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**Dean Rusk Arrives  
for SEATO Conference**



# What our READERS SAY

## Education

"Your last editorial in the June PLAIN TRUTH was just what I needed to help me plan my English theme entitled 'This is Education?' I only hope I'm still in school after the instructor reads it! My accounting instructor once spent a class period telling us *how to cheat* on accounting examinations when applying for civil service. He has told us that 'we won't last long if we're honest' and that 'in business you don't always do what is right, you do what you have to do!' He says, 'Anything goes as long as you don't get caught!' Thanks to the truth you have revealed to me, I don't have to be misled by this type of education."

Edward D., Johnstown,  
Pennsylvania

• *We're thankful he's not our accountant!*

## Drought

"I have just read the article in *The PLAIN TRUTH* about the drought in Australia. It was a real eye-opener. I never realized that things were that bad. I don't think the average Australian knows just how bad drought is affecting Australia's economy and export. You never read in the newspapers much about the drought, yet it is in our own country that it is happening. It is good to read a magazine that states plainly the things that are happening."

Reader, Richmond, Victoria,  
Australia

"I work for the Texas Highway Department. Recently a very striking thing occurred at work. As our truck was going down the highway, I noticed a magazine on the shoulder of the road. It was a PLAIN TRUTH and the bold letters 'Famine Stalks the Earth' stood out on the page. This fact was very outstanding in that the magazine was lying on semi-parched ground with cracks in it. The surrounding farmlands were badly in need of rain.

Since *The PLAIN TRUTH* had fallen open to that page, the staggering reality of famine was really shown to me. I wondered how whoever tossed it could have closed his eyes to what it said, particularly in that region."

John D., New Braunfels,  
Texas

• *The truth hurts—maybe that's why it was discarded.*

## Husbands . . .

"The article 'What All Husbands Need to Know' was excellent and very truthful. The reason I say that is because I am writing from the painful knowledge of experience. My wife is divorcing me and that article struck home like nothing I've ever read before. If I could have had the correct knowledge, a tragedy could have been avoided. I pray that all husbands who read the article really take it to heart and put it into practice."

N. Y., St. Paul, Minnesota

• *Maybe it's still not too late to let your wife know about it.*

"My husband . . . has absorbed the contents of the last two issues before I could get near it! He is an ideal, loving and kind husband, but your article on 'What All Husbands Need to Know' has made him even more so."

Reader, Northern Ireland

"I have been richly blessed from your article 'What All Husbands Need to Know.' I found myself sadly lacking in proper love and compassion towards my wife. I prayed about this and your article in this month's PLAIN TRUTH has certainly helped to provide the answer. With regard to this could you send me your pamphlet on 'The Plain Truth About Child Rearing'?"

R. I. P., London, England

"The article 'What All Husbands Need to Know' is tremendously informative. However, hot dogs (norm-

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# Personal from the Editor

**Y**ESTERDAY, as I write, Mrs. Armstrong and I celebrated our forty-ninth wedding anniversary. There's nothing special about a forty-ninth anniversary, as such—except, as Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, PLAIN TRUTH regional Editor for The Philippines, might point out, it is seven periods of seven years each, and seven is a number denoting perfection and completeness.

There *was* something special planned for us, but I didn't know about it until too late. I spent a good share of the day planning a very special new booklet I hope to have printed soon—a new, considerably enlarged edition of *The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy*. We have mailed out more than a million copies of this book in its present 28-page form. But it deserves a more complete explanation of how and where the United States and the British nations are identified in that whole third of the Bible that is prophecy.

As I wrote, and worked on the enlargement of this book, Mrs. Armstrong sat curled up in a guest chair in my office, reading a book. Then, mid-afternoon, we went out to my brother's home, remaining for dinner. I knew the students—those of them who are on campus during summer vacation—were having some kind of evening program over in the Physical Education building, but Mrs. Armstrong and I felt a little tired and decided not to go.

Later, we learned that the students had a special anniversary ceremony of some kind planned for us, when three of them, headed by the student-body president came to our home with a giant bouquet of 49 beautiful red roses, and a long scroll signed by the 150 or so students now on campus, under the words: "To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong, with deep love and sincere

gratitude from the students of Ambassador College on your 49th wedding anniversary."

Well, that was our anniversary.

But there *is* something very special about a 49th anniversary. It seems that it is coming to be a rather rare thing for any marriage to last that long!

Too few young people take marriage seriously, or realize the true MEANING of it—the responsibilities involved—or what real love is.

A rapidly degenerating standard of morals is being given public acceptance today. Mere children begin "going steady." They become overly sex-conscious. The world has taken a comparatively fast leap from the extreme of prudery and ignorance to the opposite extreme of promiscuity and fornication.

Teen-agers too often begin to think about marriage before they realize what it is—just as they begin indulging in premarital sex before they have adequate knowledge about sex and the Creator's PURPOSE in designing it. They do not realize that LOVE is an outgoing concern for the one loved. They confuse attractiveness in sex-appeal with love. They don't fall in love. They do fall, all right. But they fall in LUST, not in love.

And, of course, most of them know nothing about GOD. The daring catchphrase, "God is dead," may sound clever to them. But they are not conscious of the *living* God! And, not knowing Him, they have no conception of what He could mean to them—how much He could, and would, do for them. The TRUE values are unknown to them. The fact that a young man or young woman could—and should—rely on the living GOD to select his or her lifelong mate, would probably sound a little odd. Yet, if they only knew it, GOD never makes a mistake. And those who ac-

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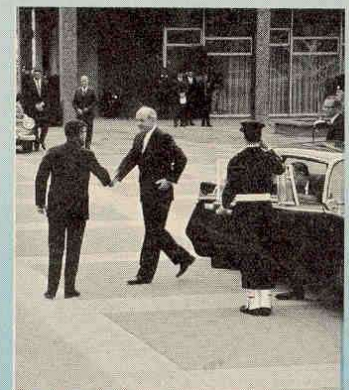
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### OUR COVER

Dean Rusk, U. S. Secretary of State, arrives the afternoon of June 27 at Civic Auditorium in Canberra, Australia's capital. Rusk warned of the growing crisis in Southeast Asia, promised that U. S. would do its full share to keep Asia free from further Communist aggression.



tually *have* left the romance in the hands of God, relying on Him, have found that He *did not* make a mistake. I know of several in this category—very happy people.

I didn't really know much about God until ten years after I was married. Yet, somehow, I *knew* that the living GOD had selected for me, and given to me, my wife. I frequently prayed, even before conversion—before I really knew

God. In those days my prayers were all carnal—all selfish—except for one thing. I did often, in prayer, thank God for giving me my wife.

Of course what I "somehow" knew then, I know by the better evidences today. God used my wife to bring about my conversion—to bring me into HIS WORK as His servant. And He has used her, ever since, in a ministry that has always been a partnership. Of course,

being a woman, she has been the "silent" member of the partnership, but a real and effective partner in it, nonetheless.

WHY do marriages fail? Always because people are carnal-minded—selfish—self-centered. Each wants to be on the RECEIVING side, concerned about what they GET from the other—how much the other PLEASES *them*—not what *they* may contribute to please the other.

In today's modern world, the meaning of LOVE has been all but lost. It has been so romanticized, so confused with selfishness and LUST, that people carelessly call any sex desire "love." Today nearly all popular songs are falsely supposed to sing about love. Motion pictures, television, novels—all confuse and eroticize "love" and induce society to accept lust in the name of "love."

If I had to define love in four words, I would say "Love is *an unselfish outgoing concern*" for the one loved. Love is primarily on the giving, serving, sharing side, not on the getting, taking, factional, striving side. It is not selfish.

Do you know the greatest enemy *you* have—that causes you more trouble, and pain and suffering than anything else? It is YOURSELF! This self-centeredness becomes angry, resentful, whenever it imagines it got stepped on! That anger and resentment brings with it unhappiness, pain. You blame it on the other person, of course. But the REAL cause of the trouble was your own SELF!

I think I may say very truthfully that Mrs. Armstrong and I have always had a very real OUTGOING CONCERN, each of us for the other. That is *real* love.

God says to us, through Solomon, ". . . rejoice with the wife of thy youth" (Proverbs 5:18). God has been allowing me that blessing these forty-nine years. And I am very, very grateful.

A marriage can be one of the very finest blessings—or one of the most terrible curses. But the MAIN thing is, get rid of that carnality—that SELF-centered spirit. REPENT of it, seek reconciliation with GOD through the *living* Jesus Christ, and receive HIS Spirit of Love.



Portrait by Charis

A photograph of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong, taken a little over a year ago for the Ambassador College annual, the *Envoy*. As mentioned in his Autobiography Mr. Armstrong for years refused to have his picture taken or published. But since many of our readers continually request a picture of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, the editorial staff thought this issue would be an appropriate occasion.