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Conference Reports Show Fast World-wide Growth New Truths Revealed--Doctrines Clarified

Fifty-four Ministers and Elders from around the world convened for FOURTEEN sessions of the most important meetings on the face of the earth! This Ministerial Conference proved to be the most dynamic and helpful in the history of God's Church to this date!

Seven ordinations at Sabbath services during the conference provided a unique occasion—the offices of Local Elder, Preaching Elder, Pastor and Evangelist all being represented. This service brought to sixty-seven the total of ordained men; Mr. H. W. Armstrong; ten Evangelists; six Pastors; twenty-nine Preaching Elders; twenty-one Local Elders. Nearly thirteen thousand of God's people attend fifty-nine churches around the world—not including the six congregations in the Philippine Islands!

Foreign Reports

Reports concerning the foreign work revealed a PLAIN TRUTH mailing list of six-thousand in the Philippines—plans for immediate broadcasting of The World Tomorrow in English in Japan — twenty-nine newly-baptized members of God's Church in South Africa, and plans for an office and churches to be established there—three thousand on the growing French mailing list, soon to receive the PLAIN TRUTH in their own language—a burgeoning German Work with five thousand presently receiving DIE RHINE WARHEIT — the Spanish Work with nearly two thousand on the mailing list. A fast-growing Italian Work, and embryonic beginnings of Russian, Swedish, Portuguese and Japanese Departments.

A Great Day For God's Church

These were the words used by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong to describe the tremendously important Sabbath of January 12, 1963, during the Annual Ministerial Conference. And certainly it was a day filled to the full with joy and happiness, surprises, encouraging world-wide reports, inspiration and ordinations!

Then Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong came to the speaker's stand, smiled at everyone and announced that there was to be an ordination service! He called the seven Evangelists, Messrs. Garner Ted Armstrong, Roderick Meredith, Dr. Herman Hoeh, Raymond Cole, Dr. Meredith, Raymond McNair and Norman Smith to assist with the ordinations. A hush of excitement fell over the congregation as the men to be ordained were announced.

Seven Ordained

Every ministerial office except apostle was represented by the following ordinations.

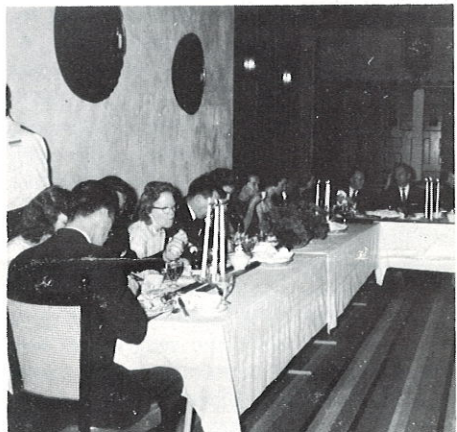
Mr. Pedro Ortiguero, former minister of the Sardis Church of God in the

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A Magnificent Night Out

The Rincon Room in the Robert Driscoll Hotel provided the setting for the second anniversary meeting of the Corpus Christi Spokesman Club on the evening of Feb. 9, 1963. This date will linger long in the minds of the Spokesmen and their wives, who were honored guests for this special meeting.

For most of those present, it was the first time they had ever attended such an affair in such splendid surroundings. The glass front of the Rincon Room overlooked a sparkling pool and fountain with multi-colored lights. Upon en-



tering, one was immediately impressed with the dark lava-rock used on each end of the room. Adding to the warm atmosphere, sparkling burgundy was served by a bartender before and after the meeting.

The evening began with a steak dinner beautifully served on tables decorated with rows of red ribbon and with red carnations as centerpieces. Candles and soft overhead lights added the final touch of atmosphere. It was easy for the wives to see real development since the last meeting they were able to attend.

Immediately following the meeting, tables were moved in order to make

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EDITORIAL

"Let this mind be in you that is in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5).

Look at that statement again. Now look at the world around you and what do you see? We see nations straining to get at each other's throats. Here is hatred, malice and sedition going on in our world capitals. These are the very places that should be setting us an example in sound-mindedness. Can we honestly say that Castro, Khrushchev, Mao Se Tung or Sukarno are prime examples of people with good, clear sound minds? Of course not! Because the Gentiles, according to scripture, have the minds of wild animals.

What about our own neighbors, are they really sound-minded? Are not our nations of Israel completely given over to pleasure, to making money to satisfy the lusts of the flesh? Is our land not filled with murder, fornication, adultery and dishonesty? One could go on and on listing our national sins. Our businessmen on the whole are striving to make a fast dollar anyway possible. So can we say that these men have the very mind of God in them? No!

So, if none of these have a sound mind, then who does?

In II Tim. 1:7 we read, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of **power**, and of **love** and of a **sound mind**. This is the Spirit that permeates God's Church. Here is **sound mindedness!** God has promised to place this Spirit in each of us when we are converted and give ourselves to God.

In the World Tomorrow, we are going to rule the whole world under Christ and that will take those who have a **SOUND** mind. Are we allowing God to give and develop in us a sound mind now? We **MUST**, if we are going to be able to rule with Christ in the World Tomorrow!

A GROWING NEED

A record-breaking number of 53 people attended the Bible Study held at the home of our minister, Mr. Tony Hammer, on Jan. 22. That many people crowded together in two rooms made it even more evident to Mr. Hammer that a bigger place needed to be acquired for our Bible Studies in Corpus Christi.

The next week, when 64 people assembled for the Bible Study, the walls of the house were nearly bulging.

Something had to be done! However, it seemed that there just wasn't a suitable hall or place to rent in all Corpus Christi! Not until about 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 5th did a hall become available. We met that evening in the Community Room at the Parkdale Plaza Shopping Center. However, this was only temporary.

And Now — final arrangements have been made to hold the Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday evening at the Nueces Hotel.

Mr. Hammer had exhorted all the brethren to pray about this situation. We certainly needed a larger place in order that more and more people can be encouraged and urged to come to these all-important studies of God's Truth.

MISSING OUT

Do we realize that we are cheating others as well as ourselves? How? We can cheat others as well as ourselves by **NOT** being regular in Club, Bible Study and Church attendance. Just how important is our regular attendance at functions that God makes available to us?

Most of us realize the need for regular attendance at Sabbath services, but what about Club meetings and Bible Study? All of us have asked for wisdom, understanding, leadership and all the other attributes of a loyal Christian in our prayers time after time. **DO WE REALIZE AND UNDERSTAND THAT GOD HAS ANSWERED OUR PRAYERS.** He has provided the ways and means for our growth and training. We must put a prod on ourselves and use these means.

Romans 8:19-21 speaks of the sons of God and shows that the whole creation is waiting for those sons to be re-

vealed, **WHY?** So that it may reap the blessing of being freed from bondage and corruption. How do these sons of God qualify for this monumental task? Well, we can answer that question without much difficulty. Let's just set our wills and put more effort into this work of becoming the very ones that will bring this human race the happiness and peace that it longs for.

San Antonio Spokesman Club News

The first month of 1963 provided a new atmosphere and new experiences in our new location, the El Tropicano Motor Hotel. We had five meetings in January.

One evening our faith was tried when we found that our rent was raised a little more than three times what we had been paying. This was because there was a change in the management of the El Tropicano. We thought we would have to move, but God acted, showing every spokesman that this is God's Spokesman Club. Our President, Mr. Robert Flores, informed us the next meeting night that he had talked to the management and that our rent was to be the same as at first and would not go more than \$2.50 higher.

Another night our patience was tried. Our regular meeting room was in a mess with trash all on the tables and floor from a previous meeting. The management apologized by not charging us a penny that night and transferring us into a beautiful banquet room, the finest we have ever met in.

The San Antonio Spokesman Club now has a new and vital sense of its purpose and service to God's Church. This has come about since Mr. Tony Hammer returned from Pasadena and the ministerial conference. As a result of Mr. Hammer's instruction, every spokesman now has a duty to perform before and after Sabbath services and also at Bible studies. Some set up extra chairs, another reserves a parking place for Mr. Hammer, others watch the children and so on.

The San Antonio Spokesman Club saw a need for a more appropriate place for Mr. Hammer to do his anointing and counseling. Screens were purchased and the need was taken care of.

One of the spokesman made a beautiful display box for our local newspaper.

The Club sponsored three socials for the three racial groups in the San Antonio Church of God.

January was definitely a month of progress for the San Antonio Spokesman Club.

Personal Glimpses

Have you met the Porters? This genial couple were recently baptized and now attend God's Church in Corpus Christi. Here are some interesting facts that will help you know them better.

Mr. Jack Sidney Porter was born July 9, 1914 in Petronila, Texas — a small town about 25 miles from Corpus Christi. He attended Weslaco High School in Weslaco, Texas, and has worked at oil and gas well drilling and production. For the past two years, he has owned and operated the Texas Driving School with locations in Harlingen and Brownsville, Texas.

Leslie Jean Porter names Castle Rock, Minnesota, as her birthplace, and the date of her birth, May 26, 1916. She also attended high school in Weslaco.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter dated all through high school and were married



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Porter and Larry

in 1936. They have a married daughter, Patricia Lynne Grantland and a son, Lawrence William. And, despite their youthful appearances, they have 4 grandchildren.

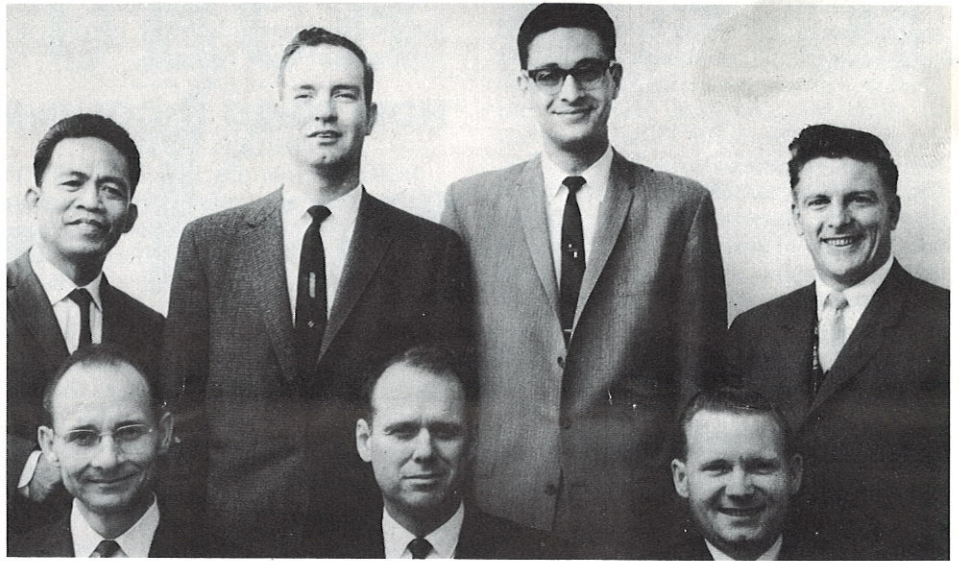
Mr. Porter "discovered" the WORLD TOMORROW broadcast on Station XEG, and they have all listened from that time. Mr. and Mrs. Porter were baptized in May, 1962, at Corpus Christi.

Mr. Porter enjoys fishing and hunting and is also interested in baseball and football. Their son, Larry, shares his father's interest in fishing and hunting and is also a "rock hound."

Mrs. Porter states that she was never too interested in sports, but she does enjoy all phases of housekeeping, especially cooking, canning and freezing.

Don't you agree it will be both enjoyable and profitable for all of us to become better acquainted with this interesting family?

Seven Servants of God Ordained



Standing, left to right: Messrs. Ortiguero, Clark, Plache, Hill.
Seated: Messrs. Waterhouse, Portune, Cole.

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Philippines (was ordained as a Local Elder.)

Mr. Richard Plache was ordained to the full ministry of Jesus Christ as a Preaching Elder. He is an Ambassador graduate and former senior class president.

Mr. David Jon Hill, associate editor for the PLAIN TRUTH and the GOOD NEWS, minister and professor, was elevated in rank to that of Pastor. Mr. Bryce Clark, student-body president of 1958, was also raised in rank from Preaching Elder to Pastor.

Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, whom God has used so effectively in England, Australia, Philippines, and now South Africa, having borne the fruits of an evangelist, was ordained to that very high office.

Mr. Wayne Cole, in charge of the work of God in Australia and southeast Asia, was the next to be ordained to the office of Evangelist.

Mr. Albert Portune, student-body president of 1960, associate editor of the PLAIN TRUTH and GOOD NEWS, minister, professor and administrative assistant to Mr. Ted Armstrong was the third to be ordained to the high rank of Evangelist.

When all of the ordinations were complete, we realized that on the TWELFTH day of the first month, SEVEN evangelists with Mr. Armstrong ordained SEVEN men.

Not since December 2, 1955, when Mr. Ted Armstrong and Mr. Norman Smith were ordained as Evangelists has there been another evangelist ordained.

And now THREE on one day. As Mr. Armstrong said at the conclusion of the ordinations, "This is a very rare and happy occasion."

But all was not over yet by any means. Evangelist Wayne Cole reported at the beginning of the college there was only one Minister and one Local Elder in the Philadelphia era of God's Church and that there were only three churches—Pasadena, Portland and Eugene! Now there are sixty-seven ministers and fifty-nine churches!

Another surprise came when Mr. Armstrong announced that Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cole and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Portune would sail with him and Mrs. Armstrong to England and the College at Bricket Wood in late April.

After all this, Mr. Armstrong added the final touch as he brought the main sermon for the day. Getting to the very root of the tree, Mr. Armstrong explained God's commission to Israel, Satan's plan of deception and the very purpose of our lives.

The Sabbath of January 12, 1963, was extraordinarily abundant and fruitful—one that will not soon be forgotten. As Mr. Armstrong said, "This is a great day for God's Church!"

A Magnificent Night Out

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room for dancing. Those who had taken dancing instructions for the past two months had their first opportunity to put their newly-acquired talents into practice.

COMIN'S AND GOIN'S

On January 5th, 1963, Church services in San Antonio and Corpus Christi were reversed. The Sabbath service was held in the afternoon in San Antonio to allow Mr. and Mrs. Hammer and daughters to leave for Pasadena to attend the ministerial conference. Mr. Cecil Battles took Mr. Hammer's place during his absence. We were denied the pleasure of seeing Mrs. Battles and daughter, Laura, again, due to the fact that Laura had the whooping cough.

Miss Janice Burgess was home for a brief visit at the end of January. She brought along a classmate, Miss Georgia Cox. They returned to Gladewater on the 3rd of February.

Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Pyle (parents of Mrs. Hammer) and family from Gladewater, Texas, were the welcome guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Hammer for a few days. It was nice to have them visit our South Texas churches.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Seelig and daughter, Venetia, from Pasadena, California, were recent visitors in the home of Mr. Seelig's parents. They were able to attend services with us here in Corpus Christi twice. Mr. Seelig is in charge of the Letter Opening Department in Pasadena.

The San Antonio congregation would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Catarino Trevino and family. They have moved to this area from San Saba and have been attending services regularly.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammer visited in the Austin area on the 7th and 8th of Feb. As a result, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Kortz and daughter were present at Church services on the 9th. We extend them a warm welcome.

An outdoor (afternoon and early evening) picnic is being planned for the Corpus Christi Church of God, the tentative date being set for March 3rd. At this stage, plans call for an afternoon of games and fellowship with an evening meal. The Spokesman Club plans to supply barbecued "cabrito".

On January 19th, 1963 there was a record broken once again in the San Antonio Church. There were 145 people present for services. However, since that time, the record has reached another all time high! On the 2nd of February, 161 persons met for the Sabbath services. What a tremendous blessing it is to see this congregation grow so rapidly.

EMERGENCY

"Boy what a day," the husband moaned to his wife, "The electronic brain broke down this morning and we all had to think."—Lions.

HIT THAT LINE

Going to college is becoming so expensive that even football players are writing home for money.

HOW TO DO IT COLUMN BLOWING FUSES?

In our present day, the PUSH BUT-TON AGE, we depend almost entirely upon electrical appliances and machines in our homes, offices, schools and industry.

How well acquainted are you with your Electrical System?

The ordinary homes of today are afflicted with Octopus Wiring - for example - you may have a radio, floor lamp, clock, T.V. set and an extension cord (with probably #18 wire) which supplies your toaster, all plugged into one convenience outlet.

Suppose you are listening to your favorite radio program - The World Tomorrow - you decide to iron a few pieces of clothing, so you disconnect the toaster, plug your electric iron in, set up the ironing board and suddenly you hear a poof sound, everything stops—you have no power! You have overloaded the fuse.

Remember now, the convenience outlet is a part of one branch circuit and one branch circuit can have six to eight outlets—all controlled by one fuse in the fuse panel—which protects your wiring system from an electrical fire, which could happen, if the fuse would not blow as it reaches its limit.

Now what do you do? Call an electrician? If you have a little knowledge of what takes place, you can save yourself a service call, plus some embarrassment

First: Find the bad fuse and unscrew it.

Second: Go to the convenience outlet and unplug all the appliances and extension cords.

Third: Cut off all wall switches.

Fourth: Take an ordinary lamp of about 200 watts in size, screw it into fuse holder where the bad fuse was—this will serve as a test light in case of a short circuit in the appliance cords or extension cord. If you have a bad cord (shorted-out) the light globe which you screwed into the fuse panel will light up.

Fifth: After you have tested all appliances by plugging them into the convenience outlet, remove the lamp from the fuse panel, replace the bad fuse, and you are ready to turn on the wall switches and resume your ironing and radio program.

Sixth: Don't make the same mistake again by overloading your electrical system with Octopus Wiring!

CHILDREN'S COLUMN

Dear Boys and Girls:

Here are the answers to last month's fill-in-the-blanks so that you can compare them with your answers.

1. Moses; God; Egypt, 2. three, 3. Aaron; Israelites; God; refused, 4. Pharaoh; increased, 5. God; only, 6. rod; swallowed; magicians, 7. Nile; blood, 8. frogs, 9. promised; broke, 10. insects, 11. promise; Israelites; go, 12. Goshen, 13. boils.

How well do you know your Bibles? The following match game will help you to test yourself. Simply place the letter that answers where the subjects are found, in your Bibles, in the blanks. The first one is an example. Refer to your Bibles, if you need help.

1. Creation chapter A
2. Blessing of children.....
3. Clean and unclean meats.....
4. Prophecy chapter.....
5. Ten Commandments
- 6 First Book in the New Testament.....
7. Christmas tree mentioned.....
8. Last Book in the Old Testament
9. Blessing of the 12 tribes of Israel
10. Last Book in the New Testament

- A. Genesis 1
- C. Matthew
- E. Malachi
- G. Mark 10
- I. Leveticus 11
- B. Exodus 20
- D. Revelation
- F. Jeremiah 10
- H. Genesis 49
- J. Matthew 24

Unscramble the following names and write them correctly in the boxes. Then take the letters in the circles, unscramble them and write the answer in the eight circles at the bottom of the puzzle.

1. AEZR	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
2. VIDAD	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
3. KMAR	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
4. SUHAJO	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
5. PHAJENT	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
6. UMASLE	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
7. LEAB	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
8. NJHC	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

CLUE: HIS LIFE WAS LENGTHENED IN ANSWER TO PRAYER

ANSWER: ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○