

Mr. Armstrong's letter on Feast

The following letter from Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, dated March 21, was sent to United States members to describe plans for the 1980 Feast of Tabernacles. It is reprinted here for the benefit of Church members worldwide.

Dear brethren of God's Church:

Now we are enthusiastically looking toward the first Feast of Tabernacles in the NEW DECADE OF THE 1980s! It's a sobering thing to bear in mind that this could well be the very last decade in which we may attend this wonderful Festival prior to Christ's coming in supreme POWER and GLORY to establish the KINGDOM OF GOD!

In that regard think how IMPORTANT this Festival is! After the return of KING of kings Jesus Christ, "It shall come to pass, that every one . . . shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles" (Zechariah 14:16). And there shall be plagues and severe punishments on nations that neglect or refuse to attend! Of course that is speaking of MORTAL people then left alive — not of Christ's saints who then will be IMMORTAL and in the very Family of God.

But you and I are, now, still mortal — and the above scripture shows us HOW VERY SERIOUS IN GOD'S EYES it is that we attend this wonderful Feast this year. For we MAY be attending it as IMMORTAL-BORN children of God before this present decade is out! That certainly is a likely possibility.

Brethren, there have been reasons for believing God may have held up — slowed down — delayed — the march of world

events during the decade of the 1970s. But there are a number of signs in world events since this decade of the '80s began to indicate God may well now be SPEEDING UP world events — cutting short the progress of events in this world of Satan's.

We have undoubtedly entered the most EXPLOSIVE decade in the history of man. But it is possible that God will cut short the days of great tribulation ahead and bring us into the WONDERFUL and GLORIOUS Kingdom of God before this decade is out. Again, remember, I am not setting dates! Jesus said no man will know the day or the hour. But he *did* say we may know by world events when it is near — even at the door!

This will be my 54th year of keeping the annual fall Holy Days. We did not come to realize the meaning and need to keep the entire Feast of Tabernacles until 1945, though my wife and I began keeping the annual Sabbaths in 1927.

Today the Worldwide Church of God Feast of Tabernacles is the largest annual assembly, convention or Festival held on the face of the earth! God has surely blessed us in this!

The Feast of Tabernacles pictures to us year after year the GLORIOUS thousand years just shortly ahead now of WORLD PEACE, HAPPINESS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ETERNAL SALVATION FOR ALL NOT PREVIOUSLY CALLED! It will be a world WITHOUT SATAN! It will be a world WITH JESUS CHRIST RUL-

ING WITH LOVE!

It is a time for us to get away from the dreary routine of daily life in Satan's world and enjoy eight wonderful days with brethren in Christ and their families! It is the only time in the year that God provides a time when we may get away and rest from our daily regular duties — to be with BRETHREN IN CHRIST to worship Him and look FORWARD to His UTOPIA!

This year we shall have 21 Festival sites. Due to gasoline prices and inflation, no one will need to travel more than 300 miles. However, transfers will be available. (See MR. ARMSTRONG'S, page 8)



TREASURER MEETS PRESIDENT — Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader is greeted by Philippines President Ferdinand E. Marcos, First Lady Imelda Marcos and the Minister of Labor. Mr. Rader was the special guest of the president at an Army Day celebration March 22 in Manila.

Treasurer talks with president, first lady during Philippines trip

MANILA, Philippines — Attending the 83rd annual Army Day celebration as special guest of Philippines President Ferdinand E. Marcos, Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader was introduced by the president to the Philippine Minister of Defense, the Deputy Minister of Defense, the Armed Forces Chief of Staff and the Commander of the Army, according to the March 28 *Pastor General's Report*.

The 2½-hour ceremony and parade at the Bonifacio Army base March 22 was broadcast on the Philippines television network, including Mr. Rader's reception by the president. At the conclusion of

the celebration, the president and First Lady Imelda Marcos invited Mr. Rader to accompany them to a buffet luncheon at the base's officers' club. More than 300 guests attended the buffet, including the Filipino diplomatic corps, government ministers and leading members of Filipino society.

During the luncheon, the *Pastor General's Report* stated that Mr. Rader was able to converse with President Marcos in the company of leading government officials. Mr. Rader discussed plans for future articles dealing with the Philippines in both *Quest/80* and *The Plain Truth*, the Ambassador International Cul-

tural Foundation's (AICF) new cooperative effort with the Filipino people and government through their Ministry of Labor and its Manpower Institute.

The president and Mr. Rader also spoke of a joint effort between the AICF's Performing Arts program and the Philippines Performing Arts Center, which is spearheaded by the first lady. Although the president wished that Mr. Rader stay for further discussion, previous engagements in Tokyo prevented him from doing so. President Marcos and Mr. Rader made arrangements for Mr. Rader to meet with First Lady Imelda Marcos and other government officials upon his return March 25.

In the March 25 meeting, Mr. Rader stated in a report from Manila that, "The first lady and I discussed at great length the Church, its great commission, its goals and objectives in the Philippines and elsewhere, as well as the foundation."

After a discussion concerning a cooperative effort between the AICF and the Philippines Performing Arts Center, Mr. Rader left Mrs. Marcos information about the Worldwide Church of God and the AICF, including copies of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's books *The Incredible Human Potential* and *Tomorrow — What It Will Be Like*.

According to the *Pastor General's Report*, Mr. Rader was also interviewed on a Filipino television station the morning of March 21, which was excerpted on all the evening news broadcasts of other Philippine stations. The Philippines' major newspaper, *The Bulletin*, carried a feature on Mr. Rader's visit. The article spoke about the activities of the AICF and mentioned the Worldwide Church of God in a quote from Mr. Rader.

Mr. Rader also received a key to the city of Manila from the mayor, and the mayor is planning a banquet in honor of the AICF when Mr. Rader and his entourage return in May.

Also in the report from Manila, Mr. Rader stated: "Most importantly, however, I have made pre-

Feast a worldwide observance

By Rod Matthews

Perhaps white sand and coconut-palm-fringed beaches appeal to you this year. Perhaps a resort on the English Channel, perhaps the charm of southern France, the excitement of Czechoslovakia or the grandeur of Norway.

How about India, or a beautiful resort in Malaysia, or the stunning

remoteness and beauty of New Zealand, the unique features of Australia, the warmth and vivacity of the Philippines or the vastness and mystery of Africa.

You name it, and more than likely God's people will be meeting there for this year's Feast of Tabernacles. Sites all over the world — where our brethren gather to observe God's Fall Festival — are where the world's barriers of race, nationality and language dissolve in friendships that last forever.

If you consider transferring internationally this year, here is your choice. (English is used in all sites unless otherwise noted.) By the way, formal applications should be made by way of your local application form. The names to contact, given after each region, are for further information about sites in that area.

Australia

Land "down under"; a choice of nine sites this year. In tropical Queensland: Mackay; Caloundra; Gold Coast (Miami near Australian office at Burleigh Heads).

In New South Wales: Port Macquarie (resort town).

In Australian Capital Territory: Canberra (the planned capital of the nation, for first time).

In Victoria: Warnambool.
In Southern Australia: Adelaide (Glennelg).

In Western Australia: Albany (Emu Point).

In Tasmania: Hobart. For further information: John Crabtree, Box 202, Burleigh Heads, Qld., Australia, 4220.

Africa

South Africa: Durban; George; Sonesta (no transfers permitted); Umgababa (no transfers permitted).

Zimbabwe-Rhodesia: Salisbury (transfers not recommended). For information contact: B. W. Mathie, Box 1060, Johannesburg, South Africa, 2000.

West Africa: Ghana: Sekondi (transfers not permitted); Nigeria: details to be advised.

East Africa: Kenya: Nanyuki; Malawi: details to be advised (no transfers); Zambia: details to be advised (no transfers).

Indian Ocean

Mauritius: English and Creole used, translations provided. For information contact: Peter Nathan, Box 111, St. Albans, Herts., England, AL2 2EG.

English-speaking Caribbean

Bermuda: Hamilton; Bahamas: Nassau; Jamaica: Runaway Bay; Puerto Rico: Palmer (translations into Spanish provided); Barbados: Christ (See FEAST, page 8)

21 U.S. FESTIVAL SITES

We are now planning for 21 Festival sites in the continental United States and Hawaii. Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong has authorized the expansion of the Feast sites to accommodate the needs of Church brethren.

After considering the impact of spiraling inflation, fuel shortages and escalating costs, Mr. Armstrong wants to reduce the travel costs for our Church membership in the United States. Inflation has eroded away our purchasing power in the realm of fuel, food and lodging to such an extent that closer sites are imperative.

Mr. Armstrong is concerned that all Church members attend the Feast of Tabernacles in 1980, and these additional sites will make it possible.

Some of the more desirable Festival sites are not available for three to five years hence because of prior bookings by other conventions. However, we will continue to strive to provide you with Feast sites that satisfy the needs of the Church.

The sites for this year are:

Big Sandy, Tex.	Glens Falls, N.Y.	Rapid City, S.D.
Biloxi, Miss.	Johnson City, Tenn.	Savannah, Ga.
Corpus Christi, Tex.	Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.	Spokane, Wash.
Dayton, Ohio	Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii	St. Petersburg, Fla.
Detroit, Mich.	Norfolk, Va.	Tucson, Ariz.
Eugene, Ore.	Orlando, Fla.	Vail, Colo.
Fresno, Calif.	Pasadena, Calif.	Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

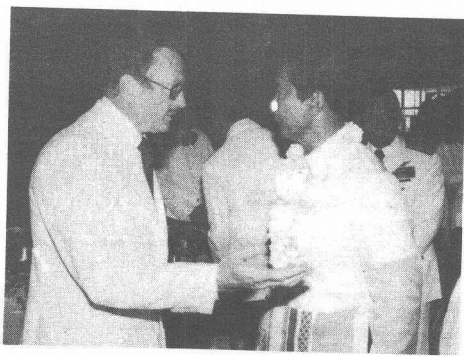
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liminary arrangements for Mr. Armstrong to return [to the Philippines] in the fall for a campaign and have already received endorsements of the mayor, various ministers of the government and . . . the first lady." Mr. Rader noted that he will finalize these arrangements when he returns to Manila in May.

After traveling to China to lecture at the University of Beijing and Fudan University of Shanghai, Mr. Rader planned to visit Singapore and Thailand on behalf of Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Rader also was scheduled to speak at services on the last day of Unleavened Bread to the combined London churches before traveling to Cairo, Egypt and Jerusalem in Israel.



TREASURER IN PHILIPPINES — Representing Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, Ambassador International Cultural Foundation vice president and Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader converses with Philippines President Ferdinand E. Marcos at a buffet luncheon March 22, left. Right:



Mr. Rader was introduced to several leading Filipino government officials at the Army Day celebration March 22. From left are the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Commanding General of the Filipino armed forces, the Labor Minister and Mr. Rader.

NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES & EVENTS IN THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

PASADENA — Eight to 10 Ambassador College students will participate in a new educational project in Thailand this summer and fall, according to deputy chancellor **Raymond F. McNair's** office here. Both men and women students will spend several months in the kingdom of Thailand helping Laotian and Cambodian refugees learn English and adapt to the Western culture.

Mr. McNair's office reported that the Thailand government has expressed a sincere desire to have Ambassador College set an example of service both for their country and for other international groups. Sources stated that all plans are tentative at this point and that further details will be forthcoming.

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PASADENA — One thousand four hundred new subscribers increased the German *Plain Truth* (*Klar und Wahr*) Berlin mailing list by 70 percent after an advertising campaign there, reports **Rod Matthews** of Ministerial Services here. Three ads placed in the *Berliner Morgenpost* and the *Tagesspiegel* followed a report on Ambassador College and Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** on Berlin radio RIAS during the month of February.

In the March 28 *Pastor General's Report* Mr. Matthews reported that mail income in West Germany for the month of March was up 9.2 percent, bringing the year-to-date total to 15.3 percent over the corresponding time in 1979.

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PASADENA — The Australian Work continues to enjoy a year of growth and progress, according to **Rod Matthews** of the International Office in Ministerial Services here. Writing in the March 28 *Pastor General's Report*, Mr. Matthews stated that mail response is running nearly three times the rate received in 1976.

Mail income is showing a "fine increase" with totals more than 30 percent over 1979. Advertisements for *The Plain Truth* magazine lifted subscriber levels near the 90,000 mark, and Church attendance for February broke all previous records.

Mr. Matthews also noted that several campaigns and Bible lectures were held, and more are planned for the future. Response to the lectures has been good, and Mr. Matthews wrote that interest in Bible prophecy may be rising because of developments in world events.

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Church; St. Lucia: details to be advised; Trinidad: Crown Point, Tobago; Guyana: Georgetown. For information contact: Stan Bass, G.P.O. Box 6063, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00936.

French-speaking Caribbean

Haiti: Port-au-Prince (no translations). For information contact: Lionel Estinvil, B.P. 1470, Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Guadeloupe: Saint-Francois (no translations). For information contact: Erick Dubois, B.P. 418, 97136 Point-a-Pitre Cedex, Guadeloupe.

Martinique: Trinite (no translations). For information contact: Gilbert Carbonnel, B.P. 710, 97297 Fort-de-France, Martinique.

Asia

India: Nasrapur; Sri Lanka: Colombo; Burma: Kha In Village (no transfers permitted); Malaysia: Penang. For information contact: Chris Hunting, Box 202, Burleigh Heads, Qld., Australia, 4220.

Philippines

Baguio City, Davao City, Don Carlos, Nambucal, Naga City. For information contact: Colin Adair, Box 1111, Makati, Metro Manila, 3117,

Philippines.

New Zealand

Auckland, Christchurch. For information contact: Bill Hutchinson, Box 2709, Auckland 1, New Zealand.

Pacific

Fiji: Suva; Tonga: Mua (local language used, no transfers). Contact: Bill Hutchinson (address above). Solomon Islands: Honiara (no transfers permitted).

Mexico, Central and South America

Mexico: Oaxtepec (Spanish and English used in separate services, subject to amendment).

The following sites to be advised—Spanish speaking, no translations: Guatemala, Colombia, Peru, Chile and Argentina.

For information contact: Leon Walker, Spanish Department, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91123.

Europe

United Kingdom: Brighton. Contact: Ed Smith, Worldwide Church of God, Box 111, St. Albans, Herts., England, AL2 2EG.

France: Leucate (French language; all services translated to English). Contact: Dibar Apartian, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91123.

West Germany: Bonndorf (German; all services translated to En-

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able to suit each budget.

Brethren, as God shows us the **IMPORTANCE** of attending this Feast, it is equally **IMPORTANT** that all shall have been saving the **SECOND TITHE** to pay your own expenses and enjoyment at the Festival. Of course part of that expense is rental of auditoriums or halls or convention centers and other expenses the Church must pay. So, as always, **BE SURE TO SEND IN A TITHE OF YOUR ENTIRE YEAR'S SECOND TITHE BY RETURN MAIL.** Mark or list it separate from your regular first tithe or offering. And please do not forget the **BUILDING FUND.** Although we did have 100 percent financing on the Auditorium and other headquarters buildings, that came in the form of large multimillion-dollar loans from major insurance companies. Of course much of the campus property is all paid out now, but payments are still having to be made month by month on the Auditorium, Hall of Administration, etc. So **REMEMBER** the special building fund, please. Remember we have been able to use and enjoy these fine buildings for a number of years before we have had to pay out these mortgages by

which they were financed. And the interest we are paying is the rate that was in effect before we built — now some years ago — and much lower than now!

What a blessing from God that we have not had to borrow regularly at the banks during all last year and so far this year. Formerly we had to borrow a million dollars in January and pay back out of Passover special offerings. Then we had to borrow another million in July to be paid back from the Fall Festival offerings. Now loan rates to largest bank customers are up to 19 percent! What a blessing we have not had to pay that last year or so far this!

Nothing will be sold at the Feast sites. Nothing will be charged. I may have a new book ready, depending on my own very busy work load.

There will be a special issue of *The Good News* for the Feast instead of the past brochures. I have never liked the commercial advertising in the Feast brochures, and we will handle it all through a special *Good News* for this Feast — which I hope you will like even better. The Feast is back on the track now, as well as the Church, the college and all our activities.

Instructions for making your housing arrangements will be included in time in your Feast information material.

My new office and broadcasting studio here in Tucson is almost completed. I shall try, at

age 88, to continue the executive management and oversight of the entire worldwide Work, beside all the volume of writing I am doing, and now will add six half-hour television programs a week and seven half-hour radio programs a week.

Beside all that I am still traveling in taking the true Gospel to many centers around the world. I shall be leaving April 3 to speak to several churches at Chicago, Ill., and April 6 I shall fly on overseas for visits with President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Prime Minister Menachem Begin at Jerusalem — provided they are not then meeting with President Jimmy Carter at Camp David. It was announced last night that the President has invited them both, and they have accepted.

In May my meeting with leaders of the Soviet Union at the Kremlin is still on schedule. As long as President Carter leaves the door open, I shall go. I have been warmly invited, and if Jesus Christ keeps that door open I shall go right through it!

So, I have my work cut out for me. It's a good thing I keep getting **YOUNGER** every month and every year, instead of being senile and feeble-minded as enemies keep shouting!

I wish you all the best wishes for a solemn Passover and a joyous Festival of Unleavened Bread.

With much love, in Jesus' name,

Herbert W. Armstrong



SINGING SOLDIERS — Members of the West Point Glee Club from the United States Military Academy perform in the Ambassador Auditorium. The March 19 performance was part of their West Coast tour, during which time the cadets were the guests of Ambassador College. (Photo by Mike Snyder)