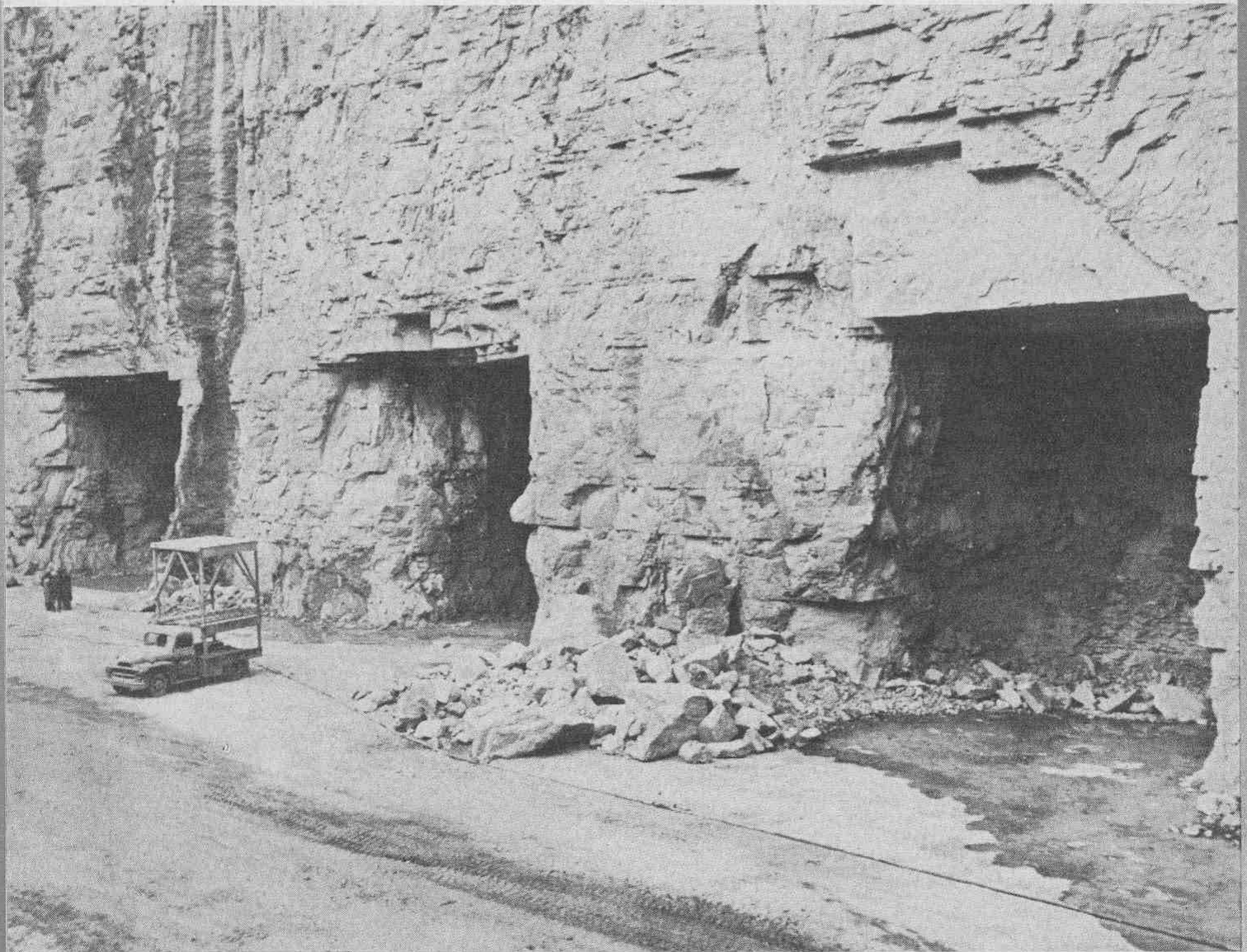


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Wide World Photo

**BACK TO THE CAVES?** A frenzied campaign to encourage building fallout shelters has led to this reclamation of a huge limestone quarry. In this view are three openings off the floor of the quarry which, authorities think, might serve for a community bomb shelter. Notice the striking resemblance to cliff dwellers' caves! Can fallout shelters really protect you in case of atomic- and hydrogen-bomb attack? Who is really behind the sudden upsurge in building shelters—quick-money interests seeking a fast dollar? Read the surprising answers in this issue!

# Personal with the Editor

A UNITED STATES Senator preached a sermon in a Methodist pulpit in Los Angeles the first Sunday in December. Of all things, imagine a well-known Senator saying that *patriotism* is a false god to many people! And he is right.

"Love of country can transcend the love of God," he said, "and we must, in time of stress, avoid making patriotism a religion."

He said a number of other things I could have said, myself. Among the idols professing Christians worship, he cited *prosperity, science, patriotism, peace*—and some people actually make an idol of the Bible, strange as that may sound. Some, he said, worship the Bible for *itself*, NOT as containing TRUTHS necessary for salvation; and, I add, as a GUIDE to a WAY OF LIFE.

What is *your* idol? What are YOU really dedicated to? Is it earning a living—making money? What absorbs your mind, your thoughts, your time—what are you really *devoted* to? Is it GOD—above all else? Or is it your hobby, your wife or husband, your children, your home, your sports—or amusements and entertainments? What do you keep your MIND on most of the time? What most occupies your INTEREST? Is it friends—society? Is it PEOPLE—or is it THINGS?

It surely couldn't be GOD, could it? Probably not. And, if not, then it is an IDOL. You are breaking the first Commandment. You have this other god *before* Him.

Just WHAT IS RELIGION?

Is it merely an incidental interest, secondary to *many* other things, such as earning a living, your home, your family, your friends, hobbies, sports, entertainments? Possibly secondary to TV or movies?

Religion is your CONNECTION WITH GOD—your relationship with Him. Religion is realizing the PURPOSE of your

life—the reason why God had you to be born—the reason you draw the breath of air and exist—the PURPOSE or end-GOAL of your life, and HOW to live that life so as to arrive there.

I have written of the *Seven Laws of SUCCESS*. They are really the seven laws of LIFE. They are the seven laws of RELIGION. Yet most people do not know, or practice or apply, a single one of them.

The first is to have the RIGHT GOAL.

That GOAL—God's PURPOSE for having put the breath of life in you—is that you be born of GOD, to share with Him the GLORY of creation, to inherit His divine NATURE, to be LIKE HIM—to do what He does, to accomplish what He accomplishes, enjoy what He ENJOYS—Peace, Happiness, Joy, Resplendent GLORY in LIFE EVERLASTING.

No other goal could be as great. It is superlative.

But what are *you, now?* Just a mass of matter, put together like a machine. Your present existence has to be constantly SUSTAINED. You have to keep drawing a breath of air into your lungs about every second. You have to eat food on the average at least about three times every day. You have to take care of eliminating the impurities from food, and of bathing and cleansing. Maybe you don't *really* have to "brush your teeth after every meal" as a certain toothpaste TV commercial keeps repeating like a phonograph record that got stuck. But you *do* have to maintain and sustain your physical anatomy to keep on existing—and even then you are ageing and degenerating every day and every year—and the most certain thing in this existence we call "life" is that this machine process is going to run down—YOU ARE GOING TO DIE.

Actually, we have to simply *keep pumping life into* ourselves constantly—daily—to continue existing—to continue consciousness.

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Yet most people keep on, day after day, year after year, pumping that existence into themselves, with NO MORE PURPOSE than to try to be comfortable, free from pain, and to be pleasing the five senses—with their minds on the  
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# What Will HAPPEN in 1962?

*Here is a quick review of the BIG News of 1961—and a look ahead into 1962. What is prophesied to happen—not only this year, but through the '60's?*

by Herbert W. Armstrong

**W**HAT'S *going* to happen *this* year? What is LIFE in America and British nations going to be like through the '60's?

We have had the "Gay '90's," the "Roaring '20's," and we've heard talk about the "Soaring '60's."

But economists who have glibly talked about our coming "soaring prosperity," and scientists, technologists, and industrialists who have boasted about the "Fantastic Push-Button Dream World" of the late '60's and the early '70's *had better revise their ideas!*

There's the old saying: "Man proposes, God *disposes*."

No news analyst can understand the *meaning* of world news—and where it's leading—unless he understands Biblical PROPHECY.

We'd better pause here and take quick inventory. Just where do we stand? What's *happened*, this past year, *that really counts* for the FUTURE, and WHAT DOES PROPHECY SAY now lies immediately ahead *this year—and this decade!*

## Where We've Drifted

A year ago we in the United States were heading into an economic recession. The preceding summer—1960—the president of our American advertising agency and I visited an economist who issues a regular printed economic and commercial forecast bulletin for business executives. This man is A. I. Boreman, of Des Moines, publisher of the Merchants Trade Journal. He was my immediate "boss" and tutor during the three years I was on the staff of this publication, when I was 20 to 23 years of age. As I have explained in the earlier installments of the Autobiography, I learned much from him. He has always been a thorough student of business and economic conditions.

This was the first time I had seen Mr. Boreman in more than 35 years. He was converting all his assets into *cash*, and a type of liquid government investments that could be converted quickly to cash any time. He said a depression was going to strike us, beginning in the autumn of 1960, which would grow progressively worse until the depression of 1929 to 1936 would be considered prosperity by comparison. He said it would continue for at least a decade.

He had REASONS. Yet I said to Mr. Scott, our advertising agent, after leaving, that I had reason to know it wasn't going to happen quite that way. I knew WHAT IS PROPHESED—and therefore CERTAIN!

What happened? This time last year Mr. Boreman's recession had started all right. There was talk everywhere of possible big depression. Yet by March and April the United States began to climb out of it. By Autumn, 1961, most "experts" on the nation's economy began to talk of the "Soaring '60's." But, once again, the ideas and forecasts of MAN were wrong.

What happened during 1960 and 1961 in the WORLD STRUGGLE for survival?

Khrushchev has kept the Cold War smoldering. He has continued to threaten. The United States has continued to back up—to give ground—to RETREAT.

In 1960 Khrushchev visited and toured the United States. Then he figuratively slapped President Eisenhower in the face, flatly refused to allow him to return the visit and come to Russia. He made a great propaganda show of the U-2 incident, sabotaged the Summit Conference, publicly and insolently insulted Mr. Eisenhower. All the while he was pulling the strings on his little

puppet, Castro, getting a Communist foothold a short few miles from the United States.

Then he jerked strings in Japan, and the student uprising there forced President Eisenhower to cancel his visit to Japan, with great loss of face in the Orient.

By the narrowest of margins, John F. Kennedy was elected President of the United States, and took office in January, 1961.

1961 saw the fiasco of the Cuban invasion, and the war of nerves over Berlin. There were American retreats in Laos. There was violence and world-explosion in central Africa in the Congo—in which Communists were active and made gains—the West took losses. The West took losses in South America. The Belgians had lost an important colony.

During these two years the world entered the SPACE AGE. In 1961 the Russians gained further world prestige, and shoved U.S. prestige further down into the mud, by being first to get men, twice, into orbit in outer space and bring them back alive. The United States managed to come in second, getting men into *space*, but not into orbit. Now the race is on to get a man to the moon!

## Roman Empire Awakening

But the MOST IMPORTANT world occurrence is a development the world is unable properly to evaluate. It is the rapid development, these past two years, of the Common Market in Europe.

This is simply the first stirrings from an age-long slumber, in the symbolic "bottomless pit," of the "Holy" Roman Empire. That world-dominating Empire is beginning to awaken. *That* is the big *prophesied* event!

Already there is persistent talk in Europe of not merely the present ECO-

NOMIC union of SIX nations, but complete POLITICAL union of more than the six.

The way is being prepared for this gigantic world-power to raise its ugly head and blitz out of its "bottomless pit" to stagger and astound the world. It will be more powerful than the Soviet Union.

### Khrushchev Is AFRAID!

Few recognize the *real reason* Khrushchev have moved this year as he has in the Berlin crisis. Khrushchev is a *very frightened man!* He knows nothing, of course, about what PROPHECY reveals about this coming "United States of Europe." Nevertheless, he is not blind to what he plainly SEES developing.

While the United States and Britain

gullibly and naively *encourage* development toward a United Nations of Europe, feeling this will restrain Russia—stupidly supposing that Germany, once again in POWER—and power far greater than either the Kaiser or Hitler possessed—will be buddy-buddy and friendly as an ALLY of the United States and Britain. Britain has even applied for admission as a MEMBER of the Common Market!

Khrushchev, diabolical atheist and enemy of freedom though he is, certainly is not so naive. He views this thing realistically. He foresees the European combine rising as an ENEMY more powerful than he.

In the Berlin crisis, he hopes to SPLIT the alliance of "democratic" nations of NATO in Europe—and to hope-

lessly and permanently DIVIDE GERMANY.

Khrushchev also is mortally AFRAID of United States military and nuclear POWER. He knows, as well as American officials, that right now the United States has power to DESTROY RUSSIA. He knows, as do American top officials, that the United States could, as of now, absorb a Soviet sneak-attack first blow, and *still* totally wipe Russia off the map. And where that is leading, right now, will be made clear in a moment.

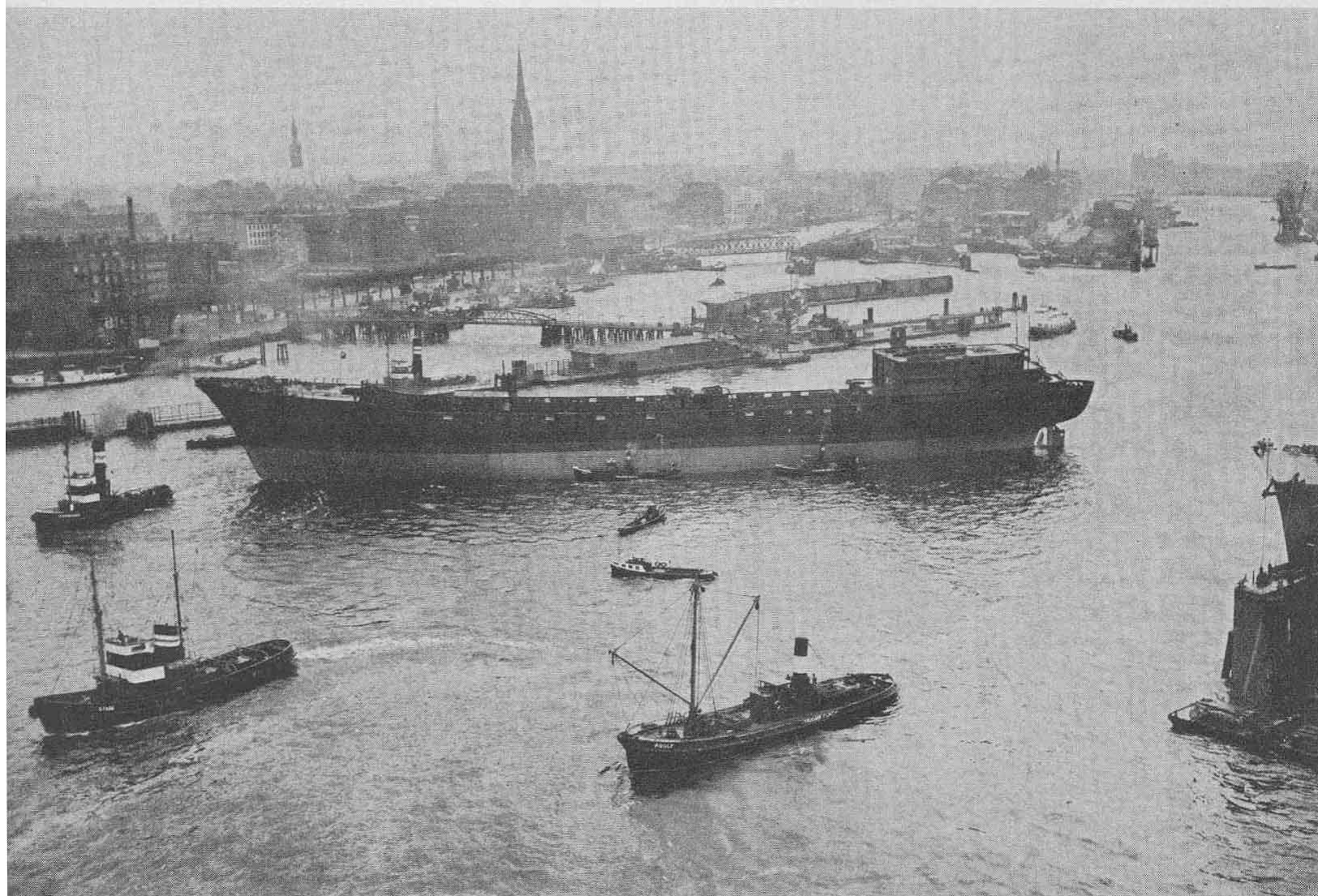
### TIME Is Running Out!

Right now, Khrushchev realizes that TIME IS RUNNING OUT on him. The European unity is developing—FAST! If he can't do something to divide these nations and break it up *quickly*, it will

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*German commerce on the Rhine. The throbbing of industry in the Euromart complex of nations is soon to bring stiff competition, then final collapse of the American and British Commonwealth economies.*

Wide World Photo



# The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

*Now the work outgrows the Pacific Northwest, expands to Los Angeles, and faces new problems and oppositions.*

## INSTALLMENT 41

BY mid-May, 1941, the weekly listening audience, over the three stations in Eugene and Portland, Oregon, and in Seattle, had grown to a quarter of a million people.

That seemed a huge audience. Indeed, it *was* a huge audience. The work of God, having been started so very small was, as stated before, growing up.

The circulation of *The Plain Truth* had gone up to 5,000 copies.

We had started on the air in Seattle, on 1,000-watt KRSC, on September 15, 1940. By February, 1941, the mail response indicated a listening audience of more than 150,000. Beginning with the issue of August-September, 1940, *The Plain Truth* had "grown up" from a mimeographed paper to a 16-page printed magazine, bimonthly. By mid-May we were receiving between 200 and 300 letters from radio listeners every week, and mailing out 5,000 copies of *The Plain Truth*.

### Office Outgrown

Now we experienced "growing pains" in real earnest. Now we really did have a tremendous problem on our hands.

It was becoming an utter impossibility longer to continue handling this volume of mail, and a 5,000-name mailing list, and mailing out the 5,000 copies, without equipment in that unventilated inside office room.

For seven years we had struggled to build this work from nothing to its 1941 size, without equipment. We had paid \$5 per month rent for this small inside room. It was without windows, without ventilation, except for two transoms. One transom opened into the hall-way. The other opened into a large adjoining room where labor union meetings were held. The only ventilation we received through this



*The IOOF Building in Eugene, Oregon, provided office for The WORLD TOMORROW on third floor. Move from this building was to the Ambassador College campus in Pasadena, California.*

transom was stale tobacco smoke from the preceding night's union meetings. We were able to work in this office room only about 2 hours at a time without going outdoors for air. It was not a healthful place to work.

We had no modern office equipment; not even a desk. I used one of two or three old scarred-up hand-made tables we had found in the office when we

first rented it seven years before. There were a few shelves along one wall. For filing cabinets I used cardboard cartons, obtained at no cost from the grocery store. We had no mailing equipment. The 5,000 names on the mailing list had to be kept by handwriting or typing. Each issue, the 5,000 copies of *The Plain Truth* had to be hand-rolled into thin paper wrappers, stamped, addressed

either by hand, or by myself on the one and only secondhand typewriter.

After going on KRSC in Seattle, this became an impossible task for Mrs. Armstrong and me, without help. Twice we had had one girl or woman helping in the office, but now we had to ask several church brethren for volunteer help to come to the office to address wrappers, and help us roll them and stamp for mailing.

Then on May 14, 1941, a wonderful thing happened. A larger, sun-lit office became available to us. It was in the old IOOF Building in Eugene, on the third floor, rear northeast corner. There was an inner corner room, and a double-size outer room opening off the hallway. I could not afford to rent both rooms, but the building manager offered to let me have the inner corner office for \$10 per month. He also said we could use the larger outer office part time, if necessary, until we could afford to rent the whole thing. A much larger adjoining room was available for future rental, when need and finance arrived.

This office had nice large windows—sunlight—fresh air.

Let me tell you right here, I never was so grateful for sunlight and fresh air in all my life. I had never before realized how thankful we should be for sunlight and fresh air. That is one blessing most people have, but usually take for granted without any thanksgiving! *How about you?*

I now managed to buy an office desk—after seven years. That same desk was used in the television program in 1955, seen by hundreds of thousands, coast to coast. I continued to use it as my desk, after moving the headquarters of the work to Pasadena, until 1955 or 1956. Then it became the desk used by my son, Garner Ted Armstrong, until the summer of 1961. It is still doing service for one of God's ministers.

### Our First Equipment

This desk was the very beginning of necessary equipment to administer the Work of God. We had been forced to wait seven years for it.

About the time of moving to this larger office, I managed to buy an old antiquated secondhand foot-powered addressing machine. With it we installed

the first beginning of the Elliott system of stencils for the mailing list. These stencils are cut on a typewriter, or machine very similar to a typewriter.

That old foot-powered addressing machine made so much noise that the tenants on the floor below complained vigorously. Perhaps our many employes today working in the large modern sun-lit air-conditioned mailing room of the *Ambassador College Press* building, now using the same highly efficient, modern IBM equipment that is used by such mass-circulation magazines as *LIFE*, *Look*, *Saturday Evening Post*, and *Ladies' Home Journal*, may utter a momentary prayer of gratitude to the Great God who has provided them with the very finest and most efficient equipment the world affords.

I do not remember, now, what I paid for that ancient old addressing machine. I believe we still have it stored somewhere around the Ambassador College campus. Perhaps we should get out some of this ancient crude equipment and form a small museum of our own! It probably cost all of \$10 or \$15—Mrs. Armstrong says she remembers it was \$15—we could not have afforded more, then. I'm sure many of our employes would laugh at it, today. But it was no laughing matter, then. We struggled along seven years to have it. And I very sincerely THANKED GOD for it!

Think of just the two of us—with at times the help of a girl who knew no shorthand and could not use a typewriter—handling and answering an average of 250 letters a week, beside all the other things Mrs. Armstrong and I had to do! Then having to call in a half dozen church brethren for volunteer help in addressing 5,000 copies of *The Plain Truth* BY HAND. And in those days we had to paste 1-cent stamps on every copy. Mrs. Armstrong had to cook paste of flour and water at home and bring it to the office to paste those wrappers.

About the time we moved to this new office, I managed to employ a secretary. I believe she started at \$10 per week. Also, I now purchased my first filing cabinet. It was a heavy cardboard cabinet, reinforced at corners and edges with very thin metal. I still have to go

to one of our storage rooms, pull out the cardboard drawer of this filing cabinet, and check through dusty papers, letters, and records of those days for the factual material that I have been writing in this Autobiography.

If anyone doubts that this work started the very *smallest*, let him realize we had to wait *seven years* for this cardboard file cabinet—and then we could afford ONLY THE ONE. How many modern steel filing cabinets do we have TODAY? I simply don't know—but it must be hundreds—not only at Pasadena Headquarters, in many different buildings on the campus, and in dozens and scores of offices, but also at our branch offices in Texas, in England, in Australia, in Canada, and, soon, in South Africa!

This great Work of God not only *started* small. It grew very gradually. There was no mushroom growth! But there was steady and *continuous* growth—30% a year on the average. That means DOUBLING in size of operation, and in power and influence of the work, every 2 years 7½ months! As this is written, in December, 1961, we are nearing the close of another calendar year—and the operation in every phase is just 30% larger than it was in 1960!

Writing these things makes me realize HOW GRATEFUL we should be—HOW MUCH we have to THANK GOD for! And all this God has done without requests for money on the air, or in any of our literature—all of which is given FREE, upon request.

### New Consciousness of Mission

About this time God impressed on my mind His real meaning of the prophecies in Ezekiel 33:1-19, and 3:17-21. The true significance of the entire Book of Ezekiel had been revealed for some time. But now, suddenly, it took on *immediate*, and *specific* and *personal* significance.

I had seen that Ezekiel was a *prophet*, with a message for the FUTURE. He himself was in the captivity of the House of JUDAH—the Jews, from 604 to 585 B.C. But he was *not* set a prophet with a message to these people at all. The original nation Israel had been divided after Solomon's death into *two* nations. The northern Kingdom of TEN TRIBES

had its capital, not at Jerusalem, but at Samaria. It was called The HOUSE OF ISRAEL—not Judah. The Kingdom of Israel had been invaded and conquered by King Shalmaneser of Assyria 721-718 B.C.—about 120 to 135 years *before* the Jewish captivity by Babylon.

The people of the House of Israel had been uprooted from their homes, their farms and cities, and taken to the southern shores of the Caspian Sea. But by the time of the Babylonish captivity of Judah, in Ezekiel's day, the House of Israel had long since migrated northwest to Northwestern Europe and the British Isles.

Ezekiel was made a prophet to *this* nation—not the nation of Judah among whose captives he lived. His message was a warning of INVASION and TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF THE NATION'S CITIES. That invasion was for the far future. The prophecy came more than 120 years *after* Israel already *had* been invaded and conquered.

God did not say, "Warn the people *where you are.*" He said: "Son of man, I SEND THEE TO" the House of Israel. God said: "GO" from where Ezekiel was, with JUDAH—"GO, get thee UNTO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL."

But Ezekiel *did not go*. HE COULDN'T! He was a CAPTIVE of the Chaldeans—a slave. And no such gigantic military invasion has ever befallen the Kingdom of ISRAEL since Ezekiel's prophecy was written! The prophecies of the Bible are nearly all DUAL. They have a two-fold fulfillment—the one, often in Old Testament times, a type of the second, in these end-time days. The Assyrian captivity, more than a century before the prophecy, was the type. The warning is for *our day!*

Again, there is a story-flow—a time-sequence running through the Book of Ezekiel. Other portions of the Book show the prophecies pertain to the time shortly prior to the second coming of Christ. The 40th chapter to the end of the Book deals with millennial events, yet future.

So now I saw Ezekiel was set a WATCHMAN—to *watch* international conditions as well as God's prophecies—and *when* this invasion is preparing, and near, shortly prior to Christ's coming to RULE THE WORLD, he is to WARN the

people who had migrated, in Ezekiel's day, to northwestern Europe and the British Isles! But Ezekiel *never carried that warning!* It was not for HIS TIME! He was used *merely to WRITE IT!* It now became plain to me that God was to use a modern 20th-century "Ezekiel" to shout this WARNING.

The realization flashed to my mind with terrific impact that in WORLD WAR II—already then under way—America being then drawn closer to participation—that *I could see this "sword" of WAR coming!* I looked around. NO ONE had ever sounded this warning! No one was then sounding it! I saw numerous prophecies showing how terribly God is going to *punish* America and the British Commonwealth people for our apostasy from Him. I saw our sins, individually and nationally, fast increasing!

The conviction came. *IF* God opened doors for the MASS-PROCLAMATION of His Gospel, and of this warning, nationwide, I would walk through those doors and proclaim God's Message faithfully, as long as He gave me guidance, power, and the means.

I had no illusions that I was chosen to be the "modern Ezekiel" to proclaim this message. But I did know that no one was sounding this alarm. I did plainly see this sword of destruction and punishment coming. I knew the time was near. Perhaps, with World War II well under way, it was even then *upon us*. We could not, then, foresee that God would grant another recess period in the series of world wars before the final round to end at "Armageddon."

And I did see, plainly, that God said: "If the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned" that God would require the blood of the people—and now *whole peoples*—at the watchman's hand!

That was a stern warning *to me*. At least I was *one* of the watchmen who *did* see it coming! God had already placed the broadcasting facilities of three radio stations at my disposal. A quarter of a million people now heard my voice weekly. Possibly ten or fifteen thousand people read the 5,000 copies of *The Plain Truth*.

Of course I had been sounding this warning all along—but only in the Pacific Northwest. Now I began to see

that God intended to send it to ALL ISRAEL. And He had revealed to me that that meant, today, the United States, the British Commonwealth, and the nations of northwestern Europe. The idea of *my* being used, personally, in reaching Britain and these other countries did not yet take sharp focus in my mind. But I *did*, now, for the first time, begin to *think actively and definitely* about this work expanding to the entire United States!

### Door Opens to Reach NATION

God works out His purposes on His definite time-schedule. This vision of urgency to warn the whole nation and renewed sense of mission came just when God was ready to OPEN DOORS NATIONALLY!

In June that year—1941—Mrs. Armstrong's sister and a friend were planning a trip to Detroit to take delivery on a new car. Somehow the suggestion came for Mrs. Armstrong and me—with them—to drive our new car as far as Chicago.

Immediately it flashed to my mind that in Des Moines, Iowa, where I had been born and reared, was an exclusive-channel 50,000-watt radio station, WHO. In those days I could tune it in any night out on the Pacific Coast. Only eight stations had exclusive channels—no other station on the continent on their channels. For our purpose, I knew that WHO was then the most valuable and desirable station in all the United States for our purpose—located not far from the geographical center of the nation.

Normally, I knew our chances of obtaining time on such a high prestige station were exactly nil. But then I remembered my uncle, Frank Armstrong, youngest brother of my father. For years he had been the leading advertising man in the state of Iowa. Perhaps his influence might help swing open the mighty door of WHO. Of course, we could not afford to buy time on so powerful a station—but I would see about it, anyway.

Let me say here, for the benefit of those not familiar with the radio-television field, there is a vast difference in 50,000-watt radio stations. 50,000 is the maximum wattage allowed by law in the

United States. But some 50,000-watt stations have far less coverage than others. The quality of equipment, the location of the transmitter, and other factors make all the difference. But WHO was—and is—one of the very top prestige stations. Its signal was phenomenal. Today, there are probably three to five times as many stations on the air, as then. Today none of these first-water stations reaches out like they did then.

So we drove our new DeSoto car to Chicago, where the girls took a bus to Detroit. Then we stopped at Des Moines on the return trip.

I had not seen my uncle for 15 years. We had arranged by telephone to have a family get-together at the home of my cousin—his daughter—and her husband, in Indianola, a county seat town 30 miles south of Des Moines.

I suppose we were all a little surprised to observe the change that had taken place in the appearance of each of us—after 15 years.

We visited old friends of both my wife and myself around Indianola and Des Moines for a few days.

While there, my uncle called the general manager of WHO on the telephone, told him about me, and asked him to see me. After I explained about our program, he said he could clear a late Sunday night time, at 11 P.M., except for one Sunday night each month. The owner of WHO was Col. B. J. Palmer, owner of the Palmer Chiropractic Institute at Davenport, Iowa. Col. Palmer reserved the time of 11 to 11:30 P.M. on one Sunday night of each month for a personal talk by himself. Mr. Mailand, the station's manager, offered me the other three or four Sunday nights at this same hour, at the very low cost, for so powerful a station, of a little over \$60 per half hour.

This was a tremendous opportunity—but it was still beyond our reach. I told Mr. Mailand we were not yet ready for it, but hoped to be by the following year. I had felt we ought to go on a Los Angeles station first, anyway. But now, definitely, our vision expanded to broadcasting coast to coast nationally, as soon as we could grow to it.

### Los Angeles Door Opens

We had planned to swing by Los An-

geles on our way home to investigate possibilities on radio stations there.

If Portland and Seattle radio stations had been hostile to programming religious broadcasts, I found Los Angeles even more so—although there were a large number of religious programs on the air in Los Angeles.

Station KNX, the powerful 50,000-watt CBS outlet, carried Dr. MacLennan of the Hollywood Presbyterian Church, John Mathews, who billed himself as "the Shepherd of the Air" and Charles E. Fuller of "The Old Fashioned Revival Hour." I had listened quite regularly to all three, since KNX came in like a local station at night in Eugene.

But I did not even contact KNX. I knew it was completely beyond our financial ability. To me, in those days, these three radio broadcasters on KNX were *real* "Big Time." On the human level they seemed to me as giants, and I as a dwarf, so low beside them I would not have presumed to encroach on their valuable time by attempting to meet and shake hands with them. Yet, on the spiritual plane, I realized that God had given me the Message of His TRUE GOSPEL which was *not being preached*, anywhere, except on our program. But I felt very unimportant in my own eyes.

I found stations in Los Angeles closing their doors on religious broadcasts. Yet, when I went over to KMTR (it is now KLAC), I found the manager, Mr. Ken Tinkham, friendly. He told me the station was cutting down on religious programs, though the station still carried several. It was only a 1,000-watt station, but Mr. Tinkham explained how the transmitter was directly over an underground river, which had the rather freak effect of giving their signal a power equal to about 40,000 watts. Underground river or not, I found it true that the station then had a better signal than any station in Los Angeles, except the 50,000-watt stations. It was heard like a local station in San Diego, 120 miles away, and even in Bakersfield, which is over the mountains.

As we talked, I could sense Mr. Tinkham warming up to Mrs. Armstrong and me. Finally, he said he would try, later, to open up a Sunday morning time for me. I had told him we were not yet ready to go on the air in Los Angeles.

### An 18-Day Fast

The long strain of building the work through seven and a half years, without facilities or financial resources, had been taking its toll physically. I had been losing sleep. The constant *driving* on high tension to keep up with the growing work had told on my nerves. The weekly trips of 650 miles to Seattle and back added to the grind.

So, on returning to Eugene, Mrs. Armstrong and I, with our boys, went over on the Oregon Coast to one of the little-frequented beaches, and rented a small cabin. There I went on an 18-day fast for both physical and spiritual recharging. An unfit man cannot accomplish much. I returned to the new office in Eugene, August 12th, 1941, refreshed and renewed, with new vigor. With the KMTR and the WHO doors standing ajar, just waiting to open to us, there was now redoubled incentive to push forward.

### First Airplane Flight

By December of that year, I decided to ease the strain of those long drives to Seattle—at least part of the time. Consequently on Saturday night, December 6th, I left my car in Portland, and took the train to Seattle. I had found that the overnight train arrived in Seattle in time for the 8:30 broadcast at KRSC, if it was on time.

But on that particular Sunday morning, the train was late. But by getting off at Tacoma, and hiring a taxicab, I was able to arrive on time.

I had found that I could take a plane leaving Seattle somewhere around noon, getting me back to Portland in time for the 4 P.M. broadcast on KWJJ. This was the first time in my life I had ever been up in an airplane.

I shall never forget that flight. About 15 minutes after take-off, I noticed the captain enter the passenger cabin. He knelt beside the passengers in the front seats, and in low tones spoke to them. Then he repeated this to those in the second row. My curiosity was aroused.

When he came to me, he said he had just received word over the plane's radio that the Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor that morning, December 7th—that the United States Navy fleet

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# What Will HAPPEN in 1962?

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soon be TOO LATE!

But, at the same time, President Kennedy, by late autumn 1961, began to realize that TIME IS RUNNING OUT on the United States, too!

As of NOW, as stated above, the United States is far ahead of Russia in nuclear weapons, hydrogen-bomb stockpile, total delivery-power of these weapons by missiles, long-range bombers, medium-range and fighter bombers, submarine missiles.

The RESULT: The United States, today, CAN DESTROY RUSSIA. But Russia CAN'T destroy America!

HOWEVER, President Kennedy knows that, later in the '60's, this balance in favor of the United States will be reduced or wiped out. Further, the United States has been RETREATING—losing ground—in this Cold War to the point of diminishing returns. The United States cannot go on backing up, letting Russia take the initiative forever *without losing everything!* There is a limit to HOW FAR America can back down and give ground to the Soviet Union, especially with Russia catching up in nuclear power.

By early winter, 1961, Mr. Kennedy began to realize the U.S. has backed up, and allowed Khrushchev to take the initiative, about as far as it DARES.

European nations, furthermore, are worried—LOSING FAITH in relying on the United States to protect them from Russia. Washington has said officially that America can let Russia strike the first blow, and still destroy Russia before she can deliver a second blow. But what European nations are worried about is this: Suppose that *first blow* is NOT delivered against UNITED STATES cities—but against EUROPE? Suppose Khrushchev's surprise sneak attack destroys Paris, Rome, Brussels, London, Frankfurt, Essen and Düsseldorf and Munich and Hamburg—and their forces take over West Berlin?

Suppose America is left unharmed. European nations want to know—

WOULD THE UNITED STATES IMMEDIATELY UNLEASH ITS SUPERIOR POWER AND DESTROY RUSSIA, before the Soviet could *finish* conquering all Europe?

Russia could make an agreement on Berlin, to quiet Western fears, then break her agreement as she always does, and suddenly destroy and conquer Europe.

ALL THESE ARE THE REASONS why the United States has suddenly stiffened its policy in the cold war. By late November, Mr. Kennedy was endeavoring to lay plans *to take the initiative* in the cold war, and let RUSSIA start backing up a little.

Another setback for the West, during 1961, was the secession of the Union of South Africa from the British Commonwealth. The Commonwealth is falling apart. In this century Britain has lost India, and been stripped of most of her possessions and colonies around the world that made her GREAT Britain. Her wealth came from these. She is no longer Great. She is now begging for entrance into the European Common Market, trying to maneuver to make it at most an *association of independent* nations, rather than a Fascist dictator-ruled EMPIRE.

At the turn of the year—with two years of the '60's already gone—these are the factors in the tense disturbed world situation which puts the pressure of serious URGENCY on President Kennedy. It is imperative that he now take such action as to leave no doubt, in European minds—and in Khrushchev's mind—about how the United States would act if the Soviet makes certain overt moves.

The lines are tightening. A SHOW-DOWN looms ahead.

Yet Biblical PROPHECIES have nothing to say about any nuclear TOTAL WAR with Russia at this time.

And Now—1962-1970

Where do we go from here?

Will Mr. Kennedy be able to con-

vince the European nations that they may safely rely on U.S. power to protect them from Russia?

Will the 1961 upsurge from recession continue on into a NEW BOOM OF PROSPERITY?

Will Americans, Canadians, British, and Australians and the peoples of the Western world soon be living in the DREAMWORLD of magic push-buttons, almost total leisure, fabulous luxury, fantastic new gadgets, before 1970?

Will men be making regular holiday trips to the moon and back before the end of the '60's?

Business in the United States, during 1961, soared out of the recession status, and year's turn finds us at record highs in most phases. Incomes are breaking records. Spending is breaking records. Christmas trade—and it WAS "*trade*"—the buying of presents to trade back and forth between people honoring a pagan day that IS NOT Christ's birthday, which Christians are not supposed to observe anyway—but this TRADING broke all records.

Are we not, then, headed for a BOOM of prosperity?

*WE ARE NOT!*

For some years, there undoubtedly will be *comparative* prosperity, in the United States. The momentum of American industry—the productivity of THE MACHINE—the constant development of more and NEW KINDS of MACHINES which vastly increase production per man-hour—these factors will maintain a reasonable prosperity through most—perhaps all—of the '60's.

## The Alarming Factor

But there is one over-all alarming factor. It seems most economists and businessmen do not quite grasp it and its full import yet.

That is the *competition* from Germany and Europe—and from Japan, and from Russia. Especially Germany and Western Europe are on the way to an unprecedented upsurge of prosperity.

Here is the reason:

Up to now the United States has, since the turn of the century, spurred to a state of national prosperity never before reached in any nation. WHY? The answer has been *machine* produc-

tion. America became industrialized with mass machine production to a degree far beyond any other nation.

American laborers did not work harder—they worked less hard, kept shortening hours, increasing pay. Of course prices rose. But still *real* wages—the amount of goods and services a week's labor would purchase—kept rising. Finally America had a standard of luxury living never known by any other nation.

In spite of constantly rising wage scales, machine mass production enabled the U.S. to produce not only *more* goods, but *lower-cost* goods, than other nations. In world markets, other nations could not compete. This built the American economy.

But now something is happening.

In Western Europe—in Japan, and to a lesser extent, in Russia, mass *machine production* is spiralling upward, Germany leads, but France, Italy and other nations are experiencing the thrill of new prosperity, too. The U.S. gave all this its pump-priming start and impetus through the billions of dollars pumped into Europe by the Marshall Plan.

Now Europe is rapidly increasing its *machine* production. But the ONE FACTOR we are too naive to see in America and Britain is that in Europe labor is working harder, more energetically, with more zeal, longer hours, and *at far lower wages* than the American standard.

They may not be working for lower wages than British workmen—but in Europe they *go to work*, with an occasional short coffee-break; whereas, in Britain, they *go to tea*, with an occasional *work-break*. It takes forever, it seems, in Britain, before they get around "to crackin."

*The result:* Even though Britain also is going into vastly increased machine-production, Germany and western Europe nations and Japan (and Russia) actually are *out-producing Britain*, at *far lower labor cost*—simply because in those countries workmen *really WORK*. They produce more for their week's wages. They work with a PURPOSE.

There seems to be no sense of national PURPOSE in America or Britain.

The thing that is happening, then,

is that even on similar wage-levels Germany, France Italy, Japan, Russia, are out-producing Britain; and, because their workmen *work more diligently*, producing MORE per dollar (or per pound, per mark, per franc, etc.,) these nations are entering world markets in competition with Britain and America with LOWER-COST GOODS!

Even with the American mass machine-production, these other nations are fast catching up with the United States in *machine*-production, effecting the same economies of this mass production of the machine—but with a LABOR COST only a third to a half that of American labor!

THAT IS THE ALARMING FACTOR!

### Where This Is Leading

In America, labor still plans to keep right on striking for higher pay and shorter hours. There is no sign of any turn from that fatal economic policy of *giving less*, demanding and *taking more*.

Then what happens? When industry is forced to pay higher wages for goods produced, it is also forced to do one of two things—either pass this added production cost on to the public by raising prices, *or* take a reduction in profits—which soon leads to NO profits, then LOSING MONEY and *going out of business*.

Today American industry is at the CROSS-ROADS! What this nation faces, in 1962 and 1963—and even more and more as the 60's roll by—is mounting competition against LOWER COST PRODUCTION OF GOODS from the European Common Market nations, from Japan, and from Russia.

If American business passes its rising production cost on in higher-priced goods to the consumer, IT WILL NOT SURVIVE IN THE COMPETITION AGAINST THE LOWER-COST GOODS FROM OTHER NATIONS.

Already AMERICAN INDUSTRY AND AMERICAN COMMERCE IS FINDING ITS PROFITS ALARMINGLY REDUCED. American businessmen are becoming seriously alarmed. This will begin to affect the stock market. Investors will begin to do as Mr. Boreman did in the summer of 1960—sell their stocks and bonds, even at a loss—get all they can out of their investments while the getting is still

good. Then who is going to finance new businesses, or expansion of present businesses?

Capital will then go into hiding. Factories will begin to close. The workmen who listened to the insane siren song of their labor leaders to keep striking for higher pay and shorter hours and more benefits—getting MORE than they produce—will begin to find themselves OUT OF JOBS.

Retail stores will become vacant. American business will be unable to compete in foreign markets. MUCH of our prosperity that WE ALL NOW ENJOY is coming to us because American companies do business around the world. Whether I go to England, Germany, France, Egypt, or Iraq or Australia, I *do* find Coca Cola *everywhere*, just as their slogan claims—I see a big Firestone Tire factory in London (there spelled Tyres), and also a Gillette factory. I see Woolworth stores everywhere in numerous countries. When American business makes profits from markets in other nations, that brings wealth and prosperity to America.

But when American business can no longer compete—because our PRICES are higher, because our people—both capital and labor—demand and get more and live better, what happens? Why, people in Britain, Germany, France, Japan and around the world quit paying our higher prices. Our goods cease to sell.

Already even we in America are beginning to buy more and more foreign goods imported from other nations. But, when American business can no longer *stay* in business, and can no longer EMPLOY LABOR and pay wages and salaries, WHAT ARE AMERICAN WORKERS GOING TO USE FOR MONEY TO BUY THINGS WITH? How do you suppose American workers, who have by the weapon of strikes forced up wages and reduced the amount of work given, are going to MAINTAIN their higher standard of living, THEY JUST AREN'T! !

The DAY OF RECKONING is coming!

I do not mean it is coming *this year*, or even next. *It will not come immediately*, or strike its blow suddenly.

*But it is on its way!* It is going to have the effect, these next two to seven years, of *slowing down* what otherwise

would have been BOOM prosperity.

### No More Big Booms

Today, looking ahead into 1962, THERE IS NO BOOM IN SIGHT!

As stated above, I expect a comparative non-boom prosperity, with fluctuations, through most of the '60's. There will be short up-and-down cycles, of course. But BOOM DAYS *are gone!*

What I do foresee is this: Combining with the economic situation is the revolution in the WEATHER. Government weather experts know something is wrong. They predict—precisely as Biblical PROPHECY warns—unprecedented DROUGHT on catastrophic scale, by around 1970 to 1975. Meanwhile, rainfall generally is lessening. Water levels are dropping lower and lower in the ground.

Coming catastrophic drought, disease epidemics, coupled with this economic trend, will bring the most disastrous economic depression of all history on the United States by somewhere around 1972.

But one thing will delay it that long. God Almighty has decreed that His Message must now be proclaimed and published in all the world, as a witness to warn ALL NATIONS. God sent this Message 1935 years ago to mankind by Jesus Christ, and the original apostles. The world totally *rejected the Message*—then, after rejecting and crucifying Christ, *accepted* and professed His NAME.

Few know how close the allies came to losing World War II—or the REASON we did not. Few will believe it, *but the only reason was to allow time for this Message to go to the world!* It can be supported financially only by, in the main, the common people of below average income levels.

America has been kept prosperous enough for those people to carry out God's Will! This gigantic crusade guided by the living CHRIST must be completed! It will be!

Apparently this will require about another ten years. There will be sufficient prosperity in America to provide for it!

What's going to happen in the Cold War? What's the Soviet Union going to do? How will things develop in

Europe—through 1962 and through the rest of the '60's?

### Khrushchev and Europe

First of all, one thing is certain. The Kremlin will not let up on the Cold War. They will continue their world-barrage of destructive propaganda—constantly ACCUSING the United States, Britain, and west European nations, of whatever false charges they think will serve their purpose. Khrushchev will plunge the world into a crisis in first one part of the world, then in another.

If he allows the Berlin crisis to quiet down somewhat, temporarily, he will precipitate a war-threatening crisis in some other sector of the world. He will keep PUSHING. Wherever he is allowed to gain ground he will hold it. Wherever he is met by force he will back up and incite new trouble elsewhere.

Above all, Khrushchev will keep on trying to split NATO, keep Germany divided, and prevent the European Common Market from becoming a great Third World POWER BLOC.

But, *most important of all* is what will happen IN WEST EUROPE!

No one can tell, now, specifically just *how* it will develop, but the Common Market will develop into the coming UNITED STATES OF EUROPE. It will be a loosely-knit EMPIRE, resurrected from the ashes of the old Roman Empire and the medieval Holy Roman Empire: It will comprise TEN nations or groupings of nations. For example: the Benelux nations—Belgium, The Netherlands (Holland), and Luxembourg—may go in, either as ONE group known as Benelux or as *three* nations. At this stage we cannot tell *which* ten it will be, except it appears certain both Germany and Italy will be in, and probably France and Spain. Some of the central Europe satellites now under Russia's clutch, might be in.

At this stage we cannot tell just how rapidly it will develop, or *when* it will finally emerge to make the whole world gasp in awe and amazement.

But definitely it is prophesied. It is now developing. I expect it to be a terrible reality by *around* 1970—surely by 1972, and very probably sooner than 1970.

It could develop into full being

much faster than even we think.

The '60's will *not* be "*the Soaring '60's*" for the United States. They most probably *will* be just that for west Europe! But, for most of the '60's the United States probably will continue a comparatively good economic prosperity, leveling off by about 1970 and heading toward a catastrophic CRASH.

The '60's will see continued development of gadgets toward the push-button "dream world" of idleness, leisure and luxury—but we shall never expand into the super-prosperity that will afford all this luxurious idleness which is the popular dream.

Men will continue to spend billions of dollars trying to escape from this earth, and get men to the moon, Mars, and other planets. This progress will *continue*—as far as God Almighty *allows*.

How far will that be? No man on earth knows—God has not told us.

We do know TWO THINGS: 1) man does have the ingenuity and the ability to keep going farther and farther in this direction *unless* he is supernaturally prevented. As in the past development of the automobile, the airplane, and such things, there will be losses—some tragedies—but development will continue right on to the point where GOD ALMIGHTY steps in; and, 2) God the Creator and Ruler of the universe has given MAN dominion over the solid earth, the seas, and the AIR—but *not above the air of the earth!*

When man gets into outer space, he is invading GOD'S realm. This is not God's TIME for allowing man to travel freely *beyond* the earth. I think the Almighty will halt this mad enterprise before it gets very much farther. He may allow a Russian to *get to* the moon—but I doubt whether the God they deny will allow a safe return!

The '60's will see continued nerve-shattering harrassing ups and downs in the Cold War. It will see the development of the ROMAN EMPIRE awakening, and rising out of its "bottomless pit." It will see space-age development.

I *do not* expect it to see total nuclear war. I DO expect the '70's to see the nuclear war that will END this present world at Armageddon—and usher in the peaceful, happy WORLD TOMORROW!

# PERSONAL with the Editor

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passing physical and material things of the moment—things that are not lasting, and are soon gone.

Unless God's own CHARACTER is formed and developed in your mind and your life, replacing the carnality that is there now, you shall have missed your GOAL. God's PURPOSE is to CREATE within you, during this life, a new and perfect CHARACTER.

If you are converted—that is, if you do once establish actual *contact* with God—He supernaturally puts within you His HOLY SPIRIT. This impregnates you with HIS LIFE—begets you as His child, actually yet unborn. But it does put within you a NEW NATURE, entirely opposite to HUMAN NATURE with which you were first born. You are, as Scripture says, given "exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE" (II Pet. 1:4). Of course the old human nature *remains*; and *your mind* makes the continual decisions whether to yield to the downward pull and appetites and established habits of human nature, or to resist it by yielding to the new Divine nature—to BE LED BY GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT.

This, then, BECOMES *your very life!*

You can only succeed if your GOAL is kept constantly—continually—before your eyes. When you drive a car, if you take your eyes and attention off of what is in front of you (and sometimes coming from the side or behind) even for two or three seconds, you may find yourself "coming to" in a hospital, dying, and saying "it all happened *so suddenly!*" Driving *carefully* means BEING ALERT—being DILIGENT every second—KEEPING YOUR EYE and your mind and attention on the matter of DRIVING—not conversation or other things.

In the same manner, if you let other interests, material pursuits, steal first place in your mind and heart and *interest*, even for a few days, you are endangering a SPIRITUAL SMASH-UP that will let you wake up being plunged into the LAKE OF FIRE, which will mean eternal DEATH.

That's why God doesn't want you to

have these others gods BEFORE Him. For your own sake—in your own interest—you must keep Him enthroned and enshrined constantly ABOVE ALL. You must study HIS WORD in order to be *instructed* by Him.

Instructed in what? Instructed in true KNOWLEDGE—knowledge of God's PURPOSE for you—knowledge of and about GOD—and knowledge of HOW TO LIVE. Jesus Christ said you must actually LIVE BY the words of the Bible. It is your GUIDE TO LIVING—your INSTRUCTION BOOK the Maker sent along to instruct you HOW to OPERATE this mechanism that is YOU.

More, you must study His Word—your BIBLE—to find what you now believe that is wrong, and what you are now DOING that is wrong—to be CORRECTED and reproved by it. You must study it to let it INSTRUCT you in the ways of God's RIGHTEOUSNESS—His WAY OF LIFE. And then you must *devote* yourself to LIVING IT!

Still, without regular and constant PRAYER, you cannot maintain CONTACT with God. And when that *contact* is broken, you are CUT OFF from Him—and His Spiritual LIFE, LOVE, and very NATURE ceases flowing into you. For, understand, these divine attributes of His Spirit DO FLOW! They are IN MOTION. They do not stagnate. You either GROW spiritually—in knowledge—in grace—in God's character—or you deteriorate back toward becoming a mere physical animal, to die in ETERNAL PUNISHMENT in the lake of fire!

But if God, and the things of God—His revealed knowledge—His Law—His love—His WAY for you to live—are constantly *foremost* in your mind, your thoughts, your interest, then you are PRAYING ALWAYS—that is, in a constant SPIRIT OF PRAYER—a constant MENTAL ATTITUDE of prayer. The contact with God must be *perpetual!*

*This* kind of Christian life—the only kind that truly IS Christian—requires, as the Bible emphasizes repeatedly, zealous DILIGENCE. You must CONCENTRATE on it. You must be DEDICATED to it. It requires utter CONSECRATION.

It requires total EARNESTNESS.

Yes, it requires the application of the other six laws of SUCCESS—education, in which the Bible is the main textbook; good physical health; DRIVE, or concentrated DILIGENCE and EFFORT; resourcefulness; sticking to it—enduring; and continual contact with and the guidance, help, and power of GOD.

True spiritual mindedness is *not* a sticky sentimentalism. It is NOT a certain emotional mood. It is *not* the use of a certain religious phraseology, saying constantly, "Praise the Lord," or, "Glory Halleluja." I have known many people whose TALK is so very "spiritual"—but whose hearts were as far from God as the prophet Isaiah described.

Jesus Christ was a perfectly SPIRITUAL man. But He did not go about using such mushy language. He was *not* a girlish, effeminate, sentimental or emotional weakling. He was a strong, virile, masterful, yet kind and gentle MAN. He possessed LEADERSHIP, STRENGTH, PURPOSE, SUPREME STRONG WILL—and yet these masculine qualities of strength and power were perfectly blended with wisdom, judgment, knowledge, understanding, justice, and also patience, compassion and mercy. He was filled with PEACE, LOVE, FAITH. And His WILL, strong as it was, was totally yielded and obedient to GOD. All this was the character of GOD.

He is our PATTERN. We must imitate Him—copy Him.

Look at the men of God in the Old Testament. Abraham, Noah, Joseph, David, Daniel, Elijah. They were all different from Christ in one respect—in which you and I must also be different—they had human weaknesses, and all did sin, yet these men all repented and strove to overcome. But they were all men of strong PURPOSE, strong WILL guided by God, all possessed leadership, but also love and faith and a consecrated OBEDIENCE to the will of GOD. But they were not effeminate sentimental men indulging in an affected put-on religious-sounding way of talking.

Look at the Apostles Peter and Paul. They were the same. You don't find any of this pseudo "spirituality" in them—yet they were the truly SPIRITUAL men, devoted to obeying God and serv-

ing the needs of the people.

But one thing to watch and guard against every second, in the way of attitude, is resentment, bitterness, hatred. Don't let ANYTHING, no matter how unjust, make you sour and bitter. That is the deadliest mental and spiritual POISON. We must LOVE even our enemies who perpetrate the greatest outrages—though we do not condone their evils.

If you ever think I'M wrong about anything, *don't get sour or bitter about it*—let GOD correct and punish me—vengeance is HIS, you know. Resentment against me won't either punish me or benefit you, but it could consign YOU to *eternal* punishment! Whether YOU believe it or not, I have come, by years of experience learning the HARD WAY, to have supreme faith that GOD will never neglect to correct or punish *me* wherever I deserve it! You may TRUST HIM to do it!

Remember what a GLORIOUS GOAL we have before us!

How GRATEFUL we ought to be! How our hearts ought to be FLOODED with love and gratitude to the Great God for His matchless LOVE toward us. I'm sure we don't grasp what a supreme price He paid to make it possible. He wants us to be CHANGED—to overcome and root out this debasing rotten carnality we all have in us—and to GROW into His righteousness, that we may SHARE His GLORY.

And, you know, I believe God wants and *longs to share the supreme GLORY that He has with YOU!* Make it your supreme over-all life VOCATION, and WORK HARD AT IT!

The Japanese spy who stealthily and secretly obtained all the information the Japanese needed to bomb Pearl Harbor said that he was not a very brilliant man, and learning came hard to him, BUT HE WORKED HARD AT IT, relentlessly, with zeal, and with purpose, and with diligence. He SUCCEEDED—in terrible DESTRUCTION—in plunging the United States into World War II—and, finally, in the ignominious defeat of his own nation.

Let US *work hard at our calling and mission* of being real Christians. We shall succeed, with GOD'S help—in final and eternal GLORY!

## THE BIBLE ANSWERS

# Short Questions

## FROM OUR READERS

*I grew up to believe that a saint is a special Christian of some kind. Is this true, and if so, how is he special?*

Probably you have heard the common teaching that a saint is a very special kind of Christian—one who has usually *died!* People have come to assume that a saint is a peculiar, almost superhuman individual who by some unknown means has found unique, almost exclusive favor in the eyes of God. As a result of this favor, he is to be given special adoration and worship by the masses of comparatively unholy, unrighteous fellow humans who are beneath his exalted plane of spirituality.

Where did this *idea* come from? Listen to the amazing answer! "To pay honor to the dead whom the general voice [of the people] declares to have lived well is an instinct of human nature," declares the *Catholic Dictionary*, art., Canonization, p. 114. Did you catch that? "An instinct of *human nature*" is the SOURCE of this belief. Human nature is the SOURCE of this practise. Yet God says the way of human nature—the way that SEEMS right—ends in *death* (Pro. 14:12).

Continuing with this dictionary article and the pagan origin of this belief about saints: "Roman citizens brought the images of their distinguished ancestors into their villas. In China the worship of ancestors is to this day the most living portion of the popular religion."

Notice a false assumption. It *assumes* that to become a saint one must be DEAD! In another source, the length of death is defined as being at least *fifty years* before one is eligible to become a saint! (*Biblical Cyclopaedia* by McClintock & Strong, art. "Saint.")

Where do you find *THAT* in the Bible?

The Bible is very plain that one need not be *dead* to be a saint. Once one has died it is *too late!* If one did not DIE a saint, he will not be RESURRECTED a

saint! Once you are DEAD, you have no hope of becoming a saint while you are in that condition—not even a wait of fifty years will do the trick.

Paul frequently addressed his epistles "to the *saints* which *are* at Colosse" (Col. 1:2) or Ephesus (Eph. 1:1) or Philippi (Phil. 1:1) or other locations. He was writing to LIVING people whom he was *at that time* calling SAINTS. He did *not* say "to all the ones who will become saints fifty years after they have died at Colosse." He was addressing living, breathing human beings. In other places he spoke about saluting or greeting the saints (Rom. 16:15), or collecting produce for those saints who were suffering severe hardship (I Cor. 16:1). Paul, before he was converted, says, "many of the saints did I shut up in prison" (Acts 26:10). These are just a few of the many scriptures that PROVE that there were living people who were called saints *while they were yet alive.*

Shocking as the ORIGIN of this pagan, babylonish idea of what a saint is supposed to be, even more amazing is how one qualifies to become a saint, according to this false system.

"The proof of eminent virtue is all that she [the church] demands, and as a conclusive and compendious test of the presence of this high order of virtue, she requires the authentication of miracles wrought by, or through the intercession of, the person whose virtues are under debate." These miracles "must be established by testimony of the countrymen of the reputed saint" (*Catholic Dictionary*, page 115). Yes, MIRACLES are the supposed *proof* that one is a saint! But miracles prove *NOTHING!* Satan and his demons are capable of performing miracles (II Thess. 2:9; Matt. 24:24)!

Miracles *alone* certainly do not prove

that one is a special saint.

In this fake system, the procedure for becoming a saint went through a lengthy process of evolution and was not finally established until the tenth century—although the Bible speaks of saints back in the Old Testament several thousand years before the tenth century A.D.!

"The procedure to be observed was gradually regularized, defects were remedied, and safeguards supplied. In the 10th century we meet with the complete process of canonization [the process of becoming a saint]" (*Catholic Dictionary*, art. Canonization, p. 115).

Now that we know from the Bible what a saint is *NOT*, let's turn to the Bible and see what a *true* saint in God's sight *IS*. In both the Hebrew of the Old Testament and the Greek of the New Testament, our English word "saint" is translated from words that mean to be "holy, set apart, separate" (*Strong's Concordance, Young's Analytical Concordance*). Throughout the Bible, God speaks of holy vessels in the temple, of holy chambers, of holy garments, of His Holy City, His Holy Spirit, His Holy Son Jesus, His holy prophets, and many other things that are holy to God. In each of these examples the word "holy" is used as an adjective.

However, when the word for "holy" stands alone as a noun, it means simply "holy one" or "saint." When a person or thing is set apart for a special use by God, this very act makes it *holy* in God's eyes. God makes physical objects holy by setting them apart for some specific purpose. God makes *people* holy by calling them out of the world and *setting them apart* for a specific purpose that God has in mind for them. To those whom He has called out, God commands, "Be you holy, for I am holy" (I Pet. 1:16).

Now *HOW* is God holy—set apart and different from everything else? By His perfect *CHARACTER*. It is God's character, His *MIND*—as summarized in the Ten Commandments—that makes Him Holy. It is by our keeping these commandments with the power of God's Spirit that we too are to become holy and worthy of being called "holy ones" or "saints." This is the exact definition given in Revelation 14:12: "Here is

the patience of the *saints*: here are they that *keep the commandments of God* and the faith of Jesus."

From this scripture we see that a saint is nothing more than a genuine, obedient Christian. A true saint and a true Christian are one and the same in God's sight. A saint is not some special brand of Christian with a superior de-

gree of spirituality. So while a saint is not superior to a true Christian, a saint *IS* very special to God—just as a Christian is, because they *both are one and the same*. A true Christian saint, by the very name itself, is one whom God has set apart for a very special purpose—to become in this life *His very own begotten sons or daughters*.

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stationed there had been knocked out. The captain had spoken so quietly to prevent any excitement or hysteria on the plane.

THAT MEANT WAR!

The United States, it flashed to my mind, was now drawn into World War II!

Arriving in Portland, I jumped into a cab and got to the radio studio as quickly as possible. I purchased the *extra* newspapers being sold on the streets. I carefully scanned the teletapes of latest news at the radio station. Out came my portable typewriter. A new broadcast script was dashed off.

At 4 P.M. I went on the air with one of the red-hottest broadcasts of my life. I knew that all of my listeners probably knew, already, of the Pearl Harbor "day of infamy." I merely reported the very *latest* few items of news, then went into an explanation of the *MEANING* of it *IN BIBLICAL PROPHECY*. This was one of the exciting incidents of my life.

From that point on, as my broadcasts took on more and more the nature of news analysis of the war, listener interest increased, now that the United States was in the war.

### December 7 Sequel

This happens to be written December 7, 1961. It reminds me of a sequel to that first airplane flight I wish to add here.

Remember that *TIME* is marked off by the conjunction of the earth, moon, and sun. The earth turning once on its axis, as measured by the sun, is a *day*. Though man has tried to change it, each new moon marks off a *month*. That is one revolution of the moon around

the earth. One revolution of the earth around the sun marks off a *year*.

These three bodies automatically mark off time-cycles of 19 years. Only once every 19 years do the earth, sun and moon come into exact conjunction. So 19 years marks off a complete *time-cycle*.

Lacking six weeks to the day, precisely *one time-cycle* of 19 years after my first Sunday morning plane ride when I heard the news of Pearl Harbor, I myself was flying in a huge 707 jet plane, early Sunday morning, over the precise spot in Pearl Harbor when the U.S. battleships were sunk!

This was, of course, entirely coincidence. It was in no way planned. Yet everything in my life seems to have worked out in cycles of years that are significant to God—cycles of 3 or 3½, of 7, of 12, and of 19. So, though I never realized it until a year afterward, this co-incidence seems to me to have provided a significant sequel to that first flight.

### Music Dropped From Program

It was now, more than ever, that my twenty years' experience in the newspaper and magazine field profited the work. Not only did I have long experience in recognizing significant news, and in processes of analysis (of news as well as of business and merchandising conditions) but now, with a 14-year accumulation of Biblical knowledge and understanding of prophecies, resulting from these years of intense and concentrated (as well as consecrated) study, I was able to produce radio programs that carried even greater public interest than those of the net-

work news analysts.

At this time news reporting and news analysis constituted by far the number one listener interest on radio. A number of nationally famous news commentators and analysts gained the public spotlight—such men as Elmer Davis, H. V. Kaltenborn, Raymond Gram Swing—and some still in the public eye, Ed Murrow, Eric Sevareid, and others—just to name a few.

But these men knew nothing of Biblical prophecy. Not knowing the real purpose being worked out here below, they did not grasp the true significance on the world of the future, of the news they were analyzing. They did not know where it was leading.

On the other hand, none of the ministers broadcasting religious programs had the newspaper and analytical background, nor, I may add, the true understanding of the prophecies, to connect that entire third of the Bible with the war events.

Putting the two together—factual knowledge and analysis of war events, with Biblical prophecies—put at my disposal a powerful interest-compelling message.

Radio station managers recognized this. At the time, they welcomed and encouraged it. They began to suggest dropping off the music. I have mentioned before that when the program started, the first Sunday in 1934, it was not called "The WORLD TOMORROW," but Radio Church of God. It was, actually, the format of a typical church service condensed into a half hour. Only, instead of taking up most of the time with music, announcements, and special events with a 15-minute sermon, out of a service an hour and 15 to 30 minutes long, I did get in a 23- to 26-minute sermon on a 29½ minute program.

We started with our opening theme, then a lively 2-verse hymn—never more than two verses on the air—then a short prayer with hummed music background, then announcements, then a short anthem, then the sermon, then reminder of announcements about *The Plain Truth*, and sign-off over closing theme music.

But we noticed that not more than one in a couple thousand letters ever

mentioned the music. What evoked interest, and brought response, was the MESSAGE.

At first I was both reluctant and afraid to drop the music. So I experimented by reducing it. No harm resulted. There was no lessening in the response or expressed interest. I reduced it still more. Finally, it was eliminated altogether. We found, as radio station managers had recommended, that our program attracted and held a much larger interest when it started off with analysis of world events and the MEANING, as revealed in Biblical prophecy.

### I Meet Future Son-in-Law

Shortly prior to our summer trip to Chicago and Los Angeles in 1941, our younger daughter had become engaged to Vern R. Mattson, a University of Oregon student. He had joined the Marines and at the time we reached Los Angeles was in boot camp in San Diego. Dorothy was then working in the office with the one secretary we had then employed. She insisted on coming to Los Angeles while we were there, to visit Vern.

When she arrived, it was necessary for Mrs. Armstrong to take the train back to Eugene, to help keep up the work in the office.

I drove Dorothy down to San Diego. It was the first time I had ever met Vern Mattson. I was not sure I approved of the engagement. When he came to the car, he virtually ignored me. I made some embarrassed comment in an effort to be friendly.

"Look, I'm not marrying *you*, I'm going to marry your daughter!" he snapped.

Mr. Mattson may be surprised when he reads this. He probably doesn't remember it now. He didn't really mean to be rude—he was in Marine boot camp—and it has the reputation of being REAL TOUGH. He was being put through the paces without being spared, and his nerves were taut. Actually, as I learned later, he is one of the most friendly men I ever knew.

I found him to be tall—6 feet three—blond, and, as Dorothy insisted, the handsomest man in the world. But with his boot camp haircut and baggy garb, he did not appear quite that handsome

—to *me*. The war was to enforce a delay in their marriage for a few years—and when, after having been in the 1st Division U.S. Marines at Guadalcanal, then in an Australian hospital, back to America and Officers' School because of his outstanding war record, and commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant, with grades at the top of his class, the war finally was behind him. I do not want to get ahead of the story at this juncture, but it should be mentioned that for some eleven years now, after having been our office manager, Mr. Mattson has been the Controller of Ambassador College, and Business Manager of the Radio Church of God, in charge of business and financial affairs of the now large and world-encompassing operation.

### At Last—LOS ANGELES!

After boot camp, Vern was sent back to Quantico, Virginia, for final training for overseas fighting. In April, 1942, Dorothy received word the Marines were shipping out. Vern didn't know where, but thought likely they would sail through the Panama Canal, with some possibility of a very brief stopover at San Diego, Los Angeles or San Francisco.

Immediately Dorothy demanded I take her to Los Angeles to be on hand if there was a brief landing at one of these three ports. Vern would not be able to get word to her until they landed. There might not be over 24 hours—or even less. It would be impossible for her to reach any one of these ports in time from Eugene.

Of course I could not leave the work for any such trip, which might last for several weeks. But, on checking over the state of the work, I felt we could now, at last, dare to take the step of starting on the air in Los Angeles. To do this I needed to be there in person, and put on the broadcasts live, until we were well established in Southern California.

So with Dorothy I drove to Hollywood, since KMTR was located in Hollywood. We rented a small apartment within walking distance of the station. Mr. Tinkham managed to clear good time for us—9:30 Sunday mornings. The time had come to drop the church-service type program altogether. Since the original broadcast name, Radio

Church of God, did not invite a listening from non-churchgoers whom we wished primarily to reach, and since in the world's language the Message of the true Gospel—the KINGDOM OF GOD—is about tomorrow's world, I adopted the broadcast name, The WORLD TOMORROW!

And so, mid-April, 1942, The WORLD TOMORROW went on the air in Hollywood. In Hollywood I was able to do several things to make the program more professional. I was able to obtain the services of a big-time network announcer to put us on and take us off the air.

Although I used four or five different announcers in the next few years, I think the very first one was perhaps the best known of all—Art Gilmore. He was coast-to-coast announcer on such CBS shows as Sam Spade, Stars over Hollywood, and, I believe by that time, Amos and Andy, besides several others. For the past 14 years Art Gilmore has been back on The WORLD TOMORROW as our announcer, and millions worldwide hear his voice at the beginning and the sign-off of the program—except some of the foreign overseas stations. We still believe his is the best radio voice in America to precede mine and Garner Ted's. He also did the announcing on our TV programs in 1955. Our readers may be glad to know that Mr. Gilmore is a fine, upstanding, sincere, clean and high-principled man.

Another reason for going to Hollywood was that Hollywood was radio headquarters for the nation. Most of the top-rated network shows originated there. As a result, I could get a quality of recording for our electrical transcription discs there I had never been able to obtain in Eugene. We had now reached the stage where the amateurish, home-made type of transcriptions I was able to have recorded in Eugene would no longer be acceptable on stations like KMTR or WHO. In Hollywood I could obtain the very finest professional recordings.

While in Hollywood, I recorded the Sunday programs for the Pacific Northwest stations either Thursday nights or Friday mornings, drove to the airport (then at Burbank) and got them off by air-express. These top-level professional

recordings, with a nationally known network announcer, and the program name, The WORLD TOMORROW, elevated our radio program, at last, to top quality professional level.

Now, at last, we had completely outgrown those amateurish, crude beginnings. At last we had an office. I had one experienced secretary. We were beginning to acquire some of the needed equipment. Now we were *really* growing up.

How the *daily* broadcasting came about, and we finally did go on WHO, from which we received listener-mail from every state in the union—and how a giant network in New York pressured us off and almost stopped the work—and how God opened new doors and every defeat turned to new victories, will be continued next month.

## Letters to the Editor

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over our mass communication media. Too bad it was not to be heard over one of our major network stations here. But this writer knows of the roadblocks thrown up by the powers that be when 'unfashionable' material appears."

Listener from California

*Editor's comment:* Pressures from various elements of society often cause the public to get a distorted view of what actually is happening. The WORLD TOMORROW program is not afraid to give you the unvarnished truth.

### Husband Against "Religion"

"My husband is usually against religion (and I don't blame him now) but he will listen to the things I read to him from your magazine and Bible lessons and articles, and I have heard him repeat them to other people (church goers) who try to make him feel stupid because he doesn't attend their church. They have no answer for him. He *believes* what you teach."

Woman from Bemidji,  
Minnesota

*Editor's comment:* Let's hope he will soon be DOING—as well as believing—what Christ teaches.

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