages have been added, with—at last, after 29 years—a heavier full magazine-weight cover!

While the next, or February, number will be the 29th anniversary of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, this present number comes at the time of the 29th anniversary of the WORLD TOMORROW program, and of this Work of God. And so this 52-page heavier-cover edition is our 29th anniversary gift to you.

With the June, 1961 issue, I revived this personal talk in *The PLAIN TRUTH*—then called “Heart to heart Talk with the Editor”—after an absence of a few years. With that number we went up from 32 to 40 pages. In my personal talk with our readers at that time, I took our readers behind the scenes, and into various editorial, production, and mailing offices, to show you how this magazine is produced today. There were pictures of 23 of our editors and staff officials.

Then, eleven months ago, with the February, 1962 number, *The PLAIN TRUTH* was again expanded up to 48 pages. In that number, I gave our readers a brief history of the founding and development of this magazine, with pictures of some of the equipment in the *Ambassador College Press* building.

In the June, 1961, number, I mentioned that we planned only one more big improvement—a heavier cover, adding four pages to the 40-page edition which began with that issue. When we were preparing the 28th anniversary number for February, 1962, we found that we could add eight additional pages of the regular weight paper for about the same cost as adding a 4-page heavier cover. Therefore we gave you the full eight additional pages at that time—and the heavier cover had to wait.

Now, however, the present 52 pages brings us to the maximum number of pages that we feel, as of now, we shall

ever find it advisable to publish.

The popular commercial magazines contain from 40% to 60% or more of advertising. A magazine of 108 to 140 pages will, on an average, have only about 52 pages of actual reading. Often part of that is fiction. Actually, 52 pages of solid reading, such as the articles in *The PLAIN TRUTH*, is about all the average reader can read and digest in any one issue. Therefore we have at last, with this number, reached what we plan to be the permanent maximum size of *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

But we do envision *one more* BIG IMPROVEMENT *still!*

This probably will not come for another year or so. But, just as most of the higher class magazines today are printed in multiple full color, so we hope, finally, to make this big further improvement in *The PLAIN TRUTH*. It is now a two-color magazine. Personally, I hope that, perhaps about a year from now, we may be able to give you—and of course I mean *give you*—a beautiful magazine in FULL COLOR!

Meanwhile, I hope you will enjoy this heavier cover, adding more thickness and weight, and the full maximum 52 pages of solid reading and illustrations!

There is no magazine like *The PLAIN TRUTH*. We feel that it is the most important and valuable magazine ever published. It started from smallest and humblest beginnings—without advertising, and without subscription price. It has now grown to full size and weight. It is *quality*, from cover to cover. There is nothing inferior or “cheap” about it. Our next goal is to make it as attractive as any magazine on earth. I hope we can make it so attractive—*so interesting*—so important, that no one will ever let a copy hit a wastebasket! Even now, the very rare copy which does find its way into a wastebasket is invariably picked out by someone else,

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OUR COVER

A Spiral Nebula—the great galaxy in Andromeda. This is the largest nearest large system of stars comparable with our own galaxy. Its distance is about 750,000 light-years. A few smaller galaxies are nearer. Man talks about conquering space—yet he has never yet really left the atmosphere of this earth, much less penetrated the solar system—which is only a part of *our* galaxy of thousands of stars. But here you see a gigantic galaxy hundreds of thousands of light-years beyond our own Milky Way. All of which ought to demonstrate to human beings the absolute GREATNESS of the God who created the whole universe.

who becomes so interested that he requests a year's free subscription!

Mrs. Armstrong and I really do rejoice, in deep gratitude to the living God, that we are, after all these years, able to place this present 52-page copy in your hands—and those of a million other interested readers!

Written November 21
in Luxembourg—

DID YOU ever stop to ask: "How far may I safely go, in doing what I *want* but know I *ought not*?"

In this column, where I can talk *personally* with our readers, I like to discuss things which give us something to *think about*. At this moment, as I write, I happen to be in Luxembourg, in the heart of Europe. I have an appointment over at the station with the general manager of the powerful Radio Luxembourg in forty-five minutes. But a thought just flashed to mind, and I want to get it down on paper for you—or at least started so I won't forget it—before I leave the hotel.

Do you remember reading about an Old Testament character by the name of Balaam, who, as you read in the Book of Revelation (second chapter), in the words of Christ, made ancient Israel to sin?

A totally new and most interesting thought about him suddenly came to mind. I had been reading a manuscript by one of our professors in Ambassador College in England—he is called a Lecturer in England. This article, which we may publish, brought out some new facts about this Balaam, which the author had dug up in some technical research.

Balaam, it now appears, was in his time successor in office to Nimrod (Genesis 10), founder of the world's pagan civilization. Balaam was the greatest prophet of the time—in the pagan religion—the Pontifex Maximus of the pagan world—the chief oracle of paganism.

Does it, then, seem strange that he prayed to God and appeared to be a servant of God?

When King Balak of Moab sent emissaries to hire Balaam to put a curse on the people of Israel, Balaam asked the emissaries to remain over-

night, so he could go aside and pray, and ask God if he might go with them. If he was the chief *pagan* prophet, actually sitting in SATAN'S SEAT, as head of Satan's religion on earth, WHY would he pray to God about it?

I feel quite sure that most people who have read this account have supposed Balaam to be a prophet of God—not of Satan. Did he not do *right* in consulting God? Surely Satan would not do that!

Take just a quick look at the incident.

The children of Israel, under Moses, had pitched camp in the plains of Moab, on the east side of the Jordan river, near Jericho. The King of Moab, Balak, saw what these Israelites—there were at least two or three million of them—had done to the Amorites. He was struck with fear. The Moabites were far outnumbered.

So King Balak sent messengers to Balaam, who lived at Pethor in Mesopotamia—far distant, near the Euphrates River. They took with them the fees for divination, to hire Balaam to curse the Israelites. "They are too mighty for me," was Balak's message to Balaam, "for I wot that he whom thou blessest is blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed."

When the elders of Moab and Midian, Balak's messengers, delivered the message to Balaam, notice what he said:

"Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word again, as the LORD shall speak to me: and the princes of Moab abode with Balaam" (Numbers 22:8).

God said to Balaam, "Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed."

"And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak, Get you into your land: for the LORD refuseth to give me leave to go with you."

Again King Balak sent messengers to Balaam—this time more noble princes of higher rank, and more money. Again Balaam asked them to remain overnight, "that I may know what the LORD will say unto me more" (Verse 19). This time God allowed him to go with them, but forbade him to curse Israel. Yet the angel of God stopped Balaam's donkey on the way. WHY?

Now doesn't all this sound as if Balaam were GOD'S prophet, not Satan's?

Yet, see what we read in the New Testament!

Peter speaks of false prophets "following the way of Balaam, . . . who loved the wages of unrighteousness" (II Peter 2:15).

Jude writes: "Woe unto them! for they have gone the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward . . ." (Verse 11).

Jesus Christ says to the Church of the Pergamos era: "But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel . . ." (Revelation 2:14).

So Jesus Christ, Peter, and Jude all tell us Balaam was a *false* prophet. When we research into his actual identity, we find that Pethor, where he resided, was the headquarters of the highest priest of the pagan Babylonian Mystery religion. In reading through Numbers 22, 23, and 24, one might suppose Balaam was just some ordinary fellow of no consequence. Yet here was the king of a nation. He passed up his own highest priests, magicians and astrologers of the pagan religion. He sent his highest princes, with rich rewards and highest fees. He sent them a great distance, to Pethor, near the Euphrates, in Mesopotamia. He would not have sent them to any but the most powerful practitioner of divination.

Other Scriptures show that these higher magicians of divination were often demon-possessed. This Balaam could have been DEVIL-possessed, so that it was actually Satan himself in possession of the human Balaam, working in and through him. WOULD SATAN CONSULT GOD ABOUT DOING THIS?

The answer has just now come, sharp and clear, to my mind!

Satan himself *would* consult God, precisely as Balaam did, under such circumstances! Biblical "scholars" and commentators have assumed Balaam had been a true prophet of God originally. This is not true.

The answer is found in the first two chapters of the Book of Job. Satan himself is here pictured in conversation

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This World—1963 . . . and what's prophesied for TOMORROW!

This world has never been so close to nuclear extinction as during the recent (and still unresolved) Cuban crisis. Now see what's prophesied for this year and the next twenty!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

HERE YOU are, just as if on a giant jet plane, streaking at approximately the speed of sound, through the year 1963.

Your grandparents never travelled at such speed. Not only were means of transportation tortoise-slow by comparison, the whole panorama of world events moved by at the same relative snail's pace.

Columbus traveled at four miles an hour to discover America. The *Mariner II* zoomed toward Venus at 25,000 miles per hour. No past generation ever lived in times like these.

But what's going to happen to you, on this unprecedented flash through the year 1963? Are we going to *crash*? Or will we survive until the still faster trips whipping through world events of 1964, 1965, on into the 1970s?

This Year, 1963

First, take a quick look at the world you are living through *now*—1963! Then we'll take a flash glance into the world *tomorrow*!

All eyes have been on Cuba and war by Chinese invasion in India.

The United States neglected its big opportunity to free Cuba of Castro and Communism totally and once for all. Of course there was the fear that America would be accused of aggression. But we couldn't be much worse thought of around the world than we are, anyway. And we should have then been *really* respected! However, the Cuban crisis did raise U.S. prestige considerably around the world.

Present U.S. strategy for CUBA: An economic squeeze. Under Castro, Cuba has undergone alarming economic decline. Food production is dropping steadily. It had doubled in twenty years *before* Castro. Wages, in relation to living costs, have dropped around 50%.

Industrial production now is in serious crisis. You remember that Castro took over, and confiscated American industrial plants. Now they are wearing out. Castro can't get replacement parts. Stealing U.S. privately owned factories has boomeranged.

Formerly Cuba was a tourist attraction. Tourists brought more than 60 million dollars annually to Cuba. That is all gone now. Transportation is a basic, vital index to prosperity. Cuban trucking is off 25%, railroad operations have declined 45%. Cuba's main industry has been sugar. It has dropped 16%. Cuba's foreign exchange balance is virtually wiped out. Boycott of Cuba is spreading.

Castro is still in power—*locally*. But Castro is no longer a hero to other Latin-American countries. He has been reduced from a world figure to head of a small and declining country, without influence.

The U.S. strategy, instead of having gone into Cuba with an invasion and cleaning Communism out, is to put increasing pressure on an economic squeeze, cutting off supplies to Cuba wherever possible. This leaves Cuba pretty much dependent on Khrushchev—and if the Kremlin supports Cuba's losing cause, that helps drain Russia of resources.

Cuba Like Canaanites

Nevertheless, the United States *could* have sent military forces into Cuba, and totally driven Castro and Communism out. But *should* this have been done?

Consider what God ordered ancient Israel to do under similar circumstances. Some of the circumstances are different—especially in the fact that God had *given* the land of Canaan to the Israelites, and He has not given Cuba to the United States. Yet, these Canaanite

nations were actually trespassers, squatting there illegally. And Castro and his Communism took over Cuba in a wrong, deceptive manner. They surely are there illegally in God's sight.

God commanded the Israelites to drive out all the inhabitants of Canaan—and to destroy their idols and places of false worship. That is a pretty close parallel to the U.S. driving Castro and anti-God Communism out of Cuba.

"But if you will not drive the inhabitants of the land from before you," said God to Israel, "then it shall come to pass, *that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land where ye dwell*" (Numbers 33:55).

Is that prophetic? Is the United States going to find that, having left Castro and Godless Communism on the American doorstep, it is going to continue causing us every kind of trouble and harassment?

1963 Around the World

Now look at INDIA: It seems to be up to the United States to save India from a Communist invasion and takeover from Red China. Can the United States save India? How much will *this* undertaking *sap America's strength*?

Look at RED CHINA: A report from Hong Kong in *U.S. News & World Report* of December 10 says Mao Tse-tung is frustrated, filled with FEAR. China is sick. Pretending to show the rest of the world a better and more prosperous way of living, Red China can't even feed its own people. This report says Red China is far sicker than has been realized. It is beset with farm failures, and has been notorious for its famines. The analysis given in this report is that the setting up of military check-points on the Chinese border by India brought great FEAR of India en-

couraging a revolt in Tibet. In FEAR, the Chinese struck at India. Once started, the realization came of the cost in resources and manpower to China, if the war extended into the vast Indian plains. Then FEAR seized them, and they withdrew. They also FEARED the United States and Britain would intervene.

Whether this analysis is true or only part true, the heads of many nations around the world—including Mao Tse-tung and Khrushchev—are in true fact living in real FEAR! They have never learned the WAY to PEACE, contentment, prosperity, and happiness.

Now look at RUSSIA: Khrushchev, too, lives in FEAR. There has been big friction between him and Mao Tse-tung. Satellite leaders have dared defy him—and, like an underworld gangster leader, a Dictator dares not allow any under him to show defiance; otherwise his own head is in danger!

Khrushchev has his troubles internally at home. The Russian economy is in trouble. Russian living standards are pitifully low—have not been improved by Communism—and the people are getting restless and are wanting something better than empty promises for the future. Other powerful leaders in the Kremlin are secretly maneuvering to knock off Khrushchev and take his place. He FEARS he does not have the unswerving loyalty of his top men.

Khrushchev was forced to show the whole world that he would back up and retreat when his bluff was called, by the Cuban crisis. He lost a lot of face in that.

Now, suddenly, it becomes known to the whole world that United States nuclear and military power is overwhelmingly superior to Russia's. In long-range missiles, the U.S. is now vastly superior. The world now knows that, despite boasting and bragging, Russia has not kept pace with the U.S. The Cuban crisis proved what we have continually said in *The PLAIN TRUTH*—the Russian Bear will back up and retreat when faced with a really fierce and angry lion ready to spring on him.

Look at BERLIN: As we enter 1963, Khrushchev is still threatening to bring about a show-down in Berlin—but he has not set dates or issued ultimatums. The ugly WALL has brought criticism

around the world. Tunnels are being built under it, through which East Berliners are still escaping. As the Communists discover and block up many of these—and shoot to kill any East Berliners found escaping—longer and longer tunnels are being dug at great cost, from basements on the West side, to basements several blocks from the wall on the East side.

But many of the Berliners engaging in this new and expanding operation are expressing their lack of confidence in the United States in ever solving their difficulties with the Communists.

Look at FRANCE: The French, customarily unstable as water, as God says of them in the Bible—normally having a new government every few weeks or months—seem to have found a MASTER in De Gaulle. De Gaulle is moving toward ever closer partnership with Germany, and the coming United States of Europe. France is now turning its back on the past. The French don't want to fight again against the Germans. They want to UNITE. De Gaulle probably aspires to become supreme DICTATOR of the new U.S. of Europe—the resurrected ROMAN EMPIRE. This resurrection is definitely prophesied—but the name of the man to head it is not. Therefore we cannot know, at this writing, who this coming "BEAST" of the Revelation will be. It does not appear that it can be De Gaulle. More likely a German.

Look at GERMANY: Adenauer is slipping. He is approaching 90 years of age. Opposition is gaining. He has promised to step down during 1963. Recent excitement in Germany, over the arrest of editors of the weekly news magazine *Der Spiegel*, has stirred up political activity in a manner that may produce this coming German "super-leader."

Adenauer was forced to maneuver to drop Defense Minister Franz-Josef Strauss. Still, there is some prospect Strauss could, after all, come back as the future "Strong Man." It appears likely that Economics Minister Ludwig Erhard may succeed Adenauer. Then, in the background, is the dark horse Intelligence Chief General Reinhold Gehlen.

Watch for these things: Germany's political parties dissolving, and the

Christian Democratic Party becoming the sole political party, leading to a Dictatorship. Possibly a weak man replacing Adenauer for a short time—as the Weimar Republic followed von Hindenburg, preceding the rise of Hitler. Men to watch: in addition to those mentioned above, Foreign Minister Schröder, Erich Mende, Hans Globke.

Actually, while world attention is fo-



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Erich Mende brought pressure to have Chancellor Adenauer retire within one year.

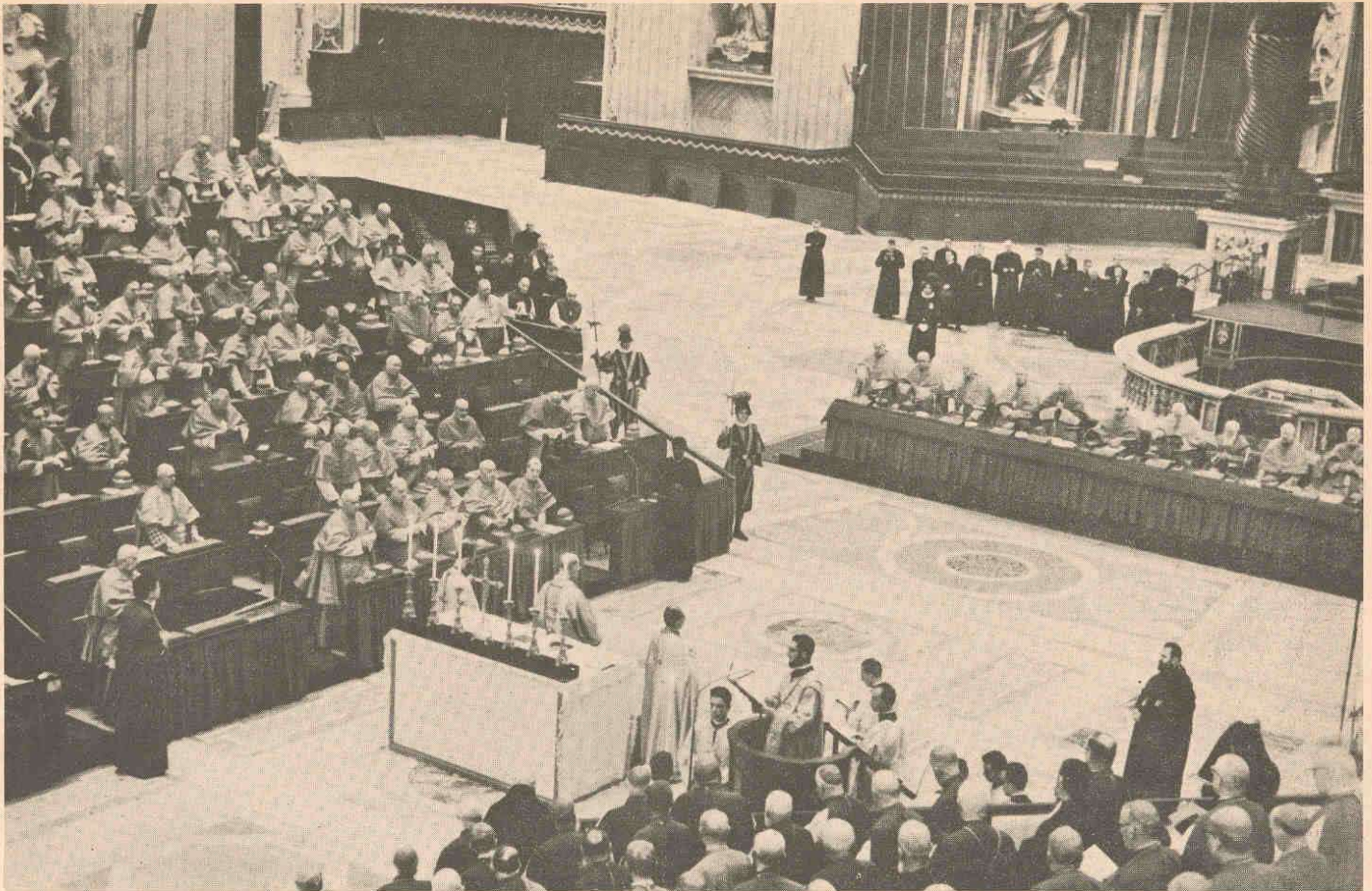
cused on Russia, India, Cuba, the BIG NEWS, unrecognized by most men, is happening in Germany and France and Italy—especially at the Vatican.

Look at ROME: This Ecumenical Council of the Roman Catholic Church is destined to become a crucial and pivotal event in the final grand smash CLIMAX at the CLOSE of this present world. A nine-month recess was called. The present Pope, John XXIII, had a temporary but possible significant illness. When resumed, in all probability the ground will be laid for the Vatican's role in resurrecting the "Holy ROMAN EMPIRE"—the coming United States of EUROPE.

For 29 years we have been proclaiming to the world this uniting of Europe which will astound the world—and produce a third World Power equal to or stronger than Russia or the United States.

The nations of Europe want to unite. They are trying to unite. The Common Market is merely the first step. But there are problems—seemingly unsurmount-

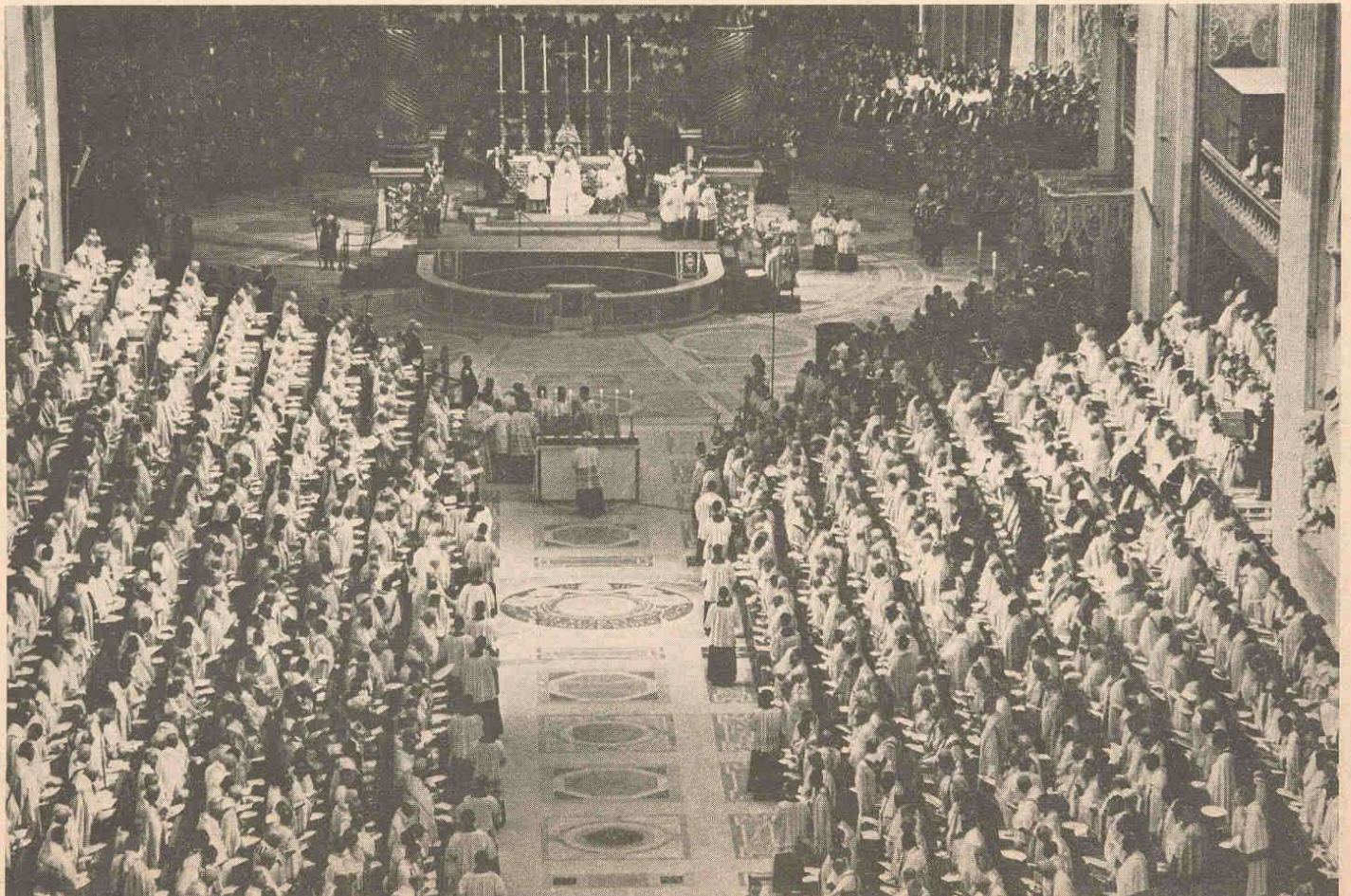
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Above, opening of the Ecumenical Council in St. Peter's, the Vatican. Attending council proceedings are a number of observers from Protestant and Orthodox faiths—an invitation never before extended.

Below, view inside St. Peter's Basilica as the second Vatican Council—Roman Catholicism's greatest assembly of prelates in history—is opened October 11 by Pope John XXIII.

Wide World Photos



Personal from the Editor

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with God concerning the righteousness of Job. God *allowed* Satan to afflict Job—but God placed a limit on *how far* Satan could go! God is SUPREME RULER of the universe. At first, God allowed Satan to take all Job possessed, but not to harm Job's person. Job failed to crack under the test. Satan argued that a man would give up all he possessed to save his own life—but if only he could afflict Job's *person*, Job would turn against God. So God now gave Satan permission to go this much further—but to spare his life.

In like manner, the Satan-influenced (or Satan-possessed, as the case may be) Balaam well *knew* God had set limits to his powers. Satan is the god and invisible ruler of this world—yet God is SUPREME RULER over all. Every ruler has authority and power *only* within his own boundary lines or jurisdiction. There are NO boundary lines on God's rulership—but there are on Satan's. And he well knows it!

This high priest of Satan's religion—notice that even Satan's ministers talk about God, and masquerade as His ministers—this high priest of Satan knew that Israel was God's own nation, under God's protection. This divine protection set a boundary line on his power to harm God's nation. Satan is well aware that there are limits set on his powers.

Balaam would have been overjoyed to be able to curse, harm, or destroy Israel. But he *knew*—he was *fully aware*—that doing this was beyond his power—*unless*, as God allowed Satan to go further than originally allowed in afflicting Job, the Almighty would now allow him to curse and harm Israel. Balaam *wanted* to curse Israel. He *wanted* the fee!

Now, with this in mind, notice what Balaam said. When the highest princes of Moab came, on the second visit, he said: "If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, *I cannot go beyond* the word of the LORD . . ."

(Numbers 22:18).

It was not a matter of Balaam being willing. He was willing to harm Israel. It was a matter of *having the power* to do so. After he went with the emissaries of Balak, he said to the king:

"Lo, I am come unto thee: Have I now *any power* at all to say anything? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that *must* I speak" (Numbers 22:38—RSV).

Later, Balaam said that God had blessed Israel, "and *I cannot reverse it*" (Numbers 23:20). Of Israel, Balaam said, "The LORD *his God* is with him, . . . there is NO ENCHANTMENT against Jacob, neither is there *any divination* against Israel" (Verses 21,23). Notice, God is the God of Israel—HIS God—not Balaam's God. Balaam practised divination and enchantment—and God did not allow it AGAINST ISRAEL.

Balaam *wanted to go JUST AS FAR in the wrong way* as he dared.

That is Satan's way!

Now just *how far* may YOU safely go, in doing what you *want*, instead of what you *ought* to do?

Haven't you often compromised on this? Haven't you often *wanted* to do something you knew you really ought not? And haven't you sometimes gone at least *part way*, thinking that perhaps if you didn't go *all the way* in doing wrong, you might "get away with it"?

How many, under temptation to commit fornication or adultery, go *part way*—perhaps just a little "necking"? And how often does that lead to going just a *little* farther—and then perhaps just a little farther still? Going that first *part way* is already committing the act *spiritually*—according to the spirit or intent of the law! When you have done that you were already GUILTY in God's sight.

Of course Satan was *restrained*, and UNABLE to go farther than he did against Job. Balaam was *restrained*, and UNABLE to go farther than he did against the children of Israel. You may be ABLE, *if willing*, to go farther in sin or wrong ways. You are a free moral agent. But to go as far as you dare IS THE WAY OF SATAN, NOT THE WAY OF GOD!

GOD'S WAY is to go, sincerely, wholeheartedly and earnestly, just *as far* in the RIGHT direction as possible.

God's way is to do MORE than is required of you.

Jesus said: "Doth he (a master) thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not. So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do" (Luke 17:9-10).

If you do not even go as far in the wrong direction as you feel safe—if you do what is commanded—what God, through His Word, shows is YOUR DUTY, but do not go *even farther* in the RIGHT direction, doing MORE than your duty, Jesus Christ says you are an UNPROFITABLE SERVANT! Plainly, Christ expects us to do MORE than duty in the *right* direction!

And what happens to the unprofitable servant?

In the parable of the talents, Jesus said of the one who kept what he had, but did not grow in knowledge and grace—did not overcome—did what was his duty and no more—". . . and cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 25:30).

The Christian life is a life of growing, improving, in character—of overcoming—of becoming more and more like Christ!

HOW YOUR PLAIN TRUTH SUBSCRIPTION HAS BEEN PAID

So many ask: "HOW does it happen that I find my subscription price for The PLAIN TRUTH has already been paid? How can you publish such a high class magazine without advertising revenue?"

The answer is as simple as it is astonishing! It is a paradox. Christ's Gospel cannot be sold like merchandise. You cannot buy salvation. Yet it does cost money to publish Christ's TRUTH and mail it to all continents on earth. It does have to be *paid for!* This is Christ's work. We solve this problem Christ's WAY!

Jesus said, "This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached (and published—Mark 13:10) in all the world for a witness unto all nations" (Mar. 24:14), *at this time*, just before the end of this age. A PRICE *must be paid* for the magazine, the broadcast, the Correspondence Course, or other literature. But HOW? Christ forbids us to *sell* it to those who receive it: "Freely ye have received," said Jesus to His disciples who He was sending to proclaim His Gospel, "freely GIVE!" "It is *more blessed*," He said, "to GIVE than to receive."

Gods WAY is the way of LOVE—and that is the way of *giving*. God expects every child of His to *give* free-will offerings and to *tithe*, as His means of paying the costs of carrying His Gospel to others. We, therefore, simply trust our Lord Jesus Christ to lay it on the minds and hearts of His followers to give generously, thus paying the cost of putting the precious Gospel TRUTH in the hands of others. Yet it must go *only* to those who ask for it for themselves! Each must, for himself, *subscribe*—and his subscription has thus already been paid.

Thus the living dynamic Christ Himself enables us to broadcast, world-wide, without ever asking for contributions over the air; to enroll many thousands in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course with full tuition cost *already paid*; to send your PLAIN TRUTH on an *already paid* basis. God's way is GOOD!

This World—1963

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able problems—blocking the way toward the desired *political-military* union. It cannot be brought about *except* through some Supreme AUTHORITY which all participating nations will trust. There is only one possible such Authority—professedly neutral—the Pope!

It is very possible that the next Pope will be the man to accomplish this dream, making Europe in religion and schools 100% Catholic, and, politically and militarily, under one super Dictator—the coming "Beast" of Revelation 13 and 17.

What's Coming—FAST!!

Now *where do we go from here?*

This world is moving—slowly, it appears on the surface, yet *at frightening speed* when the myriad complex details involved are known, behind the scenes—toward this prophesied condition of world alignments:

1)—A united EUROPE—the astounding resurrection of the "Holy Roman Empire"—a giant new World Power equal to Russia or the United States—perhaps even stronger. It will then hold the *balance of power* between East and West.

2)—This, after squabbling and apparent threats of division now between Russia and Red China, will probably bring about a solidifying of Communist nations. It may bring into the Communist orbit Japan and India. India would add vast manpower and raw resources—Japan has been leaping forward in commercial and industrial prosperity even faster than Germany, and Japan would add industrial power and stability of leadership.

3)—In the West, Britain is having her troubles—the Conservative Party is on the skids—her sun is setting faster than the British seem to realize. In the United States, a temporary gain has been made in world prestige—United States military and nuclear power, when combined with allies, is at present supreme in the world—the immediate outlook for American business is good—no boom in sight, but no depression either. We will coast along for the next few years,

continuing in our slumber and dream of luxury, idleness and ease for the future, unalert to the danger rising below the surface in Europe.

In the Future

Then—possibly not more than seven years from now—America suddenly will wake up to the gigantic THREAT that shall be rising, or even by then have arisen, in Europe. It will come as a disillusioning shock to realize this United States of Europe we have encouraged and helped build has suddenly become the overpowering frankenstein threatening to destroy us. To suddenly wake up from our pleasant dreams — to be stunned with the realization our "loving" allies are actually our real enemies, is going to be a frustrating blow.

Somewhere along about seven to ten years from now the REVOLUTION IN THE WEATHER will become a national and international calamity. Drought, epidemics of disease, will reap a mounting harvest of death across North America—and in Britain.

Economic depression will strike.

And the time will be ripe for the new United Europe to strike! Invasion and captivity will follow — UNLESS AMERICA FALLS TO HER KNEES AND SEEKS THE HELP OF HER GOD—RELYING ON HIM INSTEAD OF FALSE "ALLIES"—UNLESS AMERICA REPENTS OF REBELLION AGAINST GOD, FORSAKES THE BABYLONIAN WORSHIP SHE HAS EMBRACED AND AS A NATION ACCEPTS THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST, AND OBEYS THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD!

But then the Communist hordes will sweep over and destroy the new Babylonish Europe. Its capital will have been moved to Palestine. Its armies on the Middle East battle-front, in Palestine, will fight against Jesus Christ, then descending with the clouds of heaven in all the supreme Supernatural POWER and GLORY of ALMIGHTY GOD! The "Beast"—the coming Dictator of the United Europe—and with him the religious leader—will be destroyed by the brightness of Christ's coming.

Christ will arrive already CROWNED

as KING of Kings, and LORD of Lords—Supreme RULER over all the earth. As He and all the holy angels descend in dazzling bright glory, the dead *in Christ* shall be resurrected, rising to *meet* the returning KING in the air. The living *in Christ* shall then be *changed* from mortal to immortal—from material flesh and blood to eternal spirit composition—and also rise to *meet* the descending and glorious CHRIST!

This vast Assemblage—now the BORN children of God, forming the KINGDOM OF GOD—will accompany the glorified CHRIST as He continues to descend until His feet stand on the Mount of Olives.

FORCED Into PEACE

The nations of the earth will be *angry*. They will not welcome the coming of Christ in glorious splendor.

During the Great Tribulation, preceding Christ's return, hundreds of thousands of Americans and British—from all Commonwealth countries—will wake up to the TRUTH, repent, and seek God in earnest. Our peoples, as a whole, will then be led to Palestine—occupying territory as far east as the Euphrates River. Under Christ's World Government, they will be made the HEAD nation of the earth. Their brothers—the French, Dutch, Belgians, etc., who shall have once again "sold brother Joseph into Egypt," also shall join them. In a vastly enlarged area in and around Palestine, they shall, in a few years, become prosperous and wealthy beyond imagination.

Then the hordes of Russia, China, and oriental countries will attack—and five-sixths of their armies shall be BURIED! Thus our peoples, at last, shall BURY Communism!

Christ, ruling the world, will command all nations to keep God's Festival of Tabernacles (Zech. 14:12-19), beginning late September or early October. Egypt will refuse. Egypt will suffer drought. They still will refuse the following year. Then plagues will begin to fall on them, with ever-increasing intensity, UNTIL THEY REPENT AND OBEY.

Christ and the resurrected Kings and Priests under Him constituting the WORLD GOVERNMENT of the Kingdom of God will RULE ALL NATIONS WITH A ROD OF IRON.

The nations will *resist* GOD'S WAY to

peace, happiness, prosperity, joy, and eternal life. That is, for a time!

But they will be ruled by FORCE—supernatural force! After a few years, they will be whipped into line—*forced*, against their will, to be HAPPY—to enjoy WORLD PEACE—to come into universal PROSPERITY, with no poverty—no fears or worries — no want. They will be *forced* to obey God's physical HEALTH laws—to eat proper foods, breathe fresh pure air (no tobacco industry any more) (and no smog). They will find natural foods far more delicious. *If* one becomes sick—a rarity—he will be HEALED. There will be NO MEDICINE. The doctors will become teachers of the LAWS OF HEALTH, to *prevent* disease and sickness.

Happiness at Last

People will gradually begin to realize that they now have SECURITY—they now have GOOD HEALTH—they now FEEL good—there is PEACE everywhere—smiles and happiness on every face—competition is banished, and COOPERATION has replaced it—everybody pitches in and tries to help everybody else. Everyone will be BUSY—happily employed in activities they ENJOY!

There will be a totally new system of education. A totally new science. Men will have come to realize that the BIBLE, and the revelation of basic knowledge from GOD is the FOUNDATION on which all right knowledge is built—the concept through which all facts are viewed. People will shake their heads in dismay, wondering *how* they could have been so foolish as to have supposed such ridiculous fables as evolution—how such nonsense as the philosophies of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle could have been regarded as high and dignified knowledge.

Yes, people will be FORCED to find the TRUE VALUES—*forced*, against their wills, to be happy and to find life so *interesting*, and satisfying, and rewarding, that they will enjoy every moment of it!

They will *NOT* be forced into personal conversion and salvation—but they WILL be forced to *know* what is the true way—and there will be only one religion—that of the TRUE GOD!

But that will *not* be, any longer, *This World—1963!* That will be *The WORLD TOMORROW!*

THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

Here are the Bible answers to questions which can be answered briefly in a short space. Send in your questions. While we cannot promise that all questions will find space for answer in this department, we shall try to answer all that are vital and in the general interest of our readers.

"A neighbor of mine thinks Christ, between the ages of twelve and thirty, was in a foreign nation. Where does the Bible say He lived during those years?"

Jesus' home was in Nazareth until age thirty.

After Jesus' birth in Bethlehem (Matt. 2:1) and several months in Egypt (verses 19-20), Joseph brought his family to Nazareth so that Jesus would be called a Nazarene—a resident of Nazareth (verse 23).

If Jesus had spent most of His childhood years away from Nazareth, He would not have been known as a Nazarene.

In Luke 4:16 we read: "And he (Jesus) came to Nazareth, where He HAD BEEN BROUGHT UP. . . ." This scripture could not say He was *brought up* in Nazareth if He had lived there only until the age of twelve, and had spent His last eighteen years somewhere else.

"I have been listening to your program on the air and reading The PLAIN TRUTH for the past few years. Your recent series on "Which Day Is the Christian Sabbath?" and the article "Where Did Jesus Command You to Observe Sunday?" have set me to thinking. I don't believe in denominations, but what about the need for spiritual fellowship? I know of some people in my community who meet on the day God set apart, but they have many strange ideas that don't come from the Bible. What should I do?"

While we are instructed, in Hebrews 10:23-25: "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; and let us consider one another to

provoke unto love and to good works: *not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together*, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching"—yet, notice carefully, we are not instructed to assemble with deceived people in this world's denominations. The instruction is not to forsake the assembling of *ourselves* together—that is, true Christians who have the TRUTH, who are filled with God's Holy Spirit, truly converted, and WALKING IN THE LIGHT, living by every Word of God.

The fallen "woman" of Rev. 17 is clearly identified as the great false Church, which ruled over the kings of the Roman Empire from 554 until 1814. Her doctrines and practice, falsely called by Christian names, are actually the same identical "Chaldean mysteries" of the ancient Babylonian Baal worship, denounced in the Bible as the most idolatrous of all false worship.

Notice, Rev. 17:5. She is called "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS." She is a MOTHER Church. She has *daughter churches*. They came out of her, *in protest*. They, like their mother Church, participate in the governments and politics and affairs of this world. Thus they reject the Government of God! This (verse 2) is the cause of her fall from grace.

All these sects and denominations contain a certain mixture of false doctrines which have been handed down from the ancient Babylonian idolatry. They constitute an ORGANIZED SYSTEM, even though divided into hundreds of sectarian organizations. Shall the true

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The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

Now we come to plans for opening the new **AMBASSADOR COLLEGE**—and the first concept of a second college in Europe.

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NOW THAT I look back on it, each of those years seems to have been more eventful than the year before.

1945 was a *tremendous* year. It saw the Yalta Conference; the passing of President Roosevelt, Benito Mussolini, and Adolph Hitler (??); the San Francisco Conference founding the United Nations; the end of World War II; appearance of the atomic bomb and entrance into the nuclear age; the start of *daily* broadcasting of *The WORLD TOMORROW*, coast to coast.

But, for the Work of God, leading into *the new world*—the world of PEACE, governed by CHRIST instead of man—1946 was an even more eventful year. It marked the *beginning* of the major-scale, world-wide, ORGANIZED Work of God. It saw the purchase of the first block of campus property for the future Ambassador College.

Yet 1947 seemed more eventful still.

Planning Ambassador College

Mrs. McCormick, the real estate broker, returned the lease-and-option contract for the college property, signed by Dr. B., on November 27th, 1946.

This contract provided for a lease of the property for 25 months, at \$1,000 per month. As Judge Russell Morton and I had worked out this contract, as an offer, it provided for taking occupancy July 1, 1947, after \$9,000 had been paid. At the end of 25 months, December 27, 1948, the lease was to be converted into a purchase, at a price of \$100,000. The \$25,000 then having been paid as rental was to become the down payment to apply on the purchase. At that time we were to receive the deed, giving Dr. B., and his widowed sister, who signed as joint owner, a trust-deed (mortgage) for the unpaid balance.

So, on November 27, 1946, we had under contract the first block of property

for the future Ambassador College.

When the idea of founding a college to provide the future trained personnel for the expanding work was first conceived, I thought immediately of my brother-in-law, Walter E. Dillon. My wife's brother had been a life-long educator. Those who have read the Autobiography from the beginning will remember the episode of the oratorical contests at Simpson College, in Iowa, back in 1922-1924. I had worked with him in oratory, when he was a college freshman. He won the state contest. Walter and I had been closer together, from that time, than with our own brothers.

He held a Master's degree in education from the University of Oregon, and had done additional work toward a Ph.D., or an Ed.D. He had started teaching school upon graduating from college, later becoming a Principal, and finally Principal of the largest public school in Oregon outside the city of Portland. Thus he had had a considerable executive and administrative school experience, in addition to being a natural-born and experienced teacher. He was thoroughly familiar with college and university life, methods and procedures. He had the technical experience for academic organization I lacked.

Choosing a President

Immediately the conception of the college entered my mind, I had contacted my brother-in-law, asking if he would join me in the venture, as President of the college.

"I hardly think I could do that," was his first response. "I don't know much about the Bible. Administering a religious college, I'm afraid, is altogether out of my line."

"But this is not to be a Bible school, or religious college," I quickly explained. "It is to be a straight Liberal Arts college, although it will offer a course—as

one of the majors—in Bible and Theology. You won't need to have theological experience. Do you think I would be able to teach that course?"

"I think you have more Bible knowledge and understanding than anybody on earth," he smiled. "You know, I think we'd make a good team in getting this college started. With your business experience and ability, your religious knowledge and experience, and my academic experience—well, I'll think about it."

He did think about it. Often we talked about it. Of course it was a weighty decision for him to make—he had been established since his own college days in Oregon. Finally he decided he would come to Pasadena to help me get the new college started.

Before presenting the lease-option contract as an offer to Dr. B., Mr. Dillon had come to Pasadena to inspect the property and help me decide whether this was the right location. He had been immediately enthusiastic over it.

So now that we had the first segment of the future campus under contract, preparations began in earnest for organizing the thousand and one things required before it could swing open its doors as a going educational institution.

Special Magazine Edition

The very first thing to be done was to produce a special edition of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. The problem of recruiting students had been brought up by Mr. Dillon. That is a major problem of colleges and universities.

"*The PLAIN TRUTH*, and the broadcast will provide us with students," I had explained.

The first thing to do was to let people know about it. *The PLAIN TRUTH* was still an 8-page bi-monthly. The next issue was to be the January-February, 1947, number. With it we went up to 16 pages. I made this a very special, more

attractive edition. For the first time, it had a front cover, instead of starting the lead article on the cover. It showed a picture of the entrance to the new college-to-be. The center spread—pages 8 and 9—had a large 4-column picture showing a portion of the new campus. The article announcing the new college began on that page, with a 4-column headline: “. . . and now . . . OUR OWN NEW COLLEGE!”

The article explained that “an amazing new setup has come into our hands that is unique, and, we believe, without parallel! Prospective students learning of the unusual program are thrilled!”

Policies were announced. The article said: “AMBASSADOR offers superior advantages in location, beauty of campus, nature of courses of study, high academic standards . . . advantages in our special recreational and social program, cultural advantages, physical education, *as well as in religious instruction.*”

“AMBASSADOR is to be a general liberal arts institution—not a Bible school, ministers’ college, or theological seminary. It will fit students for all walks of life, offering a general and *practical* basic education. . . . There is no other college like AMBASSADOR. It is, in a sense, a revolutionary new-type college . . . a forward-looking, progressive institution built on soundest principles, having highest goals and objectives, yet employing the best of proved methods of administration, and maintaining highest academic standards.”

The reader will be interested in a little further explanation of the college, which appeared in that article.

“But why should we establish and conduct a college in connection with this, God’s Work?” the article continued. “The reasons are concrete and vital. . . . The work has grown to a scope where *called*, consecrated, properly educated and specially trained assistants, ministers and evangelists to follow up this work in the field, have become an imperative need. The time has come when we must lay definite plans for carrying the Gospel of the Kingdom of God into *all nations*, in *many languages!* Never, until now, could we foresee just how this was to be done. But the time has come; God has given the answer,

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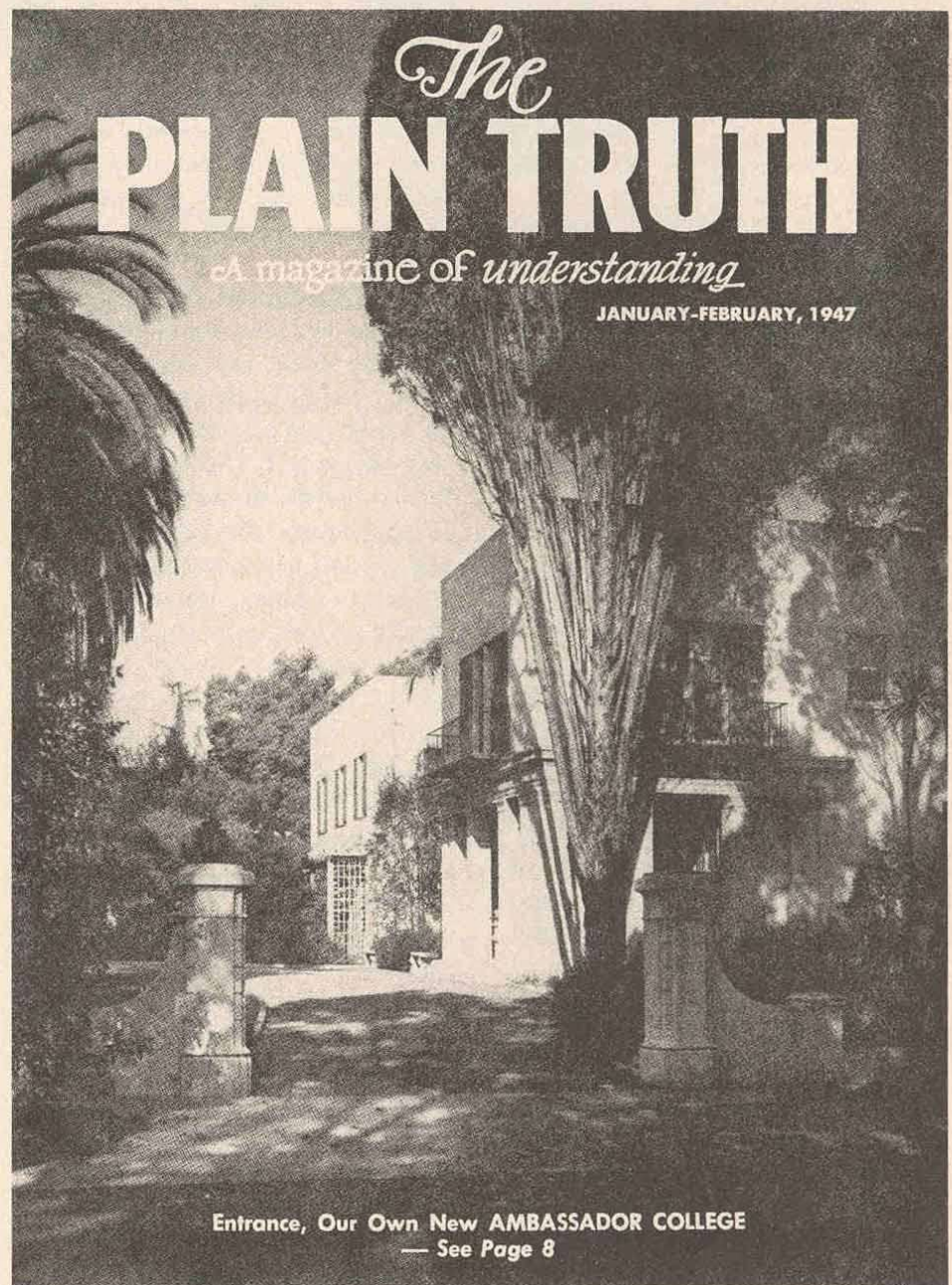
But why, then, was this not to be a Bible school, or theological seminary?

The article, continuing, explained that:

“Yet, the active ministry is *different* from every other profession in one very important respect. No man ever should enter it of his own volition. . . . A true minister of Jesus Christ must be specially *called* of God. And how may we *know* whether one is really called? Experience has shown human nature to be such that most who *think* that they are called are mistaken, and those who really are called invariably try to run

from the calling! Jesus gave us the only test. ‘By their fruits,’ He said, ‘ye shall KNOW.’ But the fruits are worked out by experience, and that requires time. For that very reason, *our college cannot be a ministerial college*—though it *is* being designed so that, should we be fortunate enough to find one out of twenty really and truly called to the ministry, that one will have been prepared and properly trained. . . . These considerations led naturally to the policy of making AMBASSADOR a general liberal arts institution for all young men and women, regardless of future vocation, occupation or profession.”

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The article continued to show what is wrong with this world's education today—what has happened to it—how it has drifted into materialism. It showed that the revelation of God—in the Bible—is the very FOUNDATION of all true knowledge—the right approach to knowledge—the concept through which to view and explain what is seen, measured and observed. But in this world's education, the false theory of evolution has been substituted as that basic concept and foundation.

The article concluded with detailed, but brief, facts about the new college—its location, courses offered, tuition.

Planning College in Europe

This chapter of the Autobiography is being written in early December, 1962. We now have a second Ambassador College as a going institution, in its third year, in England.

It may come as a surprise to many readers, but the conception of a second college abroad actually was generated in late December, 1946, or early January, 1947.

I had gone back to Pasadena at the end of December, 1946. On New Year's eve, I spent the night as Dr. B.'s guest, in the building still occupied by him and his sister, which was to become Ambassador College. In these days Dr. B. was very friendly. About 4:30 A.M., New Year's day, I was awakened by crowds trudging up the hill in front of the building, carrying blankets, camp chairs, and stools.

The world-famous Tournament of Roses parade starts each year just one block south, on Orange Grove Boulevard. This first of our college buildings is only a half block east of Orange Grove Boulevard.

This was my first opportunity to see the fabulous rose parade. I found the excitement of the throngs lining up along the parade course, beginning on South Orange Grove, and then making a right turn into Colorado Street—the main business street of Pasadena—was even more exciting than the parade—if possible. In order to secure an advanta-

geous position along the curb and parkway, vast throngs begin to assemble long before daylight.

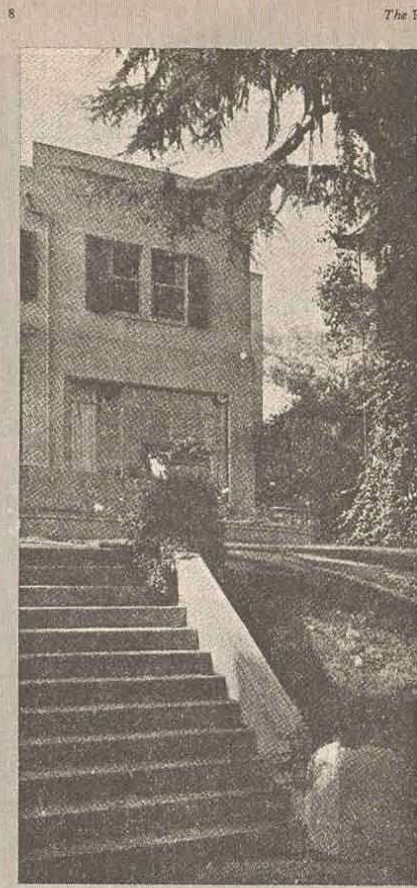
It was during this visit that the idea of the second college in Europe came about. It was during a conversation with Dr. B. I was quite concerned about our future foreign language courses. I knew we had to have people trained in many languages, to get the Gospel to all nations. I felt the average foreign language course, as taught in most colleges, inadequate. I wanted our young people to be taught to speak these languages as the natives of those countries do—without a foreign accent. This is almost impossible, as taught in an American classroom. I felt students needed to actually *live* in these foreign countries, learning the languages there.

I knew, of course, that Switzerland is peculiar in that it has no one native language of its own. In northern Switzerland the official language is German. In central and western Switzerland, French is the official language; and in southeastern Switzerland it is Italian. Yet I knew most Swiss people speak all three, and a very large portion speak English beside.

In Switzerland, children are taught the official language of their district from birth. Then at age 6 most children start to learn a second language, and at age 10 or 12, a third—and often one or two more later.

As we were discussing this situation, Dr. B. mentioned that he had a very close personal friend, a Madame Helene Beber, of German birth, the widow of a very wealthy Frenchman, who owned the newest, finest, most modern villa in southeastern Switzerland, at Lugano. Mme. Beber, he said, had lost all her money during the war. It had been in Paris banks, and had been confiscated when the Germans occupied Paris. She had some money in New York banks, but wartime regulations, not yet released, apparently tied it up and prevented transmission of it to Switzerland. She was left with this ultramodern and super-elegant five-story villa, facing on beautiful Lake Lugano, yet without funds even to employ a single servant.

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Above—view of portion of beautiful campus, corner of main building, and tennis court of future

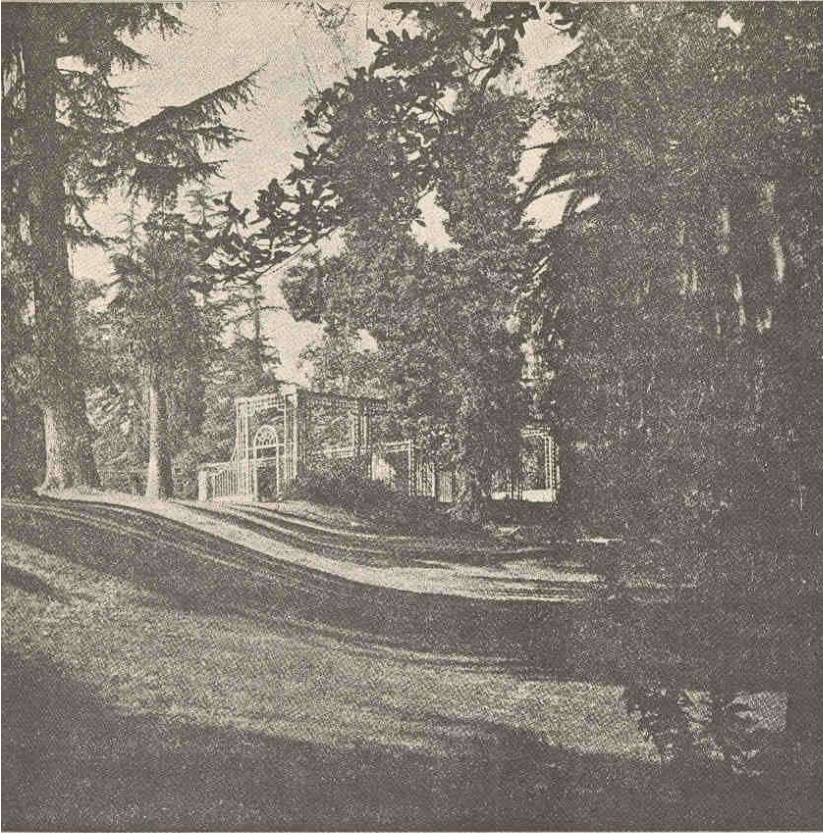
AMBASSADOR COLLEGE

Pasadena, California

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her villa, but no money," Dr. B. explained. "Since you would not want to start your college over there for about three or four years, I believe you could effect a purchase—if you can stretch to it—on a basis similar to the one between you and me on this property here. You could begin making payments now, which would provide her with an income to live on. She could continue living in her villa for the next three or four years, with an income—sort of eating her cake and having it, too, these first few years. Then, when you take possession and start your school, you will have a very sizable payment made on the purchase. By that time she will have her money from the New York banks, and will continue to receive regular sizable monthly payments from you for a few more years.

"I think she might be willing to make



OUR OWN NEW COLLEGE!

ember 22nd, our own new AMBASSADOR COLLEGE, in its doors to students! Remember the splendid build- cent campus grounds, in in California, were pur-

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Fascinated, Thrilled! e have been placed in po-

sition to offer students most unusual ad- vantages and inducements. While we can- not, obviously, offer some of the same at- tractions possible at larger universities — such as large student bodies running into thousands; dozens of acres of grounds and dozens of large buildings with impressive laboratories, gymnasiums, athletic fields; yet, most agree the advantages offered by AMBASSADOR excell big-university at- tractions, or even those offered by minor colleges or private schools.

AMBASSADOR offers superior advantag-

es in location, beauty of campus, nature of courses of study, high academic standards, special technical courses made available by arrangement with large neighboring universi- ties,—advantages in our special recrea- tional and social program, cultural advan- tages, physical education, as well as in re- ligious instruction.

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Later in this article we will tell you the thrilling details.

A MIRACLE Has Been Performed

The vision of this new and different col- lege, and its imperative urgent need, came like a revelation straight from God last spring. At first the idea seemed impossible, for us—almost fantastic.

But the Eternal our God is a miracle- working God who promises to supply every need. And literally, God has performed a miracle! When one knows the facts and circumstances, that cannot be doubted. Events have happened swiftly! Amazing de- velopments occurred unexpectedly. The vision has become a definite reality. The open- ing of AMBASSADOR COLLEGE next September is assured.

WHY We Must Have a College

But why should we establish and conduct a college in connection with this, God's work?

The reasons are concrete and vital. Our calling is to proclaim the true living Gospel of the Kingdom of God to all nations; to WARN this nation and the British of the prophesied catastrophe God will send upon us in punishment unless our people "come out of Babylon" and turn to God and His ways; to convert souls and bring them to Christ; and to "feed the flock"—teach and lead them in true Christian living.

This great work to which God called us started, fourteen years ago, from nothing—except a knowledge of the truth, a rich and abiding faith wrought of experience, an utter submission to God and a zeal which inspired incessant hard work. God blessed and prospered the work He had begun. Al- ways our efforts were blessed with rich "fruit"—a continuous harvest of souls, the Gospel going out with increasing power and ever-widening scope.

This work started with the personal ef- forts of Herbert W. Armstrong. For a few years the only active assistance was that of Mrs. Armstrong. After a few years a lit- tle secretarial help was added—part-time help at first, then more, until today a well- organized office staff of seventeen carries as much as possible of the work.

But the work has grown to a scope where called, consecrated, properly educated and specially trained assistants, ministers and evangelists to follow up this work in the field have become an imperative need.

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Yet, the active ministry is different from every other profession in one very import- ant respect. No man ever should enter it of his own volition—by his own choice or se- lection by MEN. A true minister of Jesus Christ must be specially called of GOD. And how can we know whether one is really called? Experience has shown human nature to be such that most who think they are called are mistaken, and those who really are called invariably try to run from the calling! Jesus gave us the only test—"By their fruits," He said, "ye shall KNOW."

But "the fruits" are worked out by expe- rience, and that requires time. For this very reason, our college cannot be a ministerial college—though it is being designed so that, should we be fortunate enough to find one out of twenty really and truly called to the ministry, that one will have been prepared and properly trained.

But our commission also is to "feed the flock"—to teach Christian young men and women how to live! And true Christian liv- ing is, in a sense few have ever realized, a matter of EDUCATION! Where, when one knows the facts of this world's education, is such a young man and young woman to acquire a right education?

These considerations led naturally to the policy of making AMBASSADOR a general liberal arts institution for ALL young men and women, regardless of future vocation, occupation or profession.

The PLAIN TRUTH About Modern Education

Now let us explain the real WHY of Am- bassador College—its purpose, goals, and policy—its urgent NEED as a general edu- cational institution.

God's purpose in placing humans on earth, explained in the preceding number of the PLAIN TRUTH, is the creation of God's supreme MASTERPIECE—righteous, holy, spiritual characters! Redemption is merely the working out—the completing—of that creation.

God's great design, then, is to mold, fashion, change us from what we have made of ourselves into the noble characters He purposes to make of us. To "convert" a soul is to change that person into something different altogether. The true Christian is a new creation, created in Christ Jesus in true righteousness and holiness unto good works. (Eph. 2:10).

And while it is a spiritual matter, involv- ing God's Holy Spirit, this change takes place in the MIND—and that faculty of

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such a deal—and it would make it possible for you to acquire your second college without capital—just monthly payments, beginning now."

I was intrigued. I did not realize that the "good doctor" actually had designs on marrying the rich widow—surmizing that she probably would also get her money from the Paris banks some day—and that he probably had no more thought of allowing us to actually ever gain possession of the Lake Lugano villa than he did of allowing us to actually gain possession of this property in Pasadena!

I thought over the idea for some time. Finally, along about the 10th of February, 1947—or a day or two later—I talked to Dr. B. on the telephone from Pasadena about the Switzerland idea further. He suggested we go over and see it. He offered to go along. We de-

ecided to go immediately. There was a sailing of the Cunard liner *Queen Elizabeth* from New York on February 19th. Dr. B. said he would meet me aboard ship.

How, even as the train was pulling into the station at Eugene, Oregon—due to leave in 10 minutes—Mrs. Armstrong

decided to go with me to Europe, packed her suitcases and caught that train in ten minutes—our first trip overseas—and how we planned strategy to gain possession of the college property in Pasadena in spite of Dr. B.'s efforts to prevent it, will be covered in the next installment.

Should We Repeat The "LORD'S PRAYER"?

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ence and respect His Holy Names! We should also pray that all the people of God might hallow God's name. By hal- lowing God's name we will not bring reproach on Him, on Jesus Christ, or on His Church.

2) Thy Kingdom Come!

Today the governments and kingdoms of this world are run according to the

ways of Satan and not according to God's laws. God is permitting mankind to have his own way during this 6000- year period. Man has chosen to rule him- self contrary to God's ways and has chosen Satan's ways instead. He has re- jected the Government and the Law of God. He has rejected the Gospel of the Kingdom of God that is soon to rule the whole earth with a rod of iron!

Today, as a result of man's disobedi-