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JUST WHAT IS THE WORK?

By Herbert W. Armstrong

YOU HAVE HEARD of "Monday-morning quarterbacks." Or of arm-chair generals. It is easy enough for one who never did the job, and never could, to sit back and pass judgment on the one who *did it!*

A young man of no experience wrote me recently, "There are still those who think you are incapable of running God's Church."

Well, who is, after all, "running" God's Church and the entire Work? Jesus Christ is. He is the living HEAD of God's Church. I have always said that.

But it is true also that Christ works through human instruments. And I have said that the man He uses as His instrument in founding, building and "run-

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ning" it is required to do as much — to work as hard — as if he alone, without Christ, did it all. Christ does not make it easy for the servant He chooses as His instrument.

In fact, Jesus Christ does not make it EASY for any of us whom God calls and Jesus uses in His service — or those called for salvation. To qualify for the free GIFT of salvation is not easy. "It is through much tribulation that we must enter the Kingdom of God." Jesus spoke of the EASY road that leads to destruction, but "strait [hard, difficult] is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

How much more difficult, then, is it for the one God calls and uses in founding, building and managing God's Church and all its WORK in our modern day?

And how does one appraise the qualifications of one "capable" of "running the Work"?

Jesus said, "BY THEIR FRUITS" we shall know. The "fruits" are the founding of this present era of God's Church, the building of it from virtually nothing, and the operation of it in all its worldwide aspects today.

So just WHAT DO WE MEAN — THE WORK? How did it start? Whom did Christ, the living HEAD of the Church, use? How

was it built? WHAT is it today — what all does it include?

It all started when I was a lad only 16 years old. A summer-vacation employer aroused the spark of AMBITION within me. Or rather, I should say, Christ caused him to do it. That ambition was more than a spark. It was a white-hot flame. I wanted to be a success. I did not yet know in what field or activity. But at age 18 I was led to put myself through a thorough self-analysis, from a book titled *Choosing a Vocation*, and a survey of qualifications for all the various professions, occupations and jobs.

I didn't really know God then.

I knew a little about Him — very little — but I didn't *know Him*. My thinking then was carnal. I decided I fit best in the advertising profession — in magazines and newspapers. Jesus Christ was guiding me through the EXPERIENCE I was to need when later He was to call me to His active service. Much I learned in the magazine and newspaper field was a necessary preparation for being used later by Christ in founding, building and directing what we have come to call "THE WORK."

I have written many times of my conversion. I was antagonistic against much of the truth Christ was to lead me into. I studied it with deadly seriousness to DISPROVE what Christ later led me to believe. Coming into His TRUTH was taking a real thrashing.

Often I have wondered how many members of God's Church came into the truth in a far different manner. That is, they heard one of our broadcasts or telecasts — it seemed to make sense. They recognized it was something *different* than the common "gospel" preaching. They wrote in for a booklet or a copy of *The Plain Truth*. Or, perhaps they first came across a copy of *The Plain Truth* or a booklet of ours. They immediately became interested.

"This rings true," they said, or words to that effect. They wrote for more literature. The BIBLE was opened up to them — for the first time, probably, they began to really understand it. And because they wanted what is RIGHT, in their own goodness they accepted the TRUTH they now saw with their own eyes in the Bible. They came to it BECAUSE THEY WERE THEMSELVES

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THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

By Herbert W. Armstrong

Millions of dollars are being donated to and spent by four aspirants for the presidency of the United States.

What a spectacle it is! Most who contribute to campaign expenses do so for selfish advantage, hoping to *get* something out of it. This world has been brainwashed by a subtle and clever devil in the "GET" principle of life.

Once again the situation is like someone said of a previous election, "Well, thank God, only one of them can finally win." Actually, not one is qualified for the position.

But the winner will have his hand on the greatest throttle of POWER possessed by any man on earth. And that is what each candidate covets! It makes me think of a 15-year-old boy who can hardly wait another year to get his hand on the POWER that goes with a steering wheel. Unfortunately we have had some ex-ministers who played politics within God's Church, coveting MORE POWER! Usually those who covet power are not competent to wield it.

There are no more really "strong" leaders in the world in the government of any nation — men such as Joseph Stalin, the man of steel, or Winston Churchill. But one is now looming on the horizon — Pope John Paul II. We may hear a lot more of him, later.

Recent Gallup polls indicate Gov. Ronald Reagan is now in the lead of the three candidates expected to be in the race after the political conventions. President Jimmy Carter rated second, with Congressman John

Anderson a poor third. But even Reagan showed well under 50 percent of the poll.

That would indicate the final election may be thrown into the House of Representatives. But Ted Kennedy is still running. He is counting on the President falling downhill rapidly before the Democratic convention — which he already has started to do. I predicted this three or four months ago, when Mr. Carter escalated in the opinion polls because of the hostage situation in Iran. But now that very hostage situation is dropping him back down rapidly. Don't be surprised if Ted Kennedy is the next President after all. He isn't fit for the office — but then, who is? Kennedy still shows

much boyishness and immaturity, but the sudden weight of the office might sober and mature him. President Carter has not measured up to the stature of the office, and is so recognized in Europe. Ronald Reagan has a much sounder philosophy of what the national government ought to be than any of the candidates, but just is not big enough a man for the job.

Whatever happens, the country LOSES! If there exists a man in the United States of presidential caliber, he is big enough to refuse to run for the job.

In any event, the heads of the governments of Europe — all likewise men of inadequate caliber for the job — have lost all confidence in relying on the

United States to protect them from Communist encroachments. The Russians have now made their move toward their projected WORLD DOMINATION, by sending, now, more than 100,000 troops into Afghanistan. They will not retreat. They are in no great hurry — (a bear lumbers along slowly most of the time) — but in due time they at least now PLAN to keep moving on. One more small leap across Pakistan and they can control the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf — CONTROLLING THE WORLD'S OIL. Europe now fears them. The Europeans want political and military UNION. No leader in Europe is strong enough to unite them.

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HOW EX-MEMBER DISSIDENTS FILL THEIR MINDS

By Herbert W. Armstrong

ONE EMBITTERED expelled former member, whose principal purpose in life now seems to be to "expose the evils" of the Worldwide Church of God, has said, so I am told, that ex-member malcontents fill their minds continually with nothing but conjuring up in their minds what they seem to enjoy thinking is WRONG with the Church of the living GOD.

Their whole thought — their conversation — dwells on nothing, it seems, but what

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they like to suppose is wrong and evil about God's one true Church.

They twist and distort facts into that which is *not* true. They enjoy conjuring up in their embittered and often perverted imaginations monstrous, impossible, filthy lies about the Church or its leaders, and enjoy spreading false rumors.

Significant? Those of us in the Church fill our minds on, more than anything else, the WORK of God's Church, the wonderful TRUTHS of God's precious Word. But, it seems, those who once had their minds on

these POSITIVE things of GOD — of His WORK, and of His CHURCH — still keep their minds ON GOD'S Church, but now in a negative, embittered, resentful, hating and satanic trend.

It fills their minds not only, but their hearts.

This is a WARNING to YOU! Don't let *your* mind and heart be filled with such vengeful bitterness!

Are they now, as Jude says, "filthy dreamers [who] defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities . . . [who] speak evil of those things which

they know not; but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. WOE unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the ginsaying of Core. These are spots in your feasts of charity [love] . . . feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever . . . These are murmurers, complainers,

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Pontiff generates controversy, enthusiasm, says Ghana pastor

By Melvin Rhodes

ACCRA, Ghana — "I'm a Methodist, but if my minister says I shouldn't go and see the pope, I'll leave my church. To me, the pope is the man closest to God on this earth and nobody is going to stop me seeing him."

So said one Ghanaian in Ghana's second largest city of Kumasi as he prepared to join the crowds awaiting the arrival of Pope John Paul II.

Charisma is one quality Pope John Paul definitely has; an incredible ability to win all shades of religious opinion over to his warm dominating smile and powerful build. Although only about one eighth of Ghana's 10 million citizens are Catholics, 80 percent of Kumasi's population turned out to greet the pope — and all seemed enthusiastic.

Enthusiasm was the keynote for his reception throughout the six African nations he visited. The six states were a sample of the continent's differing political, economic and social systems. Capitalist, socialist and avowedly Marxist; military and civilian; French- and English-speaking; stable and unstable; relatively prosperous and very poor; predominantly Catholic and predominantly Protestant. (Kenya and Ghana were former British colonies and are mainly Protestant.)

The pope's appeals to the world for more aid to Africa were only part of his message. His strong conservatism on doctrinal issues was in stark contrast to his liberal appeals for a universal redistribution of wealth. And here, perhaps, is an indication of future tensions between African states and the Vatican.

For a quarter of a century, African nationalism has been rejecting foreign influences in a rapid process of Africanization, often at the cost of efficiency and good order. Not only has this been the case in the economic sphere, but in the religious also. Churches have been quick to hop on the African bandwagon, replacing European expatriate clergy with indigenous priests.

This has also resulted in an Africanization of the Catholic church's teachings and practices, allowing traditional African tribal beliefs and customs to intermingle with Catholic teachings, just as the Babylonian Mystery Religion "adapted" to "Christianity." Indirectly, avoiding undue controversy, the pope spoke out on this, calling for total universal unity (of teachings and practices) in the faith. African marriage customs are a major problem. Though contraception is not an issue (very few people in Africa practice it), polygamy and celibacy are.

Diplomatically, seemingly aware of Africa's resentment at Western cultural domination during the colonial period, the pope stressed that monogamy is not a European custom, but a Semitic one, which was ordained by God in Adam and Eve, while celibacy, or the concept that sex is evil, has no root in any African culture. In Europe, people may suspect the occasional priest of having a hidden "wife," but in Africa this is commonplace.

But, it was over the Mass that the pope caused the most controversy. In Zaire, the first stop on his tour, he refused to sanction a Zairian-rite Mass in his presence, indicating that attempts to Africanize the Catholic liturgy may be rejected. For the moment, such moves at Africanization need "much theological clarity, spiritual discernment, wisdom and prudence." He seems to be delaying any controversial decision that may set back the church in Africa.

The fact is that, although the

Melvin Rhodes, pastor of God's churches in Ghana, Africa, was present in the country when Pope John Paul II made his African tour. Mr. Rhodes mentions political, social and religious conditions in Ghana and comments on how the pope is dealing with these issues.

Catholic church's numbers in Africa are growing, the Third World is not the backbone of the Roman Catholic Church. Europe is. Neither Africa, nor Latin America or the Catholic countries of Asia have the political might or economic muscle that Pope John Paul seems to be seeking in his search for a new

world (anticommunist?) order. Nor do they provide the funds that keep the Vatican bureaucracy prosperous.

It should also be realized that his message to the West, of sharing its wealth with Africa, is ultimately contradictory. A redistribution of the world's wealth would only weaken Europe (and consequently strengthen the Soviet Union) — something the pope can hardly desire. Besides which, the money wouldn't benefit Africans at all, only further padding the Swiss bank accounts of corrupt leaders.

While in Africa, the pope continued his ecumenical efforts by conferring with the Church of England's new Archbishop of Canter-

bury, Robert Runcie (former bishop of St. Albans). Significantly, this meeting was in Ghana's capital, Accra. In 1957, Ghana became Africa's first state to be decolonized, heralding a new age for the continent. Here was an attempt at healing Europe's religious wounds in a continent devoid of traditional Catholic-Protestant rivalry. Only time will tell if it is successful.

It is interesting to observe here that new moves at reuniting the Protestant and Catholic churches are largely because of the individual personality and popularity of the present pope. Almost 500 years ago rebellions against the Catholic church were mainly prompted by the popes themselves, who abused their positions of responsibility. Now, ironically, it is the pope's personal popularity that is the spearhead to unity.

The pope also took the opportunity during his visit to make overtures to the Moslem faith, which is the fastest growing religion in Africa, and dominates the northern part of the continent. It is highly unlikely

that he will make any inroads in this direction, as Moslems tend to be very conservative and reject attempts to convert them to other faiths.

A visit, then, of contradictions. But, as with the euphoria of independence 20 years ago, the visit of Pope John Paul II will soon be forgotten, as economic problems and traditional ways of life distract the people. Nowhere was this summed up better than in Zaire. After the pope led the traditional European Mass, the crowds dispersed, many of them attending a second Mass that evening, at which a white priest dressed in a monkey-skin headdress and flanked by spear carriers, celebrated a Zairian liturgy that mixed African invocations of dead ancestors with European worship of established Catholic saints.

The pope must have left Africa with the realization that its traditions are too strong and its problems too immense for it to be the Catholic stronghold of the future. Only Europe can fulfill that role, as we shall soon see.

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SO GOOD AND SO RIGHTEOUS, they wanted only what was right and true — and so they accepted the truth, were baptized and became members of the true Church of God.

But the BIG QUESTION is: DID THESE PEOPLE REALLY REPENT? Or did they only RECEIVE and ACCEPT truth which in their own goodness they were good enough to receive?

Brethren, I REPENTED! I saw in the TRUTH where I not only had been wrong in what I believed — what I supposed to be true. I saw where I was totally wrong in WHAT I WAS! Repentance, to me, meant not only turning FROM what I believed, but turning also from the self-centered and vain person that I was. I came to see — as Paul said, "I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing." I wanted to let Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit, come into me and live His life in me. So I literally GAVE my life to Him who had bought and paid for it with His life's blood.

That expresses, in brief, a portion of what Jesus Christ took me through in preparing me to be His servant — and remember a SERVANT is one who SERVES, not bosses.

But there soon followed an apprenticeship of training before Christ was ready to start what we call "THE WORK" through me. I began writing articles (because I had become a trained magazine writer) on the TRUTHS I had found revealed in the Bible. Some Salem, Ore., members sent the articles to *The Bible Advocate*, the weekly paper of The Church of God, Seventh Day, at Stanberry, Mo. They were published beginning on the front cover. Members of that Church (Sardis — Revelation 3:1-6) began urging me to speak before them. Finally I acquiesced. For some few years I COOPERATED, helped, worked with that Church. But I never joined them — never was a member.

An Oregon group of them pulled out and organized as a separate church, called, "The Oregon Conference." They incorporated. I was ordained by them. They never went back into the "Sardis" church at Stanberry, Mo. I had been baptized

in the spring of 1927 into Christ — not into any church — not by a "Sardis" minister.

I was ordained by the Oregon Conference of former Stanberry members in June, 1931. Prior to that I had held one short evangelistic campaign at Harrisburg, Ore., for the Stanberry people, but not as one of their members, and I received no salary or expense money for my services. I merely GAVE! I SERVED! But following my ordination by the Oregon Conference (as a separate church) I held a several weeks' six-nights-a-week campaign at Eugene, Ore., for which that state conference paid me \$20 per week. And later a campaign at Umapine, Ore., for them, lasting until mid-November, 1931.

But let me once again make plain what detractors refuse to believe — I never was a member of the "Sardis-era" Church of God. I never received salary or compensation from them. AND I NEVER TOOK ANY MEMBERS FROM THEM!

In 1932, I believe it was, a split occurred in the Stanberry church. Remember, this was the remnant of a true Church of God, which in earlier days had been more spiritually alive.

But now, in 1932, about half of the "Sardis" members went out of the Church, and followed Andrew Dugger (who had been their leader), who started a new church of his own at Salem, W.Va.

In March, 1933, I started another campaign six nights a week with a minister named Sven Oberg in Salem, Ore. I had received no salary from the Oregon Conference from November, 1931, until February, 1933, when they paid me \$3 per week. This lasted until July.

In July, 1933, on my own I started a small campaign in the Firbutte School, eight miles west of Eugene. The school-house had 36 seats. Average attendance was around 40, with a number often having to stand during the entire service. I had dropped the \$3 per week salary from the Oregon Conference, trusting God for my family's support.

Meanwhile the Oregon Conference had decided to join in the Dugger "church" at Salem, W.Va. I did not join them —

or Stanberry. My meeting at Firbutte School ended in August with 19 new members, which were formed into the PARENT CHURCH OF THE PRESENT WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD — totally independent of Stanberry or the West Virginia groups.

Not one member of this Church Christ raised up through me came from either the "Sardis" or the West Virginia groups. However, for a short while some of the Oregon Conference brethren attended with us at Eugene. The Otis Cole family voluntarily left Stanberry and came with us.

But I never sought to attract any "Sardis" or West Virginia brethren to our Church at Eugene. For some years we went under the name of RADIO CHURCH OF GOD.

Jesus Christ now started the WORK of His Church (the present WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD) on the air, in the midst of the most terrible depression of the past hundred years, on the one small 100-watt radio station KORE, Eugene, the first Sunday in January, 1934. We were entirely separate from and independent of the "Sardis" people. I never sought any of their members in any way. None came with us, except, later, the Otis Cole family.

I emphasize this TRUTH because dissenters are still insisting that my son and other former ministers of ours are only doing what I did — and that accusation is a POINT-BLANK LIE!

Feb. 1, 1934, the first mimeographed edition of *The Plain Truth* came out.

Meanwhile the Oregon Conference members had gone with the Dugger group from Salem, W.Va. Some of their ministers contacted me. I agreed to COOPERATE with them — BUT I NEVER JOINED THEM. I did serve them at my own expense — and the expense of the new infant RADIO CHURCH OF GOD. I GAVE — I helped — but in no manner did I GAIN — either in money or in members. Later I pastored a "Sardis" local church near Jefferson, Ore., in addition to our own church at Eugene, the broadcasting and the publishing Work of our own.

I held other six-nights-a-week evangelistic campaigns in other towns in Oregon. Always Christ the HEAD of the Church gave me "fruit" for my labors in new con-

verts whom I baptized. But I had no ministers to leave with them to feed these little new flocks Christ was raising up through my preaching.

By 1946 it became evident we simply had to have a COLLEGE to educate and train ministers to pastor these new little churches being raised up by my own efforts.

Meanwhile the radio broadcast had grown to NATIONAL coverage. That, followed up by *The Plain Truth* and booklets I was turning out rapidly in those days, was bringing scores and hundreds to be ready for baptism and true conversion.

Without any money for the purpose, Christ started AMBASSADOR COLLEGE through me on Oct. 8, 1947. After three years I had students capable of nationwide baptizing tours. Membership was growing.

The college grew. It was utterly UNIQUE — unlike any other college anywhere. It had the highest possible ACCREDITATION — that of Jesus Christ from heaven! But as we grew, my son wanted the accreditation of Satan's world — and so did some of our faculty.

The WORK grew WORLDWIDE! In due time Christ started a second college in England through me. Then the college at Big Sandy, Tex., came into existence. The WORK GREW for 35 years at the rate of approximately 30 percent every year over the year before — up to about 1968. Meanwhile, my son had become executive vice president. He soon surrounded himself with men who were LIBERAL — who wanted to water down God's TRUTH as God had revealed to me, and had placed in both the Church and the college through me. My son began to discard many of the vital original booklets, which had much to do with building the Work. The television programs became secular documentaries. Meanwhile I was away, carrying Christ's Gospel into other nations in all parts of the world, and did not realize for some time that a conspiracy was going on.

But in the past two years I have recovered from total heart failure. God brought me back to life to turn the Church, college and WHOLE WORK around, setting it once again back on the track where Christ put it through His apostle in the first place. >

Mr. Rader discusses 60 Minutes on Los Angeles-area program

Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader was interviewed by George Putnam June 12 on Talkback, a radio program heard in the Los Angeles, Calif., area. Mr. Putnam, the show's moderator, is a veteran of more than 40 years of radio and television news reporting and commentary. Their discussion covered the California attorney general's assault on the Church and the Church's efforts to inform the public about the case. Mr. Putnam prefaced the interview by giving his impressions of the 60 Minutes CBS television show that featured the Church June 8. Following are excerpts of representative questions and answers from the Talkback program.

I'm a great advocate of programs like 60 Minutes. I thrill to watch that kind of documentary with the worldwide sprawling influence, with the opportunity to use all those cameras and microphones and all that equipment and to get the story.

I have noticed a very strange and sad tendency on the part of 60 Minutes. Since it became one of those in the top 10, often topping the top 10 in the Nielsen race, it has resorted to some tactics of which I disapprove.

I think journalism is evenhandedness. And when you do a commentary, as I've done in the past, *One Reporter's Opinion*, it should be set separate and apart from the body of the news. But in 60 Minutes it laps over.

And then last Sunday evening I was appalled to see the treatment of Stanley Rader and the Worldwide Church of God by Mike Wallace on 60 Minutes. That is not to say, he [Mike Wallace] does not do the particular type of job he does very well. But I'm questioning the lopsidedness of 60 Minutes. And I say they could survive and do an excellent job and still be tops in the ratings without taking that particular approach.

But I'm going to tell you, as concerns the Worldwide Church of God, I think a great injustice has been done. Having said that, we're going to get to our guest. And here he is in person, Mr. Stanley Rader.

Thank you very much, George. I'm very pleased about those comments that you made about 60 Minutes. I'm more concerned about the injustice, of course, that's been done to the Worldwide Church of God rather than to me.

Stanley R. Rader, incidentally, has written a yet-to-be-released book, *Against the Gates of Hell*, "The shattering story of an assault mounted by a big state against a small church and how its members fought back to protect the vital liberties of all of us." And that is the issue we're discussing today. What makes that Church different from others?

We are different, George, and I think that it would be impossible on this program to tell you just how different we are. But we do have some essential hallmarks. And these hallmarks are such that immediately we become identifiable.

For example, we keep the Sabbath, which begins at Friday sundown and lasts until Saturday sundown. Now, of course, there are other groups that do that. But we also believe in the divinity of Christ. It's to Him that we look for salvation. And yet, we observe all of the Holy Days of the Bible. Those Holy Days are found in the Old Testament and are generally referred to as Jewish holidays.

So we keep the Feast of Trumpets, which is coming up soon. We keep the Day of Atonement, the Feast of Tabernacles, the Passover

and the Day of Pentecost. We do not keep Christmas. We do not keep Easter. We follow dietary laws as they are outlined in the Old Testament, not as rabbis over periods of centuries have engrafted rules and regulations upon the Bible. These are some of the hallmarks.

Getting to the issue at stake, let's talk now about the cast of characters we have here. If we were doing a scenario, a movie script, writing a book, we'd want our cast of characters. I see now Herbert Armstrong, who is the head of the Church, and I see you as his direct assistant. I see other individuals involved on the court scene. I see also the figure of Garner Ted Armstrong, the son and at one point heir apparent to Herbert Armstrong. Tell us about this confusion because it is my snap judgment that, had there not been this divorce between father and son, perhaps this issue would not have come to the courts. Am I correct?

You may be partly correct, George, in the sense that it might not have occurred exactly when it occurred. But there are power-hungry politicians and power-hungry bureaucrats out there amongst us. And there are people also always eager to make money and to make money to the disadvantage of someone else.

The 80,000 members of the Church. They must be dedicated people to contribute that amount of money. Of course, you do tithe, which means you are to take 10 percent and to send it in, just as the Mormons do, just as many other churches do. But that must be some kind of dedication on the part of 80,000 members, because I see that magnificent Ambassador College, and we held the Emmy Awards one year over there. I see all of the other structures and a beautiful, spotless campus. I see the other edifices. What about these 80,000, are they condemning you at this point? Are they standing by you at this point?

The members of the Worldwide Church of God are truly unique. They are a dedicated group, as you have said. They are an educated group, highly literate, very articulate, and they know why they are members of the Church. They know why this has happened, because it was very clearly prophesied for them in the Bible.

All right, let's go into the receivership that went into effect upon the Worldwide Church of God Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1979, in the p.m. session of Judge Jerry Pacht's private chambers. Present at the meeting were Lawrence R. Tapper, from the state attorney general's office; attorneys for the relators who were bringing public action against the Church, John Gibson, Rafael Chodos, and his brother Hillel Chodos, a Beverly Hills attorney. And also present, and about to be named the receiver of the Church, was retired Judge Steven S. Weisman. The individual who brought this group together was one John Tuit, who, in June, 1978, sought assistance from attorney Peter S. Crowman of Saddle Brook, N.J.

The point I would like to make is this. It seems to me as I read the facts — not the fiction, not the allegations — but the facts, in this situation, that I find a very serious conflict of interest here among judge, attorneys, receivers, etc.

You are a very good reporter, George, and I guess that comes from the many years of experience that you have. I actually have been very much surprised that the other newsmen have failed to see the real story here. Naturally when someone's accused of stealing \$45 million or \$70

million, that's an interesting story in itself. And I don't necessarily feel that as newspaper people they should have avoided that issue.

The seminal constitutional issue, of course, is the one we are most concerned about because, even if Mr. Armstrong and I were guilty of these wild allegations as charged, that would not make the seminal issue — that is, the state vs. church issue — go away. That's the important thing.

There was a story on the wires today to the effect that at one point the Worldwide Church of God had plans to leave and they paralleled the Jim Jones-Guyana story. Clarify that for me please.

We do believe that when you are persecuted in one place you flee to another because the Bible tells you that. And we also know that if the Constitution of the United States should be declared a nullity as a result of this action by the State of California, then in order to continue our Work of fulfilling the great commission we are going to have to do so in a place where we are free to do so, as I mentioned earlier in your program.

So naturally, if we are unable to operate here freely in order to spread the Gospel, we will go elsewhere.

So we have contemplated over a long period of time and speculated about when that end time will be. We don't know where we will be taken to safety, we do not know, we just believe that when that end time comes we will be saved. And rather than going someplace for a James Jones-Guyana ending, it will be to be saved while everybody else, unfortunately, will be destroyed.

There are those in the legal community who cannot understand how Deputy Attorney General Lawrence Tapper could not see the conflict, especially when he was about to appoint this man Chodos as a deputy to this state.

The controversy grew stronger when Hillel Chodos appointed retired Judge Steven S. Weisman as the receiver. In return, Weisman appointed Hillel Chodos as an assistant to the receiver. And as the action proceeded through the courts, Hillel Chodos would make the statement that he no longer represented the relators — that he in fact represented the people of the state of California.

Now Judge Jerry Pacht's deci-

sion to put a receivership into the Worldwide Church of God without notice to the attorneys representing the Church, I think, will be debated within the legal community for years to come. I see again, and I pointed to it earlier, a very serious conflict of interest here.

There is a very serious conflict of interest, and unfortunately the investigative reporters as yet have not done the job on that particular point.

Mike Wallace in his interview with you, Stanley, on coast-to-coast television on 60 Minutes indicated that Garner Ted Armstrong was offered a \$50,000-a-year amount if he'd keep his mouth shut.

Yes, actually the circumstances are well documented. There's a complete file on the matter. And that file was offered to Wallace but, of course, he didn't want to use it. Ted Armstrong wrote his father, after his father put him out, and he said he didn't want to be a vagabond the rest of his life. He didn't have any money and he didn't have any

home. And he had had some good years within the Church and maybe the Church would consider the good years with the bad and give him something when they let him out. So the father wrote a letter first, kind of an informal letter stating that if he were to abide by all of the covenants that were implied in his ordination to wit, to hold sacred and sacrosanct as well as confidential all of the spiritual interworkings of the Church, that he would allow him to have a home to lease from the Church for \$1 a year. And also would see to it that he would be paid a benefit roughly about equal to one fourth of what his annual income was.

And then Mr. Armstrong asked me to embody that particular letter into a formal contract. So I simply used the same language that he, Ted Armstrong, had used when he was letting out other people from the organization over a period of time. I lifted the language out paragraph by paragraph thinking that what was good for the gander was good for the goose.

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walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words . . . mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit" (Jude 8-19).

"But," this passage continues, "ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life" (verses 20-21).

This is definitely a prophecy respecting God's true Church in these very last days.

As a man thinks in his heart, so is he (Proverbs 23:7).

So, THINK NO EVIL! "If ye then be risen with Christ . . . Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:1-3).

We, brethren, ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST, the CHURCH of the living God, now in the short time remaining, letting Christ prepare us as His Bride to whom He soon will come. We must be found without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. Never mind the PAST. If confessed to GOD, and repented of and turned from, the

precious blood of Christ has COVERED all our sins. Let HIM prepare us for His soon COMING!

PRAY for our former members, who have gone out or been put out according to Romans 16:17-18 and II Thessalonians 3:3, 6, 14-15. Pray that God will reveal to them that God is blessing His Church with PEACE, and that in spite of Satan's master-stroke of persecution, the Church is GROWING, IS BACK ON THE TRACK, that we are now closely knit together and with God and with Christ. When our ways are pleasing to Christ He BLESSES US AND HIS WORK!

Those who have gone out are NOT so blessed. Pray that they may see it, and REPENT, that they may be received back with REJOICING!

Some eight or 10 little splinter groups have gone out from us. NOT ONE HAS PROSPERED! Some have even been fighting one another! They have caused many to drop out, not only from God's true Church, but from their little groups, and departed entirely from CHRIST! That is the FRUIT they have borne! Some have been lost FOREVER!

Also pray diligently and fervently for ONE ANOTHER. Pray for me, as I pray for all of you DAILY — that we may allow God to preserve us faithful, enduring unto the END — NOW NEAR!

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

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BUT, Pope John Paul II is rapidly gaining stature and public acclaim. He now looms as the world's ONLY STRONG MAN! He can bring about the prophesied resurrection of the "Holy Roman Empire." Then the world will quickly be plunged into the final conflagration of world wars. That will seal the doom of the United States — and the British!

BUT ALL THIS IS THE FINAL GASP OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THIS WORLD, UNDER THE SWAY OF SATAN AND HIS WAY OF "GET."

Just consider how idiotic — how foolish — it all is!

THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD will then soon take over. Jesus Christ, in SUPREME POWER AND GLORY, will HEAD the government of the world tomorrow

over all nations.

There will be no political elections. No \$100-per-plate banquets to raise campaign funds for willful aspirants who covet POWER. No little, unqualified men running for office. No fear of other nations nor of nuclear war.

Those Jesus Christ will APPOINT to the chief offices ALREADY have undergone their training in their mortal life on earth. I expect father Abraham to be resurrected to the next highest office under Christ. King David will come alive and rule all the nations developed out of the 12 tribes of ancient Israel. Each of the original apostles will be appointed head of one of those 12 nations.

Christ will be Supreme Judge as well as Supreme Executive. The "Congress," "Parliament" OF LAW-MAKING BODY will be

GOD THE FATHER IN HEAVEN. Those of us who are given office of rule will rule by GOD'S LAW! All will be JUST. We shall not rule or judge as the world does now — but we shall have power to read men's minds and hearts (Isaiah 11).

NO ELECTIONS! NO LITTLE MEN unqualified for office spending millions of dollars crying out, "Vote for me — I want to be President."

Well, we now do not have long to wait. This present election travesty may well be the very LAST political election for the presidency of the United States, with little incompetent men vying for the coveted prize. There will be no more coveting, nor lying, nor murders, nor broken homes and families. There shall be PEACE, HAPPINESS, JOY, all living the way of "GIVE," which is outflowing LOVE!