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CHANGES IN FOREIGN MINISTRY

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Circumstances in the Foreign Work have necessitated certain changes in the Foreign Ministry, to take effect immediately.

I am sending Mr. Robert Fahey, formerly manager over the churches and Work in South Africa, to take charge of the Work in Australia. I am cancelling all services in all churches in Australia for this Sabbath, July 19, as a day of fasting and prayer for peace and harmony in God's Church over the Australian continent, and on the following Sabbath, July 26, combined services will be held in all cities where there is more than one local congregation.

Mr. Gerald Waterhouse also is going immediately to Australia, to preach to these combined church congregations in Australia. He has just completed his tour speaking to churches throughout Canada, and will now travel over Australia. Before Canada, Mr. Waterhouse spoke to every local church in the United States, touring at the rate of some six or seven churches every week.

Mr. Dibar Apartian had been removed as Director of the French Work, and apparently for the sole reason that he was loyal to Christ's Apostle and to Jesus Christ. I reinstated him, and now he is reinstated also over the French-speaking churches in eastern Canada as he was before.

I am sending Mr. Larry Salyer, who has been pastor of the AM church at Pasadena headquarters, as assistant to Mr. McCullough, second in charge over all churches in Canada (except French-speaking).

There has been no office as Director of Foreign Work since I abolished the office of Pastoral Administration, although I have approved two or three visits to overseas offices by Mr. Leslie McCullough. Supervision over all foreign work continues to remain in Ministerial Services, under my personal direction.

Mr. Dean Wilson is being transferred to be in charge of the three churches in Portland, Oregon.

The Work of the living GOD continues to be SET BACK ON THE TRACK!

Meanwhile, in Ambassador College, Mr. Rod C. Meredith has returned from his leave of absence and will teach 3rd-year Church of God Doctrines, Epistles of Paul, and introductory Homiletics.

Mr. Attorney General of California:

Has your unconstitutional attack
against the
Worldwide Church of God
hurt the strength of that Church?

The plain truth may surprise you!

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WE ANSWER: The strength of God's Church lies in the POWER of the living GOD—in the dynamic POWER of the true Gospel Message God sent to the world by Jesus Christ—and in the Church people!

We are not anchored to buildings or other assets you have tried to seize!

You, Mr. Attorney General, cannot seize or control our living GOD! You cannot seize, control or in any manner *stop* the proclaiming over all continents that vital MESSAGE! That Message of the soon-coming world-ruling Kingdom of God was unpreached to the world—believe it or not—for 1,900 years!

But God's time has come! No power on earth can stop that astonishing Gospel Message from going out worldwide!

You cannot seize or control our loyal members, over all continents and even the islands of the seas, from meeting for worship in their respective local churches. You cannot stop their loyal and devoted prayers and backing of our travels to carry this END-time Message to the world!

Our strength does not lie in our numbers. Numerically we are a comparatively small Church—less than 100,000



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adult baptized members. Yet on national television's No. 1-rated *60 Minutes* Mike Wallace called us a "wealthy Church!" The living GOD has made us a powerful Church. The millions hear His Message through us. And neither you nor any human source can stop that Message nor hurt our STRENGTH!

You see, our STRENGTH does not reside in numerical numbers. Jesus Christ said of us, "I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. . . . I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut" (Revelation 3:8, Revised Standard translation).

Now what, in retrospect, have you done? True, you caused us irreparable damage through the public press and newscasts, in our public image before many throughout the United States. You have damaged us financially to the extent of a few million dollars—which the living GOD made us adequately able to bear. But our God has used your politically motivated persecution to *strengthen* His Church—to draw our

devoted members closer to Him and to be more unitedly welded together. You have stimulated the Source of our STRENGTH!

That all-important END-time Gospel Message shall now go forth to the nations of this world in greater power than ever! It is the Message from God—the GOOD NEWS of the soon-coming world of PEACE—a world that shall be as filled with the knowledge of the Great GOD as the ocean floors are filled with water! A new world that shall enjoy world PEACE! A world where all eyes shall be opened to God's TRUTH, and eternal salvation offered to all!

Mr. Attorney General, you underestimated us—or rather you underestimated the GOD we serve and whom you ill-advisably attacked! You listened only to a handful of expelled, former members. You accepted their testimony without doing your "homework"—ascertaining the facts as they actually exist. You fell into their trap. In so doing you attacked and persecuted the living GOD and His TRUTH. But HE has turned your persecution into a significant growth in the Church's strength. Newly baptized members now are increasing at the rate of 30 percent per year.

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The WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD proclaims worldwide the true Gospel of the Kingdom of God. Interested readers may request, free, the eye-opening booklet, *Just What Do You Mean—the Kingdom of God?*

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