

How the Conspiracy Worked

By Herbert W. Armstrong
Going over papers in preparing for the trip to China, I came across a letter that had become side-tracked. It was dated Aug. 19, 1979. On reading it again, I decided to print it in *The Worldwide News*, and I am including it also in this *Pastor General's Report*.

It describes, from the member point of view, how the conspiracy to eliminate both God and Jesus Christ from this Church and Work actually operated. Of course Satan was the real author of the whole conspiracy — now continuing in the California attorney general's attempt to take over the Church and its properties and assets — or, in other words, to DESTROY the Church of the living GOD!

My son, still held in the bond and grip of Satan, has NOT started another Church of God. God has only ONE Church.

God calls His Church the Body of Christ. In this case the word body is used in the sense of a cohesive single GROUP — a SPIRITUAL ORGANISM. We are

"the HOUSEHOLD OF GOD; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building *fifty framed together* groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord" (Ephesians 2:19-21).

So we are a body of Spirit-begotten people — we are a building, and we are a holy temple! And all that one body is "fitly joined together and compacted [welded] by that which every joint supplieth" (Ephesians 4:16).

But that Church body is NOT TWO churches but only ONE! "For as the body is ONE, and hath many members . . . but now are they many members, yet but ONE body" (I Corinthians 12:12, 20). What has been started in OPPOSITION to the ONE Church of God is merely a group, mostly of embittered dissenters, following a MAN!

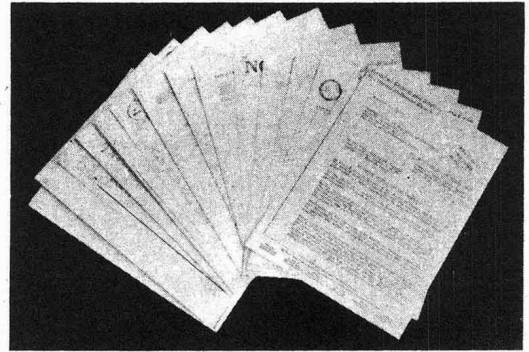
It was started in anger, and resentment and hostility, under threat to DESTROY the ONE Church of the living GOD. That conspiracy continued into the plot that influenced a California lawyer, for his personal profit, to induce a deputy attorney general of California, to attempt to DESTROY the Church

of the living GOD!

The REAL conspirator is Satan the devil. He has DECEIVED a handful of resentful, embittered, hostile former members into trying to DESTROY that which formerly FED them and supplied all their physical need.

Let us PRAY, earnestly and continuously, that Jesus Christ will LOOSE him that is in the clutch of Satan from the power of Satan, that he may yet find his way back to that to which he was originally called.

The other morning I awoke
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LETTERS OF SUPPORT — Shown above are some of the letters from various civil and religious groups petitioning the California Supreme Court for a hearing of the Church's appeals against the state attorney general's actions. [Photo by Roland Rees]

15 religious, civil rights groups petition court to hear appeals

The 15 letters of support described in the following article are appeals to the California Supreme Court to hear the petitions of the Worldwide Church of God and Herbert W. Armstrong, pastor general. Since the letters were filed, the California Supreme Court has again denied the Church a hearing by a 4-3 vote. Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader said in the Nov. 20 Pastor General's Report that the denial "was done 'without prejudice,' meaning that no decision was made on the matters submitted and does not preclude our petitioning the same court in the future."

awareness of the real issues involved in this litigation. The letters emphasize to the [California Supreme Court] that the attorney general's assault upon the Worldwide Church of God represents a grave threat to all churches and, indeed, to freedom of worship itself in California."

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs (representing more than 27 million Baptists) "see the actions of the State [of California] as a large-scale assault on religious liberty," as the attorney general asserts that he is not responsible for proving any wrongdoing, but that the Church and its officials must bear the burden of proving its own innocence of any charges the attorney general may presume to allege.

In addition, the 15 petitions echo that the attorney general clearly states that he believes that no church has any interest in its property or assets, that all church property is public property, that any church officials are merely public trustees, are serving at the State's pleasure and may be replaced at the desire of the State.

The petitions further protest that the attorney general believes churches are subject to any degree of examination and are virtual wards of the court, thus absolving the attorney general of any need to justify an examination and/or seizure of church records without

probable or reasonable cause.

The petitions react to the claims of the attorney general with alarm, chorusing in unison with the National Association of Evangelicals that "the Worldwide Church of God's reports of the State of California's activities would be beyond belief were they not [verified] by court transcripts," to which the Roman Catholic archbishop of Los Angeles adds, "a more complete departure from the long established constitutional principles and tradition of religious freedom can scarcely be imagined."

The Institute for the Study of American Religion (a scholarly organization that compiles the *Encyclopedia of American Religions* and the *Directory of Religious Bodies in the United States*) reports that "The institute is frankly incredulous that so bald and unabashed an invasion of personal rights would even be contemplated in this day and age, let alone seriously asserted by a state . . . and enforced by the courts."

Other organizations affirm this feeling: "Quite frankly, the National Association of Evangelicals has never before in its history encountered such a sustained and destructive governmental assault on religious liberty." In agreement, the National Council of Churches asserts that "the
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TV studio concentrates on serving Work's needs

PASADENA — The television studio, in keeping with Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's objectives, is being expanded to more effectively serve the Work. It was announced from the Pastor General's Office Nov. 14 that the studio complex will handle special projects and documentaries as well as continue as the center for media editing, distribution and related functions.

Permission to film a documentary concerning education in the People's Republic of China was secured by Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader. About 30,000 feet of film has been shot so far for this project as well as for the documentary on Mr. Armstrong's soon-coming trip to China.

Also underway are plans to build a studio in Mr. Armstrong's Tucson, Ariz., home. The programs are now being videotaped in his study where the use of powerful artificial lighting raises the temperature and overloads the air-conditioning system.

Three hours of taping under these conditions brings everyone involved to a point of exhaustion with Mr. Armstrong, sitting directly under the lights, bearing the brunt.

The new studio will solve these technical problems and make Mr. Armstrong's on-camera time less stressful and therefore more effective.

Also in the production stage are plans to serve the Church more directly with the television facilities in Pasadena. This service, in the form of audiovisual aids and materials, will add spice to Bible studies and better inform and educate the mem-

bership. According to Mr. Armstrong's Office, the pilot programs being tested here now are proving successful.

These Church-oriented projects will replace the hours used for outside client work taken on four or five years ago when fewer new television programs were being produced. The outside work eased the substantial economic drain resulting from the dormant studio and television equipment.

This new growth is a continuation of Mr. Armstrong's efforts to draw every aspect of the Work into direct line with the plan of God in preparation for His Kingdom.

PASADENA — Fifteen major church-affiliated groups, denominational churches and secular civil-rights organizations have crossed doctrinal and belief lines to file statements of support on behalf of the Worldwide Church of God.

According to the Evanston, Ill.-based Institute for the Study of American Religion, ". . . so long as [is the attorney general's] claimed powers are countenanced and permitted . . . no other church is safe."

Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader indicates that "This outpouring of support signals a growing national



FILMING IN CHINA — From left, Steve Szabo, Dick Quincer and Milas Hinshaw of the Work's television crew record an interview with a student at Beijing (Peking) Teacher's University, left, and Mr. Quincer takes



footage at the Great Wall of China, right. The material filmed will be used in documentaries relating to Herbert W. Armstrong's trip to the People's Republic of China. (Photos by Jack Epps)

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

PASADENA — Herbert W. Armstrong met with two Czechoslovakian government officials at his Tucson, Ariz., home Nov. 15, reports the Pastor General's Office.

Mrs. I. Medkova, director of Cedok, Czechoslovakia's national tourist agency, is in charge of all domestic and international conferences and exhibitions in her country. Dr. J. Macourek works with international conferences and handles the Church's annual Feast of Tabernacles at Carlsbad (Karlovy Vary), Czechoslovakia.

The two reported that they were impressed with Church members they had met in connection with the Festival and stated they were pleased to meet Mr. Armstrong. The officials were on their way to a conference in Mexico City.

PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong has appointed Leon Walker to head the Work's Spanish Department, effective Nov. 13.

Mr. Walker, a pastor-rank minister, graduated from Ambassador College in 1960 and has since served as pastor of congregations in Great Britain and on the faculties of all three Ambassador campuses. He originally assisted the late Dr. Benjamin Rea in the Spanish Department.

Mr. Walker was, until his new appointment, acting dean of faculty at the college. He and his wife, the former Reba Roper, have five children.

Mr. Armstrong has transferred Walter Dickinson from the Spanish Department to pastor the churches at Albuquerque and Farmington, N.M.

PASADENA — The publishing division played host to three members of the *Quest* '79 staff from New York, according to Roger Lippross of the publishing area. Editor Robert Shnayerson, circulation director Vicki Matulewicz and controller Ollis Pitts toured the publishing facilities and met with Church treasurer Stanley Rader, his assistant Jack Bicket, Ray Wright, also of publishing, and Mr. Lippross Nov. 7.

Ms. Matulewicz recently moved to *Quest* from *Book Digest*. Her marketing strategies boosted *Book Digest*'s circulation from 300,000 to 600,000 in one year and eventually to more than one million. She is optimistic that *Quest*'s circulation base will grow from the present level of 330,000 by 1981.

PASADENA — Response to the October "Update," published monthly for co-workers and donors by the subscriber development section of the Mail Processing Center, was record-breaking. "Update," a newsletter containing reports on the Work, pulled a co-worker response of 13.4 percent, the high this year, and a donor response of 8 percent, according to director Richard Rice.

"Update" offered a free copy of a new reprint series on "The Resurrections."

PASADENA — A record 1,273 people attended Bible study here Nov. 16. The study, conducted by John Halford of the International Office, featured an audiovisual presentation on the book of Amos. Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong gave his permission to produce more films, filmstrips and slide shows to "really spice up" Bible studies, according to evangelist Joseph Tkach of Ministerial Services. Several audiovisual Bible studies are in preparation now and should be available for loan to area churches in the near future, says Mr. Tkach.

PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong has given his approval to beginning scaling down the Work's fleet cars to the new fuel-saving, economy models. The Church's ministry drives some nine million miles annually, and using less fuel each year will help reduce operating expenses.

The Work will begin replacing some of the fleet vehicles, which have been accumulating high mileage during the Church's 1979 moratorium on purchasing. According to facilities manager Ellis LaRavia, the ministry should begin to set an example of conservation.

PASADENA — Necessary modification at the Wisconsin Dells, Wis., and Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., Festival sites to allow members there to both see and hear Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's Feast messages in 1980 will begin soon. This year's unprecedented microwave transmission allowed members at all continental U.S. Feast sites and four Canadian sites to hear Mr. Armstrong's sermon on the Last Great Day.

The Wisconsin Dells and Ozarks groups, however, could not see Mr. Armstrong because the skylights at these Church-owned sites could not be darkened. Saratoga Springs, N.Y., was likewise unable to see Mr. Armstrong. Plans for receiving both the visual and audio portions of Mr. Armstrong's messages will be complete by the 1980 Feast.

OSLO, Norway — The first Scandinavian local elder in this era of God's Church was ordained Oct. 6. Christian Zernichow will serve under Peter Shenton, pastor of the Scandinavian churches.

Mr. Zernichow was baptized in Bricket Wood, England, in 1965, and came to work for the Scandinavian Department in England in 1970. He helped translate several booklets and the Correspondence Course into the Danish and Norwegian languages. He also served in the Letter Answering Department, handling mail from his home region, and took some Ambassador College classes. He was ordained a deacon during the Days of Unleavened Bread in 1974.

Mr. Zernichow now spends one half of each year in the Canary Islands, where he translates the Work's

literature, and one half in Norway, where he visits, answers letters and coordinates the Feast of Tabernacles.

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — "How to Be Happy" and "The Future of Switzerland" were the themes of two public campaigns by Dibar Apartian, director of the French Work, here Oct. 3 and 4.

About 50 new people attended on

both nights, even with no publicity except for a letter sent to *Pure Verite* readers in the area. According to the Geneva, Switzerland, office, follow-up Bible studies are planned after the campaign.

GENEVA, Switzerland — The Church has long sought to appear on a television program here called *L'antenne est a vous* according to the Geneva Office. Permission has been

obtained to produce an 18-minute program to be taped and filmed when Dibar Apartian, director of the French Work, comes to Switzerland in March, 1980.

He will be free to talk about the Work; the only restriction being that other churches and organizations are not criticized and that he deals exclusively with Swiss problems. The program should reach multiple thousands of people in this country and create interest in the Work's message.

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from a most startling and vivid dream. I was walking past a counter in a building and standing there at the counter was this one held captive by Satan. He turned and saw me. Looking beaten and frustrated, he said, "Dad, is there any possible way that I can come back?"

I awoke at that instant, shaken, but with a new ray of hope. Of himself it is IMPOSSIBLE, for as Paul wrote in Hebrews, when one has tasted of God's Holy Spirit and the holy Word of God, if he shall fall away, it is IMPOSSIBLE to renew him to repentance. Impossible for him — yes. BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE FOR JESUS CHRIST.

In the third chapter of Zechariah is the forerunner — the antetype of the prototype of this late 20th century — the high priest Joshua, clothed with filthy garments — covered with sin. Beside him stands Satan, holding him BOUND (but not possessed) — unable to shake himself loose — unable to REPENT!

Then comes Jesus Christ and REBUKES Satan, frees Joshua, orders his filthy garments to be taken off and clean garments of white — righteousness — put on, and then a fair mitre put on his head.

PRAY WITH ME, earnestly and diligently that the END-TIME EVENT, which that foreshadowed, may yet come to pass. I pray for this fervently DAILY, as I pray also for all of YOU.

Dear Mr. Armstrong:
This afternoon while my wife and I were going through some files and boxes in my study, I came across the letter you wrote to the brethren dated June 28, 1978, in which you told us that you had been forced to disfel-

lowship your son, Garner Ted. I do not wish to reopen the wounds and deep sorrows of the past, but I wish only to tell you my feelings and thoughts after having read that letter after over a year had passed since you wrote it. Some of the things I thought of were significant, and I feel like you may wish to hear about them.

I can recall in the early '70s some of the changes in the sermons we began to receive from those who came from headquarters on the Holy Days (actually, High Days) were nearly undetectable except for the "appeal" to our human desire for "relief" from the ministerial "oppression" so many of us were told we had experienced over the years! Maybe there were some extenuating circumstances in which this may have been true. But yet, the kind of sermons we received during those years of "oppression" were the kind which made us go home and dig into our Bibles and search diligently for greater understanding of the way of the Living God! The language Satan inspired to be used during those later years was so slick and subtle that we virtually saw this "new" way of thinking as being a process of maturation in the Church, and most of us fell for it. But then again, we didn't. The answer to that statement lies in the fact that the preaching that the Living Christ inspired through you and those Christ taught through you was the very preaching that sustained

most of us through the years of trial and confusion.

Referring to your letter, I realize more than ever now how important the lesson is that God brought to us, especially to you, in the episode of Moses and Aaron and how Aaron led the people into gross idolatry in Moses' absence. Now, with the Work being changed once again in structure with you eliminating any man or office between you and the ministry, I know more than ever that Jesus Christ is truly more determined to place His Church in the most powerful shape it has ever been throughout its history of over 1,900 years! The Living God is getting His Church back on God's Track! Times are exciting! Christ truly is SOON to come! There is much work to be done yet, and we pray fervently for you and God's guidance for you to lead us and continue to show us the Way into His Kingdom through doing HIS WORK!

I know that as long as we continue to pour our hearts into this Work, Christ will never fail us nor leave us! We will succeed! The Church of the Living God will prepare the way for the return of the Kings of Kings in POWER and in ABSOLUTE and TOTAL VICTORY! And His BRIDE will have made herself ready!

We love you and are behind you in all things as Christ leads and directs! Yours in Christian love and fellowship,
Mr. and Mrs. James L. King

A REMINDER TO ALL OUR READERS

Please continue to send in newspaper clippings that deal with the activities of the Worldwide Church of God, Ambassador College, Ambassador International Cultural Foundation or any of our officers, personnel or members. While the volume of news coverage is not as heavy now as earlier in the year, we know articles do appear from time to time, and we need to have them brought to our attention. Remember to include the date and name of the publication. Please send these articles to:

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Pasadena, Calif. 91123

YES Feast activity books 'wonderful' idea

PASADENA — Children at Festival sites around the world benefited from the activity books distributed by Youth Educational Services, accord-

ing to numerous comments received by the Pasadena YES office.

Young Feastgoers in the United States, Canada, West Germany, the

Netherlands, Mexico, Israel, England, New Zealand, the Caribbean and the Philippines received the books, which were produced under

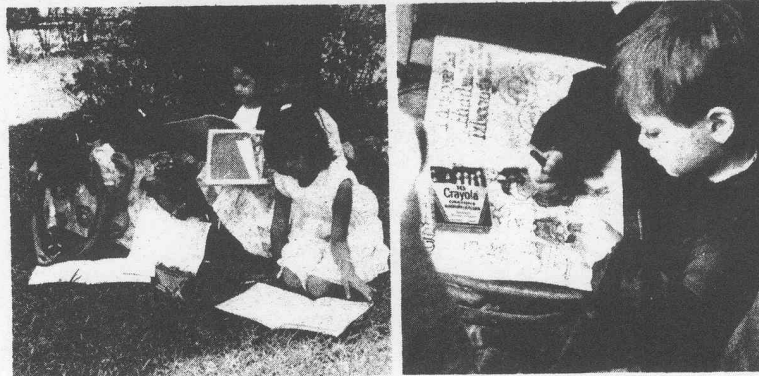
the direction of Alex Peck. There was also a Spanish edition of the coloring book.

"My children really appreciated the Youth Bible Lesson," said Eric Shaw, head of Postal Services in Pasadena. "They have enjoyed working through them. Even though my wife and I have both attended Ambassador College, such materials are invaluable."

From Australia, evangelist Dean Wilson reported, "We want to go over the material so we are conversant with all the up-to-date material being put out by YES and YOU so we can implement the various programs here as the material becomes available."

"Appreciate all your efforts," noted Dr. Roy McCarthy of South Africa. "The children enjoyed having the books, and we were pleased with the overall effect. We now await further news about the YES program."

Carlos Nieto of Barbados remarked, "The idea of the coloring books for the children is certainly a wonderful one, and I hope that we can have a further set of books next year."



FEAST FUN BOOKS — Children at the Baguio City, Philippines, site, left, and at Prestatyn, Wales, make good use of the activity books distributed to children attending many Festival sites around the world during the 1979 Feast of Tabernacles. (Photos by Cenon San Juan and Philip Stevens)