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EUCHARISTIC WORLD CONGRESS MEETS:



THE 37TH EUCHARISTIC WORLD CONGRESS meeting at Munich, Germany. Cardinal Testa is delivering a personal message from the Pope, who could not attend the Congress because of traditional precedent. Communists charged meeting had political overtones. West Germans eyed the meeting as a hopeful spark for future German unity. Read the surprising accompanying article in this issue.

FIRST BLOW, World War III

Unexpectedly, where least expected—rendering the enemy helpless—that is modern war strategy. That diabolical first blow in the final war for survival has struck!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

IT IS Wednesday night, the 17th of August, 1960. My wife and I have just arrived, by automobile, in Düsseldorf, Germany. What we have seen today makes me shudder—for I know what it means!

A frightening thing is happening. It is insidious. It is deceptive, lulling us to sleep. We need to wake up and realize what it is! It is a question of SURVIVAL for *you* and for your country.

The Paradox

We left Ambassador College in England, just five miles from the northwest outskirts of London, at 6:07 A.M. En route to Southend-on-Sea, we drove for several miles along North Circular Road inside London. Here and there still were to be seen the occasional rubble and debris of World War II bombing. Only a couple of days ago we had driven through many areas of giant new London buildings—some of them skyscrapers—erected on bombed ground, with some few vacant patches of destruction still giving their silent but stark testimony that German bombs had dropped there.

At Southend-on-Sea our car was driven into the nose of a 2-motored plane automobile ferry, and a stewardess led us into the passenger compartment. An hour and three minutes later by my wrist stop-watch we rolled down the landing strip of Rotterdam airport in Holland. We had crossed the English channel at one of its widest points.

Rotterdam, a city of 700,000 population, was almost entirely destroyed by World War II bombing. Today we saw, as we had seen six years ago, a completely new, modern, major city of new commercial buildings and mile after mile of 4, 5, and 6-story modern apartment buildings; only, today we saw still newer skyscrapers and elaborate fountains and ornamental works that had not yet been erected in 1954.

A little later in the morning almost

the same experience was repeated at The Hague, a city of 650,000 population and capital of The Netherlands.

We drove on to Haarlem, and then the few miles to Amsterdam, Holland's largest metropolis. There we enjoyed a leisurely lunch. Think of it! This could hardly happen in America, but we had driven through five major cities in one morning!

After lunch and driving around Amsterdam with its many canals, we motored on to Düsseldorf, arriving here about 6:30.

The moment we entered Germany we began to see activity—massive production. Almost at the border giant factory smoke-stacks belched forth billows of black smoke. The highways suddenly became clogged with heavy trucks, as well as cars. The very atmosphere seemed to buzz with activity. And this air of activity intensified as we reached the Ruhr at Duisburg.

Entering Düsseldorf, we saw a tall skyscraper that must be at least 40 stories which has been erected since we were last here in 1954. Most of the areas destroyed by allied bombing had been rebuilt before our prior visit, but much additional new building has been added.

Mrs. Armstrong exclaimed: "How utterly ridiculous it is! In one day we see the evidence of German bombing, destroying London; and then also the result of British and American bombing destroying German cities. What a pity nations can't help each other *build*, and both prosper, instead of blasting each other to rubble, and destroying what *both* have produced!"

Yes, when you see in a single day the magnitude of destruction wreaked on both sides—the vast waste of human effort and production—you begin to realize how silly it really is—how tragic—that men with minds of divine potential will spurn the Law of the all-wise Creator which says "Thou shalt

LOVE thy neighbor as thyself"—or the teaching of Jesus "Love your enemies . . . if thine enemy hunger, feed him."

Why should the way of PEACE seem foolish to men? Why should the crime of vanity and greed, producing competition, strife, war, and mass destruction, appear attractive and desirable? Surely the wisdom of the wise is foolish! Misguided humanity sorely *needs* the all-powerful ruling Christ to come and enforce His government of PEACE and GOOD WILL on all nations. Thank God, that *is* the ultimate outcome—and SOON! But not until man comes to the end of his rope in following his own ways! And that END has already started!

The Alarming Contrast

Now it is Saturday evening, August 20th. We are now in Frankfurt-am-Main.

We have seen startling contrasts between Germany and Britain. They are alarming in what they portend for Britain and America.

I wish the people of the United States and Britain could *experience for themselves* this sharp contrast and realize its true significance.

Thursday morning I was awakened shortly after six by the sounds of loud pounding, clanging, screeching, buzzing. Scores of German workers already were on the job completely rebuilding a large steel and concrete 6 or 8-story structure directly across the street from our bedroom window. I was reminded of being awakened at 5:30 in the morning six years before in a Frankfurt hotel by the loud yodelling of German workers walking rapidly to work down the Kaiserstrasse.

Everywhere in Germany there is the buzz of activity. These people must believe in the philosophy of getting their happiness out of their work.

But, in sharp contrast, many exasperating experiences in England this

summer, as well as experiences at home in the United States, have evidenced that Americans and British have been drugged by the advertising slogans: "Save Steps"—"Labor-Saving Devices"—"Don't walk—Ride"—"More hours for Leisure" etc. etc. etc. In order to sell new appliances American and British commercial interests are convincing their publics that work is a disgrace and that idleness is the desired utopia. Perhaps the false religious teaching about spending eternity in idleness and ease in heaven has contributed to this dangerous trend, fast sealing our doom.

What I Have Seen

Let me give you a few case histories out of my own very recent experience.

At home in Pasadena late last spring we had occasion to employ a couple of paper hangers on a certain project on our college campus. Normally all such jobs are done by our own staff crews, but our one paper hanger had been transferred to our new college in England, and we had to go outside for this job. We paid a high rate per hour for this labor. Here is what I saw.

The men came to work a little after 9 A.M. Stepping leisurely out of their truck, they first carried into the building—*not* working equipment, but a radio set. It required some moments to get this plugged in, and tuned to a station specializing in so-called "music" programming. Their background music provided, they next sauntered back to the truck and brought in, *not* working equipment, but a coffee-pot and portable electric heating plate. Finally they strolled back out to the truck and brought in their working equipment.

With soothing background music, they slowly started to work. Then one of them thought of something, and started talking about it to his partner. They both stopped work for several moments, discussing this interesting morsel of gossip. Leisurely they went back to work—for a few moments, when coffee-break time arrived. That wall-paper job proved to be *high cost production* for us. I hasten to add that our own staff workers in our many departments really do work, conscientiously.

For the past several weeks I have been very busy in England, trying to

drive to completion the thousand-and-one things necessary to prepare the new college for its opening.

When Dr. Benjamin Rea and I were in England last March making preliminary preparations, I concluded the purchase of an adjoining building to become our Music Hall and assembly room. Carpenters were then just getting started converting this Hall into a private home for the owner. I was able to effect the purchase in time to prevent this alteration, but we decided to proceed with building in a second floor to be converted into music studios. So we kept the carpenters on the job. Our architect quickly provided new plans for our purpose.

When I returned to England in June I was dismayed to find little progress since March. Through the summer, progress on this project has reminded me of the growth of one's own children. It is so slow from day to day and week to week the parents can't notice it. Most of the time, it has seemed to me, when I have walked over to the Music Hall I have found the carpenters sitting around drinking tea.

"Have you finished the job and stopped work?" I once asked.

"No—just tea-break" was the casual answer.

This has proved to be *high-cost production*.

It cannot compete, in the world TRADE WAR, with German and Japanese *low-cost production!*

Our Non-arriving "Two Weeks"

Our new college in England has its own water supply from several deep wells, and its own electric generating plant. However it has proved advisable for us to convert over to the "main" for both water and electricity. Three months ago the electric power people told our men the new system would be installed and connected in two weeks.

A month later there was no sign of the new system.

"Oh yes," said the electric power people, "that will be installed in two weeks."

Three weeks later there still was no sign of activity.

"It will be put in in about two weeks," was the encouraging report.

A week later, "I've got good news for you," came the comforting assurance. "It will be installed in two weeks."

"Well," I said hopefully, "we're holding our own."

Two weeks ago giant rolls of cables had been delivered, and certain switch and control panels had been installed. A ditch had been dug over a considerable distance in which to lay the new power cables. Then on last Monday an official of the company came out and I had my first personal contact. I explained the emergency, and the urgency for getting in the new power.

"I'll have men here on Thursday," he said, "to connect up the cables. Then I'll send men next week to turn on the power."

I am still "HOPING" we shall have the new power on "next week." We have a new restaurant-model electric stove, refrigerator, and other equipment which has been delivered, but cannot be used until the new power is turned on.

(Later note: On Thursday the cables were connected up, and on Friday of the following week the power finally was turned on. But to our dismay, neither the big new refrigerator or stove was connected. We were informed it would now take three weeks for certain parts to be obtained to make this possible. Based on the former "two weeks" I now calculate we shall finally have the use of this equipment in five more months!)

Taking a "Work Break"

Four weeks ago three men came to sand and refinish the ground floors of both Memorial Hall and the Music Hall. I was told the job would be finished in four days.

The day the men came they found they could not use their sanding machines because our own electric current was the wrong voltage. The second day they returned with a transformer. It was not powerful enough. A few days later they returned with a much bigger one. At the end of two weeks they finally began to sand the floors. After one or two days of this, about six oak boards around the walls of one room had been sanded.

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One day Mrs. Armstrong timed them. The men arrived at 9:25 A.M. They sat around on the floor adjusting sandpaper into one of the sanding machines until 9:53 A.M. At that time they finally started one machine working. One of the three men worked for 7 minutes. Promptly at 10 A.M. they all drove off for "tea break," which lasted until 10:46. They then puttered around, with one machine going, until almost 12, when, apparently exhausted, they "knocked off" for lunch.

"These men," quipped one of our men from California, "don't come to work any more. They come to tea, and take an occasional 'work break.'"

In exasperation, I went to my Bible for solace. I decided to read whatever passage I should turn to at random. This is what it said to me:

"My brethren, *count it all joy* when you fall into different trials; knowing that the trying of your faith *worketh patience.*"

About the first of August I called for Mr. Norman Smith to fly over to the new college for two weeks. Mr. Smith combines two highly important jobs. He is a high ranking minister, and also chief technician and Director of our radio studio and control rooms. He is responsible for getting the *World Tomorrow* programs on the air all around the world. We are now building a new radio studio in one of the buildings of the college in England.

For two weeks Mr. Smith labored and struggled to get the new studio and control room designed, built and equipped. He ran into the customary delays, and found it would take two months for delivery of equipment and to complete remodeling and construction. Next morning after he flew back home I received from him the following cablegram:

"Have figured out how the ancient Egyptians without modern machinery built the pyramids. They cut out tea breaks. Arrived safely. Norman."

One of the English men on our staff, disgusted, handed me a printed clipping to the effect that if, in Germany, one man can do a job in one week, four men in England can do it in four weeks.

But all this *is not funny!*

It is tragic! It is definitely leading to a *certain* prophesied catastrophe for both our nations!

The CERTAIN Result

The tragedy of this is that neither American nor British workers—nor our populations as a whole—realize at all the actual TRUTH of what is happening, and where it is leading.

They do not seem to realize—nor care, for that matter—that workers in other countries—Germany especially, and also Russia, Italy and Japan—work harder, over longer hours, and produce far more at lower cost.

Our men in both countries seem to assume they are working at the normal and proper gait. They really believe they are doing all right!

Neither do they realize that they are the "CHOSEN PEOPLE" of the Creator GOD who is RULER over the universe. Nevertheless this is true. (Be sure, if you have not done so, to read the free booklet, *U. S. and British Commonwealth in Prophecy*). They have been CHOSEN by God Almighty not for special favors, but for a service they have refused to perform. God is *very much* concerned about our peoples! But today they have left for Him only one last possible recourse to shake them out of their stupor, their lethargy, their indifference toward God and His ways, and to bring them *to* themselves! And that is the definitely prophesied catastrophic national punishment to fall on our nations in less than 15 short years from now!

Everywhere, here in Germany, we have seen *production*.

Booming Production in Germany

On the autobahns half or more of all vehicles are heavy trucks carrying supplies, materials, freight.

Friday we travelled some 75 miles up the Rhine on a passenger river steamer. The Rhine is congested with long freight steamers and towed freight

barges. On each bank of the river are two-way rail-road tracks, and motor highways beside them. At least every three or four minutes we saw freight trains rolling by on each side of the river—and frequent passenger trains beside.

Here in Frankfurt we saw, six years ago, and again four years ago, a new modern major city that had risen from World-War II devastation. But today we were simply amazed to see additional entire new business areas, several blocks in length, built up solid with new 6, 8, and 12-story office buildings and stores. All this had been erected since our last visit four years ago. This is not belated restoration of war devastation. That had been completed six years ago. This was new growth—German prosperity!

Here in Germany we simply experience the *feel* of MOVEMENT!—of energetic activity. The German people reflect a spirit of hope, purpose, energy.

Fifteen years ago they were whipped, cowed, dispirited. But the allied nations did not exact war reparations—did not beat them down still further—did not take from them the products of their post-war labor nor reduce them to slavery. Rather, we treated them to the Marshall Plan, by which they, with all the rest of Europe, received billions of U.S. dollars to assist them back on their feet.

As soon as Americans awakened to the fact that Russia was not their trusted ally—not the brave, noble "comrades-in-arms" American national propaganda had painted them during the war—but our mortal enemy, the U.S. and British governments began to look upon Germany as our new-found friend and ally. They began to promote the idea of a "United States of Europe." They began to talk about re-arming Germany.

The Germans began to take hope. Twice they had plunged the world into war in an effort to conquer Britain and America. They were, of course, suspicious of allied "good intentions" in pouring money and resources into their laps—encouraging them to UNITE with other European nations. But in it they saw their BIG opportunity. Instead of fighting against all the rest of Europe and attempting, single-handed, to con-

quer the world, the British had given them the idea of UNITED European forces and resources. German industry and will to work—German efficiency and will to *lead*—would mean, inevitably that Germany, *next time*, would command the resources, and the military man-power, of ALL EUROPE! Germany, *next time*, could be three times as powerful. Germany, *next time*, would have much less to conquer. The other European nations would already be allies, under her command!

There would be a *NEXT TIME!*

Germany, once more, *had a goal!*

The German people took heart. Now, again, there was PURPOSE in their toil and sweat and labor!

A Decadent Britain and U.S.A.?

But in the United States, recently rolling in unprecedented prosperity and luxury—now intent on pleasure-seeking, idleness and luxurious living—with countless droves of Americans for the first time able to travel abroad for pleasure—there is today NO PURPOSE, except to *preserve what Americans have*.

And in Britain this summer I have seen a people who seem to lack spirit, hope, or purpose. THERE IS NO NATIONAL OBJECTIVE—either in Britain or America.

In America, labor unions ride high, strike for higher wages, bigger fringe benefits, shorter hours. This means HIGH COST PRODUCTION for American goods in world markets.

There is a WORLD WAR on!—a TRADE-war—and it is a war for survival! But American labor leaders are waxing too fat off labor union dues, graft, and other sources of personal gain, to cease leading American labor on in the suicidal course of getting more, while producing less. And American laborers do not seem to know anything about this TRADE war for survival. Their heads are in the sand. They are too busy enjoying THE PLEASURES OF THE MOMENT to recognize the significance of what is actually happening.

In Britain, the people totally lack PURPOSE, HOPE, or anything to inspire them to WORK—to PRODUCE—to PROGRESS! I have found a few men in

England who really get up and *move!* I have found a few who have been getting *real action*, in helping us prepare for the college opening. As an example, an official of Harrods, one of the world's great department stores, not only has kept things moving all summer, but on one occasion produced a near "miracle" by getting factory delivery of a restaurant-size electric cooking stove, which normally requires from 30 days to 3 months, in four or five days—only to have that stove set in the college kitchen week after week *waiting* for the new electric system, and when it finally was turned on, we were informed it would now require three weeks for certain equipment required to connect up the stove!

But some of the working men we have had personal contact with have evidenced no will to work or to accomplish. When I mentioned to one that German production is putting Germany in position to try again "*next time*," he merely replied unconcernedly, "We beat them twice." The assumption was, that since "we beat them twice," we will do it again—and *without effort*.

This purposeless, lethargic, pleasure and ease-seeking attitude of no goal except the existence of the moment, spells *DECADENCE!* Every nation in history that ever got into this condition has PERISHED!

This idle dream that Britain and America can rest on their oars, drink their coffee and tea and smoke their cigarettes, reminiscing over past accomplishments, coasting on in idleness into the beautiful isle of somewhere, drifting into unearned and unproduced luxury, ease, and contentment, without effort, is going to end in sudden captivity and slavery! GOD ALMIGHTY SAYS SO!

This "what's the use?" attitude spells imminent national disaster!

My heart goes out to these people. Yet there is a sense of helplessness and frustration. The means have been placed at my disposal for speaking and writing to at least one-fifth of the adult populations of Britain and America, regularly. Yet there is nothing I can say or do that will cause more than an infinitesimal minority to recognize the FACTS that *exist*—that are REAL—or to

change them from their fatal slumber!

HOW We'll Be Awakened!

But I can realize *why* Almighty God is now very soon going to apply the *only* remedy that will bring these people to themselves.

When the German population is *producing* two to four times more per man, the inevitable result in a few years will be a Germany with national resources much greater than Britain's.

More, there is an immediate result. German, Japanese, and Italian merchandise is being produced at *lower cost*, because their workers work harder, produce more, and on lower wage scales—especially lower than the United States scale. In this world TRADE-WAR, the *first blow* of the ultimate hydrogen bomb World War III, this means that these nations *already* are making *alarming gains* in world markets over America and Britain. In automobiles, in typewriters, cameras, dictating machines, the Germans are making tremendous gains over the United States in world markets.

Russia had set out to outstrip America in world markets—but it is not Russia, but Euromart, that is outstripping BOTH America and Russia.

When the Germans *unite*, in a political and military, as well as economic union, with the prophesied NINE *other* European nations—which probably will include Italy, France, Spain, Austria—although prophecy does not *name* the ten—when the Germans inevitably sit in the driver's seat in this resurrected ROMAN EMPIRE—they will command a military force, under German generals, from a population larger than either the United States or Russia. They will be a THIRD major power bloc in the world. They will sit in the CENTER! And prophecy says they will attack Britain and America!

When this happens—probably some 12 to 15 years from now—a leisurely, spiritless, purposeless, decadent Britain will be bowled over like a bowling pin squarely struck! And, with the major cities of the United States destroyed overnight without warning by missiles and hydrogen bombs as the surprise *very first blow* of the shooting war, the once-proud U.S.A. which even now

alrcady accepts, lying down, the slurs and insults of Khrushchev and even little Castro, will not be able to come to Britain's aid—but will be administered the same lesson of defeat! *So says PROPHECY!*

There is no other way that even God *can* bring our peoples to their senses, and to Him and to His right ways, without interfering with His plan of free moral agency—allowing our people to make decisions for themselves. To take away that prerogative would wreck God's entire PURPOSE.

God instructed Adam in the right way for Adam's happiness and good. Adam despised and rejected it. God preached the WAY of righteousness, peace, and well-being through Noah. But the ante-deluvian world spurned it and developed a world of violence and corruption. God continued to teach the descendants of Noah the true ways through Noah and Shem. But the world followed Nimrod in rebellion, and set up this present world's civilization. God set up HIS CHOSEN NATION through Moses. Israel rebelled, rejected God as their King, turned to the ways of pagan nations around them. God sent prophets to Israel and Judah, but they stoned the prophets. God sent His own SON, Jesus Christ, by whom He had created mankind, with the true Message from God. Because men hated that Message, they crucified their own Saviour!

The early Church preached Christ's Message to the then known world. But the world rejected it, and adopted the amazing deception of tagging the NAME of Christ and Christianity onto their PAGAN beliefs and practices! Today, as prophecy clearly foretold, ALL NATIONS are deceived by this great deception!

Today, just before the END of this tottering man-built society, when man is fast bringing himself to the end of his rope—now about ready to DESTROY all human life from the earth—God is *once again*, as Jesus foretold (Mat. 24:14), WARNING THIS WORLD—and proclaiming Christ's SAME MESSAGE (Gospel) with the LOUD VOICE of radio, T.V., and the printing press, through this very work

of God. All prophecies say that only the very small FEW will accept it!

God WILL NOT allow man to commit cosmocide! First, God will supernaturally intervene. He will, next, send drought and famine *so severe* on the

British Commonwealth, America, and north-west Europe, that 1/3 of our peoples will die of starvation and disease. Next, He will punish our peoples by sending against us this new UNITED STATES OF EUROPE—a resurrected

THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

Why do you use the expression "Holy Spirit" instead of "Holy Ghost" in quoting scriptures?

Some have assumed that the "Holy Spirit" and the "Holy Ghost" mentioned in the King James Version of the Bible are two different spirits.

This is not true!

The word "ghost" is an unfortunate translation that should be avoided.

In the inspired original Greek only one expression is used—meaning "Holy Spirit." In every case the English words "Ghost" and "Spirit" comes from *one Greek word "pneuma,"* meaning "spirit"—not some nebulous "ghost."

This Greek word *pneuma*, unfortunately translated "Ghost" so many times, is properly translated "Spirit" in Luke 11:13, Ephesians 1:13, 4:30, and I Thessalonians, and in many other scriptures when referring to God's Spirit.

When the King James Version of the Bible was first printed in 1611—over 1400 years after the New Testament was first written in the Greek language—the English words "ghost" and "spirit" were both used to mean the same thing. Thus it was quite natural that the translators should have used both words in translating the one Greek word *pneuma* into English. This inconsistent usage has given many the *false impression* that a Holy Ghost AND a Holy Spirit exist as *two separate spirits*.

This idea is utterly untrue. The word "ghost" has become obsolete as far as general English usage goes. But many have foolishly insisted upon continuing to use the word "ghost" in referring to

God's Spirit. They think of God's Holy Spirit as some misty, spooky *being*. The only proper way to clarify the subject is to use the expression "Holy Spirit" in all cases that refer to the Spirit of God, instead of translating *one expression* two different ways and giving unsuspecting Bible students the *false impression* that two spirits, a Holy Ghost and a Holy Spirit, are meant.

Sometimes I become so discouraged by my problems that I don't know what to do. It makes me feel like giving up. What should I do?

A Christian has no reason to become discouraged.

Discouragement comes from concern about oneself. God *commands* us to cast *all* our cares upon Him because *He cares for us* (I Pet. 5:7). After you go to God in prayer and cast your problems upon Him, leave them with Him. You should *forget about bearing them*. Then, with your problems forgotten, you will not be concerned for *self*, but for others. *Pray* for others—for those who have *more* problems than you do, remembering that *you* are one of the *few* on this earth who are able to receive God's rich spiritual blessings. Pray for the growth of God's work so that *others* may also hear the true gospel!

We will be flesh only a brief time compared to the eternity God has prepared for us in the Kingdom of God. Keep yourself so busy in your concern for others that you do not have time to become discouraged. All people have the same problems and temptations (I Cor. 10:13) but God promises you
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Roman Empire—undoubtedly to be headed by Germany—to CONQUER our peoples—destroying our cities—killing another third of our populations, taking the remaining third as slaves!

Yes, believe it or not, THIS is the only punishment—and the ONLY kind of preaching from God—that our rebellious peoples will voluntarily heed.

When this last third of our once proud peoples is *driven* to work and production by the lashes of taskmasters, as SLAVES, their spirit of rebellion against God finally will crack. In dungeons—in wildernesses—they will at last turn to God and REPENT!

Millions, *then*, will remember THE WORLD TOMORROW broadcasts—the two-page Messages in Reader's Digest—the telecasts—the PLAIN TRUTH warnings, and *at last*, with no other place to turn, they will turn to their own Creator and their living Saviour Jesus Christ!

To accept and to receive JESUS is to accept and receive into your LIFE and WAY OF LIVING, the teachings of the Bible—for Jesus Christ *is* the living WORD of God. The Bible is the *same* Word *in writing*! That is what we preach. But people have been misled and deceived. They will not receive it NOW! But they are WITHOUT EXCUSE—for God is sending it to them!

Finally, God will send the hordes of Russians and Chinese rolling over and destroying Europe and this resurrected Roman Empire. He will pour out the last PLAGUES in punishment on them, to bring *them* to the only right ways of peace and prosperity and eternal HAPPY life!

Finally, at the climactic great BATTLE of this Day of God Almighty, at Armageddon, God will send CHRIST, in full divine splendor, power, and glory, with all the holy angels—to RULE the entire earth—to usher in the peaceful, happy WORLD TOMORROW, to set up the everlasting KINGDOM OF GOD as the world-ruling Kingdom!

THAT is what today's developments MEAN. THAT is where they are leading! YOU had better heed, while it is day!

PERSECUTION!

Certain broadcasters, world wide, of "religion," are mailing out slanderous lies about this work, and against Mr. Armstrong, personally.

THIS work of God is being persecuted. The persecution is increasing. If this were not so, we would have cause to worry.

Jesus said that if they persecuted Him, they would persecute those whom He sent out to preach His Message also. "All who will live godly in Christ Jesus *shall* suffer persecution."

They did not persecute Jesus because they disliked his looks or his personality, but only because they HATED HIS MESSAGE FROM GOD! The carnal, unconverted mind is hostile to God (Rom. 8:7). We are persecuted today by those deceived and misguided individuals who hate that same Message of God!

Hitherto we have kept silent. But when others, who also broadcast nationwide or around the world, constantly send out false accusations intended to defame and to discredit God's TRUTH, we know that at least a few hundred may be listening to them or reading their literature who may wonder whether there is any truth to their irresponsible statements.

There is an axiom. One who accuses others is always guilty himself of the very thing of which he accuses another. "Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things." (Rom. 2:1).

It is not our purpose to accuse or judge others. But we do in this way express thanks to the hundreds who have swamped a certain radio personality with protests against his false accusations captioned "Satanic Deceptions." We do not accuse this man, but we do state the plain truth that he should turn his mirror around and look into it himself to discern *who* is guilty of the satanic deceptions; and to state that he has published, without verifying

accuracy, false statements which are *total* untruths. We shall not dignify this villainy by detailed denials, further than to say, as most of our readers know anyway, that his accusations are altogether false, malicious, and published without verification of the TRUTH.

Other false accusations have been published with wide circulation. These have reached Britain, Australia, and other countries. Not one of these purported reports on this work or on Mr. Armstrong which has come to our attention contains true facts—every one we have seen has been an irresponsible and reprehensible piece of slander and defamation of character intended to injure, based on heresy and false reports, without having verified the TRUTH!

If any readers want the true facts, either as to the background of this work, the personal history of Mr. Armstrong, or as to what we believe and teach, the place to learn it is not from enemies who prove themselves irresponsible and careless with the truth, but direct from us. We will not lie to you. But it is well to remember that one who does not hesitate to misrepresent and twist the facts about us would also misrepresent and twist the truth of the BIBLE!

These self-appointed preachers, whom Christ never sent, do not, we know, keep God's commandments. One of those commandments which they despise forbids bearing false witness. An article on this commandment appears in this issue. Our false accusers won't read it, but we know *you will*! A man who is a liar (and see also I John 2:4) is a man devoid of character, not to be trusted.

AGAIN WE SAY: Do not trust MEN! Do not follow MEN, or sects or denominations of men. Listen, as the Bereans did, with OPEN and unprejudiced minds, and then search the Scriptures whether these things be so. PROVE what is