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What our READERS SAY

Mr. Kennedy's Assassination

"I do hope that you will be able to give us something in the coming issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH* relative to the tragic death of the President yesterday (22nd) from the prophetic point of view. It must have some national and world significance."

Mr. H. K., Ann Arbor, Michigan

"Will you please write an article on the death of President Kennedy and the man who killed him?"

J. P., Sheppard AFB, Texas

"After what happened yesterday—the assassination of the President—we can look for almost anything."

Mrs. Ruth M., Texas

"Today I cried. I wept for my country—a nation called America the Beautiful—that in this great land, a country that should have been a model of the Eternal's power and glory and love—such a terrible thing as the premeditated murder of the President of our nation could take place! 'America, America, God shed His grace on thee. And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea. What an ugly contrast between those prayerful words of hope and love and the maniacal assassination of Mr. Kennedy.

"I would like to have your analysis and evaluation of the assassination of our President, John F. Kennedy.

"Today is a dark day in the history of this nation—assassination of our President. How true our Bible is being fulfilled. It's not safe to be outdoors at night any more. This news is shocking."

Mr. Earl B., North Carolina

"People (most) are in sorrow today for the death of President Kennedy. Dallas is seventy-five miles from Athens. I have felt several times that something may happen to him."

V. S., Athens, Texas

"This is the day of real tragedy . . ."

E. N., Washington

"Received the copy of your letter today as the whole world is in mourning with the loss of our President. May God help us to be better men and women."

Sarah M., San Francisco, California

Buy Friends

"In 'Who Will Rule Space?' you give me the impression that Germany will attack us. Is this correct? If so, why? I thought we helped them."

F. S., San Diego, California

• *We've helped Russia in WW II, sent aid to Laos, Viet Nam, and many other countries. But we've never yet bought a friend.*

"Beat Generation" Listens

"You'd be surprised how many of us supposedly 'crazy, beat generation' are eager for 2:30 to come around so we can hear what you have to say. Believe me, Mr. Armstrong, you have opened lots of teens' eyes and ears. We don't turn to your program because there is no place else to turn. It's awfully interesting or we wouldn't be listening. We keep looking for something, not quite sure what it is. Invariably we end up joy riding, attending wild parties, etc., and end up either hurt or a much wiser person. But still we don't know what it was we were looking for. I hope, Mr. Armstrong, you could some day have a program about how you can acquire strong faith. I've tried and it's hard."

Christine C., Klamath Falls, Ore.

• *Send for our free booklet "What Is Faith?" and "What KIND of Faith Is Required for Salvation?" You'll learn!*

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Personal from the Editor

PROBABLY you will always remember precisely where you were, and what you were doing, when you were stunned with the news of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Personally, I was teaching a class here at Ambassador College in Pasadena. For some years now I have dispensed with all teaching, personally, except this one class. This particular class I hope to continue teaching for life. It is our course in *Principles of Living*. I teach it each year both at Pasadena, and at the college in England. This class includes the vital and sacred subject of sex and marriage.

Dr. E. H. Owen collaborates with me in this class. It lasts two hours—ten to twelve on Fridays.

The 10:55 buzzer had sounded. I had paused momentarily until the buzzer silenced, then continued speaking. The red light flashed beside the telephone. Dr. Owen, sitting near the telephone, answered. It was a call for me.

As I left the platform and walked to the telephone, I wondered what the call could be. Our switchboard would never interrupt me in the middle of a class unless it was an emergency. Was my wife taken ill? I hurried to the telephone.

"Mr. Armstrong, President Kennedy has just been shot in Dallas, Texas!" came the startling message. "Also Governor Connally of Texas. They have been rushed to a hospital. The President is still alive, but in critical condition."

All of us in the room were simply stunned. Back on the platform I asked the class immediately to rise. The Word of God instructs us to pray for our civil rulers. As the class bowed, I prayed immediately that if Mr. Kennedy were still living God would spare his life and restore him to a fit condition.

But the President was already dead. It was then just after 1:00 P.M., Central Standard time, in Dallas.

I tried to carry on with the class lecture. It was difficult. I doubt whether

the students got much out of it.

Then, some forty-five minutes later, the red light on the telephone flashed again.

Dr. Owen answered.

"The President is dead," he announced quietly.

IMPOSSIBLE! The President was so young! He was too young to die. It simply couldn't be—yet, shocked and stunned though we were, we knew it was true.

I remember, President William McKinley had been assassinated when I was a boy nine years old. He was the first President of the United States I had ever seen. He made a rear-platform speech from a train in Des Moines, Iowa, when I was five. My father had held me up high, in his arms, so I could see the President. That had impressed itself on my memory so that I never forgot it. But the shooting of the President, four years later, had not.

I remembered, also, how in 1932 I was advertising manager of a daily newspaper. In the newsroom one day, the city editor, reporters, and others got into a discussion as to what possible event would make the most sensational banner headline. The very first suggestion was the headline: **THE PRESIDENT ASSASSINATED!** A few others were suggested: **WORLD WAR II BREAKS OUT!**—**NEW YORK CITY BLASTED OFF THE MAP!**

Then the city editor said, "This one tops them all: **SECOND COMING OF CHRIST OCCURRED TODAY!**" "Ha! Ha!" They all laughed, in ridicule.

"You're going to write that headline sooner than you think!" I snapped sharply—and the laughing stopped.

Yes, thank God! *THAT* event, to eclipse all the world-shaking happenings of history, is nearer than people think! The savagery of the world today, with its assassinations, wars, crimes of violence, causes those of us who know the TRUTH to cry out to God the more earnestly, "*THY Kingdom come! THY* (Please continue on next page)

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OUR COVER

From above the midst of acclaiming thousands came sudden bursts of gunfire. The President of the United States, John F. Kennedy, was shot dead. John Connally, Governor of Texas, was severely wounded. A stunned world asked: How could such a thing happen in America? The Late President was the fourth to fall before assassins' bullets. Though, apparently, the latest assassin acted alone, yet the terrible crime reveals a common attitude pervading the nation: disrespect for authority.

will be done in earth, as it is in heaven!"

Dastardly crimes like this impel a look once again at *this* ugly world. In the Bible we find *three* worlds spoken of. There was the world that was—"the world that then was, being overflowed with water," which "perished." (II Peter 3:6) also spoken of as "the old world," (II Peter 2:5). Then there is "this world," or "this present evil world," (Gal. 1:4), and also "the world to come" (Mark 10:30; Luke 18:30), also called "that world" (Luke 20:35). This latter is the one we call "The WORLD TOMORROW"—a world of peace, happiness and right ways, *governed by GOD*.

No rulers then will be assassinated. They will be immortal.

In this present evil world, *the same nation*—the United States of America—richest, most blest (materially) of all in history, produces BOTH the President, and his crazed, warped-minded, perverted, twisted, distorted little killer! The SAME COUNTRY produced *both!* Did you ever stop to think how *opposites* spring from the same sources?

James speaks of the human tongue. It, too, he says, is a "little member, and boasteth great things"—just like presidential assassins! "Out of the same mouth," says James, "proceedeth blessings and cursings. My brethren, these things ought not so to be" (James 3:5, 10).

Look at the assassins, or would-be assassins, of presidents—nearly all were *little* men, of twisted, perverted minds, bent on making BIG HEADLINES. The supposed and accused killer of Mr. Kennedy was Lee Harvey Oswald. If you watched TV those three fateful days following the heinous tragedy—and who didn't?—you noticed that Oswald was a *slight* man, wearing a BIG smirk of arrogance and conceit.

Of all presidential assassins, or those who attempted assassination, only one, John Wilkes Booth, murderer of Abraham Lincoln, was even average height of his time. Booth was 5 feet 8 inches tall. That would be short, today, but was about average or just slightly above in 1865.

But all others were shorter, ranging down to Giuseppe Zangara, who attempted to assassinate Franklin D. Roosevelt—two and a half weeks prior,

however, to his first inauguration. This little anarchist was just 5 feet tall (or should I say *short?*) and weighed only 106 pounds. This small piece of misguided humanity fired five shots. Five men and women near Mr. Roosevelt were hit and wounded, though the President-elect was not. But Mayor Anton J. Cermak of Chicago was killed.

Other little men with big-murder ideas were Charles J. Guiteau, who shot President James A. Garfield in the back, July 2, 1881. Then there was Leon F. Czolgosz (pronounced "Cholgosh"), who walked up in line to shake hands with President McKinley in Buffalo, September 6, 1901, and, as the President smiled cordially, and extended a friendly hand, this contemptible little malcontent, with a gun in a hand wrapped in a bandage feigning an injured hand, pulled the trigger twice, killing the President.

There was John N. Schrank, who on October 14, 1912, in Milwaukee, shot Theodore Roosevelt in the chest as he was stepping into the rear of an open car, though this shot was not fatal.

Then there was the attempt on the life of President Harry S. Truman. It was during the rebuilding of the White House. The President was living temporarily in Blair House, across the street. He was taking a nap on November 1, 1950, and was awakened by gunshots. Two Puerto Rican Nationalists, Oscar



Wide World Photo

Lee Oswald, 24, Marxist and accused assassin of late President, wore smirk after capture. Despite manacled hands, he shows his character by clenched fist.

Collazo and Griselio Torrezola, were trying to shoot their way past Secret Service agents to rush inside and assassinate Mr. Truman. Two men were killed and three others injured in this attempted assassination.

A European assassination touched off the fuse that started the first World War, in 1914. There was a somewhat recent attempt on the life of President Charles de Gaulle of France. There have been many other assassinations and attempted assassinations of heads of state. The Communists took over the government of Russia by this method.

But we may be thankful that the accused and probable killer of John F. Kennedy was not, apparently, an agent of an organized conspiracy.

Think what might have happened afterward, had this assassin been either a Negro integrationist, trying to kill the President because he might have felt the government was not bringing about Civil Rights as rapidly as he wanted; or, a Southern White Segregationist seeking revenge because he felt the President was bringing about integration too rapidly.

Ether way, would there not have been riots and mass murders breaking out all over the land spontaneously, before hot-heads could be cooled?

Or, suppose it had been an agent of the Kremlin, on direct orders from Khrushchev. Might that have led to an all-out NUCLEAR World War III?

Actually, it happens that, apparently, *all* of these self-appointed President-killers were acting independently, as individuals. Each was a man possessed of a fancied but wrong CAUSE, holding emotional feelings of personal animosity, feeling he was a man of DESTINY, an instrument in the hand of God.

HOW TWISTED AND PERVERTED, in their thinking about GOD, can men get? After shooting President Lincoln *in the back*, assassin Booth wrote: "Our country owed all her troubles to him, and God simply made me the instrument of His punishment."

In one respect, only, he might have been right. He had the *wrong god*—Satan, the God of this world!

After Guiteau killed President Garfield, he explained his reason: "His re-

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NOW! Prophesied for 1964

What astounding turn of events will happen to the world? What UNEXPECTED things are going to happen to YOU, in this one year? Will 1964 be the most fateful year of all history? ONLY Bible prophecies can reveal the future!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

WHO WOULD have expected that the year 1963 would see President Kennedy assassinated—a new administration in Washington?

Who—a year ago—would have anticipated the Profumo scandal in Britain, the illness of Mr. Macmillan, and a new Prime Minister at number 10 Downing Street?

The UNEXPECTED Happens!

Isn't it about time we WAKE UP to the stark reality that we are now living in times that are *different*? Times when the whole world is in shock—STUNNED by sudden, unbelievable turns in world events? You are not living in normal times. WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

If you think everything is all right with the world, just take a quick glance at what happened in this one year just ending!

Here's a real SHOCKER for you! The change in the government at Washington, resulting from VIOLENCE, is only ONE OF MANY that took place in this one revolutionary year! So hold your breath—for I don't think you have realized!

Here are the national governments toppled in this one year by VIOLENT overthrow:

The United States—President assassinated, new administration in Washington.

South Vietnam—President Ngo Dinh Diem assassinated—government overthrown by violence.

Dominican Republic—Dictator Raphael Trujillo assassinated May 30, and subsequently elected President Juan Bosch ousted in September, country now ruled by three-man junta.

Guatemala—a violent military coup d'état deposed President Miguel Ydigoras March 31, and Col. Enrique Peralta seized government.

Equador—violent military coup ousted President Carlos Julio Arosemena July 11, and presidency seized by Castro Jijon.

Honduras—Government of President Ramon Villeda Morales overthrown by violent military coup d'état, and Osvaldo Lopez Arellano is acting new Chief of State.

Iraq—Government overthrown by violence, President Abdul Karem Kasim killed March 8. Abdel Salam Aref has assumed Presidency.

Peru—President Prado, ousted by Army in 1962, and new government under Fernando Belaunde Terry, elected in 1963.

Syria—a violent military coup, overthrowing government, brought Ba'athist Party into power.

Togo, West Africa—Premier Olymio assassinated. Nicolas Grunitzky is new Premier.

OTHER Big Changes

That is not all! There have been vitally IMPORTANT non-violent changes in government, which seriously affect the world's future.

Thailand—Premier Sarit Thanarat died December 8 (as we go to press), bringing new administration.

Great Britain—Scandal in high places, and illness of Mr. Macmillan sent Prime Minister Sir Douglas Home to Number 10 Downing Street. It now appears that Labor Government may come to power during 1964.

Vatican City State—Death of John XXIII brought election of new Pope, Paul VI.

West Germany—Konrad Adenauer finally stepped down under pressure. New Chancellor, Ludwig Erhard. This change will have important bearing on speeding up prophesied United States of Europe, which will drastically change the whole world picture.

Other governments changed by elec-

NEW LEADERS FOR 1964—



New leaders include, from left to right, Tho of South Vietnam, Prime Minister

Home of Great Britain, Pope Paul VI, Erhard of West Germany, Papandreou

of Greece, Rahman of Malaysia.

Wide World Photos

tions will be mentioned later.

Instability of World's Governments

How would *you* like to be the head of one of the governments of this world? How much more insecure would you feel today, than when William Shakespeare wrote his famous quotation: "*Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown!*"

What security could you have? President Kennedy was perhaps the most guarded man on earth. Every precaution had been taken for his safety in Dallas. Safety measures had been planned on a major scale for two weeks in advance. Even every manhole and sewer along the parade route had been checked for bombs. Buildings along the way had been inspected and rechecked. The body-guard assigned to him included the elite of the Secret Service corps. 350 extra policemen had been enlisted to protect Mr. Kennedy. And yet a mixed-up young man managed to end his life in a flash.

The accused assassin was protected and surrounded by dozens of policemen—yet another man managed to shoot him in plain view of MILLIONS of TV onlookers!

WHAT SECURITY can one have, in *this* world? What guarantee has any *government* that it will still be in power after sunset today?

WHEN will humans learn that there is *only one* real security—only ONE SOURCE of real protection and continued existence—the power of Almighty GOD!

Can all the vast military power of a nation guarantee that nation's security from overthrow—or annihilation by nuclear power? Do you know what GOD says about that?

Listen! "*Armies* do not bring victory to a king, the warrior is not rescued by sheer strength, cavalry are in vain for victory, there is no winning by the strength of that!" So says GOD (Psalm 33:16-17).

But HERE is the only SURE security—same Psalm: "The Eternal wrecks the purpose of pagans, He brings to nothing what the nations plan; but the Eternal's purpose stands forever, and what HE plans will last from age to age. Happy the nation whose God is The Eternal, the people He has chosen for His own! The Eternal looks down from heaven, beholding all mankind; from where He

sits, he scans all who inhabit the world; He who alone *made their minds*, He notes all they do. Armies do not bring victory to a king . . . No, the Eternal's eye rests on His worshippers, who rest their hopes upon His kindness, that HE may rescue them from death" (Psalm 33:10-19—Moffatt translation).

But those changes of governments listed above are not the only ones of the past 12 months. Others changed by elections included:

ZANZIBAR—new changes in government—has just gone independent;

KENYA—went independent December 12;

MALAYSIA—a new federation formed September 16 last, combining Malaya (Singapore), North Borneo and Sarawak.

Then, by new elections, new governments took over during this one year in ARGENTINA, CANADA, GREECE, ISRAEL, ITALY, VENEZUELA, AFGHANISTAN, HOLLAND, NICARAGUA, and NORWAY.

Underground Movements SWIFT

On the surface, it may have appeared that 1963 was a year of comparative quietude-in-chaos. But plotters for world domination like Khrushchev, and Mao Tse-tung, do not tell the world all that they plan and do. They disclose only what they *want* people to know or believe—whether true or false.

An extremely significant turn in events during 1963 that promises heavy bearing on what *will* happen in 1964 and following years, was the new heads of state in West Germany and the Vatican. These changes are destined to have serious effect in hastening along the resurrection of the "Holy ROMAN EMPIRE"—the union of nations in Europe forming the prophesied United States of EUROPE.

Already the new Pope is calling for a "spiritual summit meeting." He is also planning, as we go to press, a revolutionary trip to Jerusalem, a journey never previously undertaken by any Pope. Watch the Vatican and Jerusalem in 1964!

For 30 years the WORLD TOMORROW broadcast and *The PLAIN TRUTH* have been proclaiming to the world this coming European church-state union. It will ASTOUND the world! It will completely

change the whole world-picture. And it will be formed within eight years or *less!*

On the surface, world events appear to be moving somewhat slowly, at the moment. But when all contributing factors are understood—when all secret, behind-the-scenes plans and movements are grasped—the TRUTH is that world events are moving at *frightening speed* toward the GRAND SMASH CLIMAX of CIVILIZATION! Yes, toward the END OF THE WORLD—but toward the happy, peaceful, prosperous WORLD TOMORROW!

This year—1964—may bring, as did 1963, astonishing and unexpected happenings. But, basically, the world will move toward the following three developments:

To Develop This Year

1) RESURRECTED ROMAN EMPIRE: a politically and militarily-united Europe to emerge from the present economic Common Market. The stepping down of Mr. Adenauer from office in Germany—the election of the new pope at Rome—are two incidents of 1963 that will have bearing on this movement. Undoubtedly 1964 will see many moves in this direction, behind the scenes, which may not be revealed to the public. 1964 will bring definite developments toward this final objective.

2) FURTHER COMMUNIST GAINS: Look for these gains in southeastern Asia—Vietnam, Malaya states, India—and possible moves involving Japan. President Johnson will be *tested*—perhaps at Berlin—perhaps a test involving Castro, and activities through him and Cuba involving Central or South American revolutions. Indications, however, are that both Khrushchev and Castro are going to find President Johnson tougher than they expect.

3) OUR STRENGTH FURTHER SAPPED: 1963 saw increased drought and upheavals in the prophesied revolution in the WEATHER patterns. We may have an occasional *good* year in the weather, but the trend in general will continue until—probably by 1971 or 1972—it will become an acute disaster, especially to the United States, Canada, Britain, Australia. In ways we seem not to realize, foreign nations are gradually

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KILLING— The Trend of Our Time!

Will the President's assassination really change anything? Will a deep sense of morality, Christian conscience, respect for law and order begin to be evidenced in the United States and abroad? Read the stern answer—gathered from present-day news and the pages of your Bible!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

“THE land is FULL of BLOODY CRIMES, and the city is FULL of VIOLENCE!” shouted Ezekiel (Ezek. 7:23).

He meant OUR lands—he meant OUR days—he meant OUR bloody crimes!

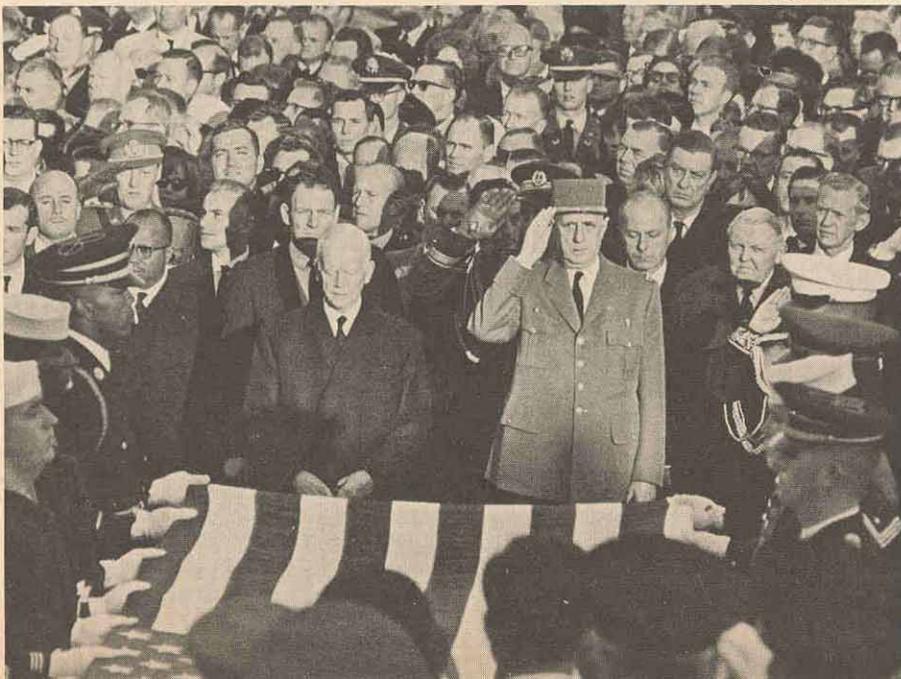
What is happening to us? What shocking, frightening, horrifying times are these?

You Can't Ignore It

To many Americans, Britons, Australians and others, violence is easy to ignore. It is easy to ignore when it always seems to “happen to someone else.” The average citizen among us seems almost obsessed with the determination to *ignore* the constant violence all about him—as long as he is not *personally* involved!

Just a few short weeks ago the great statesmen of the world assembled to honor the slain President of the United States. Today, some of those very men are at each other's throats, threatening one another, quarreling over trade war advantages. In the photo below is Germany's President Lübke and, saluting, France's President de Gaulle.

Wide World Photo



But suddenly, last November 22, each individual was, to one degree or another, **PERSONALLY** involved in violence!

Our peoples were stunned into shocked disbelief, into complete incredulousness, upon hearing the heart-sickening news of the brutal killing of the President of the United States.

Regardless of one's personal point of view, his opinions concerning governmental policies—millions felt they knew President Kennedy, *personally*. More, we here in the United States naively assumed that the majesty of the highest office in the United States was somehow above it all—untouched by the filth and slime of the twisted, demented minds of depraved monsters lurking on the fringes of “decent society.”

Oh, we knew there were murders and

murderers. We knew there were the dope addicts, pornographers, prostitutes, queers, criminals, and the mentally deranged. We knew the filth and obscenity was always somewhere around us—but the average citizen simply chose to *look the other way*, or deny the grime was really there. But suddenly the grime, the filth, the decay, the noisome stench that is crime and violence burned searingly into the public conscience! Suddenly crime was **PERSONAL**!

Why? *Why* did it happen? *How* did the same society produce a young man who, regardless of his faults and human frailties, could be chosen to occupy the highest office in the land, and another young man of darkened and distorted reasoning who would lie in wait to kill?

Many will ponder the answers for years, and still, perhaps, be groping in the dark—simply because they do not know the **SOURCE** to which to go for the answers!

National Shame and Remorse

Millions wept openly. Millions felt that somehow, **THEY**, collectively, had killed their President! It was as if the nation, as a *people*, had crossed the threshold from a culture to a jungle—from sanity to insanity—from sense to senselessness!

MOST of the nation was stunned—shocked!

This article is not intended to be a eulogy—nor a repetition of that sense of stunning shock we all felt, and felt very deeply! Rather, it is intended to confront all of us with a hard, inescapable fact that this great sense of national conscience and shame was **NOT** felt by everyone—that it did **NOT** last very long—and *that it will not change anything!*

Nothing could serve as more sickening

ing testimony to this clear fact than to read of how *some* depraved American citizens, so swept up in their own narrow-minded beliefs and convictions, actually *CHEERED* at the news of the death of their President!

It makes one wonder whether they *COULD* have cheered if they had stood in the rotunda of our capitol building, and, at the moment when Mrs. Kennedy advanced to kiss the flag-draped coffin with her daughter Caroline, could have stepped forward and cheered in front of that solemn group at that solemn moment.

No—nothing is very much changed! Here is some of the shocking proof.

Another Lee Oswald?

In the immediate aftermath of President Kennedy's brutal murder, a Cuban citizen, Omar Padilla, 19, began practicing with a rifle.

The Cuban exile worked in an 8-story commercial building as a stock clerk for an engraving firm. Padilla admitted having fired 40 practice shots atop the 8-story structure, and that he had said to friends he was going to use the rifle to kill the President (President Johnson).

When arrested by Bronx police, Padilla said he made the remarks about killing President Johnson "as a joke." Padilla was being held on maximum bail of \$25,000 on the day President Lyndon Johnson visited New York City.

Co-workers of Padilla related how he had said the late President was "asking for this."

But the case concerning Padilla is only the beginning.

Actually, a *flurry* of assassination threats were made against President Johnson's life IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING the death of President John Kennedy!

Massive security precautions were put into effect even through the *funeral processional* in which President Johnson and his wife walked behind the members of the Kennedy family. Think of it! Can you begin to imagine it? *Already*, with President Kennedy as yet *unburied*, a telephoned threat had been made against the life of the new President!

Yes—almost incredible—but in spite of the fact that virtually the whole na-

tion, and, for that matter, much of the *world* was in solemn mourning, mixed-up cranks and crackpots were *still* thinking only of VIOLENT DEATH!

KILL-Crazy!

KILLING is accepted as *NORMAL* today, according to a noted psychiatrist and author who reviewed the assassination of President Kennedy. He indicted our nation for its total lack of moral character by saying, referring to our entertainment media, our national customs and practices, "that's what one does (killing), that's what we teach our children." He referred, as I have done so often over The *WORLD TOMORROW* program, to the frightening spectre of millions of little toddlers literally *learning to kill* with toy guns!

He said, "That's why we sell so many guns . . . and we even sell them real guns . . . we tell them this is normal."

The psychiatrist, Dr. Wertham, was asked whether there would be a real *CHANGE* in the nation—a return to morality and deep sense of regard for human life, as a result of the violent act that took President Kennedy's life.

Dr. Wertham predicted this act of violence would beget even *MORE VIOLENCE!* He felt that *regardless* of any temporary feeling of national remorse, crime and violence would go on as usual!

His prediction has *already* come true!

In Los Angeles, for example, *just a few days* after President Kennedy's brutal murder, when millions of families gathered together in solemn thanksgiving and in deep reflection—*MURDER* went on as usual!

In three separate homes in Los Angeles, three separate arguments ended in *MURDER!*

Think of it! On one of the most solemn Thanksgiving Days in living memory, with flags at half-mast, a husband leapt from the table, snatched up a shotgun, and blasted the life from his wife over their turkey dinner! In another home, a man argued with his brother-in-law over their pheasant dinner—leapt from the table, and gunned down his antagonist. In yet a third home, a man killed his brother-in-law as a bloody climax to a heated Thanksgiving Day argument!

Yes, *KILLING, MURDER, VIOLENCE* is truly the trend of the time!

Until *HATE* is somehow cleansed from the human heart—until *BIGOTRY, PREJUDICE, LUST, GREED*, and all the basest qualities of human nature are somehow completely *expunged* from human nature—*VIOLENCE* will go on, as usual!

As in the Days of Noah

The prophecies of your Bible *predicted* it would be this way! Jesus Christ of Nazareth foretold *these exact times*—our society, our deep problems, our terrible crimes! "But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and *knew not* until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be!" (Matt. 24:38-39.)

Scoffers and doubters predict only *continuing cycles* of "good" and "bad" years ahead—true to the prophecy of the Apostle Peter, who said, "knowing this first, that there shall come in the *last days* scoffers, walking after their *own lusts*, and saying 'where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things *continue*



Wide World Photo

An FBI officer in San Francisco, California, appears with cache of 14 handguns taken from two escaped convicts and an accomplice captured as bank robbery suspects. America is a land filled with criminals.

as they were from the beginning of the creation' (II Pet. 3:3-4).

Peter went on to say they are WILLINGLY ignorant—*deliberately* blinded and deceived—READY to believe a lie! But deceived about what?

About the soon-coming destruction of THIS calamitous age, this murderous, hate-filled time—just as surely as *that* ancient depraved society of murder and violence was destroyed!

Notice! "For this they are willingly ignorant of, that by the Word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: whereby the *world that then was*, being overflowed with water, perished: but the heavens and the earth which ARE NOW, by the *same Word* [and that Word is SURE!] are kept in store, *reserved unto fire* against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men" (II Pet. 3:5-7).

JUDGMENT is coming!

Whether you want to *believe it or not*—whether some people wish to continue to "kid" themselves or not, our days of violent, crazed, hateful, murderous times ARE NOT GOING TO LAST VERY MUCH LONGER!

The Real Lesson

You need to realize, *as never before*, that the tremendous warning and witness you've been hearing over The WORLD

TOMORROW program, and in the pages of The PLAIN TRUTH magazine, IS TRUE!

No more shocking and grisly exclamation point could be added to the stark warning of Bible prophecy of the frightening times in which you are living, and the absolute NEARNESS of the return of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, than the fact of the brutal murder of President Kennedy!

That such a thing could occur in the United States, and during these days, only serves to illustrate that our *very way of life*, the *very roots of our whole society*, our very methods and processes of *reasoning*—are absolutely WRONG!

Many tried to "justify" this deed—to "talk around it" and to "excuse" themselves. They said the nation should not be "ashamed," but only realize that there were some "few" who were crackpots, schizophrenics, and *oddballs*.

Many lashed out at those who were openly and unashamedly expressing their feelings of deep remorse in a NATIONAL sense, saying that the nation SHOULD NOT feel any sense of responsibility for this depraved act—since it was the act of only *one individual*!

But Jesus said, "You shall know them *by their fruits!*"

What ARE the real "fruits," the evidences, the proofs, the RESULTS of our modern way of life?



Wide World Photo

An all-too-common representative of the younger generation in Great Britain. The nation has lost its sense of purpose. Its youth take crime lightly. This grinning fellow was arrested as a prime suspect in Britain's recent spectacular train robbery.

Look around you—CAN you delude yourself further into believing you are living in any times other than those frightening days prophesied by Jesus Christ of Nazareth, in your own Bible?

You need, AS NEVER BEFORE, to *search your own heart*—and to be fervently praying, "THY KINGDOM COME, Thy WILL be done, IN EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN!"

Our God is going to *answer* that prayer—MUCH sooner than you think!



Wide World Photo

Disrespect for authority is world-wide. In France students riot against police in protest demonstration. Government was charged with insufficient efforts to provide proper educational facilities. Record surge of students is crashing over the French educational system like a tidal wave. French youth seem not to realize that this is not the way to solve France's educational dilemma.

THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

HERE are the *Bible* answers to questions which can be answered briefly in a short space. *Send in your questions.* While we cannot promise that all questions will find space for answer in this department, we shall try to answer all that are vital and in the general interest of our readers.

"I have often heard you compare America and Britain with ancient Rome. Are we really going the way of ancient Rome? From time to time you have alluded to the five cardinal sins of the Roman Empire. In what way are we committing those sins today?"

Indeed we are going the way of ancient Rome. We are committing the same five cardinal sins. And our leaders today do not realize what is happening any more than the Romans did!

You have probably thought that Rome was the first nation to experience these five tragic sins. Not so. Rome had the lesson written in the collapse of every great nation and empire that preceded it. The Greeks, the Persians, the Babylonians, the Assyrians, all passed through the same experience. Even ancient Israel committed the same sins. God had Israel's experience recorded in the Bible so we, their lineal descendants, could avoid repeating those sins and suffering the downfall! But who reads—let alone studies, or understands—the Bible today?

The five cardinal sins of Rome—and of all past great nations—are described in detail in Edward Gibbon's famous work *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*. These five reasons for the fall of Rome may be summarized as follows:

1. The rapid increase of divorce and the breakdown of the family.
2. The spiraling rise of taxes and extravagant spending.
3. The mounting craze for pleasure and brutality in sports.
4. The building of gigantic arma-

ments while failing to realize that the real enemy was the moral decay from within.

5. The decay of religion into a mere form, leaving the people without any guide.

"What is the prophetic significance of the unexpected death of America's first Catholic President?"

The sudden and tragic death of America's first Roman Catholic President is of major significance. You may not recognize it until after the next election.

It will have its effect on domestic affairs, possibly delaying the explosion in the race crisis. But—and of far greater significance—is the effect it will have on *foreign affairs*.

Bible prophecy reveals a coming United States of Europe. (Daniel 2 and 7 and Revelation 17:7-17.) It will restore the Holy Roman Empire. But Bible prophecy also reveals that it will not be formed without major economic and political crises first hitting Europe. Already signs of that are apparent. The Common Market may possibly be split by the adamant views of France's De Gaulle. It will take the *Roman Catholic Church* to settle jealousies and bring about final cultural, political and religious unity in Continental Western Europe. (Rev. 17:1-6, 18.)

This coming union of ten nations in Europe is prophesied to turn on Britain and America and destroy us in World War III. Such an astounding turn of events would have been far less likely—perhaps impossible—under a Catholic

Administration in Washington, D.C.

There are literally hundreds of Bible prophecies foretelling the events rocking today's world to its feet. They cannot all be explained either in this department or in any two or three articles in *The PLAIN TRUTH*. But you can understand them, and study them in your own home, in our *free* Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course. You will find it the most fascinating study you have ever made.

To most people the study of the Bible is a dull, uninteresting, irksome task—done, if at all, only as a duty out of *fear* of a harsh God. Bible study *can* and *SHOULD* be the most interesting, most enjoyable, most profitable interest in our lives. But mankind has forgotten God, His laws, neglected Bible prophecy. Man has never started to *really* understand God's inspired Word. The Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course begins the study of the Bible with this *very present*, the world in which we live—this time of upset world conditions. You will find that the study of your Bible will mean more to you if you first fully understand its *vital* relationship to your life today—and its *direct* connection with the tragic world events you have been reading about in your daily newspapers.

You will find that *far* from being a dull, uninspiring chronicle of ancient history, your Bible will make life interesting. You will find that no entertainment, sport or mundane pleasure is ever so vitally interesting, so truly enjoyable, so delightful, and so satisfying as the study of your own Bible. You will find that God, through His Word, will reveal to you the *way out* of boredom, emptiness and discontentment. You will find, perhaps *for the first time in your life*, that you begin to understand God's message as it has been preserved in your own Bible.

You may enroll for the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course without any obligation whatsoever. It is offered by Ambassador College, *tuition FREE!* Thirty-one lessons have already been completed. You may discontinue receiving lessons at any time. But past experience has shown us that the average person finds this study so

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The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

Ambassador College makes possible The PLAIN TRUTH each month; our first foreign correspondents.

INSTALLMENT 61

AFTER the purchase of the camellia nursery, and the Green Street properties, we felt that Ambassador College was really *on its way!*

The camellia nursery would give us an athletic field. It was small—there would not be space for a quarter mile track, a stadium, or football field. But there was sufficient ground for an eighth-mile running track, and two new tennis courts. There was also room for run-up tracks for the pole vault and broad jump, and space for the high jump, and the shot-put.

Then the Green Street houses could be converted into men's dormitories. Mayfair could be made exclusively a girls' student residence.

We felt that, with a classroom building, an administration building, both men's and women's residences on campus, and an athletic field, even though small, we were coming to have a college campus.

First "FRUITS" of College

During 1950 I had been able to issue only four numbers of *The PLAIN TRUTH*—and they were all reduced to mere 8-page numbers. I have stated before that one reason was my personal inability to fully execute all the fast-growing responsibilities of this expanding Work in mere 24-hour days.

By the autumn of 1950 I was having to teach FOUR different classes in theology, and now three hours each class. That meant twelve hours of teaching each week.

Up to this time I had written *every word* that went into *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I had been doing a half-hour broadcast seven days a week.

The early years in Eugene, Oregon, had resulted in the raising up of several small churches in the Pacific Northwest, through evangelistic campaigns I had conducted. But there were no pastors to

minister to those churches. Only two remained—in Eugene and in Portland.

All these years the broadcasting work was expanding. By the end of 1942 it had grown to a national audience. This necessitated my absence from Eugene and Portland much of the time beginning with 1943, and all of the time after April, 1947, when we moved to Pasadena.

The whole work was a one-man ministry in those years. In my absence attendance at Eugene dwindled from around 100 to about 30. You know what the Israelites got into when God called Moses away from them for just forty days at Mount Sinai; the people abandoned God and made for themselves an idol.

"As for this Moses," they said, "we wot not what has become of him. Come on, let us make an idol god of our own to worship."

At Eugene, three would-be leaders said, in effect: "As for this Herbert Armstrong, we wot not what has become of him. Come on, let us make an idol god of our own to worship in the form of a local social club, like all the worldly churches." And so even the thirty members remaining were split into two differing camps.

The Portland and the Vancouver, Washington, churches had consolidated into the one church at Portland. And even that had diminished to eleven or twelve members.

A one-man ministry could not maintain several local churches, an expanding broadcasting work, editing and writing all the articles for a fast-growing magazine, teach four college classes, and act as executive head of a growing college, without something slipping backward somewhere.

But 1951 was the year that produced the first "fruits" of the new college.

In April of that year we began the first activity toward an enlarged PLAIN

TRUTH. I was still unwilling to publish in *The PLAIN TRUTH*, articles written by students. Yet something had to be done.

Herman Hoeh had submitted a few articles for *The PLAIN TRUTH*, but none had been used. They were not written in what I termed "Plain Truth style." Yet young Mr. Hoeh did not give up. Every month or so another manuscript was handed to me.

Finally, still reluctant to use material written by students in *The PLAIN TRUTH*, a new idea was born. *The PLAIN TRUTH* circulation had grown to more than 50,000 copies, and it was too costly to publish every month on our income of that period. That, combined with the fact I simply could not find time to write the entire edition every month, by myself alone, forced the new idea.

I decided to completely scrap the entire mailing list!

We would start building a *new* mailing list from scratch. That would solve half the problem—the lack of funds to publish a 16-page magazine every month.

Twelve years before I had started a second magazine, called *The GOOD NEWS*. It was to have been a church membership organ, edited exclusively for baptized church members. *The PLAIN TRUTH* was to continue as the general magazine for as many of the general public as would request it. But at that time—February, 1939—I had been unable to continue publication of *The GOOD NEWS* beyond the first issue! The reason? Same reason—lack of funds, and inability of ONE MAN to do so much.

But now, twelve years later, I decided to bring *The GOOD NEWS* back to life. It would circulate, at the start, only to Co-Workers whose tithes and offerings made this growing Work possible.

If we could no longer afford to offer

The PLAIN TRUTH to the entire radio audience, it seemed to me imperative that we provide, at least, a regular monthly publication for those who voluntarily financed God's Work, and Ambassador College. And our students could share with me the burden of writing the articles.

Consequently, in April, 1951, *The GOOD NEWS* was re-born!

Now, for the first time, our students began to make active contributions to the activities of this expanding Work!

That same year, Herman Hoeh—our "straight-A" student—began to remove some of the teaching load from my shoulders, by assisting in the teaching of the Bible courses.

Also, for several months during 1951, Raymond Cole acted as Pastor of the church at Portland, giving it a spiritual "shot in the arm."

The New GOOD NEWS

The leading article, beginning on the front cover of the April, 1951 *GOOD NEWS*, written by me, expressed the situation.

Here is a condensation of what it said:

Quote from that article: "A new idea is born! *The GOOD NEWS* is re-born!"

"With the turn of the war in Korea world events *speed up* in the chaotic plunge to oblivion! And beginning now, the all-important Work of God also must speed up! The pace must be accelerated! It must expand now to *dynamic WORLD-WIDE ACTIVITY!*

"It is later than we think!"

"When God first started Ambassador College, many brethren and Co-Workers lacked faith. They couldn't see God's hand in it. Some felt your pastor's duty was solely to preach the Gospel to the world—not realizing that one man *alone* can't do it all!

"They had forgotten that Jesus, Peter and Paul surrounded themselves with specially God-called men whom they *trained* to assist them in their great mission.

"Some said, 'Why, there isn't time! It will be four years before the first students graduate, and even then they will still be just youths without maturity or actual experience.'

"But there was, *and still is*, enough time—though there is not a day to lose.

The end of this age *can't* come until this very Gospel of the Kingdom has been preached and published in all the world as a witness to all nations (Mat. 24:3,14).

"Students Now Ready"

"Our students have been gaining actual experience *during* their college years!

"By their fruits we *know* they have been called of God for their important parts in this Great Commission of Christ. They are trained and ready. They are consecrated and Spirit-led.

"Already more than one hundred and fifty, brought to repentance and conversion through this Work, have been baptized by these competent disciples (and the word 'disciple' means student, or learner).

"It is already ably demonstrated that God made no mistake when He started Ambassador College!

"The New Idea"

"And now, with this issue, A NEW IDEA is born. Through Ambassador College students *The GOOD NEWS* is re-born! With this issue, our students launch a new activity in Christ's ministry—and at the same time, a new college activity.

"It was back in February, 1939—twelve years ago—that with only Mrs. Armstrong's help, from a little stuffy inside office without windows or ventilation in Eugene, Oregon, the first issue of *The GOOD NEWS* was printed—on a second-hand mimeograph. . . .

"But the Commission to 'feed my sheep' is second to the Great Commission, '*This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world.*' One man alone could not carry on a campaign of evangelism then expanding from local to national, and conduct a personalized ministry to so many at the same time. And so no other issues of *The GOOD NEWS* were published—until now.

"But now, at long last, *The GOOD NEWS* is re-born, *as one of the first fruits of Ambassador College*—one of the *evidences* that this college was necessary." END OF QUOTE FROM THAT ARTICLE.

In that issue of *The GOOD NEWS*—a

16-page number—was the announcement of the establishment of the Ambassador College Graduate School of Theology.

But, even with the editorial help of students, finances permitted the publication of only four issues during the remainder of 1951—plus one 16-page *PLAIN TRUTH*, issued October, 1951—written wholly by me.

Is it significant that the leading article, starting on the front cover of that edition of *The PLAIN TRUTH* was captioned: "The Pope Plans to Move Vatican." As this current 52-page January, 1964, issue goes to press, it is announced that Pope Paul plans to visit Jerusalem. Never before has any Pope visited the birthplace of true Christianity. Will he say that Peter has *returned* in the person of the pope?

Published October, 1951

That article seems timely and pertinent just now, as I write. Let me quote a few brief excerpts from it:

QUOTE FROM PAGE 1, OCTOBER, 1951, *PLAIN TRUTH*: "A showdown nears between Pius XII and Stalin. Rome is in fear—laying secret plans! Here are the present Vatican plans, and the revelation from prophecy of what will *really* happen!"

"The pope's secret plans are no longer secret. 'Unimpeachable Vatican sources' revealed them to a Rome correspondent of a New York newspaper. And *Look* magazine published his story.

"The article was a national sensation. But few, if any, readers caught its real *significance*. For Bible prophecy reveals that the Vatican *will* be moved, but not where the pope now plans.

"Here is the published present plan, in the event of a Russian invasion of western Europe leading to occupation of Rome.

"First, Pius XII, fearing martyrdom, would abdicate his throne. Then, shorn of his authority, he would remain in the Vatican, perhaps a prisoner of the Reds.

"Second, those Cardinals who head Vatican departments would flee from Rome to the new location of the Vatican, in Catholic Quebec, Canada.

"Third, there a conclave of Cardinals would be called to choose a new Pope and re-establish the Vatican in the West-

ern Hemisphere." END OF QUOTATION.

I presume that by now most of our readers have long since forgotten this bit of 1951 Vatican strategy—planned *in case* Soviet hordes overran and conquered western Europe.

Still Struggling Upward

All this history, in retrospect, about the struggle to publish *The PLAIN TRUTH* will remind the reader, once again, that it has been a long, hard, and persevering upward struggle to bring God's Work to its present position of world-wide activity, power, and influence.

But back, for a moment, to this April, 1951, *GOOD NEWS*. In it appeared the very first article by Herman L. Hoeh we had ever published—and even this was not—*yet*—in *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Its caption sounds, to me today, rather tame compared to many he has written since. It was: "ARE GOOD MANNERS GOOD?" It had to do with the right or wrong of etiquette.

The radio log shows that, at that time, *The WORLD TOMORROW* was being broadcast on only seven stations: XEG, seven nights a week; a local Pasadena station, KALI, at 7:30 seven mornings a week; and all others were Sunday only—stations WAIT, Chicago; XERB, Lower California; KXL, Portland, Oregon; KVI, Seattle; and XENT, Mexico, just below the Texas border.

In the second issue of this reborn *GOOD NEWS* appeared the very first article we ever published under the byline of Roderick C. Meredith. It was the lead article starting on the front cover: "*College Atmosphere at Ambassador.*"

In the November, 1951, number my picture appeared—for the first time in the 18 years of this Work. The caption at the top of the page was: "YOU asked for it—" followed by the sub-caption: "Ten thousand of you have demanded Mr. Armstrong's picture. For the first time in the 18 years of this Work, he has finally consented. Here are four pages of pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, faculty and students, and the campus of Ambassador College." There were 30 separate pictures—mostly of faculty members, students, and campus scenes.

Why Picture Finally Published

I remember how it came about that my picture appeared. For many years I had not even permitted a picture to be taken of me. If anyone came around with a camera, I ducked, dodged, or ran. But when Mrs. Armstrong and I went to Europe in 1947, it was obligatory that passport photos be taken.

We had arrived in Washington, D.C., one morning. We had to obtain passports and visas, and take the train next afternoon for New York. We hurried, first thing that morning in Washington, to a photograph studio for passport photos. We had to have these before applying for passports.

Those photographs were more than four years old by November, 1951. But they were all I had, except a few camera shots I had finally allowed to be snapped after our first college Commencement exercises on June 15th of that same year.

WHY did I refuse, prior to this time, to be "shot" by a camera—or to have my son published? No scriptural reason, certainly. It was merely my own personal feeling in the matter.

I reasoned this way: God had called me to preach His Gospel—not show off my person. It was Christ's MESSAGE I sought to focus attention on—not myself. In my pre-conversion years I had been vain, egotistical, conceited. I knew full well that God had punished me—brought me low, especially in an economic way—to crush out the ego, and to bring humility. Consequently, from the time of conversion, I did my best to keep down the SELF.

But WHAT, then, changed the attitude—induced willingness to allow pictures to be published? It was a letter I received from a radio listener. I can't quote that letter word-for-word—but it said, in effect: "What have you got to *hide*, Mr. Armstrong? Why do you refuse to let us listeners know what you look like? Are you trying to cover up something? Suppose you attend a church service, and the pastor HIDES behind the pulpit. Suppose he lets the congregation hear his voice, but he hides his face. Wouldn't you get suspicious? Wouldn't you think he was covering up something? When I go to church, I want to SEE what the preacher looks like, as well as to listen to his sermon.

A man's character shows in his face. Are you ashamed of yours? WHY WON'T YOU PUBLISH YOUR PICTURE?"

THAT DID IT!

I simply could not answer that man's argument any way except to let him—and all our readers—know what I looked like. So, in this November, 1951 *GOOD NEWS*, I came "out of hiding," so to speak!

AT LAST! Publishing Monthly

The results of the college were beginning to show. Without it the Work never could have expanded much beyond its status in the forties.

In 1952, for the first time in our history, we were able to publish a 16-page magazine every month—twelve full issues! The rapid development of students—and, now, our first graduates—made this possible. Ten of these issues were of *The GOOD NEWS*. But the June and August numbers were *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

I mentioned, a while back, that Herman Hoeh had turned in to me a number of articles, before any were published. Shortly before we began the *GOOD NEWS*, in April, 1951, I began to realize that Mr. Hoeh showed considerable promise as a writer and editor. Even though I never published them, he persisted in writing articles. But they simply were not written in what I called *PLAIN TRUTH style*.

So one day—it must have been February or March, in 1951, I stopped him beside my car, parked between the Library and the Administration buildings. Possibly he was handing me another manuscript just as I was about to leave in my car.

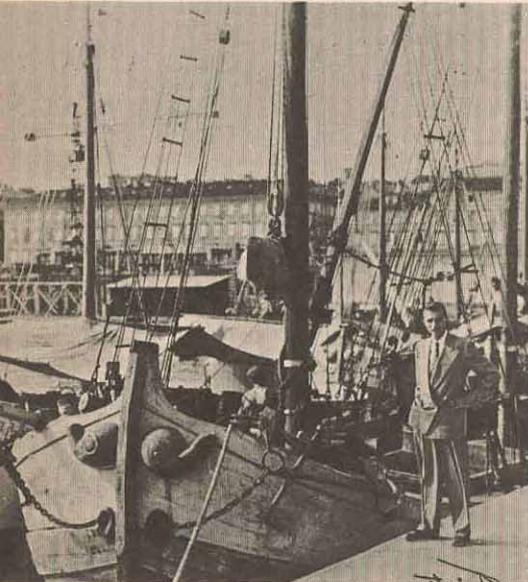
"Herman," I said, "I have only a few moments' time—but let's see if I can explain to you the *PLAIN TRUTH style* of writing."

In my briefcase I had a copy of the January-February, 1949, issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I turned to the article: "*Who is the 'BEAST'?*" beginning on page 3. That article now is available in booklet form. With it I explained the writing style—lucid, plain and simple, fast-moving, somewhat dynamic, authoritative, smooth-flowing.

I probably did not devote more than five or ten minutes to the explanation.

But that alert and scholarly mind of Herman Hoeh's grasped immediately the style. He began to examine a number of my articles from a new angle. He captured the method. He began to write in *The PLAIN TRUTH* style!

Roderick Meredith also began to study this style in writing. He had done considerable writing before, on school papers in Missouri. My elder son Dick (Richard David) adapted himself to the style naturally. Later, beginning the school year of 1952-53 my younger son,



Mr. Dick Armstrong at the Port of Trieste, in 1952, just before entering Communist Yugoslavia.

Garner Ted, entering college as a Freshman after four years in the Navy, demonstrated a natural flair of his own in writing. Mr. Hoeh helped him in matters of organization of material. Soon he was contributing regularly.

The very first time that any articles, written by others than myself, appeared in *The PLAIN TRUTH* was the issue of August, 1952. Reporting from London, articles were published under the by-lines of Richard D. Armstrong and Herman L. Hoeh.

In a sense, that was the very BEGINNING of the larger, regularly published *PLAIN TRUTH* of today.

The following month *The GOOD NEWS* was published. The lead article, starting on the front cover, was by Richard D. Armstrong, written from Paris. This number contained also an article, written from Frankfurt, Germany, by Herman L. Hoeh.

This was the first tour abroad taken by Ambassador graduates. It was the high-spot of Dick Armstrong's life, up to that time.

Speaking Like a Native

For years, seeing Paris had been the great dream of my son Dick's life. He had taken his preliminary work in the French language while in High School at Eugene, Oregon.

One policy I had been determined to set for Ambassador College had to do with teaching foreign languages. I wanted them taught so thoroughly that a student would learn to speak the language he pursued precisely as that language is spoken natively in its own country—without any accent whatever.

French has always been taught here by men who grew up in France or French-speaking Switzerland. Dick took to French as a duck takes to water.

Actually we have learned that some students have the "knack" of adapting themselves to a foreign language. Others have no such aptitude, and probably could never learn to speak such a language natively—unless they had started learning at about age six.

But both my sons, it seems, had the "knack." Dick took to French—Garner Ted to Spanish. Under old Professor Mauler-Hiennecey, Dick became very proficient, after his four college years. It was the fulfillment of his life's dream when, near graduation time, 1952, he learned he was really going to be sent to Paris after graduation.

Dick still had enough "boy" in him to want to see if he could pass himself in France as a native Frenchman. In Paris he bought a beret, dressed like a Frenchman, and sallied forth to see if

he would be accepted as a native.

He was! It was a great thrill to him.

Later, in 1954, Mrs. Armstrong and I were being driven by Dick in his British Hillman-Minx car from Paris to Luxembourg to visit our radio station there. It was a hot afternoon. Mrs. Armstrong and I were thirsty, decided to stop at the next town for a Coca-Cola. Dick drove us up to a soft-drink parlor. He needed to fill the fuel tank with petrol, so he let us out saying he would join after gassing up.

In the soft-drink parlor we had a terrible time making the proprietor understand what we wanted. Coca-Cola may be "everywhere," as their commercials and advertisements say, but this Frenchman simply could not understand our way of saying it. Finally I pointed to a Coca-Cola sign I found on a wall. He nodded assent and served us.

In five or ten minutes Dick drove up, parked outside, and strolled in. He began talking to the proprietor.

"I don't understand!" said the proprietor, in French. "You are a Frenchman; these people seem to be your parents—but they are Americans; and your car is English with a British tag on it. It's all confusing!" he exclaimed with a French shrug.

He was SURE that Dick was a Frenchman! Then how could Americans be his parents? All this gave Dick very great satisfaction. And me, too—for here I had EVIDENCE that Ambassador College taught French so students could speak it natively, without accent!

On his two tours of South America, Garner Ted has enjoyed the same experience in the Spanish language.

Next month, we will continue in the development of Ambassador College.



Mr. Dick Armstrong, waving his Homberg hat, returns home at Los Angeles International Airport, 1952, after trip that took him behind Iron Curtain in Berlin and into most of western Europe.

RESPECT

Government Authority

How should you treat officials with whom you disagree? What are your obligations, as a Christian, to the government under which you live?

by Herman L. Hoeh

WHAT is your duty toward the government under which you live?

Should you resist Supreme Court injunctions?

What about "peaceful demonstrations" and "sit-ins"?

Do you owe respect to officials with whom you may disagree? Should you pay taxes to political office-holders even when they abuse their high offices? Are officials responsible "to the people," or to God?

Which?

What Does Scripture Say?

This generation has grown up in an atmosphere of utter disrespect toward authority. You see it everywhere—both in the home and in public life.

It's high time to realize there is a JUDGMENT coming. It does make a difference how *you* act toward those in authority.

Your Bible explains the relationship of Christians to human governments. But how many of you know what it says?

Notice Romans 13:1-7:

"Let EVERY *soul* be subject unto the higher powers. For there is *no* power but of God: the powers that be ARE ORDAINED OF GOD. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: AND THEY THAT RESIST SHALL RECEIVE TO THEMSELVES DAMNATION!"

This is not just Paul speaking. It is Jesus' directive to Christians for all time, for every generation.

Notice it! "They that resist"—those who refuse to submit to authority—"shall receive to themselves damnation."

That's not just the penalty for assas-

sination or for murdering a policeman who is protecting the peace. That's the penalty for *any* who *resist* constituted authority. That's the awful judgment God renders on those who incite civil strife, or who create incidents by so-called "peaceful demonstrations" or "sit-ins" or bombings of churches and schools.

Continuing:

"For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: for he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. *Wherefore ye must needs be subject*, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For this cause PAY YE TRIBUTE ALSO: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. RENDER THEREFORE TO ALL THEIR DUES: TRIBUTE TO WHOM TRIBUTE IS DUE; CUSTOM TO WHOM CUSTOM; FEAR TO WHOM FEAR; HONOR TO WHOM HONOR."

Instead of preaching this truth from the Bible, most ministers preach their own words about "getting out the vote," or "supporting a Christian candidate." "It is your duty," they say.

This is not what Jesus or the apostles taught. The *real* Christian duty is NOT to mix with political affairs of this world, but to be subject to authorities—to show *respect* for those in public office. You are to be *separate from* the world, although living decently and respectfully in it (John 17:15, 16). The time to

change this world is at the coming of Christ. And it will take Christ to do it.

Does Government Authority Come from the People?

Government authority and power are ORDAINED OF GOD. They are not derived "from the consent of the governed"—the people. Your Bible says so!

"There is NO authority but of God." "The authorities that exist are ordained of God."

Human beings seem to reason that because men may be elected or appointed or may seize power, that their only authority proceeds from the people that supported them. And the people like to have it so because it puts the people *in the place of God!*

This is an age when men don't want to acknowledge the God who rules in earthly affairs. The clergy is failing to preach the truth. Almost everyone is as ignorant of this power as was Pontius Pilate. Jesus had to tell Pilate that the authority vested in him came from the Almighty.

Notice that Pilate reasoned just like people today: "Then saith Pilate unto him, Speaketh thou not unto me? knowest thou not that *I have power* to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?" Jesus answered, "Thou couldest have no power at all against me, EXCEPT IT WERE GIVEN THEE FROM ABOVE" (John 19:10-11).

Since all authority is ordained of, or allowed by, God, we are to be *subject* to human governments. In respecting that authority, we are showing respect to God. Anyone WHO RESISTS THE AUTHORITY OF HUMAN GOVERNMENTS IS ACTUALLY REBELLING AGAINST GOD

WHO ORDAINS THAT AUTHORITY. This applies not only to *civil* authorities, but equally as well to any person in a position of authority, whether a school teacher or a foreman in a factory.

Thinking Up an Excuse

It is only human nature for people to think of an excuse to rebel against God. It doesn't matter how evil men in office may be. It is *God* who will judge them!

God ordained rulers to punish evil works and protect the obedient. Even though officials may be elected or appointed by the people, *they are accountable only to God who permits them to exercise authority*. Persons in responsible positions may fail to properly fulfill the responsibilities of their offices—to punish wrong deeds and preserve order. They may even in some cases corrupt the government. But as long as God permits them to be in authority and to remain in office, you are commanded to REMAIN in subjection to the divinely ordained authority which they hold.

You pay respect to God when you respect men who hold office by God's permission and authority. Since it is God who sets men in office, it is *His* responsibility to remove them. One who does violence to public office—or one who approves such an act—is trying to steal God's authority as supreme ruler.

It is so hard for human beings to conceive this principle because nearly everyone has been deceived from childhood into believing God has nothing whatsoever to do with the civil governments of this world. Perhaps you were never told that *the right to exercise authority over human beings is solely the prerogative of the divine Creator*. Human beings do not inherently have the right or the ability to rule properly over fellow human beings. But God is a God of order, not confusion. Since men won't submit to His own government and laws, He has given permission *in this age*, before the return of Jesus Christ, that men may exercise authority in all phases of life.

Example of Saul and David

Human beings in authority sometimes serve themselves and the devil, but the OFFICE is *ordained of God!* You honor the person *because of the office* which

he holds, even when his deeds may be evil.

Consider the case of Saul and David. King Saul obtained his position from God, as do all rulers. Saul was disobedient to the Eternal and David knew it. Did David therefore rebel and seek to organize the people to remove him from office?

No, he did not—not even after God had chosen and anointed him to replace Saul as king. Instead, David said this: "The Lord shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle and perish. The Eternal forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the Eternal's anointed" (I Sam. 26:9-11).

Notice that David recognized the fact that it is *God's right* to put persons out of office. It could not be the people's right since the people have never been given the right in God's sight to put such men *into* office in the first place. David respected and honored and submitted to the office which Saul exercised. He left it in *God's* hands to remove him from office *at the appointed time!* Christians must do the same.

Nebuchadnezzar had to learn this truth, and it took him seven grueling years. He finally admitted after gaining his sanity that "the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will, and setteth up over it the BASEST OF MEN" (Daniel 4:17; 2:21).

Even if God decides to place in office the least capable and the basest men—because of the sins of the people—who are we to condemn the wise judgment of God? *And strange as it may be, sometimes the people, in their attempt to make themselves wiser than God, elect the least capable man, which is ACCORDING TO THE PLANNED FOREKNOWLEDGE OF THE ETERNAL GOD.*

God never approves corruption or abuses by office-holders. But it is God, not you, who will judge them. Your obligation is to respect *the authority of the office*.

Is Submission Always Obedience?

There are certain powerful churches, particularly in Europe, but also in America, which teach that human government is not only of divine origin, but that

respect for authority and submission to officialdom means TOTAL OBEDIENCE TO LEADERS and even dictators.

This teaching is absolutely *false!*

Jesus' words in Matthew 23:2-4 are quoted to support this terrible error. In speaking to the multitude and the disciples, Jesus said: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: *all therefore whatsoever* they bid you observe, that observe and do . . ." It is at this point that these denominations stop quoting the words of Jesus to give the impression that you must obey everything that a person in authority commands.

But what did Jesus continue to say? "But do NOT ye after their works: for they say, and do not."

There it is. Those Jewish religious leaders taught part of the truth, but they themselves were not obeying the truth. Therefore Jesus had to instruct the people that the *religious authority* of the scribes and Pharisees must be respected. They were to observe whatever truth was preached, but they were *not to follow the error*.

In Acts 4:19 you are given the true Bible definition of "submission." The disciples had just been commanded to *disobey* God. What did they say to the authorities? That *obedience* to God is more important than obedience to men. Notice, however, that the apostles did not resist them. They *submitted* to the *penalty* imposed by their accusers (Acts 5:40).

Thus you have the true relationship that should exist between every Christian and the human government under which he lives. You are to honor and respect authority and *submit to every ordinance of man*. ONLY when obedience to human rules and regulations would violate the laws of God should you steadfastly decline to obey. But even then *you must respectfully submit to the penalty*. So said the apostle Peter.

What Peter Commanded

The apostle Peter recognized the importance of Christians' relationships to human government. He had the courage to preach the truth. Here is what he said: "*Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake*: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent

by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. FOR SO IS THE WILL OF GOD . . . Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king" (I Pet. 2:13-17).

Take careful note of his wording. "Submit yourselves to every ordinance." Peter did *not* say, "Obey every ordinance." Of course not, He knew that many human regulations are wrong. God expects all Christians to obey human regulation whenever and wherever possible, and always submit to the penalty in case obedience to human law would be sin. We should never rebel or use violence even if we know human governments are making wrong decisions.

Christians are to be examples of submission to government regulations, no matter how childish or absurd some stipulations may be. "Be subject to principalities and powers . . . to be ready to every good work, to speak evil of NO man" (Titus 3:1, 2).

Is It Wrong Even to Speak Evil of Officials?

It is a common practice for people to resist government regulations and to accuse office-holders, whether the President or the corner policeman. This supposed "right" of the people is abominably misused. There is a righteous limit to the "freedom" of speech.

The Bible sets that limit by commanding you to refrain from speaking evil of dignitaries. Solomon said you are not to curse officials even in your thoughts (Ecc. 10:20).

It is reproachful to Christ as well as a dishonor to His authority for Christians to hurl or to repeat *needless accusations* against rulers. This, of course, does not mean that you can't say anything about a man's mistakes. Rather it means that no gossip or misrepresentation of facts which damage a person's character or prestige is to be repeated.

Christians should not fight the government in its own courts as certain deceived religious sects sometimes do. Rather submit, and patiently pray for God to change the circumstances according to His will.

Most Christians ought to pray more earnestly that their minds and hearts would be free from slanderous thoughts, NO MATTER HOW MUCH THE PERSON

SEEMS TO DESERVE THEM. The righteous Michael the archangel even refused to accuse Satan. He calmly said, "The Lord rebuke thee." Only the *ungodly* dig up evil to throw needlessly at their enemies (Prov. 16:27).

There is also another important point which has often been overlooked. In Romans 13:4, you read that Christians are to "be afraid" of government power, if they have committed evil. Yet Jesus taught us *not* to fear man, but rather fear God (Luke 12:5). How can you reconcile these verses?

By the fact that Christians are *not* actually to be afraid of the *men* in office, but rather "of the power" which they wield by God's permission. You fear their authority because they are the servants or revengers of God to curb crime. In reality, then, you are only fearing the power of God who gave this authority to rulers.

When you do good, you "may boldly say, 'The Lord is my helper, and I will NOT fear what *man* shall do unto me'" (Hebrews 13:6).

Is the Payment of Taxes Necessary?

Now comes an often-misunderstood part of this vital message. Should you pay taxes if you are a Christian? If so, why?

Paul said that Christians MUST PAY TAXES, CUSTOM DUTIES AND TRIBUTE to those in authority. Why? "For they are God's ministers," His servants, "attending continually upon this very thing." It is their job, their work to regulate society and to punish crime. Government costs money. Officials are worthy of their hire.

Because of covetousness, especially when income tax or land tax bills appear, some seize upon the words of Jesus in Matthew 17:24-27 as an excuse for failure to pay taxes. Notice what Jesus really said: Christians, being free and heirs of the Kingdom of God, should not be required to pay tribute to a *foreign* government, "notwithstanding, lest we should offend them . . . give unto them" the tax.

Yes, Christ commands you, just as Paul did, to pay taxes. And you should not pay them grudgingly, either. It is the right of leaders to receive remuneration for their duty. But what if officials are

not performing their duty properly or are squandering tax money for private ambition? Are you still to pay taxes?

Certainly. You are not the one to judge whether he is worthy of his hire. As long as any person is in office, you are to honor that office by submitting to it. It is so easy to forget that human beings are not the judges of one another—that God is the Judge. Officials are not responsible to the people but to God. Your responsibility ceases once you have honestly paid the tax or the duty. It is the official's responsibility to see that he properly administers the money.

Although this is the day of exorbitantly high government costs and subsequent high taxation, you should never fear that God may fail to provide the amount necessary to conform to state, Federal or local laws. Jesus provided Peter with the extra tribute money beyond the normal increase (Matt. 17:24-27).

Prayer for Officials

In the days of the Roman Empire, when Jesus was training his disciples, it was the custom of the government to *compel people to carry mail* and goods belonging to the Empire. Jesus referred to this forced practice when he said, "Whosoever shall compel thee to go a
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draining our nations of their economic strength. This in fulfillment of Hosea's prophecy: "Ephraim allows himself to be mixed up with foreigners; . . . Foreigners eat away his strength, unknown to him" (Hosea 7:8-9).

This prophecy applies primarily to Britain's great power which resided in her colonies and possessions. Other nations have been eating away at these. Britain has been reduced to a second-class power.

It is being said in London, by some, that Mr. Macmillan probably was the last British Prime Minister who will ever sit in any Big-Power conferences. Britain's sun has already set. Britain is in the fading moments of her dusk period. The blackness of night is drawing rapid-

ly on. Yet most Britons seem not to be conscious of what has happened to them.

America's sun is sinking rapidly toward the horizon. We may have about eight more years to go—but does anybody realize it?

Our Last President?

Could it be that the United States already has her last President? Is it possible that no other President will ever take up residence in the White House?

I do not say it will happen. God's prophecies do not name our individual



Wide World Photo

President Lyndon B. Johnson. Is it possible that he may be the last President the United States will have?

Presidents. I merely suggest that as a startling, yet entirely *possible* situation.

As I write, it appears President Johnson will be automatically nominated at the Democratic National Convention. On paper, it could easily be figured that he could be defeated in the election. But there are, already, indications that he may prove a much stronger President than anyone anticipated. He is eligible to be a candidate in 1964 not only, but also in 1968. If elected both times he would be in office until January, 1973.

And unless the people of the United States of America, as a whole, do a complete ABOUT-FACE in many ways they like to call so proudly "THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE," repent of it, turn to the Almighty GOD of creation, and SEEK GOD'S WAY OF LIFE, the indication of prophecy is that there may not be any United States of America by January 1973!

Is that a shocking statement? You think that couldn't happen here?

What was your first thought, when

you heard President Kennedy had been assassinated? Weren't you, like most of us, torn between shock and disbelief? Didn't you think, "Why, IMPOSSIBLE! That couldn't happen here!"

Do you know the lesson of history? Do you realize nations have always risen and then fallen?

Is GOD so unreal to you? Are you able to realize that God really does exist—that He is so MIGHTY that He sustains the whole vast UNIVERSE—rules over and controls every force, energy, and power in all the endless reaches of SPACE?

Are you oblivious to the FACTS—and to the SERIOUSNESS of the facts—of America's downward plunge in crime, in morality, in health, in mental sickness, in principles, in ethics, in honesty? Are you so sound asleep, or so mixed up in mind that you can't realize THERE HAS TO BE A DAY OF RECKONING?

Why Nations Collapse

God Almighty set in motion many invisible LAWS—some physical, some spiritual. The PURPOSE of these laws is to make possible every happiness, every blessing. The PURPOSE is to make possible PEACE, well-being, prosperity, security, interesting and abundant living—and, ETERNAL LIFE as God's free gift.

And our peoples are denying ourselves these blessings by *breaking* every one of these laws, God warns, in HIS WORD to US: OBEY these laws as our WAY OF LIFE, and we shall have these great blessings.

But, He warned, BREAK THEM, and every pain, suffering, sorrow and punishment will come to us.

And WHY?

You think the penalties were promised because God, in anger and resentment wants to deliberately make us suffer? God isn't going to send the punishment Personally. The punishment is AUTOMATIC. Augustine once believed that SIN is merely the absence of GOOD. God's LAW is THE WAY to peace, happiness, joy, prosperity, eternal life. Suffering is the ABSENCE of those things.

God's LAW was invented *and* put in motion to PREVENT our bringing *on ourselves* all these evils we are suffering.

God isn't a hating Monster. God SO LOVED the world that He devised and

set in motion THE WAY to keep us out of wretchedness and suffering. God SO LOVED the world that, even after we have brought these penalties on ourselves, He GAVE His only begotten Son that, if we will REPENT, and BELIEVE ON HIM, we should not suffer eternal death, but have EVERLASTING LIFE!

God has blessed the United States and the British with more wealth and national greatness than any nations in history. But we have used it IN VIOLATION OF HIS RIGHT LAWS. Thus we are failing to protect and KEEP the unmatched national status with which He blessed us!

Oh yes, it CAN, and unless we repent, *it will* happen here!

How many of YOU who read this are going to heed? THAT IS YOUR DECISION. God sets me as His Watchman (Ezek. 3-17-21; 33:1-16) to American and British Commonwealth peoples. Through the prophecies, and knowledge of world conditions, I SEE WHAT IS COMING—and YOU ARE BEING WARNED. But the decision is yours. And neglect *is* a decision—the WRONG one!

Time after time through the years, in *The PLAIN TRUTH*, in free booklets, we have been warning *our* peoples. I happen to know that governors of states, members of Congress, multi-millionaire businessmen, have been LISTENING to the broadcast—perhaps receiving *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Many listen *secretly*.

But these men DO listen, in spite of themselves! They can't help it! The TRUTH is too intriguing. It's shocking—it's different—it fascinates—and people simply CAN'T resist listening. Yes, TWENTY-TWO MILLION of them listen every week, on every continent around the world.

Watch World Events

But mere listening won't protect! It's going to take DOING!

Have you read the free booklet, "1975 in Prophecy"? That tells, in the language of today, what's GOING to happen by, or before, 1975. It gives you a SUMMARY of ALL prophesied events FROM HERE.

1964 is going to move us along toward that prophesied destination. Better read what it is. The booklet is free for the asking!

Ambassador Mourns Death of President

*America has just experienced a time of national tragedy.
There is MUCH we all should learn from these recent events.*

by Roderick C. Meredith

SCREAMING headlines recently announced to a shocked world the brutal MURDER of the President of the United States. From the time it occurred, radio and television stations stopped all regular programs and devoted complete coverage to the most horrifying event in recent times.

People reacted at first with shock and disbelief. Then, when the official announcement came that the President was dead—most Americans felt a pang of deep sorrow tempered, in some cases, with a sense of indignation and outrage at this cruel turn of events.

Yet, as major news sources have reported, some Americans shouted and clapped—actually *rejoiced* that the President of their nation was dead!

It is to clarify this point for our readers—and for ALL who believe in the God and Father of Jesus Christ—that I have chosen to write this article.

How the News Came to Ambassador College

Many thousands of you readers believe that this magazine, published by Ambassador College, is a vital part of the true WORK of the Living God—helping preach *His* message, teaching *His* WAY of life to millions.

When reports first came of President Kennedy's assassination, here is how we reacted here at Ambassador College:

Mr. Ted Armstrong and I—with several more of God's ministers and teachers—were in a "manpower" conference, discussing the growth and future of some of the advanced students here in college, and how we can better help them. When news came of the shooting—with details a little confused—Mr. Ted Armstrong immediately adjourned the meeting and we headed for the nearest television set. It happened to be in the apartment of our "House Mother" for one of the girls' dormi-

tries, Mrs. Annie M. Mann.

Hearing the news from us, Mrs. Mann promptly invited us in and turned on a T.V. newscast immediately. Not much was said, but all of us were shocked and hurt that such a thing had occurred to the young, vibrant President of our nation.

Then the details began to come with sickening speed.

Mr. Kennedy was not just injured. It looked fatal. Then came the "unconfirmed" reports that he had died. The Catholic priests had been called to administer to him the last rites of their church. Then the news came that one of the priests confirmed that John F. Kennedy was, indeed, dead. Finally, the "official" announcement came—the thirty-fifth President of the United States had died at the hands of a vicious assassin.

Reaction on the Ambassador College Campus

As it became clear that Mr. Kennedy was certainly dead or dying, Garner Ted Armstrong slumped forward in his seat and tears came to his eyes. He commented to some of us about the seriousness of the times in which we live and then, in a more personal way, about the deep grief it would bring to the President's family and the two little children.

Thousands of you undoubtedly heard the broadcast made "live" within half an hour after the official announcement of President Kennedy's death. Many have already commented on it. Mr. Ted Armstrong was so choked up with sorrow and emotion that it was a very difficult broadcast to make. But, with deep personal *feeling*, it expressed the shock and *sorrow*—and the deep sense of *shame*—which every American should feel at such a time.

Meanwhile, unknown to those of us

who were in the "manpower" conference with Garner Ted Armstrong, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong was given the news right in the midst of conducting his Principles of Living class. At first, of course, he was told only of the shooting—not of the President's death until later.

Right then and there Mr. Armstrong interrupted the class and asked them all to rise. He reminded them that we are *commanded by God* to pray for our rulers and all that be in authority (I Tim. 2:1-2). Then he asked everyone to bow his head, and led the class in PRAYING—as God has instructed—for the President of the United States.

It was a moving experience—something that our Ambassador freshmen will never forget.

Flags at Half-Mast— And Tears of Sorrow

Once the official announcement of Mr. Kennedy's death was made, some of our men quickly lowered the American flag here on campus to half-mast. I was glad to see them do this out of respect to President Kennedy—even before any official announcement regarding this procedure was broadcast to the nation.

Most of our students and employees here were obviously shocked and hurt—and tears were in many an eye.

As my family and I ate dinner that evening and heard continuing news of the events surrounding the assassination, our six-year-old daughter shed tears and commented on how sorry she was that President Kennedy died.

For, you see, even though we are of a different background and religious belief, we have taught our three children to LOVE and RESPECT all men who direct the nation in which we live. And there is a particular identification between our children and the Kennedy children which our daughter had heard

us discuss before. For our daughter is the *same age* as Caroline Kennedy, and our youngest son is almost exactly the age of John Kennedy, Jr.—their birth dates being only three days apart.

As the children said their prayers that night before getting into bed, our daughter, Elizabeth, asked God to comfort the slain President's family. So did thousands of the rest of us over the nation, I hope.

What Is The "Right" Attitude?

The major news media have reported that, in several instances at least, some people actually **CHEERED** when they heard that the President of the United States was shot!

It is true that **MANY** people *disagreed violently* with President Kennedy over *many things*. Some people, perhaps, considered him as some sort of *enemy*—an extreme liberal, or a Catholic, or a bigoted Yankee.

But whatever your political, religious, geographical or racial background, *never forget that Mr. Kennedy was PRESIDENT of the United States!* He held a very high **OFFICE**—and *that office is allowed of God.*

In His inspired Word, God commands: "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God" (Rom. 13:1).

Apart from this subjection and deep **RESPECT** we should have for high office, what would a truly godly man's *personal feelings* be at such a time as the recent assassination? We need not **GUESS** or "suppose" in regard to this matter, but simply look into the *inspired examples* in God's Word.

Recall that God described King David as "*A man after mine own heart*" (Acts 13:22). Among other qualities, David expressed the type of wholehearted *worship* and *adoration* toward God, and the *love* and *compassion* toward his fellow man which made him Godlike in his character.

So even though his predecessor, King Saul, had *misused* some of his powers, had *persecuted* David and had made *other mistakes* on several occasions—David deeply **MOURNED** and **SORROWED** at his death.

When David was told the news of



Reading the latest news reports on the assassination of the President.

Saul's death, "Then David took hold on his clothes, and rent them; and likewise all the men that were with him: and they **MOURNED**, and **WEPT**, and **FASTED** until even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son . . ." (II Sam. 1:11-12). David lamented and cried out saying: "The beauty of Israel is slain upon thy high places: how are the mighty fallen!" (Verse 19.)

Here, then, is an *example* of David, a man who was after God's own heart—who exemplified in many ways *His* attitude—and who really **MOURNED** and **WEPT** with *deep feeling* when the leader of his nation was slain. David certainly disagreed with many of the things that Saul had been doing, and with many of his policies, but he *loved*

him as a fellow human being, *respected* his strength and abilities, and **SORROWED** at his death!

David GRIEVES at Abner's Death

Another example of this same God-like characteristic of David is brought to life in the description of Abner's death. Abner was the Captain of the Host, or Commander in Chief of the armies of Israel, as opposed to the armies of *Judah* which were commanded by Joab under King David.

In a previous battle, Abner had been forced to slay Asahel, brother of Joab, or perhaps lose his own life. Joab let **HATE** build up in his heart and never forgave Abner for this action even when Abner had come to finally *make peace*

between the two separate houses of Israel and Judah.

And in what was supposed to be a peace conference, Abner was taken aside quietly by Joab and stealthily *murdered* in cold blood—just as President Kennedy's apparent *welcome* to Dallas was turned into a cruel *murder* by one demented maniac.

David soon heard of it. He *knew* that Abner was the leader of the house of Israel—and had actually fought with the Jews in many battles. Abner, you might say, was certainly of a different "political party" than was David. Yet David deeply *RESPECTED* Abner's sincerity, ability and his *humility* in being willing to come as an emissary to make peace between the two warring factions of the whole house of Israel.

"And David said to Joab, and to all the people that were with him, rend your clothes, and gird you with *sackcloth*, and MOURN for Abner. And King David himself followed the bier. And they buried Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice and WEPT at the grave of Abner; and all the people WEPT" (II Sam. 3:31-32).

"And the king said unto his servants, know ye not that there is a *prince* and a GREAT MAN fallen this day in Israel?" (Verse 38.)

David's example certainly ought to teach us that even though we may at times disagree with a great leader's *methods* and *actions* we should still *RESPECT* his abilities, learn to *LOVE* him as a person and potential son of God, and sincerely *SORROW* at his death.

What About the Assassin?

One very *SHOCKING* incident that came to light in this whole affair was the reaction of people to the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald, the suspected assassin of President Kennedy. This man Oswald was officially charged with the shooting of the President.

What should your attitude be toward a probable *MURDERER* such as this? Should you, as a private citizen, want to see him suddenly *shot* or *lynched*? Should you build up in your own mind a brooding, seething *HATRED* toward this apparently demented fellow?

A few hours after the accused assassin, Lee Oswald, had himself been shot by

Jack Ruby, a night club owner, I heard a most revealing series of interviews being conducted on a local radio station. Here is how they went:

One man was asked how he felt about Ruby shooting Oswald. He replied: "It's good enough for him. He got just what was coming to him. I am glad."

A woman was asked about this shooting and replied: "He got what he deserved, but now we'll never know for sure who did kill President Kennedy, will we?"

Another man was asked about it and said: "This will bring bad publicity on the country, but I am still glad Oswald got what was coming to him so quickly."

And on and on it went, with the radio interviewer getting the "opinions," the "ideas" and the "feelings" of all sorts of people who comprise an American big city.

The part that *ought to be shocking* is that *NOT ONE* of these people seemed to realize or care that an additional, premeditated, lawless *MURDER* had just taken place in what is purported to be a law-abiding society! For Oswald was not yet tried and found guilty by the powers that be. He was deliberately *MURDERED* by another private citizen who decided to take justice into his own hands!

In the final analysis, the most truly *terrible* thing about the assassination of President Kennedy and the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald is that this so vividly illustrates how Americans as a people are flagrantly *BREAKING* the spiritual laws of Almighty God!

The God of creation—the God who gives us every breath of air we breathe—*THUNDERS* at our self-willed and rebellious people: "THOU SHALT NOT KILL"—"DO NO MURDER" (Exod. 20:13).

The assassination of President Kennedy was in itself a national tragedy. But that tragedy was absolutely *compounded* by the additional murder of Lee Harvey Oswald and the *SPIRIT OF MURDER* which was shared and participated in by *MILLIONS* of other Americans who rejoiced that "Oswald got what was coming to him" even if it took a premeditated *MURDER* to bring it about!

In my article last month entitled,

"TEN Reasons Why Christ *MUST RETURN*," I stated that our rapidly increasing crime rate and coming national *COLLAPSE* was one of these reasons. In the light of what has just happened, one of the outstanding quotations I cited in that article now seems almost prophetic.

Let me give it to you again so you can *THINK* about it and *PRAY* about it. Los Angeles Police Chief Parker recently warned: "*Unless the nation's citizens begin now to exhibit a greater respect for law and order, America's vaunted civilization faces almost certain decay and EXTINCTION.*"

Think of what this means! The President *assassinated*, and his killer, in turn, *MURDERED* by a man with equal lack of respect for law and order. Where will this kind of lawlessness end unless we *REPENT* as a nation and begin to *obey* GOD—the real *source* of all law and constituted authority?

The Lessons We Should All Learn

From the events of recent weeks, we should all learn to have *love* and *compassion* for *EVERY* man and woman made in the image of God. Even if we *disagree* with a man, *any man*, we should still *respect* his inherent right to differ with us as a free moral agent before God. Jesus said, "*Love your enemies.*" That does not mean you have to agree with your enemies, but it does mean you have got to *quit hating* them.

In a special sense, we are commanded by God to have deep *RESPECT* for all those in office and authority. This includes the President of the United States, members of Congress, *all* federal officials, state officials and even local officials and the common policeman who is actually there to *serve us* and *MUST BE RESPECTED!*

And when a young, vibrant President of the United States is tragically *CUT OFF* in the middle of life by a brutal madman, we should all have a special sense of *SORROW* and *SHAME* that this had to happen in our land. For John F. Kennedy was a dynamic and, to many, a fascinating personality, intelligent, highly cultured, one who did much to maintain and uphold the *dig-nity* of his high office.

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RADIO LOG

"The WORLD TOMORROW"

MAJOR STATIONS— Heard over wide areas

East

- WHN—New York—1050 on dial, 9:00 a.m. Sun.
- WWVA—Wheeling, W. Va.—1170 on dial, 98.7 FM, 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 p.m. Sun., 5 a.m. & 8 p.m. Mon. thru Fri. (E.S.T.)
- WNAC—Boston—680 on dial, 98.5 FM (WRKO-FM), 8:30 p.m. Sun.
- WIBG—Philadelphia—990 on dial, 94.1 FM, 12:30 p.m. Sun.
- WPTF—Raleigh, N.C.—680 on dial, 94.7 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 8:05 p.m. Sat.
- WBT—Charlotte, N.C.—1110 on dial, 9:30 p.m. Sun.

Central States

- WLAC—Nashville—1510 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 7 p.m. daily and 5 a.m. Mon. thru Sat. (C.S.T.)
- WSM—Nashville—650 on dial, 9 p.m. Sun., 12 a.m. Mon., thru Fri., 1 a.m. Sun. (C.S.T.)
- WCKY—Cincinnati—1530 on dial, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat. (E.S.T.)
- CKLW—Detroit-Windsor—800 on dial, 93.9 FM, 7 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri., 6:15 a.m. Sat.; 11:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- *CKY—Winnipeg, Manitoba—580 on dial, 104.3 FM, 10 p.m. Sun., 6:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- WJJD—Chicago—1160 on dial, 11:00 a.m. Sun.
- KCMO—Kansas City—810 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun., 8:15 p.m. and 5 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- KXEL—Waterloo, Ia.—1540 on dial, 8 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- KXEN—St. Louis—1010 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon. thru Sat.

South

- KRLD—Dallas—1080 on dial, 92.5 FM, 8:15 p.m. daily.
- KTRH—Houston—740 on dial, 8:00 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- KWKH—Shreveport—1130 on dial, 94.5 FM, 10:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 11:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. Sat.
- WNOE—New Orleans—1060 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.

- KAAY—Little Rock—1090 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. daily.
- WGUN—Atlanta—1010 on dial, 4 p.m. Sun., 11 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- KRMG—Tulsa—740 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun.
- XEG—1050 on dial, 8:30 p.m. daily. (C.S.T.)

Mountain States

- CFRN—Edmonton, Alta.—1260 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.
- KOA—Denver—850 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
- XELO—800 on dial, 8 p.m. (M.S.T.) 9 p.m. (C.S.T.) daily.

West Coast

- KIRO—Seattle—710 on dial, 100.7 FM, 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat., 5:30 a.m. Tues. thru Sat. 10 p.m. Sun.
- KGBS—Los Angeles—1020 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun.
- KRAK—Sacramento—1140 on dial, 8 p.m. daily.
- XERB—Lower Calif.—1090 on dial, 7 p.m. daily, 9:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri.

LEADING LOCAL-AREA STATIONS

East

- WJRZ—Newark, N.J.—970 on dial, 11:00 p.m. Sun., 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- WBMD—Baltimore—750 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.
- WPIT—Pittsburgh—730 on dial, 101.5 FM, 11:30 a.m. Sun., 3:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- WHP—Harrisburg, Pa.—580 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.
- WCHS—Charleston, W. Va.—580 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.
- CKFH—Toronto—1430 on dial, 9:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 10:15 p.m. Sat. and Sun.
- *CKLB—Oshawa, Ontario—1350 on dial, 9:05 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 10:30 p.m. Sat. and Sun.
- *CKCR—Kitchener, Ontario—1490 on dial, 8:00 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- WMIE—Miami, Fla.—1140 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon. thru Sat.
- WPOR—Portland, Maine—1490 on dial, 9:00 a.m. Sun.
- WCOU—Lewiston, Maine—1240 on dial, 9:30 p.m. Sun.
- WAAB—Worcester, Mass.—1440 on dial, 107.3 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
- WMAS—Springfield, Mass.—1450 on dial, 94.7 FM, 9:30 p.m. Sun.
- WEIM—Fitchburg, Mass.—1280 on dial, 8:30 p.m. Sun.
- WNLC—New London, Conn.—1490 on dial, 8:30 p.m. Sun.

Central

- WSPD—Toledo, Ohio—1370 on dial, 101.5 FM, 9:05 p.m. daily.
- WJBK—Detroit—1500 on dial, 93.1 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
- WADC—Akron, Ohio—1350 on dial, 9:30 p.m. daily.
- WJW—Cleveland, Ohio—850 on dial, 104.1 FM, 10 a.m. Sun.
- *WOW—Omaha, Nebr.—590 on dial, 8:30 p.m. Sun.
- *KRVN—Lexington, Nebr.—1010 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 3:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- WNAX—Yankton, S. Dak.—570 on dial, 8:30 p.m. daily.
- *WEAW—Chicago—1330 on dial, 105.1 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun. (also 8:00 p.m. Sun., FM), 8:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat. AM and 7:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat. FM.
- WAAP—Peoria—1350 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.
- WIBC—Indianapolis—1070 on dial, 10:30 p.m. Sun.
- KWTO—Springfield, Mo.—560 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily.
- KFDI—Wichita, Kans.—1070 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.
- KFH—Wichita, Kans.—1330 on dial, 100.3 FM, 9:30 a.m., Sun., 6:30 p.m. daily.
- WMT—Cedar Rapids—600 on dial, 11:30 a.m. Sun.
- *KEVE—Minneapolis—1440 on dial, KADM 92.5 FM, 10:00 a.m. Sun., 7:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- WEBC—Duluth, Minn.—560 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri., 11:00 a.m. Sat.
- WMIL—Milwaukee, Wis.—1290 on dial, 95.7 FM, 8:00 a.m. Sun. (AM only), 7:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- KFYR—Bismarck, N. Dak.—550 on dial, 7 p.m. daily except Fri. at 6:45 p.m.
- CFQC—Saskatoon, Sask.—600 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.

South

- KCTA—Corpus Christi, Tex.—1030 on dial, 2 p.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 4:30 p.m. Sat.
- KCUL—Ft. Worth—1540 on dial, 1 p.m. Sun., 8:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- KMAC—San Antonio—630 on dial 9:00 a.m. Sun., 7:15 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- KFMJ—Tulsa—1050 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.
- KBYE—Okla. City—890 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- KWAM—Memphis—990 on dial, 10 a.m. Sun., 11:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- WDEF—Chattanooga, Tenn.—1370 on dial, 8:05 p.m. daily.
- *WAKE—Atlanta—1340 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun.
- WBRC—Birmingham, Ala.—960 on dial, 106.9 FM, 7:30 p.m. daily.

*Asterisk indicates new station or time change.

*WYDE—Birmingham, Ala.—850 on dial, 12 noon Sun.

WKYB—Paducah, Ky.—570 on dial, 93.3 FM, 12 noon daily.

Mountain States

KPHO—Phoenix—910 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.

KFIF—Tucson—1550 on dial, 5:00 p.m. daily.

KLZ—Denver—560 on dial, 106.7 FM, 10:45 p.m. Sun., 8:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 10:30 a.m. Sat.

KCPX—Salt Lake City—1320 on dial, 98.7 FM, 7 p.m. daily.

KIDO—Boise, Idaho—630 on dial 7 p.m. daily.

West Coast

CJOR—Vancouver, B.C.—600 on dial, 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

*CKLG—Vancouver, B.C.—730 on dial, 7:00 a.m. Sun., 6:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KHQ—Spokane—590 on dial, 8 p.m. daily.

KVI—Seattle—570 on dial, 8 a.m. Sun.

KNBX—Seattle—1050 on dial, 12 noon daily.

KWJJ—Portland—1080 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KEX—Portland—1190 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun.

KUGN—Eugene—590 on dial, 7 p.m. daily.

KUMA—Pendleton, Oregon—1290 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily except 7:30 p.m. Monday.

KAGO—Klamath Falls, Oregon—1150 on dial, 8:00 p.m. daily.

KSAY—San Francisco—1010 on dial, 7:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KFRC—San Francisco—610 on dial, 106.1 FM, 8:30 a.m. Sun.

KFAX—San Francisco—1100 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun., 10:45 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.; 4:15 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KGMS—Sacramento—1380 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun.

KDB—Santa Barbara, Calif.—1490 on dial, 93.7 FM, 6:30 p.m. daily.

KRKD—Los Angeles—1150 on dial, 96.3 FM, 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sun., 6:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KBLA—Burbank—1490 on dial, 7:30 a.m., daily; 12:30 p.m., Sat. and Sun., 12 noon Mon. thru Fri.

KACE—San Bernardino-Riverside—1570 on dial, 92.7 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 7:05 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KNEZ—Lompoc, Calif.—960 on dial, 9:00 a.m. Sun.

In Spanish—

KALI—Los Angeles, Calif.—1430 on dial, 4:45 p.m. Sun.

Alaska & Hawaii

KFQD—Anchorage, Alaska—730 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.

KULA—Honolulu, Hawaii—690 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.

Canada (in French)

CKJL—St. Jerome, Quebec—900 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun.

TO EUROPE

In English—

RADIO LUXEMBOURG — 208 metres (1439 kc.) medium wave and 49 metres (6090 kc.) short wave—7:00 p.m. Mon. and Tues., G.M.T.

In French—

RADIO LUXEMBOURG—1293 metres—5:40 a.m., Mon.

EUROPE NO. ONE—Felsberg en Sarre, Germany — 182 kc. (1647 m.)—6:00 a.m. Sun., 5:45 a.m. Wed.

In German—

RADIO LUXEMBOURG—49 metres (6090 kc.) shortwave and 208 metres (1439 kc.) medium wave—Sun., 6:05 a.m.; Wed., 7:00 a.m., M.E.T.

TO AFRICA

RADIO LOURENCO MARQUES, MOZAMBIQUE — 3301 kc., 92 metres and 4925 kc., 60 metres — 10:00 p.m. Mon., Wed., and Sat., 10:30 p.m. Tues., Thur., and Fri.

RADIO UFAC, ELIZABETHVILLE —OQ2AD—4980 kc. (60 m.) —6:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

WNBS—Lagos—602 kc.—8:30 p.m. daily.

WNBS—Ibadan—656 kc., 3380 kc., 6185 kc. and 9500 kc.—8:30 p.m. daily.

TO AUSTRALIA

2KY—Sydney, NSW—1020 kc.—10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:45 p.m. Fri. and Sat.

2AY—Albury, NSW—1490 kc.—10:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

*2HD—Newcastle, NSW—1140 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.; 9:00 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 6:30 p.m. Fri.

2KA—Katoomba, NSW—780 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

3AW—Melbourne, Vic.—1280 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.

3KZ—Melbourne, Vic.—1180 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:45 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:15 p.m. Fri.

3MA—Mildura, Vic.—1470 kc.—3:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.; 10:00 p.m. Sat.

4AK—Oakey, Qld.—1220 kc.—9:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:30 p.m. Fri.

4BK—Brisbane, Qld.—1300 kc.—9:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:30 p.m. Fri.

4KQ—Brisbane, Qld.—690 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.

6KG—Kalgoorlie, WA—860 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

6PM—Perth, WA—1000 kc.—10:00 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

6AM—Northam, WA—980 kc.—10:00 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

7AD—Devonport, Tas.—900 kc.—3:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

7HT—Hobart, Tas.—1080 kc.—7:30 p.m. Sun.; 9:30 p.m. Mon., Wed., Thur. and Fri.; 10:35 p.m. Tues.

7SD—Scottsdale, Tas.—540 kc.—4:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

TO ASIA

RADIO TAIWAN (FORMOSA)

"The 3rd Network, B.C.C."—

BED23 Taichung 1380 kc.;

BED55 Taipei 960 kc.;

BED78 Tainan City 1540 kc.;

BED79 Kaohsiung 1220 kc.;

BED82 Chiayi 1460 kc.—

18:00 T.S.T., Wed and Fri.

RADIO OKINAWA—KSBK—880 kc. Sundays: 12:06 noon.

ALTO BROADCASTING SYSTEM —PHILIPPINE ISLANDS:

DZAQ, Manila—620 kc.—8:30 p.m. daily.

DZRI, Dagupan City—1040 kc.;

DZRB, Naga City—1060 kc.;

DXAW, Davao City—640 kc.—

9:00 p.m. Sunday.

DYCB, Cebu City—570 kc.—9:30 p.m. Friday.

RADIO GUAM—KUAM—610 kc., 6 p.m. daily.

TO LATIN AMERICA

In English—

RADIO AMERICA—Lima, Peru—1010 kc.—5:15 p.m. Saturdays.

HOC21, Panama City—1115 kc.;

HP5A, Panama City—11170 kc.;

HOK, Colon, Panama—640 kc.;

HP5K, Colon, Panama—6005 kc.—7:00 p.m., Sundays.

In French—

4VBM—Port au Prince, Haiti—1430 kc., 7:45 p.m. Wed.

4VCM—Port au Prince, Haiti—6165 kc., 7:45 p.m. Wed.

RADIO CARAIBES—St. Lucia, West Indies—840 kc.—6:45 p.m., Mon. and Tues.

In Spanish—

RADIO LA CRONICA—Lima, Peru—1320 kc.—7:00 p.m. Sun.

RADIO COMUNEROS — Asuncion, Paraguay—970 kc.—8:30 p.m. Thursdays.

RADIO SPORT—CXA19—Montevideo, Uruguay—11835 kc.—4:00 p.m., Sundays.

RADIO CARVE—CX16, 850 kc., and CXA13, 6156 kc.—Montevideo, Uruguay—3:30 p.m., Saturdays.

Our Offices Report—from Around the World!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Reaction to President Kennedy's assassination was immediate and universal. No clearer testimony can be given to the tremendous esteem in which the President of the United States was held by the peoples of the world. Regardless of their point of view, their opinions and policies, whether in harmony with

President Kennedy's views or in conflict, their great personal warmth and respect for the nation and its President was nevertheless genuine.

Here, from our own correspondents in our *Plain Truth* offices around the world is an on-the-scenes report of that reaction.

—Garner Ted Armstrong

From Düsseldorf, West Germany:

"NEWS of the assassination of President Kennedy hit the German people a stunning blow. Most people could hardly say a word, and those that could said very little.

"I received the news from a neighbor. As she related the happenings, she broke down and cried. While shopping a few days later, a clerk overheard my wife speaking English to me, and thinking we were Americans, immediately offered her sympathy to us, and as she spoke, she could hardly hold back the tears. She kept repeating "How sad," "How sad." The policeman who walks the beat in our neighborhood stopped to talk to me and related how he had seen strong men break down and cry at the news, and as he spoke, he too could not hold back the tears from flowing.

"It is plain to see that the German people are genuinely shaken up and grieved by this terrible tragedy. Having experienced World War II and the loss of many loved ones, they are able to feel a deep compassion for the President's family.

"Most of the people I have talked to feel that Jack Ruby has done the world a great disservice because they think that the truth will now never be known about the motive for the killing. Many people feel that there is some sinister plot behind it. I have heard a

lot of comments criticising the Dallas Police for their careless handling of their prisoner, Lee Oswald.

"As for President Johnson, most German people are not acquainted with him, and knew very little of him until this gruesome incident happened. But now they are busily reading up in order to get to know him, because they are very interested in what kind of man rules in Washington. They are hoping that he will prove to be tougher towards Communism and Russia than the late President Kennedy. Even though they did not get to know the new President very well when he visited Berlin soon after the infamous wall was built through the city in 1961, they will be paying very close attention to him and his politics when he comes to Germany again on the coming visit just announced by Bürgermeister Willy Brandt of Berlin."

—Frank Schnee, Editorial Staff,
German Edition of *The Plain Truth*

From Australia:

"THE HORRIFYING news of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy literally caused grief and mourning throughout Australia. This hard-to-believe news came as a stunning shock to all. SHOCKED, STUNNED, HORRIFIED, TRAGIC and ATROCIOUS—these were some of the words frequently used by those attempting to express their personal reactions to the cold-blooded murder of President Kennedy at 4:30 A.M. (Sydney time), Saturday, November 23.

"The news of this event was very widely covered by radio and television. Most people remained close to their radios to hear each new detail as it reached here. News flashes were immediately broadcast to the people, interrupting whatever program was in session. Local news was forgotten . . . as a matter of fact, THIS WAS LOCAL NEWS AND WAS TREATED AS SUCH! Newspapers rushed out special editions giving full coverage of the details at hand! Special television films were flown from the United States to Australia as soon as possible showing the events taking place in Dallas, Texas, the movements of Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy and the funeral conducted in Washington D.C. Other special films were shown covering personal history of the Kennedy family and Mr. Kennedy's rise in his political career.

"Messages from all over Australia flooded the United States Embassy and Consulate offices. All flags were flown at half-mast, symbolizing the mourning over this despicable act. Special mourning services were held the following day throughout Australia.

"The tragic murder of President Kennedy has deeply moved and shocked the average Australian. Many have expressed the feeling that they would have been no more saddened if one of Australia's major leaders had been the one 'gunned-down.' President Kennedy was not looked upon as being only the

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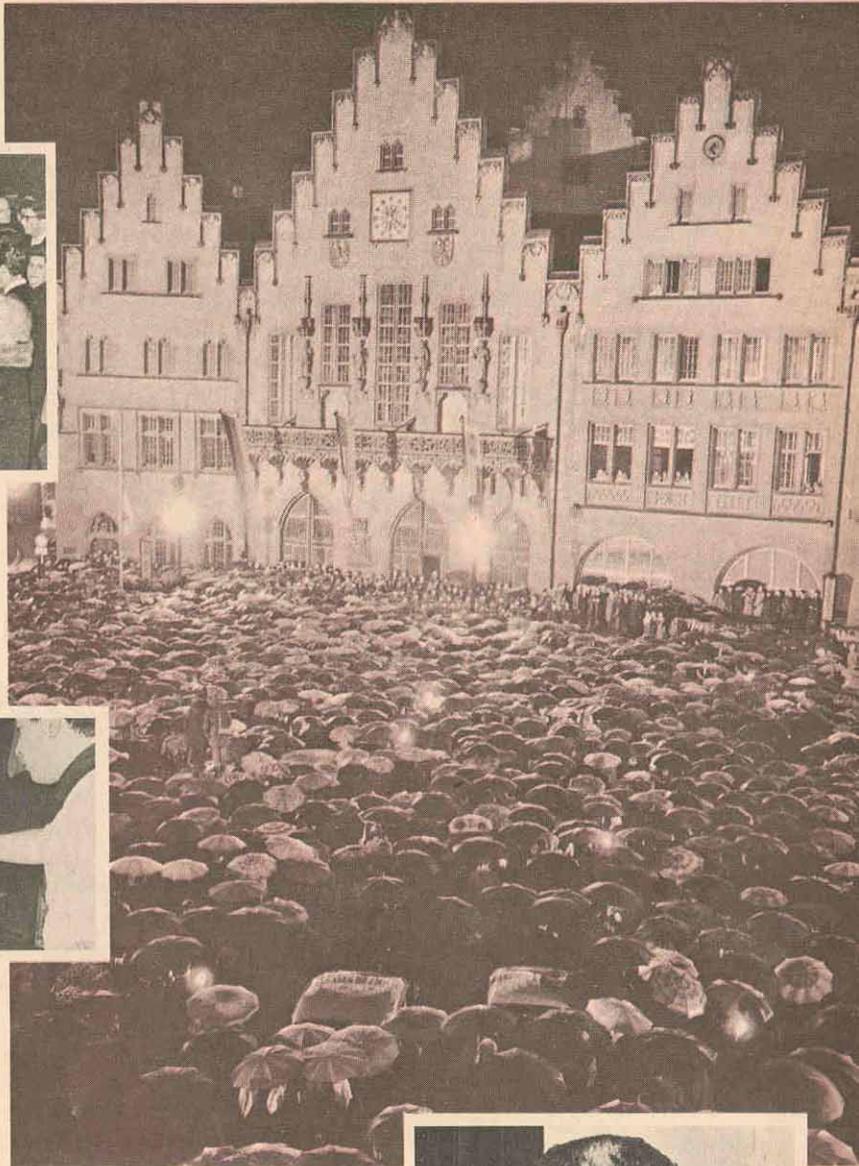
Right, thousands of the youth of Frankfurt, Germany, stand in the rain in tribute to the slain President.

DPA Photo



Wide World Photo

Portable radio, held by man in crowd, broadcasts to Londoners the news of the death of President Kennedy.



Wide World Photo

Printers, in France, look at headline copy of newspaper "Paris Jour."

Over 50,000 West Berliners march in silence in torchlight out of respect to the office of President of the United States.

DPA Photo



Wide World Photo

In Italy Premier-Designate Aldo Moro reads a statement at the Chamber of Deputies in Rome after learning of the assassination.

American leader, but as the leader of the free world—the leader of all nations opposed to the ideology of a Communistly dominated world. Further, he was looked to as the leader of the world's most mighty nation which would aid and defend Australia in times of emergency and crisis. Prime Minister Menzies said, 'This is a shocking tragedy. It is a personal tragedy for Mrs. Kennedy, a national tragedy for the United States, and for the rest of us a world calamity.'

"Federal Leader of the Opposition, Arthur Calwell, said, 'The abominable crime has robbed America of a great President and the free world of a great leader. His assassination has stunned and shocked humanity everywhere.'

"Now, reported from several sources, is the view that the eyes of the world are upon the United States and its system of democracy to see if justice is going to be achieved in the handling of the muddled details of the assassination. Until evidence to the contrary is received, amply proving the details of the murder, there is going to be much strong opinion expressed here that an organized plot was behind the assassination with either a Left or Right Wing movement behind it all. This attitude is well summed up in a statement printed in the November 27, 1963, issue of *The North Shore Times*, stating: 'Nothing less than a full probe into every aspect of the tragic Kennedy assassination can be accepted by the Western world which looks to the United States for leadership.'

—C. Wayne Cole, Regional Editor,
North Sydney, N.S.W.

From the Philippines:

"THE ASSASSINATION of President Kennedy shocked the Filipino people all over the nation, as they gathered around the radios and grabbed up the 'extra' editions of the newspapers to learn the full details.

"Philippine radio, newspapers, and magazines immediately gave over much time and space to inform the nation of the 'great loss to the entire free world.' The music stations played subdued music out of respect as the sponsors joined the nation and the world in mourning the death of the late President John F. Kennedy.'

"Before flying to Washington for the funeral, President Macapagal proclaimed a period of national mourning and ordered flags to be flown at half-staff until the burial of Mr. Kennedy. He stated that 'President Kennedy's assassination is an incalculable loss to the United States and a blow to democracy. The thirty million Filipinos open their hearts today in unreserved condolence with the American people over this shocking loss, not to them alone, but to all peoples.'

"Jose L. Guevara in his 'Point of Order' column in the *Manila Times* for Sunday, November 24, noted, 'It was like Pearl Harbor again. Jack Kennedy's assassination had the same impact on the Filipino people, no less than it had on their comrades-in-arms across the seas. The shock of his death generated in all of us a sense of personal loss, a feeling, I think, which is shared by most peoples everywhere. But the Filipinos' sense of loss, I dare say, is second in intensity only to that of the Americans.'

"Even as the Filipino people were shocked at the sudden death of President Kennedy, they were again stunned by the slaying of suspected assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald. One taxi driver said, 'We Filipinos definitely think it was a planned job with others involved.' Another taxi driver reasoned that 'the assassination of Kennedy was long planned before it actually happened. The Communists might be the masterminds of this plot and possibly paid Harvey Oswald a tremendous amount of money to kill President Kennedy.'

"'Shocking and regretful,' 'a dark hour for freedom-loving humanity.' These are the words that echo the thoughts of the Filipino people as they ask, 'Why?'

—Guy L. Ames, Circulation Manager,
Manila Office

From London:

"THE REACTION of the people in Britain has been that of deep shock, horror and genuine sorrow. Every well known British politician or religious leader has expressed it via television and the printing press upon learning the tragic news of the death of President Kennedy. The Prime Minister gave a short speech in which he expressed not only his own personal

sadness, but also that felt by the British people generally. Many of the Members of Parliament wept openly at a special session of Parliament in honor of the memory of President Kennedy, and Mr. Macmillan, in an emotion-choked speech, broke down in tears.

"When the news of the assassination reached England, both B.B.C. and I.T.V. cancelled a number of regular programs and broadcast special programs concerning the life and work of President Kennedy.

"From Friday to Monday, about 25,000 people had signed the book of condolences at the U.S. Embassy in London.

"The lights of Piccadilly Circus were blacked out until 8 p.m. on Monday night. All of the big, glaring advertising signs were in complete darkness. A number of business and amusement establishments were closed at one time or another—showing their respect for President Kennedy.

"Throughout Britain, flags on official buildings were flown at half-mast.

"Tuesday was a day of national mourning in the Republic of Ireland. Schools, cinemas, businesses, factories and all entertainment places were asked to close for the entire day. Licensed premises in Dublin were not open until 12:30 p.m.

"On Monday, November 25, the Queen's Counsel appearing in the High Court wore 'weepers'—six-inch white cuffs on their black coats. Also, the judges and counsel wore special mourning neckbands. Even football players wore black armbands.

"Britons had come to look upon Kennedy more or less as a savior—who made Khrushchev back down over the Cuban incident. They had come to credit Mr. Kennedy personally for the state of seeming tranquility which exists in the world today. The British people had been well acquainted with the President's father, Mr. Joseph Kennedy (when he was U.S. Ambassador in London). When it dawned upon Britons that he was no longer President, they immediately began to wonder what course American leadership of the Western world would take.

"The immediate reaction of Britons

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More Deadly than H-Bomb—

SOVIET SECRET WEAPON

Is Khrushchev about to TEST the new U.S. President? What weapons will he use? Here are the startling facts about Soviet Super-weapon, more powerful than the hydrogen bomb!

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PERHAPS the most closely guarded secret of world communism, cut off from view by the Iron Curtain and shrouded in unbelievable security precautions, is the system of colleges for professional revolutionaries that annually turn out thousands of skilled agitators to bedevil the free world.

Although this educational program has been in action for thirty years, and has graduated political saboteurs estimated to number a minimum of 100 thousand, its very existence is unknown to most people in the West.

Numerous Communist big shots from all over the world are known to have lectured at these schools during visits to the U.S.S.R. and to have sat in on nu-

Communism is not asleep. The recent Cold War lull means only that the Soviet Union is working feverishly *under cover*. Communists' BIG "Secret Weapon," here revealed, forebodes continued threat to world-wide internal security of the Western Alliance.

merous conferences with the Kremlin leaders. These foreign visitors have included Mao Tse-tung and Earl Browder and William Z. Foster of the U.S.

WHY Kept Secret

The reason for the super-secrecy with which these schools have been surrounded is that they constitute the most suc-

cessful cold war weapon yet developed by world communism. How did the Chinese Communists learn how to demoralize and disintegrate the superior Nationalist forces and take China with little fighting? How did they know how to organize China in four years to a point where they could fight the United States to a standstill in Korea? Where did they learn the negotiating techniques with which they outwitted first Gen. Marshall, and later our people at Panmunjom? The answer is that for twenty-five years they had been studying these things at the Eastern University, also known as the Institute for the Toilers of the Orient, in Moscow.

Where did the Communist leaders of Poland, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, and the Balkan countries learn how to purge and keep enslaved these nations that were seized for them by the Red Army? They learned at the International Lenin University or at the Western University in Moscow.

American Communists Trained in MOSCOW

Where did the American Communists learn how to organize fronts to do their bidding? Where did they learn the tricks of propaganda through which they often can induce capitalist newspapers and liberal scientists and scholars to echo their line? They learned all of this at the Lenin University in Moscow.

By the waging of political warfare the Communists have expanded their realm from less than 200 million people in 1945 to a total of over 800 millions ten years later. Is it any wonder that they



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Greatest threat to West is not Soviet tanks, troops, or bombs. Big threat is under-cover training in subversion, inculcated by Soviet espionage universities. No nation has ever fallen to Communists without prior, long-range internal subversion.

do their best to keep these methods secret from their enemies?

Nevertheless, partial information has filtered out. The writer has talked or corresponded with a half-dozen former students of the Lenin School who attended during the early thirties and have long since renounced communism. Additional information has been derived from other sources which will be identified below.

As far as is known by leading authorities on communism in this country, no Lenin School students have come forward to reveal their stories in the post-war years. There is evidence, however, that the school program continued until the war, and that it has been resumed since the war.

Three Types of Schools

There are three principle types of schools teaching political or subversive subjects in the Soviet Union. These are, (1) the schools for domestic administration, (2) MVD-MGB or Secret Police schools, and (3) schools of political warfare.

The first of these trains Soviet and satellite bureaucrats and administrators. The second trains saboteurs, terrorists, spies and couriers for foreign operations, and the third specializes in foreign propaganda and organization, or political warfare. The basic difference between the MVD-MGB and the political warfare courses is that the former deals mainly with physical things like assassination, torture, and secret communications, while the latter deals principally with matters of the mind such as theory, agitation, labor union infiltration tactics, and radio and newspaper work.

All three of these types of schools have partially overlapping curricula. Thus, the MGB student learns some Marxist-Leninist theory, while the political warfare schools include some work on secret police subjects and on government administration.

The MGB college at Leningrad usually had 30 per cent Russians and 70 per cent foreigners. Lenin University had 10 per cent Russians, being trained for foreign service, and 90 per cent foreigners.

There are certain other schools about which little is known beyond the fact of their existence. One such, described in



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Moscow University. Communists' Cold War program calls, first, for training of subversives, then military take-over after nation is softened up from within. Hitler, by contrast, conquered militarily first, then attempted to break will of conquered peoples through subversion.

the non-fiction writings of Arthur Koestler, is the "Sexpol" which stands for political sex. At this institution students were trained in abnormal sex practices to be used in espionage and political blackmail work.

WHERE Warfare Schools Are Located

At the time of the early thirties, which is the period about which we have the most information, the known Soviet political warfare school set-up was as follows:

International Lenin University, in Moscow. For students from Western Europe, North America, and parts of South America.

Eastern University, in Moscow. For Chinese students, and those from Southeast Asian countries.

Western University, in Moscow. For students from agrarian and semi-agrarian countries; Eastern Europe, the Balkans, the more backward South American countries.

Tiflis. For students from the Middle East.

Tashkent. For India and South Asia.

Krasnoyarsk (or some nearby city in that part of eastern Siberia). For China, Japan, and Southeast Asia.

Academy of Red Professors, in Moscow. A five- to seven-year course on political warfare and Marxist-Leninist the-

ory for top-hole foreign and Russian theorists. The length of the course of study is most significant since it is equivalent to the training time offered in the West for a scientist or a physician. Most of the faculty members at the Lenin School are "Red Professors."

Leningrad and Vladivostok. MVD-MGB (or G.P.U.) schools. The former for Western and Russian students; the latter for Chinese and Southern Asians and Soviet students from the eastern Asiatic regions of the U.S.S.R.

Sverdlovsk University, at Moscow for training Soviet bureaucrats.

America FAILS To Teach Youth about Evils of Communism

The above is, no doubt, only a partial list of Soviet subversive schools. But the terrifying thing about the picture is that the United States and the rest of the West have no political warfare schools at all! For thirty years the Communists have been training political warfare experts. We have trained none. Is it any wonder we are losing the cold war?

Because Lenin University is the college attended by most American students in the U.S.S.R., there is more information available concerning it than about the others mentioned. There follows an account of the operation of that school drawn from the experiences of three graduates. They are Joseph Zack Korn-

feder, an American born in Slovakia; William Odell Nowell, an American Negro, born in Georgia; and John Hladun, a Canadian of Ukrainian extraction from Winnipeg. The origins of these men gives a significant clue to the kinds of minority group citizens on which the Communists like to work.

Secret Mission to Moscow

Kornfeder was the first of the three to join the party, and the first to go to Moscow for special training. His story helps explain why so many people, uprooted by the First World War, turned to communism. Born in the Austro-Hungarian Empire on a tenant farm, he went as a child to the slums of postwar Vienna, the same breeding ground for trouble that produced Adolf Hitler. At the age of seventeen he began drifting around Europe, living on his trade of tailoring, and picking up various languages. In 1916, already a Socialist, he came to this country and lived in the Yorkville section of New York. In 1919 he joined the newly formed Communist party of the U.S.A. After surviving the customary party feuds and changes of leadership and achieving the rank of Central Executive committeeman, he was selected in 1928 by the Soviet General Gussev, then the resident underground Comintern boss of U.S. communism, to go to Moscow for special political training.

George Minc, a G.P.U. agent, furnished the citizenship papers of one Samuel Fox, and with these and a comrade who signed a false affidavit, Kornfeder obtained a passport in that name. Incidentally, this George Minc was later thought to have played a key role in the assassination of Trotsky and was to achieve additional notoriety when he drunkenly tried to rape a chambermaid in a Copenhagen hotel.

With his false passport and assumed name, Kornfeder sailed on a Hamburg-American liner to Germany. In Berlin the Soviet Consul quickly granted him a visa which was stamped on a separate sheet of paper so that his passport would show no evidence that he had gone to Russia. When the train crossed the Polish-Soviet border under a huge sign reading "Proletarians of the World Unite," the Communists among the pas-

sengers ecstatically chanted the "Internationale." Although the towns along the railroad were in advanced stages of decay, and the people ragged and emaciated, the exaltation induced by the approach to Moscow, the Holy City of communism, blotted out these impressions. At the Moscow station he hired a droshky and directed it to 15 Ulice Voroyskaya, the address of the Lenin University, where he found that he was expected. He was assigned to a dormitory room along with two Latin Americans and an Irishman.

Trained to Destroy

The university accommodated 300 students living on campus and 300 more living outside. Ten per cent of the students were women and if a couple could show that they had a liaison before entering the school they were assigned a private room together. (The Western University numbered as many or more students, and the Eastern University, also known as the Institute for the Toilers of the Orient, took up to 1200. The enrollment at the schools in other parts of the U.S.S.R. is not definitely known). The rest of the campus was taken up by a 1½ acre drill ground, and a building for weapons training where uniformed Red Army instructors taught the mechanics of a dozen types of machine guns, and of hand grenades, rifles, pistols and home-made bombs. Off campus there was a shooting range (shared with the G.P.U.) and an abandoned railroad station and siding where lessons were given in derailing trains and exploding locomotive boilers.

Lenin University students were allowed travel expense to and from Moscow, and 50 rubles (about \$13.00) a month pocket money. Also subsistence allowances were paid to dependents left at home. Much of the 50 rubles went into "voluntary" contributions to various Soviet patriotic causes.

The curriculum was extremely arduous—to an extent where the students were left little time to circulate among the Russian population. Students were up at 6 a.m. for thirty minutes of calisthenics under a Red Army instructor. Breakfast was at 7 a.m. of black bread and red caviar. Classes were from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. with an hour's break for lunch.

Then there was lots of homework for the evenings. On Saturdays classes were out at 3 p.m., but the load of homework allowed little time for outside activity.

There were six-month, one-year, and three-year courses. It was determined during an initial three-month probation period which students were qualified for the longer courses.

Hears Stalin Lecture

Perhaps the most significant thing about this college was the faculty. The regular teachers were mostly Russians with a few Central and Western Europeans. But the special lecturers were the top hierarchy of world communism. Kornfeder heard Stalin lecture once, Molotov three times, military men such as Tuckachevsky, Vasiliev and Budenny; and all the Comintern brass including Dimitrov, Manuilsky, Kuusinen, Bela Kun, S. Losovsky and Togliatti. There could be no clearer proof than this of the importance of this political warfare college in Soviet eyes.

When a prominent lecturer was talking, the entire student body would listen by earphones with simultaneous interpretations. The five languages used were Russian, English, German, French and Spanish. In routine classes, the students were divided up into their language groups with interpreters where needed.

The four principal subjects taught at the Lenin University were:

Leninism. This included conspiratorial operating techniques, agitation and propaganda, and United (Popular) Front strategy.

Party Structure. Organizing for Civil war, and the party's function in directing same, Politburo, and district committees. Labor, factory and armed forces fractions and cells; everything modeled on Soviet pattern.

Marxian Economics. Das Kapital, and other textbooks excerpted from Marx and Engels. Some bourgeois economic theory taught for purposes of argument.

History of the Soviet Union. The Socialist movement in Czarist times. Nihilism, Anarchism, Decembrists, 1905 Revolution, and history of the Bolshevik Civil War.

Secondary subjects of instruction were:

Agriculture. The peasant in backward countries.

Labor Union Organization. Strike strategy. Local strikes as the prelude to the general strike and more advanced forms of civil insurrection.

Front Organizations. (How the Communist tail can wag large segments of the Capitalist dog.)

Military Training. Sabotage, guerrilla tactics, bomb-throwing, demolition, weapons handling.

How Revolution Is Planned

The above has been greatly condensed from notes taken by Kornfeder while at the Lenin University. It may be valuable however to reproduce the following note verbatim:

Precondition for Successful Armed Insurrection:

1. Economic collapse and chaos.
2. Demoralization and dissension in governing circles.
3. Defeat of the government in a foreign war or its inability to keep things going as a result of exhaustion following the war.
4. Ability of the party to take advantage of the situation.

Among the principal textbooks used at the Lenin school were: *On War*, by Clausewitz.

Construction of the Red Army During The Revolution, by A. Ousenko.

The Civil War, Military Problems, And Civilian, by Bubnov, Kamenev, and Eydeman.

Red Army And Civil War Politics, by S. T. Gussev.

The Class War, by Tuckachevsky.

Civil War Politics And Insurrection (Excerpts from Lenin's writings).

A glance at this list ought to convince even the most "liberal" educator or government official in the West of the war-like nature of communism.

The formal college course described above does not, however, present the whole story, since the students were given practical as well as classroom training. As part-time activity the three-year students were attached to various branches of the Comintern or Profintern (Labor International) for work that took precedence over classes. Kornfeder was attached to the Anglo-American secretariat. He and many other students were also encouraged to write for *Pravda* and other official organs and to contribute radio scripts for propaganda

broadcasts beamed at the countries of the student's origin. Extra pay was given for this kind of writing.

In the cases of certain unusually apt students, private coaching would be substituted. Kornfeder received such coaching from Dmitri Z. Manuilsky, then the dean of the college (later Foreign Minister of the Ukraine).

It was during these private talks that Manuilsky laid down the dictum on "peace" that had the *New York Daily Worker* in a froth. What Manuilsky told Kornfeder was this:

"War to the hilt, between communism and capitalism, is inevitable. Today, of course, we are not strong enough to attack. Our time will come in twenty or thirty years. To win we shall need the element of surprise. The bourgeoisie will have to be put to sleep. So we shall begin by launching the most spectacular peace movement on record. There will be electrifying overtures and unheard-of concessions. The Capitalist countries, stupid and decadent, will rejoice to cooperate in their own destruction. They will leap at another chance to be friends. As soon as their guard is down, we shall smash them with our clenched fist!"

The *New York Daily News*, alarmed by U.S. acquiescence to the projected Four Power conference "at the summit," wrote an editorial about this Manuilsky prediction which had been published in an article in the periodical, *Human Events*, in 1953. The *Daily Worker*, with front-page fanfare, challenged the *News* to reveal its source, claiming that the quotation did not appear in the published works of Manuilsky in the Library of Congress.

Probably the alleged library research was humbug, as any Communist would know that such a statement would never appear in the exported works of a high Soviet official. At any rate the *News'* chief editorial writer put the *Worker* neatly in its place by suggesting that if the quotation was missing it no doubt had been removed by "the Ministry of Truth" as in George Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-four*. The significance of the outburst in the Communist press, however, is that the Communists are desperately anxious to discredit any intelligence that has leaked out of their revolutionary command center.

Kornfeder had a short private inter-



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Communist schools of subversion were so important to Stalin that he lectured in them before he died.

view with Stalin backstage at the Bolshoi Theater during a ballet. Standing in a little buffet, from which the bartender was dismissed before the conversation began, they talked through an interpreter for a half-hour over black caviar, smorgasbord and vodka. Stalin asked questions about a factional fight in the American Communist party. The impressive thing about the episode is the interest displayed by Stalin in a foreign student and in the politics of the American party.

During his two-month summer vacations Kornfeder traveled in south Russia and the Caucasus with several other students. On one of these trips, while in the Kuban, the students were startled when the local party secretary was killed by a sniper. A few weeks later at Kislovodsk, in a primitive region of the Caucasus, they were awakened in the night by gunfire. In the morning it developed that the resident G.P.U. chief and his No. 2 man had been lured into a mountain ambush and shot. In Moscow, Kornfeder reported on his trip to S. Losovsky, a high Comintern official, and described these incidents with some puzzlement. Losovsky at once became very impatient and superior. "You Americans are children in these matters," he snapped. "There is not a single day that from three to twelve Soviet officials are not assassinated. *The class war is going on all the time.*"

The experiences of John Hladun and William Odell Nowell at Lenin University were roughly parallel to Kornfeder's,

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Proof of the FLOOD

The facts of geology reveal that fossils were formed by a great world-wide catastrophe! Here is proof that fossils were not laid down slowly over millions of years, as evolutionists claim, but suddenly by a world-wide Flood.

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PART II

IN THE last issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH* we saw startling proof of a universal world-wide Flood. Proof that the earth's sedimentary rock layers—containing millions of fossils—could not have been laid down slowly, over millions of years, as claimed by evolutionary geologists.

Some day—and soon—enlightened scientists will be *forced* to confess a world-wide, universal Flood. They will be *forced* to admit the Biblical account describes the only possible way fossils in the earth's sedimentary surface layers could have been formed.

What About Fossils?

Where did fossils come from? Were they laid down over millions of years as evolutionists claim? If so, why aren't fossils being preserved today, except in rare instances such as in a flash flood, a volcanic eruption, or the sudden collapse of mountainsides along the ocean's edge?

Let us notice why fossils, just like sedimentary rock layers, are not being laid down today as they once were.

First notice what the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* states: "The remains of animals . . . can only be preserved if they are deposited at a place where mud or sand is being laid down" ("Paleontology," p. 102, 1946 edition).

Fossils are not being preserved in vast quantities throughout the world today because a universal world-wide flood is not now taking place. Masses of animal bones and shells and coal beds are not now being formed. Notice the following proof.

Why Buffalo Remains Not Preserved

Only one hundred years ago the American buffalo, or bison, roamed the

Great Plains by the millions. These vast herds were almost completely exterminated by hunters, and their remains left lying on the ground.

Did natural processes of death and decay preserve these buffalo remains as fossils?

The evolutionary geologist Carl Dunbar makes the answer clear. He said, "The buffalo carcasses strewn over the plains in uncounted numbers two gen-

erations ago have left hardly a present trace." What became of these over fifty millions of buffalo carcasses that were so recently left lying on the plains?

Dunbar answers, "The flesh was devoured soon after death by vultures or wolves and even the bones have crumbled to dust."

He then said, "A carcass left exposed after death is almost sure to be torn apart or devoured by carnivores or other



Entrance to Bryce Canyon National Park in western United States. This fabulous setting offers spectacular proof of the Flood's erosive power and its after-effects. The vast amount of stripping of strata in this region left these sheer cliffs. It emphasizes the destructive force of the water as it drained off the land into the ocean.

scavengers." He added, "If it escapes these larger enemies, bacteria insure the decay of all but the hard parts, and even they (the bones) crumble to dust after a few years if exposed to the weather" (*Historical Geology*, pp. 35-36).

This world-famous geologist then admitted, "For these reasons, burial after death is the most important condition favoring preservation" (pp. 35-36). In other words, only a catastrophe—such as a flood—can preserve animal remains as fossils.

How Fossils Were Preserved

But since we do find vast beds of fossil remains, we know some catastrophe SUDDENLY buried them. Entire species were exterminated. The old and the young, those with sharp teeth, with strong muscle, with fleet legs, *with plenty of food around*, ALL PERISHED.

It is obvious that if these animals which left fossil remains had died on top of the ground—like the American bison—they would have decayed into dust without leaving the slightest trace of fossil remains, and no scientist would ever know they had existed.

Evolutionary geologists do not know why vast herds of animals that used to walk the fields and forests were SUDDENLY exterminated, but—unlike the American bison—left vast beds of fossil remains.

Most modern geology textbooks are strangely silent about the fact that the fossil remains prove there was a sudden, world-wide destruction of animals that lived during the time early man lived on earth. Why? Are they afraid the evidence proves Noah's Flood really did occur?

Evolutionary geologists are unwilling to admit that the evidence proves a world-wide Flood SUDDENLY covered up vast herds of animals which roamed the earth in the days of Noah.

Mysteries Evolutionary Geology Cannot Answer

Geologists have also been puzzled because some mammals like the deer, cattle, and sheep which left fossil remains still survive, while other mammals that also left fossil remains were totally exterminated.

The fossil record shows that the saber-toothed tiger, the dire wolf and the short-faced bear suddenly became extinct in both the Old and the New World. Many birds also became extinct.

The geologist Flint says that in America, "all the camels, all the horses, all the ground sloths, two genera of musk-oxen, peccaries, pronghorns, all but one species of bison . . . a giant beaver-like animal, a stag-moose, and several kinds of cats, some of which were of lion size" suddenly became extinct. (*Glacial and Pleistocene Geology*, p. 468).

Eiseley admits that the sudden extinction of many mammal groups drives "the biologist to despair as he surveys the extinction of so many species and genera" (*American Anthropologist*, XLVIII [1946], 54).

Apart from the Genesis account there is no way to know that both the extinct mammals and all but a minimum of breeding stock of those who still survive were all destroyed by the Flood.

Your Bible reveals that all mammals we find today are descendants of the animals Noah took into the Ark (Gen. 8:17).

After the Flood, cattle continued to reproduce cattle; dogs continued to reproduce dogs, cats continued to reproduce cats, just as they had done ever since creation (Gen. 1:24).

But each KIND is divided into BREEDS, or VARIETIES. From the original seven pairs of cattle Noah took into the Ark, we now have many different breeds (or varieties) of cattle, but they are still cattle. From the original pair of dogs we now have many different breeds (or varieties) of dogs, but they are still dogs; from the original pair of cats have descended the many different breeds of cats, but they are still cats.

Many of the so-called extinct species of such animals as the horse are not extinct *kinds* but merely an extinct *variety* of a still-existing kind.

But since geologists do find fossil remains of extinct mammals that lived during the time early man lived on earth, it is obvious that either Noah did not take these now-extinct varieties into the Ark, or else these varieties were taken into the Ark but failed to survive the different climatic conditions which pre-

vailed after the Flood.

Fossils Are Flood Deposits

Geology textbooks are also strangely silent about the fact that geologists have found great cracks in the earth called "ossiferous fissures." These are filled with rocks and fossil bones of animals.

Many of these great cracks are from 140 to 300 feet in depth.

Almost no one realizes that most of these cracks were caused by violent earthquakes which accompanied Noah's Flood—and by post-Flood movements during what scientists mislabel "ice ages."

The geologist Joseph Prestwich of Oxford (1874-88) found that many of these great earthquake cracks are full of fossil bones of "mammoth hippopotamus, rhinoceros, horse, polar bear and bison."

He said even though these bones are found with the fossil remains of hyena, wolf and lion, they neither "show wear," nor signs that they have "been gnawed by beasts of prey" (Prestwich, *On Certain Phenomena Belonging to the Close of the Last Geological Period . . .*, pp. 25-26). These animals were buried SUDDENLY. They did not have time to eat each other.

These huge earthquake cracks, jammed full of fossil bones, have been found all over Western Europe.

In these "ossiferous fissures," geologists have found many fossil remains of types of mammals that once lived but no longer live. Geologists confess they do not know why these mammals became extinct. These mammals were all destroyed by the Flood. As we have shown, they no longer live because of two possible reasons. Either Noah did not take a pair of these now-extinct species—or types, or breeds—into the Ark, or else these extinct types failed to survive the drastic change in the earth's climate after the Flood. Bear in mind that Noah had to take representations of each *kind*, but not every *variety* of a *kind*, into the Ark.

Fossils Found on Top of Hills

One of the most spectacular examples of a fossil burial ground is found on the island of Cerigo, off the coast of Greece.

Here a mountain called the "mountain

of bones" is covered from the base to the summit with fossils. Instinctive fear of rising floodwaters drove these animals to seek the higher hills. But the rising floodwaters overtook them and vast herds perished on this mountain and were buried by the onrushing silt-laden floodwaters.

Don't you think paleontologists realize that animals always flee to higher ground when threatened by water—that these animals obviously fled from the rising floodwaters?

Yes, unless evolutionary geologists have deliberately rejected the truth for so long they are now blind to truth, they must surely realize these animals sought refuge in the high hills to escape the rising surge of floodwaters. Common-sense alone dictates the sound-minded conclusion that floodwaters and post-flood upheavals washed animal remains into these gigantic earthquake cracks.

In these mass graves there are no teeth marks of hyena or any other animal. Why? Obviously all the animals were destroyed suddenly, before they had time to eat one another. If these wild animals had died naturally, in normal times, other wild animals would have had time to eat their remains.

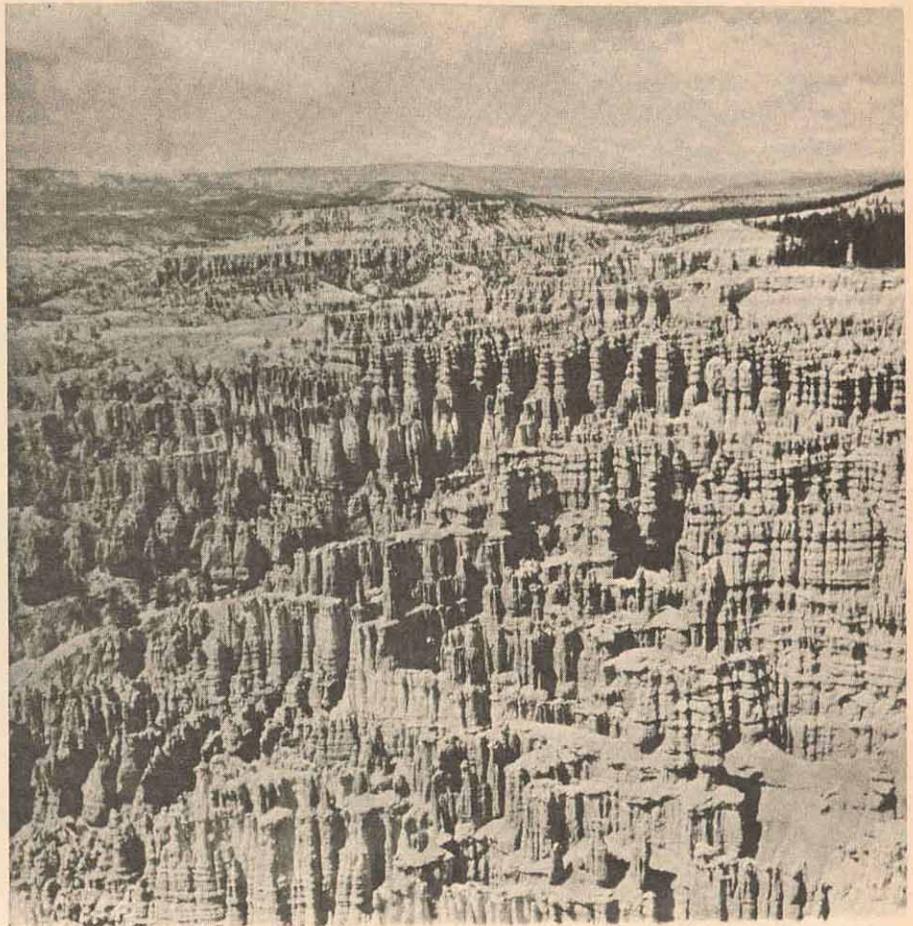
The fact that animals of all sizes and ages, both young and old, were suddenly buried together, irrefutably proves they were *suddenly* buried by terrible catastrophes. Your Bible reveals this catastrophe was a world-wide Flood!

The "ossiferous fissures," or earthquake cracks, were not the only type of burial ground for the fossils.

Yet Another Problem for Evolutionists

Evolutionary geologists, of course, confess that fossils could be preserved only by quick burial. But they try to attribute *all* this fossilization to flash floods of rivers, and other such *local* occurrences which geologists use in their reasoning (*Historical Geology*, pp. 35-39). This is an obvious impossibility when we consider that there are also sedimentary layers containing *millions* of fossils, covering thousands of square miles—an impossibility for the *local* burial the evolutionist postulates.

An outstanding example is the world-famous burial ground of animals at



Thousands of tourists each year unknowingly witness not only the effects of the Flood, but also its after-effects when they visit Bryce Canyon. Profound faulting—as well as the Flood itself—had much to do with the forming, in this region, of these beautiful spires. Tidal action produced the layered effect in the strata.

Agate Springs, in the low sand hills on the plains of northwestern Nebraska.

R. S. Lull, director of the Peabody Museum at Yale, said these fossils "... form a veritable pavement of interlacing bones..." (R. S. Lull, *Fossils*, p. 34).

Fossil experts from the Carnegie Museum found 164,000 bones of mammals in a space of 1350 square feet.

Mammals of every kind died in great numbers and were buried in a tangle of bones. These mammals obviously were first drowned by the rising floodwaters and then carried along to Agate Springs, where they were buried under several layers of sediment.

Even Soft Parts Preserved as Fossils

At Geiseltal, Germany, geologists have found buried as fossils "a complete mixture of plants and insects from all climatic zones" (N. Heribert-Nilsson, *Synthetische Artbildung*, pp. 1195-1196).

This famous Swedish scientist said, "... in certain cases the leaves have been deposited and preserved in a fully fresh condition" (pp. 1195-1196).

Nilsson also notes that there was preserved the "soft parts of the insects: muscles, corium, epidermis, keratin, colour stuffs as melanin and lipochrome, glands, and the contents of the intestines" (*Synthetische Artbildung*, pp. 1195-1196).

The soft parts of insects deteriorate beyond recognition in a few hours by the natural process of decay. How could the body of a dead insect, such as a common housefly, be preserved for long ages while waiting for sedimentary rock layers to gradually form around it? Scientific facts prove the burial of these fossil insects was exceedingly rapid.

Here is clear proof that these plants, animals, insects, and fish were suddenly buried by silt-laden floodwaters before the slightest decay could begin. Even

the paleontologist N. D. Newell admits that in these "Eocene," or Flood deposits, in Geiseltal, "More than six thousand remains of vertebrate animals and a great number of insects, molluscs, and plants were found. . . ." He saw "well-preserved bits of hair, feathers and scales. . . ." He said, "The stomach contents of beetles, amphibia, fishes, birds and mammals provided direct evidence about eating habits" (N. D. Newell, "Adequacy of the Fossil Record," *Journal of Paleontology*, Vol. 33, May 1959, p. 496). Yes, these fossil remains of insects, fish, and land animals in Geiseltal, Germany, were buried SUDDENLY by the Flood. The proof is irrefutable!

Why Geologists Ignore Facts

Why do evolutionary geologists so often fail to mention the fact that many a sedimentary rock layer is packed with the mixed fossil remains of BOTH *land animals and deep-sea fish*?

The answer is that evolutionary geologists follow the practice of ignoring all facts that they cannot explain by their theories. Deep-sea fish and land animals could not possibly have died naturally in the same spot. They were undoubtedly brought together by moving water.

It is neither logical nor scholarly to ignore the proof that a world-wide Flood buried sea life and land life together.

There is certainly nothing being formed today like the enormous fossil beds that were deposited by Noah's Flood!

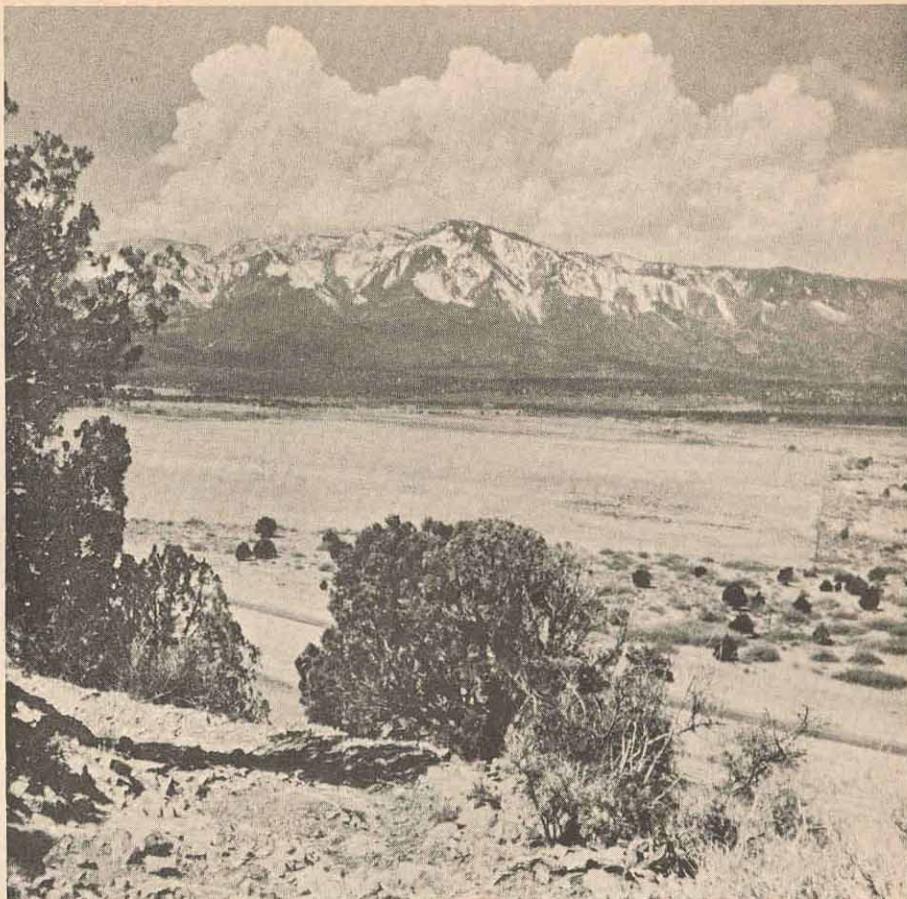
Evolutionary geologists just do not understand this evidence.

TWO Catastrophes

Neither do geologists understand why the rocks laid down by Noah's Flood can in general be dug with a shovel, while those below are usually so hard they can be dug into only with dynamite and cutting tools.

The answer is plain!

There were TWO great times of destruction, two great catastrophes! And that first catastrophe—which befell the earth *before* the creation of man and other warm-blooded creatures—was even more sudden, more terrible than what befell the world in Noah's day. The



This picture was taken at Hurricane Fault in Utah. The mountains in the distance are the result of violent faulting and volcanic action after the Flood. The valley floor, in between, was created by the faulting.

earth was left in utter darkness (Gen. 1:2). God had to reshape the surface of the earth and re-create life in six days (Gen. 1 and 2; Psalm 104:29-30).

There is no way to understand how these events happened without using the Bible as a basis.

Millions of Years?—or Minutes?

The geologist Hugh Miller describes the remarkable layers of fossilized fish from the pre-Adamic world. He said: "The stratum, over wide areas, seems an almost continuous layer of matter: bones, jaws, teeth, spines, scales, palatal plates, and shagreen-like bristles, all massed together. . . ."

He admitted these fish showed irrefutable signs of having suffered a violent death: "The figures are contorted, contracted, curved; the tail in many instances is bent around to the head; the spines stick out, the fins are spread to the full, as in fish that die in convulsions. . . ."

These fish were buried so suddenly

that they "were fixed in their attitude of terrorism and surprise" (Hugh Miller, *The Old Red Sandstone*).

Many of these fossil fish were buried so suddenly that traces of color upon their skin are still preserved.

The next article will prove that these fish of "The Old Red Sandstone" were buried as fossils in a catastrophe which occurred BEFORE man was created less than 6,000 years ago. We will show you astonishing proof that coal was formed by this pre-Adamic catastrophe.

Does God Intervene in World Affairs?

We saw in the first article on the Flood that many theologians—who ought to know better—have allowed evolutionary geologists to dupe them into believing that God has never intervened in the past history of the earth. This mistake leads them to think they have no cause to fear that He will intervene in world affairs in the future.

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The Bible Story ³¹¹

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER SIXTY-THREE

THE WAY TO PEACE

ON MT. TABOR the Israelite soldiers were able to see the Canaanite forces gathering on a plain several miles away to the southwest. An excessive amount of dust, such as would be raised by horses and vehicles, proved to the Israelites that the enemy's dreaded chariots were being brought up. (Judges 4:10-13.) Only God's supernatural help could save Israel now!

God Suddenly Acts

The Canaanites moved to a part of the valley close to Mt. Tabor, then set up camp for the night. Sisera, the Canaanite general, wasn't concerned with the possibility of the Israelites attacking, even though they had some advantage by being on higher ground. He knew they had no desire to tangle with his chariots and his large army. His plan was to capture the lesser-equipped Israelites in their smaller numbers when they were forced to come down off the mountain for necessities. Sisera had no doubt that the small Israelite army would be easy to wipe out under any condition.

Meanwhile, in the camp of Israel, Barak worriedly muttered: "If we go down the mountain we'll be wiped out by that huge number of men and chariots!"

"The time hasn't come yet to leave the mountain," Deborah said. "But the soldiers should be ready when that time comes."

The time came early the next morning, a while before dawn. Inspired by God, Deborah informed Barak that the Israelites should charge down the slope at once to attack, and that they would have God's supernatural help. (Verse 14.) Barak was inspired by Deborah's example and faith. He ordered the men to follow him down

the mountain. Many of them, as they poured down off Mt. Tabor, were filled with dismay at the prospect of facing what was obviously a superior enemy. They approached the camp of the Canaanites quietly, but it wasn't possible to get beyond the enemy sentries without causing shouts of alarm. When the sentries sounded the alarm, the Israelites attacked with all the courage they could muster.

Bedlam reigned among Sisera's troops as their attackers caught them napping. Shouts, screams, the neighing of startled horses, the clash of metal against metal and the general confusion made it impossible for Canaanite officers to get their men organized. The chariot drivers, stationed at some distance from the infantry, managed to get their horses hooked to many of the chariots and to get moving. However, with men tumbling and scrambling and struggling in all directions, the chariots ran down many more Canaanites than Israelites. God was beginning to fight Israel's battle as He had promised. (Verse 15.)

After making a half-hearted initial attempt to fight off the oncoming Israelites, the whole Canaanite army turned and fled northwestward down the Kishon river valley toward the hoped-for refuge of their fort at Harosheth. By now it was dawn, and in their fright the Canaanites—especially those in chariots—might have outrun their Israelite pursuers had it not been that God had decreed otherwise.

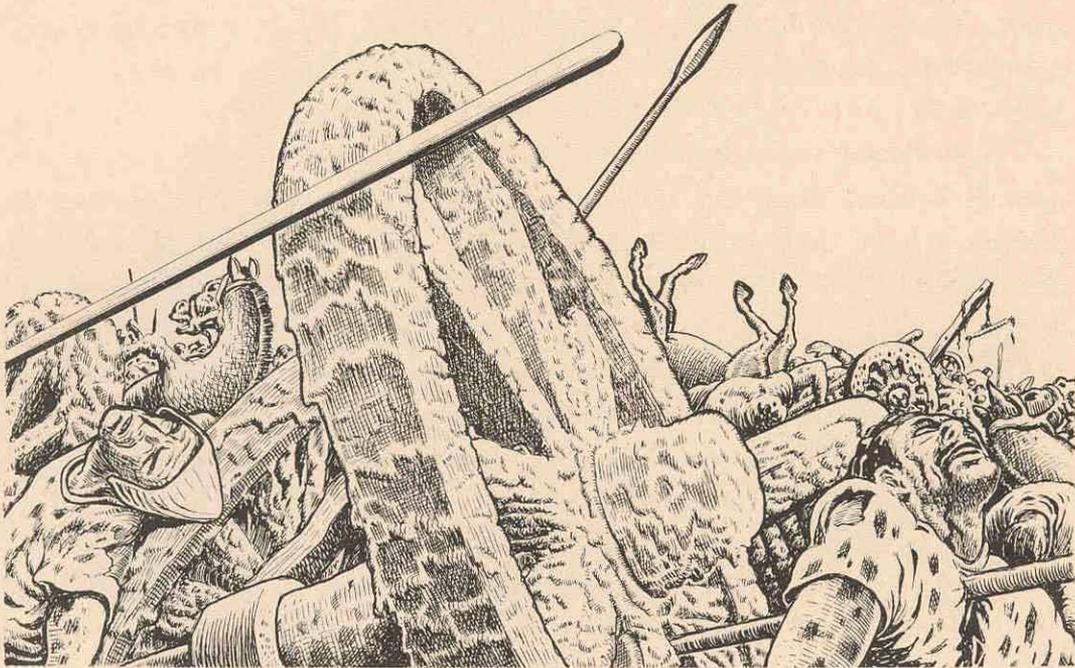
Suddenly heavy rains fell in the region of the Kishon valley. The river rose rapidly. The closer the Canaanites moved to the stream, the softer and muddier the ground became. When the chariots ran into these spots they bogged down and came to a sudden stop. Chariots racing up from the rear smashed into them, resulting in a muddy mass of vehicles and struggling horses and men.

The men and horses that managed to get past the soft spots in the ground only plunged on to end up in the swollen waters of the Kishon as it broke over its banks into a flash flood which swept away many of Sisera's troops. (Judges 5:21.) The Israelites swept in close behind to cut off any attempted back-tracking and cut down the enemy with swords, slings, knives and spears.

God had again stepped in to rescue Israel by bringing Jabin's army to a swift end in a welter of mud, water and blood.

As for Sisera, he was among those who raced away in chariots. When his chariot became bogged in mud, he managed in the confusion to leap to safety and run north-eastward across the plain toward the hills. He had no way of knowing whether or not he had been observed, but he felt certain that the Israelites would make every effort to find him.

On the other side of Mt. Tabor, on a branch of the plain, was the dwelling of a Kenite named Heber, who Sisera believed was friendly to the northern Canaanites.



The pursued Canaanites died by the thousands in the mud of the Kishon valley.

After running a few hours, Sisera neared Heber's tent. The Kenite's wife, whose name was Jael, happened to see the fatigued Canaanite general staggering toward her tent. She knew who he was, and went out to meet him.

Sisera's Prophesied Doom

"Come rest in my tent," she told him as she helped him along. (Judges 4:15-18.)

Inside the tent, he wearily lay down, exhausted by his race for freedom. When Sisera asked for water, Jael gave him clabbered milk to quench his thirst and make him sleep more soundly, and then covered him with a blanket. (Judges 5:25.)

"If anyone comes to ask about me, don't mention that you have seen me," Sisera warned Jael. "You will be well rewarded to protect me from any of those fanatical, God-fearing Israelites!"

Those were the last words uttered by the pagan Canaanite general. He was so weary that he fell asleep almost immediately, though he wouldn't have done so if he could have realized even to the smallest extent what was about to befall him.

In another compartment of her tent Jael listened intently until she could be certain, by Sisera's slow, loud breathing, that he was deep in slumber. Then she noiselessly moved outside, pulled up a sharp tent stake and reached for a mallet. Very

careful not to make a sound, she entered the room where Sisera slept on his side. With a quick, strong blow of the tent stake mallet, she drove the stake through Sisera's temples, then into the ground, killing the general almost instantly. (Judges 4:19-21; Judges 5:26.)

God allowed Jael to take Sisera's life in this grisly, cold-blooded manner as a warning to us all. Those Canaanites were better off dead. They sacrificed many of their babies in the temples of Baal and *filled* adjoining graveyards with jars containing these tiny corpses. When building a new house, a Canaanite family would sacrifice a baby and put its body in the foundation to bring good luck to the rest of the family. Archaeologists who have found the many tiny skeletons of these sacrificed babes have wondered why God did not destroy the Canaanites sooner. He would have done so if Israel had obeyed His command to execute all the idolatrous Canaanites when they first conquered the land. (Deuteronomy 7:1-6.)

Because Sisera was an idolatrous Canaanite, he was one more to be purged from the land after he had been used for the purpose of punishing the Israelites and bringing them to repentance. As one who sought to destroy the army of Israel, he was denied the so-called honor of dying in action, as a high-ranking soldier would ordinarily prefer.

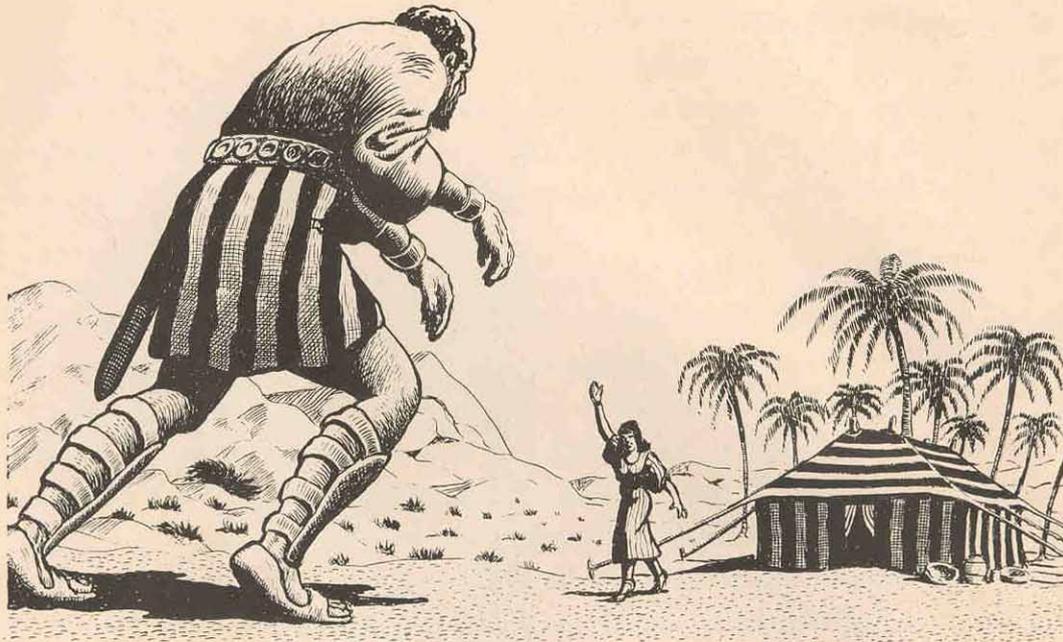
Only a little while after this unsavory incident, Jael looked out to see the victorious Israelites trotting across the plain. She ran out toward the men, waving frantically to attract their attention. When they reached her she told them that she had an important message for their leader, and Barak approached her to hear what she had to say.

"If you are seeking Jabin's general, Sisera, I can take you to him at once," Jael told Barak.

"Show us," Barak commanded.

Jael led Barak and a few of his men to her tent and into her private compartment, where she drew back a curtain to reveal the nailed-down Canaanite to the startled Israelites. Then Barak remembered Deborah's prophecy that a woman would destroy Sisera because Barak had at first depended too much on *Deborah's* faith. In humiliation, Barak realized his lack of faith was a sin against God. He fully repented and was forgiven by God in whom he now fully trusted. (Hebrews 11:13, 32, 39.)

Although Israel was victorious that day in becoming free, the one who had planned to defeat Israel was still safe in his quarters to the north. That was Jabin, king of the northern Canaanites. On hearing of the defeat of his army, he quickly sought refuge, but within a few days he fell into the hands of his enemies and lost his life. (Judges 4:22-24.)



Jaël went out from her tent to welcome the weary general of Jabin's defeated army.

Deliverance from the Canaanites was considered such a happy accomplishment that a great celebration was held by Israel. Songs were composed, and Deborah and Barak led the people in praising God with loud, hearty enthusiasm. (Judges 5:1-31.) Most of them realized that their Creator was the source of their strength and power, though at times they forgot that important fact because every man insisted on doing what he thought best. (Judges 17:6.) God had specifically commanded His people not to do what they thought best (Deuteronomy 12:8) because that way is often wrong and leads to death. (Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25.) Most of the Israelites had not yet learned that man's conscience is *not* a reliable guide for conduct—that man needs God's law to tell him how to live. (Deuteronomy 12:32.)

For forty more years after Jabin's overthrow Israel was free from enemies. (Judges 5:31.) But before that many years passed, another generation came into being, and a large part of Israel again fell into living in a disorderly and lawless manner, each man following his own conscience—doing what *he* thought best—letting *his own opinion*, instead of God's law, tell him how to live.

The Midianites Again

About two hundred years previously, when Moses was the leader, Israel had almost wiped out the idolatrous nation of Midian on the east border of the Dead

Sea. Since that time the Midianites had greatly increased in numbers and, though several generations had passed since the fateful war with Israel, a fierce hatred of their victors still existed with the Midianites.

At this point God stepped in to cause Midianite leaders to fan that hatred so that Midian would be used to punish Israel. The result was that the vengeance-seeking Midianites swarmed up out of their land to end Israel's forty years of freedom, pleasure and sin!

The Israelites had become so disorganized and weak that the fierce Midianites chased them out of their cities and off their farms. By the thousands the Israelites ran for safety into the mountains. They hid in caves and even in the narrow, secluded canyons — wherever they could hide or fortify themselves. (Judges 6:1-2.)

The Midianites kept on moving back and forth through all areas to route the Israelites and rob them of their livestock and crops. On their return to each conquered area, the Midianites would attack any Israelites who had tried to return to their homes. Many Israelites were forced to flee outside Palestine to the western shores of the Mediterranean Sea and the sparsely settled coastland of northwestern Europe.

In some regions the attacks by the Midianites were so frequent that the remaining Israelites moved into the wooded mountains to establish permanent residence. Their only homes were many caverns and canyons in the rugged Palestinian hills.

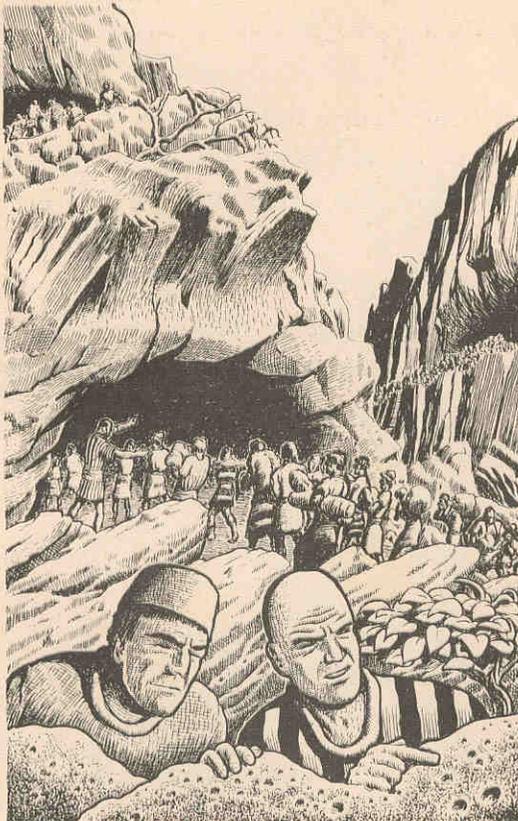
Living Like Animals

Between forays by the enemy a part of the Israelites secretly went back to their farms and grazing areas to try to continue raising crops and stock. Sometimes they were successful for a while. The Midianites couldn't be everywhere at the same time. When they did come, look-outs generally reported their arrival in time for the Israelites to move from the valleys to safety in the mountain hide-aways and strongholds.

Despite all this, the Israelites stubbornly continued to live their own way, though they had to live in caves like animals, rather than repent and obey God and have His divine protection.

For two or three harvest seasons Israel managed fairly well on what food could be raised in the more secluded valleys. Then the Midianite soldiers began bringing their families and their herds. Furthermore, the Amalekites and other Arabian tribes began pouring into Canaan, and just at a time of harvest.

Cities were taken over, farms were stripped of their produce and herds and flocks grazing in the valleys were seized by the invaders before the Israelites could hide them in the mountains. The numbers of the enemy were this time so great and so spread out that the Israelites had little or no opportunity to go after food. They were



The Israelites were forced to take refuge in caves in the mountains.

forced to remain in their mountain refuges on the verge of starvation. (Judges 6:3-6.)

Being cooped up without a regular source of food became an increasingly more serious problem for Israel. Well-organized groups sneaked down at night to seize vegetables or fruit or meat wherever it could be found, but this pursuit became increasingly more dangerous as the enemy became more watchful, and whole bands of Israelites lost their lives trying to get something to eat.

By the time seven years had passed, Israel was in a desperate, half-starved condition. Life in caves and hollowed-out places had reduced a large part of the people to an unkempt state verging on barbarism.

At this time a man whose name isn't mentioned in the scriptures was

chosen by God to remind the Israelites that they had brought this one more calamity on themselves by their disobedience to God. Some of the people had already been begging God for forgiveness and help, and now thousands joined them. (Verses 6-10.)

Repentance Brings Divine Help

The Creator's mercy again was extended to Israel, though as usual the people were required to act in helping themselves. It began in the mountain town of Ophrah, about midway between the site of Jericho and Mt. Ephraim in the territory of the half-tribe of Manasseh. A relatively young man named Gideon was one day threshing wheat in an out-of-the-way place near his father's old winepress, long unused because the Israelites no longer had grapes with which to make wine.

Although hidden from passers-by, Gideon commanded a clear view down the mountain so that he could watch for approaching Midianites. He was certain that he was alone as he hand-threshed the few small but precious bundles of wheat he and a few servants had courageously gleaned the night before in a field below.

Abruptly he was aware that a man was sitting in the shade of an oak tree only a few yards away. Gideon was startled by the strangely sudden presence of this man, who might well have been a Midianite spy. He started to quietly gather up his wheat and scamper for safety, but before he could sack it up and leave, the man got up and sauntered toward Gideon, who was relieved to note that he obviously wasn't a Midianite.

"I see that you are very careful not to let your enemies know what you are doing," the stranger remarked. "Why do you, a strong courageous young man, seem to fear the Midianites so much? Don't you know that your God is ready and willing to help you?"

"I don't know who you are, sir," Gideon replied, "but if God is willing to help us, why hasn't He rescued us from these terrible conditions?" (Verses 11-13.)

"Because Israel has ignored My laws and our agreement," the stranger answered.

"*Your* laws?" Gideon queried, staring.

"*My* laws," the stranger replied firmly and calmly.

Gideon was a bit shaken by this answer. He met the gaze of the stranger, and realized that the brilliant eyes were those of one far greater than a human being! He respectfully waited for the stranger to continue.

Gideon's Divine Commission

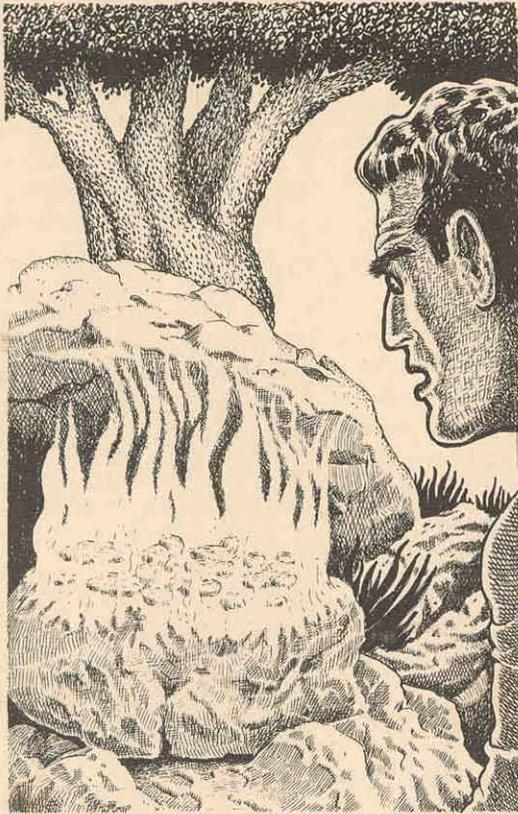
"If you will act with faith in your Creator, you can help rescue Israel from the Midianites, Gideon," the stranger told him.

Gideon could scarcely believe what he heard. Although he had always refused to take part in the idolatrous practice of other Israelites, he couldn't at the moment realize why he should be chosen to help liberate Israel. He had never considered himself an outstanding leader, though he had some reputation among the Israelites of his area as being quite active in the welfare of his people, even at the risk of his own life.

"How is it possible for me to help rescue Israel, my Lord?" asked Gideon. "I am not wealthy and I am the youngest of my father's sons. I do not command any fighting force. Why should I be chosen to do something that many other men are more qualified and better equipped to do?"

"Don't be concerned about such things," the stranger said. "Your God will be your strength, and you shall strike down the Midianites as easily as though their army consisted of only one man!" (Judges 6:14-16.)

Gideon hardly knew what to do. He didn't feel that he could accept such responsibility without knowing for certain that this man was really divinity in human form. On the other hand, he couldn't risk refusing a commission from God.



He asked the stranger to continue resting under the oak tree, excused himself and hurried to his abode not far away to quickly prepare a sacrificial offering of food. When he returned he presented unleavened cakes, broth and a boiled young goat to the stranger, who looked pleased at sight of the food.

"Place the meat and cakes on this flat rock and pour the broth over them," Gideon was told, and he did so.

The stranger then touched the offering with the end of his staff. Abruptly fire shot up out of the rock, rapidly consuming the food! When Gideon turned his startled gaze up from the spectacle, the stranger had vanished! (Verses 17-21.)

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Proof of the FLOOD

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Nothing could be farther from the truth! They ought to read their Bibles to find out what really is the truth. The Apostle Peter issued a stern warning against the modernists of his day who mocked at the Biblical warning that the second coming of Christ would occur, that the Kingdom of God would be firmly established on earth (II Peter 3:4).

The Apostle Peter warns us against believing the foolish idea that God will never intervene in human affairs because some scoffer claims He has never intervened in the past.

Because we have proved that a great world-wide Flood occurred, we have also proved that the Bible account is true. Because we have proved that the inspired Bible account of the Flood is true, we have also proved that God is Creator and Ruler and has the power

that it took to destroy all life from the earth with a Flood, just as your Bible reveals.

Because God reveals that it will happen, the second coming of Christ is even more certain than the rising of the sun in the morning.

But because mankind has been deceived into believing he is able to find the answers to life apart from the Bible—the FOUNDATION of all knowledge—God is not going to send Jesus Christ to rule this earth until, if He should wait one more day, man would blast himself off the face of the earth (Matt. 24:22).

Why You Need the Truth

If there ever was a need for right KNOWLEDGE—for understanding and WISDOM—it is now!

Even a brief glance at the world to-

day reveals we have a world in which science is unable to abolish sickness, disease, fears and worries, insecurity, high taxes, mounting crime waves, graft, mismanagement in high places, strife and competition among nations. Millions realize we are on the very verge of nuclear cosmocide.

Scientists are madly struggling to find the answers to survival, apart from God, before man annihilates himself with atom and hydrogen bombs. These answers can't ever be found apart from God, for God is the source of all knowledge, all wisdom and all life—there is no other source!

Let's learn to look to the SOURCE of right understanding—the BEGINNING of knowledge—the WAY to wisdom! Let us come out of this world of scientific and spiritual confusion.

God promises, if we turn to Him with our whole hearts, He will deliver us from the frightening inventions of misguided science and human government in the days ahead (Rev. 3:10).

What our READERS SAY

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a friend asked me how much we had to pay for your books. I had the pleasure of telling her 'nothing, and never have.' She was very much surprised! Once I smirked at my husband's belief and tried to get him to quit listening to your broadcasts. He's gone through much ridicule and has come through it and has brought me around to my senses. I hope you can show many, many more people the truth. We've never sent you any money. The other day my husband and I were talking and he said, 'if I paid Armstrong what I owed him for showing me the truth of the Bible, I'd never be able to repay him.'

Mrs. C. E., Indiana

There Is Proof!

"I'm writing you about a Sunday school teacher. This is what she said. That we couldn't prove the Bible, that we could have faith that it was true but we could not prove it. I was shocked and sorry for her. Do you have a book on the proof of the Bible?"

Mrs. Alta W., Texas

• *Yes, we have. You should have received your copy by now.*

On for 1964

"Please put me on the mailing list for 1964 of your PLAIN TRUTH magazine. After receiving it for one year I can truthfully say, 'There is no other magazine like it.' We wouldn't be without it."

H. L. B., West Virginia

• *You're on.*

"I read every PLAIN TRUTH from beginning to end and couldn't be satisfied without it. I'm always ready and waiting for each issue. I never really understood the Bible until I began reading *The PLAIN TRUTH.*"

Rose B., Kentucky

Child Rearing

"We have your book on child rearing and it has been most helpful. Don't know

how I could do without the ideas found in this book."

Mr. Wesley C., California

• *And they're not even our ideas—but God's way of child rearing.*

It Pays to Obey

"I am 17 years old, and I paid the tithe of my summer's work. I was very surprised to learn that I was selected to go on a trip (expense paid) to Houston, Texas next week and a trip to Chicago the next, because of my work in the field of global communications via satellite. I believe tithing pays. As a science student, I find no basis for evolution. In fact, the books I have read about it are rather funny. The C-14 dating system is absurd when one considers that the earth's magnetic field and cosmic radiation are not constant as the theory assumes, but rather are highly variable."

Boy from Chetopa, Kansas

• *And every other argument against the existence of God is only an assumed theory!*

Autobiography

"A few days ago when *The PLAIN TRUTH* arrived I was as hungry as a bear, but I read every word of your Autobiography before I ate my next meal. I wanted to know more about Dr. B. How well I know the species!"

Miss D. C., Pennsylvania

"Your Autobiography has been so helpful, also. When so many times I have wondered if anyone has had as much trouble as we have, I read of the many trials you have had and have overcome them. It gives me more courage to keep trying harder than ever to overcome my difficulties, and have more patience."

Miss Viola B., Kansas

Understands the Bible

"I had never in all my life experienced anything such as I have in the last year or so. Having listened to your son's broadcasts, and read the articles from your magazine, I have found myself referring to it as 'my magazine.' How plain everything seems to become when the truth enters in. The Bible has become something dear as well as educational to me. Before it seemed to be a

big puzzle that everyone referred to as something less than a dictionary, just another book.

Mrs. Harold T. G., Wisconsin

"I am enjoying *The PLAIN TRUTH* very much. My father also is getting his copy that was requested several weeks ago and he tells me his minister is also receiving *The PLAIN TRUTH* and is preaching his sermons from it."

W. K., Tennessee

Race Question

"My PLAIN TRUTH was so late coming that now since it's here I can't get to read it—my husband is so interested in the race crisis and he reads so slowly. I guess he is drinking it all in. I am patiently waiting, praying that he will get interested in and read all that's in it."

Mrs. G. S., Arkansas

Women Preachers Again!

"So many women want to be boss until they think they have to preach. Just about every church I go to the men sit back and let the women take over. Every time one gets ready to say a few words they've got to run up in the pulpit and I don't think that's any place for a woman. Most men have gone to sleep on the job."

Viola R., Michigan

• *It's time both men and women learned their respective responsibilities.*

"I listen to your broadcast all the time. I wish a few more of the preachers would give out the straight and true facts of the Bible. One preacher told me if he would preach like that he wouldn't have anyone in church. Well, he had better be telling them before it is too late, and the time is closer than we think."

Mrs. Q. W., Kansas

New Readers

"A friend of mine gave me one of your magazines last week and asked me what I thought of it. It's the most wonderful book I've ever read. I am 80 years old and never read one like it. It's the best I've ever seen. Please enter my name on the subscription list; whatever the price is, it's worth it."

W. H. C., Texas

• *It's PRICELESS!*

SOVIET SECRET WEAPON

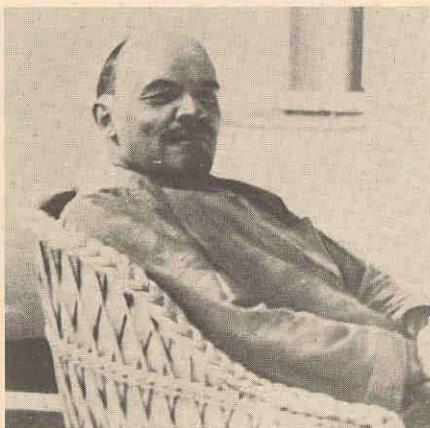
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though they attended several years later.

Hladun, a Canadian of Ukrainian extraction, was drawn into the party through a Greek church social club that Canadian Communists had penetrated. An interesting facet of his story is that when he sailed for Europe on the way to Moscow he was instructed to talk to fellow passengers in the most reactionary language he could devise.

Another part of his story that also illustrates the precautions taken to keep the Lenin school secret was the handling of his passport. It was taken up by a "special section" of the Comintern upon his arrival, and he was assigned the cover name of John Logan to use while in Moscow. The point was that no student was supposed to know the true names of his classmates. Hladun says that there were 6,000 foreign students being trained when he was in Moscow in 1931.

Nowell is one of the Lenin University Negroes who has long since become an anti-Communist. Others are Leonard Patterson and Manning Johnson, both of whom have testified before congressional committees. Another, Claude Lightfoot, is still a Communist and was recently a defendant in a Smith Act trial and the object of oceans of crocodile tears in the Communist press.



Wide World Photo

Lenin, founder of Russian Communism, wrote several volumes used as textbooks in schools for subversion. Lessons include instruction on assassination and civil disobedience. All American Communists were taught from these texts.

Plot to DIVIDE America!

While at the school, Nowell had the extraordinary gall to buck a pet idea of Comrade Stalin's. This supposedly all-knowing "leader and teacher of the working class" had delivered himself of the brilliant theory that American Negroes must be encouraged toward "nationalism." This meant that, come the revolution in America, there would be established a "black belt" republic comprising all the southeastern states from South Carolina through Texas, the white population to be exterminated or transported to slave labor camps elsewhere. The Negroes in the northern states were to be collected into enclaves apart from the whites so that they could dictate their own affairs.

Nowell, as spokesman for most of the American Negroes then in Moscow, argued that American Negroes were trying to get away from segregation, not exaggerate it, and that therefore this was a poor way to attract them to communism. Needless to say, "the great I Am," Stalin, rejected this heresy. Nowell was lucky to get home alive, and there is evidence that the "black belt" theory is still Kremlin policy. It is also thought that a certain prominent Communist Negro singer has been promised the Commissarship of such a "Soviet Socialist Republic" (with the West Indies thrown in as a sweetener).

How Communists Treated Negroes

Another cheering revolt by Negro Americans against Soviet dogma happened somewhat earlier. On the assumption that American Negroes were an exploited Colonial class, they were assigned not to Lenin University, but to the Institute for the Toilers of the Orient. The living conditions among the Orientals, the skimpy food, the bug-ridden barracks, were so far below the standard of the American Negroes, that they staged a strike, perhaps the only successful one in Soviet history, and were reassigned to the Lenin University.

Some of the students who were sent to Lenin University for the short course

after 1930 had only nominal experience in the Communist party. This relaxation of entrance requirements, it is assumed, was due to the coming of the depression and a Soviet belief that the time for revolution was near. It was largely these short-term, depression-motivated Communists who later broke away and told the story of their revolutionary schooling.

The writer interviewed one such former student, a man of Slavic origin who now is a successful small businessman in Pittsburgh, and whose name is omitted for that reason. When sent to Moscow, he was 20 years old and had only a little secondary education. When interviewed he gave the impression of being not very interested in politics. Probably the party considered him worth the trip to Moscow because he belonged to a minority group and because he was a steelworker and thus inside a key industry.

Revolutionary Schools Go UNDERGROUND

At any rate, the period of quick and comparatively nonselective training at Lenin University seems to have ended in 1933 when this country recognized the Soviet Union. Part of that deal was that Russia would cease trying to subvert our government. Of course the Soviets had not the slightest notion of keeping the agreement, but the occasion did cause them to tighten security, at least where American students were concerned, and the school was moved out of Moscow so that foreigners in the capital could no longer see it. The new site, housing the entire Comintern, was some 20 miles southeast of Moscow deep in the forest on a side road off a main highway. Igor Bogolepov, a former Soviet Foreign Office counsellor who escaped to the West, [had] visited the place in early 1940. He described it as surrounded by a high wooden fence enclosing an area of at least a square mile. The single gate was flanked by guard towers, and the security check upon entering [was] unusually strict. At the rear of the compound were two large one-story buildings housing Comintern offices and classrooms. The remainder of the area was taken up with a central parade ground, surrounded by two-story barracks in diagonally slanted rows. Eudocio Ravines,



Wide World Photo

Soviet Premier Khrushchev continues Communists' program of subversion. Russian schools, in Moscow were attended by Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of Late President Kennedy. Is this where he learned his technique?

a Peruvian ex-Communist, also described a visit to this Comintern center in 1938 in his book *The Yenan Way*.

Incidentally, Ravines was the recipi-

ent in 1934 of the type of special revolutionary training given to foreign Communist leaders considered too important and busy to go through one of the colleges. His teachers were Mao Tse-tung, Chu Teh and Li Li-san, top Chinese Communists, who were quartered in a dacha several miles outside Moscow where their presence could not be detected by Western diplomats or newsmen.

The latter precaution was of the greatest assistance to Left Wingers in the United States and elsewhere who were still claiming as late as 1949 that the Chinese Communists had no connection whatever with the Soviet Union. These Chinese worthies coached Ravines for two weeks on how to set up a "popular front" movement, which he later succeeded in doing in Chile.

Since the war the secrecy cloaking these schools has been very dense. We know that Americans are being sent for short-term training to Prague, Czechoslovakia. Matt Cvetic, former F.B.I. counterspy in the Pittsburgh area, described to the writer the "holier-than-thou" air about the returning students. Whether this sort of decentralization has diminished the importance of the Moscow-situated schools we do not know.

We do know that the Soviets officially "abolished" the Comintern in 1943 as a gesture in return for American war materials. This was *strictly* a gesture however, and the functions of the once semi-autonomous Comintern were merely attached to the Kremlin apparatus.

America Without Defense

The only logical conclusion that can be drawn from the entire picture is that such a successful operation must be continuing. To date, our reaction to the Kremlin's political warfare offensive, staffed by these Moscow-trained shock troops, has been about as effective as spears against tanks, or bows and arrows against airplanes.

Let us hope devoutly that . . . an American political warfare training program for a cold war counterattack against communism, will be adopted . . . and that it will reverse the tide that so long has run against the cause of freedom.

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Personal from the Editor

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moval is an act of God." Later, on trial for his cowardly act, he said to the jury: "Let your verdict be that it was the Deity's act, not mine." The jury didn't see it that way.

After Czolgosz killed President McKinley he explained why: "I thought it would be a good thing for the nation to kill the President."

After attempting to kill President Truman, Collazo justified himself in court thus: "I did it for the cause of the liberty of my country."

Did any of these little warped-minded assassins repent of their foul deeds? NOT ONE! All thought they were men of destiny, taken over by the power of God to do their murders.

And very possibly many, if not all,

were taken over, and actually *possessed*, by demons in the service of the diabolical god of this world, Satan the devil!

Did you notice their foreign names? Most were of foreign birth, yet all were United States citizens at the time of their deeds. Not one did his terrible act out of personal animosity resulting from personal or official relationship. Not one was, apparently, a part of an organized conspiracy by any foreign government or even any organized cause.

It seems each acted on his own, independently of human organizations. Each was a little man, seized by an invisible satanic force, with illusions of diabolical grandeur, and a perverted sense of mission.

How can a nation completely protect its head from such men? Probably, in this world, it can't. But in the WORLD TOMORROW, with the divine and glorified Jesus Christ ruling all nations as KING of kings, all rulers will have been

born again—born of GOD as immortals, who CANNOT DIE! *Then, there will be no more assassinations.*

I know that I am an instrument in the hands of the true Creator GOD—but I am commissioned to preach LOVE, and MERCY, PEACE and JUSTICE, and the Commandments of God, one of which is: THOU SHALT NOT KILL (do no murder).

John F. Kennedy was a Roman Catholic, and I am not—I take no part in politics, and therefore I *did not vote* for him—BUT I DID PRAY FOR HIM, and I hope you did, too!

I believe all true and understanding *non-Catholic* Christians were as shocked and grieved by this terrible murder as were Catholics. Mr. Kennedy was the President of the United States! As such we felt a respect, a high regard, and even a LOVE for the leader of the country of our birth and the country which has blest us so richly and given us its protection, its liberties, its freedoms, its

opportunities and blessings!

I wonder how many of our readers know that the Bible commands us to pray for the heads of our nations? The Bible does *not* command us to take part in this world's politics—strange as that may seem to many. But it *does* emphatically teach RESPECT for, and SUBMISSION to the government of man that is over us.

Jesus Christ took no part whatsoever in human government—but He did command, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's"—meaning taxes, as well as subjection and respect.

Actually Jesus Christ came to qualify to become KING over the whole world. But His kingdom was not of *this* present world. The Old Covenant with Israel "married" (spiritually) that nation to the Eternal. The NEW Covenant is to "marry" God's Church to Christ. This is to set up GOD'S GOVERNMENT on earth. The Church, then, is the affianced Bride of Christ (Rev. 19:7-9), now *engaged*, and expected to remain true to her future husband by avoiding fornication. The false church has committed fornication—HOW? By mixing in this world's politics!! (Rev. 17:1-2.)

But though Christ's Church is forbidden to be a *part* of this world's governments, IT IS STRICTLY COMMANDED TO BE SUBJECT to the worldly government—to honor and pray for its rulers.

Notice: "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, *prayers*, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; FOR KINGS, AND FOR ALL THAT ARE IN AUTHORITY; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (I Tim. 2:1-2).

Again, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever, therefore, resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation" (Rom. 13:1-2). These little assassins resisted—and, in every case, TO THEIR OWN DAMNATION!

To Titus, Paul admonished: "Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready for every good work" (Titus 3:1).

Peter speaks of those who "despise government, . . . not afraid to speak evil of dignities" (II Pet. 2:10). He says they shall receive the reward of unrighteousness (which is death). "Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings."

God's Word teaches us to have RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY. There can be no power, except *as God allows*. The Bible does not teach that this world's governments are righteous, or representing God. But, so long as God *allows* them to wield an authority HE established—even though they wield it contrary to His laws—to disrespect the government is to disrespect God.

OBEEDIENCE TO LAW is the basic teaching of the Bible.

RESPECT FOR CONSTITUTED AUTHORITY is commanded by GOD!

Therefore, whether we agree with the man in office—his religion—his political party—his ideas, or whatever—GOD COMMANDS US TO RESPECT HIS OFFICE, TO HONOR IT, AND TO PRAY FOR HIM!

If any good whatsoever can conceivably come out of a presidential assassination, let it sober us and teach us some of these lessons.

Our staff at the college in England report that the British were as shocked as if it had been their Queen—and mourned Mr. Kennedy's death in just about the same manner they would have, had it been Queen Elizabeth! There may be a certain nationalistic feeling on the surface toward the United States on the part of some in Britain—but when something like this comes along, all that is immediately forgotten, and brother Ephraim mourns with brother Manasseh, and we realize we are one and the same people.

Personally, I think I was too stunned to shed tears. But Garner Ted Armstrong received the news before I did—an hour and ten minutes before he was due before the microphone for the daily broadcast of *The* WORLD TOMORROW. He went immediately to his desk to prepare the broadcast. Then, when news came later that the President was dead, he shed real spontaneous tears, and prayed to God to inspire him to say what ought to be said in his noon broadcast.

The program goes, live, on the air over a local station from our own studio at 12 noon. As the program is being heard over the Los Angeles area between 12 and 12:30, it is simultaneously being recorded on tape by our large battery of Ampex tape recorders. There is a master tape, from which scores of other tapes are recorded later in the day, and dispatched by air-express to radio stations all over the world. What was said on that program, one short hour after the assassination of the President, was spontaneous, and nearly all ad-libbed—as are virtually all WORLD TOMORROW programs. I hope most of our readers heard it.

But, emotionally as tragedies like this strike us, it is for us, the living, to press on. We in the Work of God have our biggest work yet to do. Time is short. It is later than we think!

I know that the same Satan, who undoubtedly is the real author of these assassinations of so many heads of governments, would—if he could—have me killed. And also my son Garner Ted Armstrong, and the other ministers on our growing staff.

Right now Satan is very ANGRY—because he knows well that he has but a short time left (Rev. 12:12). And against whom is he stirred to such satanic fury?

Against those people of God who "keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev. 12:17).

This is the Work of God that preaches that very TRUTH so hateful to the god of this world! But Satan is LIMITED in his powers! He can do no more than God *allows*!

I well know that my very life must be in the hands of the Eternal Almighty GOD. Unless He protects it, Satan would instantly destroy it! But we here, at the Headquarters of God's Work, take courage and inspiration to press on in the knowledge that thousands are praying earnestly for our protection and safety, as well as divine guidance and power!

But we should pray, even more, and in renewed fervor and intensity and faith, "THY KINGDOM COME; THY WILL BE DONE, IN EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN!"

Short Questions

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engrossing, so rewarding, so entertaining, that you will not want to discontinue it.

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Your recent article explaining that God intended distinct varieties of plants, animals and human beings to keep separate prompts this question. Are nectarines, grapefruit, and rutabagas all hybrids? Some claim so, but is it true?

Many have assumed that these species are hybrids. The truth is that not one of these is. Many accept one or more of these "old wives' tales" without proof.

Some *assume* that the nectarine is a hybrid cross between a peach and a plum just because it is smooth and fuzzless like a plum and has the other qualities of a peach. This idea—very commonly held today—is a fallacy and has no scientific basis whatsoever. It would be just as rational to assume that an artificial egg is a cross between an egg and a light bulb because it resembles

both. Many people hear a tale over and over again and *assume* it to be true. Human nature is such that if you hear a statement repeated often enough, you begin to think that it is *true!* Hitler capitalized on this foible of human nature to sway millions and make them believe his deliberate lies.

Horticulturists and plant specialists know that the nectarine is in reality a smooth-skinned, fuzzless mutation of the peach. In fact, nectarines were known to the ancient Romans, over 2000 years ago! You can verify this information in any standard work on horticulture, the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, or even a reliable dictionary.

The grapefruit, also, is a natural plant and not a hybrid, as many have assumed. Its unusual size, color and flavor do not mean it is a hybrid, but that God put those qualities in grapefruit for our benefit.

Another common misunderstanding is in regard to the rutabaga. Because it has as many genes in a chromosome as a cabbage and a turnip combined, this vegetable has been assumed to be a cross between those two vegetables. This is an assumption. Just try crossing cabbages with turnips! You won't get rutabagas! You had just as well not waste your time trying!

We need to be careful about the rumors we hear often repeated and taken, by others, for granted. The *truth* doesn't need to begin as a rumor, hearsay, or "old wives' tale."

If God took one of Adam's ribs in order to create Eve, why don't we find men today with one less rib? Doesn't this disprove the Bible?

Disprove the Bible? Not at all!

This kind of change—Adam's loss of a rib for example—is not passed on from parent to offspring. A man who loses an arm in an automobile accident will not have children lacking one arm! Adam's loss of a rib in order that God could create Eve does not mean that all of Adam's male children were born with one less rib than their sisters. Yet this sort of hazy, inconclusive—*medieval*—thinking is what this world has blindly accepted as a basis of evolution.

In the 1500's the leaders of the Ro-

man Catholic Church were *shocked!* Andreas Vesalius, Doctor of Anatomy, discovered that both men and women had the *same number of ribs!* It had long been assumed that because God had taken one of Adam's ribs (Gen. 2:21), that all men—Adam's children—had one less rib than women. Vesalius was called into account for his amazing discovery. The religious leaders of his day believed him to be contradicting the Bible.

If those church leaders had read the Bible they would have known his findings were correct. Vesalius had merely discovered one of God's natural laws.

God set in motion a law that characteristics acquired through accidental injuries are not inherited. Can you imagine what a world would be like if these *acquired* or *new characteristics* of the parent animal *could be genetically passed on to its offspring?* It would be a world of halt, maimed and blind!

Ambassador Mourns Death of President

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Any professing Christian who can't feel a deep sense of GRIEF at these tragic events ought to seriously *examine himself* by God's Word.

Another most important lesson we ought to learn from these recent acts of *brutal VIOLENCE* is the absolute NEED for Jesus Christ to return to this earth soon to bring PEACE and ORDER. For, as all our long-time PLAIN TRUTH readers know, all these events fit directly into the prophesied events preceding the *downfall* of our nation and its PUNISHMENT by God.

When Jesus Christ returns, the Spirit-born saints who rule with Him will NEVER be shot or assassinated! And they will bring *peace* to this earth, under Christ, and rule with divine POWER and LOVE and WISDOM. When will we learn to fix our eyes on THAT goal and learn to recognize the REALITY of God's plan and purpose here below?

Realizing deeply the shortness and emptiness of human power and glory, our constant prayer should be: "Thy Kingdom COME."

Overseas Offices Report

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to Lyndon Johnson was that of uncertainty. They felt that they did not know him too well, and didn't know exactly where he stood on the major issues which they thought might affect their lives.

"British sentiment, following the speech which President Johnson gave on Wednesday, November 27, appears to be that of restrained optimism. Britons now appear to be more relaxed, somewhat consoled by the feeling that the U.S. President will continue the basic policies of the Kennedy Administration."

—Raymond F. McNair, Regional Editor,
United Kingdom

From Vancouver, Canada:

"THE REACTION of all the Canadian people from the government on down to the man-on-the-street was one of a deep sense of sorrow and concern. Sorrow in the sense that Canada and the United States are so closely bound in geographical, political and social relationships. The resentments and disagreements which have cropped up in the past few months concerning foreign relations and trade seemed to melt into insignificance at the news of the President's death. Everyone seemed to feel it very deeply and was unashamed to admit and express it openly. I was somewhat surprised myself to see such sincere expressions of grief and concern on the part of a foreign nation at the death of the leader of another nation.

"It showed me that here was a greater inner dependence and relationship between Canada and the United States than appears on the surface. The relationship was personal and also a dependence on the leadership that Mr. Kennedy had exhibited, representing the most powerful nation on earth today. Canada has been impressed by the recent steps Mr. Kennedy had been taking in his efforts toward world peace.

"Small children ran home from school with tears streaming down their cheeks' (Vancouver Sun, Nov. 23, 1963). It was reported by one high

school senior that even the so-called toughies of the teenager group sat in stunned silence at the news of President Kennedy's death. My daughter's teacher broke into tears while bringing the news of the President's death to her fifth grade class.

"Another man at work reported that several men asked him where the prophecies were that spoke of the end time and events such as the assassination of the President. The reaction was instant and in many cases very emotional.

"Prime Minister Lester Pearson said before the House of Commons upon hearing the news: 'No people outside the United States will feel more deeply this tragedy than the people of Canada, the neighbor to the United States. It is difficult to say more, our hearts are filled with sadness.' Then the visibly upset prime minister, who was a personal friend of Kennedy's, left the hushed chamber with State Secretary Jack Pickersgill. With heads bowed, the other members followed and soon the Commons was dark and empty—a focal point of Canada's grief. . . . Later in their offices, however, they began to consider Canada's future in relation to the tragedy. Generally they agreed that Canada, because of its geographic, economic and other links with the U.S., will be the country apart from the U.S., itself, most affected by the President's death. (Vanc. Sun, Nov. 22, 1963.)

"So the reaction in all walks of life here in Canada is one of very great sorrow and concern. Sorrow because of the personal relationship between the United States and Canada; concern because of the realization of the part that the leaders of the United States play in world affairs."

—Dean R. Wilson, Manager,
Vancouver Office of The Plain Truth

From Johannesburg, South Africa:

"THE NEWS of President Kennedy's assassination came as a great shock to South Africans of all races and caused deep shock and horror among members of the Diplomatic Corps in Pretoria last night.' This statement published in the *Rand Daily Mail*, one of the leading newspapers in Johannesburg, on Saturday, November 23, 1963, gives an accurate summarization of my impression of the reaction

experienced by most South Africans upon hearing the tragic news of the loss of the President.

"For several days following this first news flash, the press and radio gave very thorough coverage of the news relevant to President Kennedy's assassination. Regular programming was interrupted to allow full coverage of any developments. The South Africa Broadcasting Corporation transmitted the full proceedings of the funeral on Monday.

"Deep respect was shown to President Kennedy by the Republic of South Africa when flags were flown at half-mast on both Saturday and Monday. The State President, Mr. C. R. Swart, sent the following telegram to the President of the United States: 'The entire population of the Republic of South Africa has been profoundly shocked by the tragic death of President John F. Kennedy.

"'On my behalf and on behalf of the people of the Republic, I extend to you and to the people of the United States of America our deepest sympathy in your very great loss.'

"The Prime Minister, Dr. Verwoerd, sent the following telegram to the President of the United States: 'It is with profound shock that I and my Government have learned of the tragic death of President John F. Kennedy.

"'On my behalf, and on behalf of my Government, I wish to convey to you our deepest sympathy in the great loss to your nation.'

"Whether at official dinner parties, ceremonies, ballets or other functions, there was either a complete break-up of the affair or a period of silence upon receipt of the tragic news. In whatever manner the public of South Africa received the news, it seemed to come as a stunning blow. I had South Africans telephone me late Friday evening from the Johannesburg and Pretoria areas to make sure I had been informed of the tragedy, and to express their sympathy and concern. Sunday morning I flew to Durban and was met by several South Africans whose first concern was to express their sympathies for the loss of our President. Thousands attended Solemn Requiem Mass for President Kennedy throughout South Africa.

"To witness such concerned reaction

by South Africans of all levels of life certainly reveals their deep-rooted affinity to the people of the United States and our leaders. In spite of President Kennedy's strong condemnation of the government's policy of apartheid (separate development of Whites, Coloreds and Bantus)—a policy which, they feel, must be followed if Whites are to survive in South Africa—there seemed to be absolutely no ill-will expressed because of this. This certainly seems to show that there is a love and concern for the citizens of the United States which far transcends any particular policy differences existing between our governments.

"Following the initial shock, a bewildered public asked: 'Why was President Kennedy killed?' A general consensus of public feeling on this was summed up in *The Star* of November 23, 1963: 'Conscious of their own racial problems, they wondered whether the President's violent death yesterday in the American South was connected with his efforts to bring political and social equality to the American Negro.'

"Regardless of the real reason behind President Kennedy's assassination, South Africans, I sincerely feel, hope that the United States never has to experience another such tragedy to one of her Presidents while he strives to rule the country for the good of all concerned."

—Gerald Waterhouse
Circulation Manager,
Johannesburg

From Geneva:

"UPON the news of the assassination, passers-by halted and stood, stunned, in front of the first posters announcing the death of President Kennedy. Car drivers, who usually drive past and glance mechanically at the posters of the daily newspapers, stopped their vehicles in the middle of the road and dashed over to get the news.

"Everywhere that evening knots of astounded pedestrians began to grow larger as people left the cinemas. The people stared at the large black letters on the posters as if hypnotized. An old lady burst into tears. 'What times we are living in! It is almost unbelievable that this could happen in 1963 to a man so young, so good, so intelligent!'

"People competed with one another in speaking with a passion entirely uncharacteristic of the Genevans about a man of whom they only know by the press or by radio. In the bars and in all cafés the T.V. and radio sets are turned on. Everyone seems to have an expression of consternation and incomprehension written all over his face. The whole population seems to be in mourning.

"This feeling of sadness was experienced by the vast majority of the people of Berne, Switzerland's capital. Here, not only did they like Kennedy's youth and dynamism, but they admired in him the qualities of energy. . . . The people in Zürich felt the death of Kennedy as if he were one of their own people. Zürich, always close to America, was particularly overwhelmed by the news, the crowd was thunderstruck: 'What will happen now?' they asked.

"In Paris the news came like a thunder-clap. It was hardly credible, for the U.S.A. was considered to be the least likely place where this sort of thing would happen."

Report from the American Embassy in Berne:

The Embassy was closed for Thanksgiving Day and all festivities had been cancelled. The Dinner of the U.S. Information Service in Geneva, which is normally held every year at this time, had also been cancelled.

The effect upon Americans in Switzerland has been exactly the same as that in the rest of the world, namely deep sorrow and the fact that it is hard to believe that Mr. Kennedy is dead. This information was given to me by the Assistant Press Attaché at the Embassy—he told me that a grown man had cried.

—Colin Wilkins, Manager,
Geneva Office of French Edition of
The Plain Truth

RESPECT Authority

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mile, go with him twain" (Matthew 5:41). Notice that Jesus taught submission, not resistance.

Today the government does not com-

pel its citizens to bear this responsibility.

How thankful are you for this fact? It is so easy to forget the benefits of an ordered society—the postal service, and the various agencies of protection, to name a few. So easy to neglect Paul's admonition that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men: for kings, and FOR ALL THAT ARE IN AUTHORITY; that we may lead a life in godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour (I Timothy 2:1-3).

God has established earthly governments to keep order until His Kingdom comes. It is your commanded duty to submit to their authority patiently, excusing the obvious faults inherent in human leadership. No human government can be perfect. It may even be required of you by God to suffer unjustly when you have to obey God rather than man. But you must submit to that penalty. All human history is a record of the tragedy of human governments which God is about to replace by sending Jesus Christ to establish the Kingdom of God and bring us peace and security.

Let's pray for that day!

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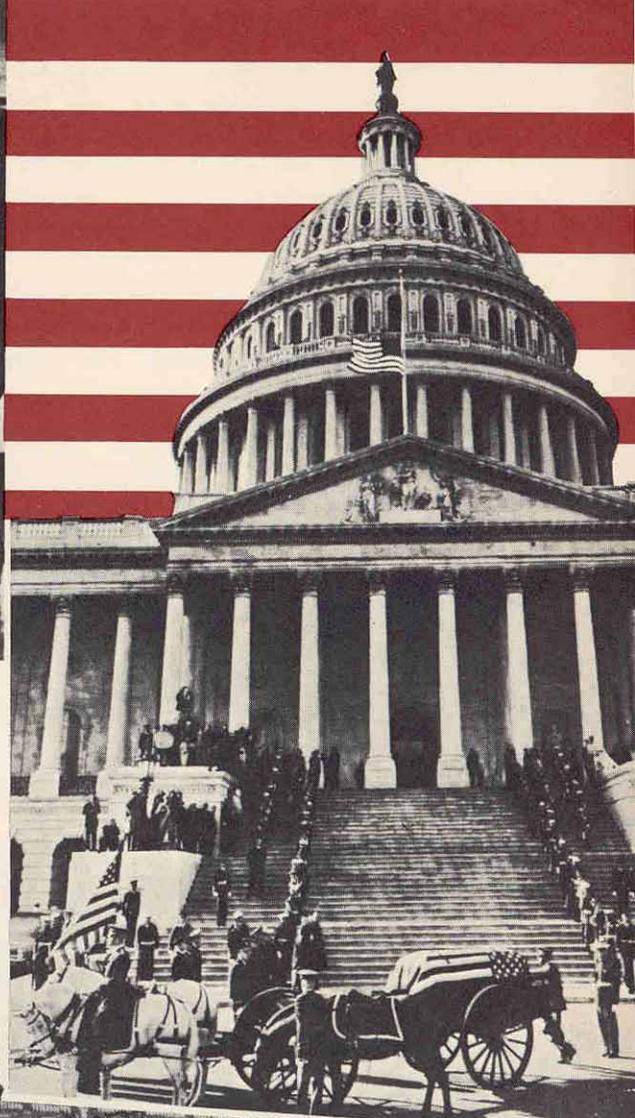
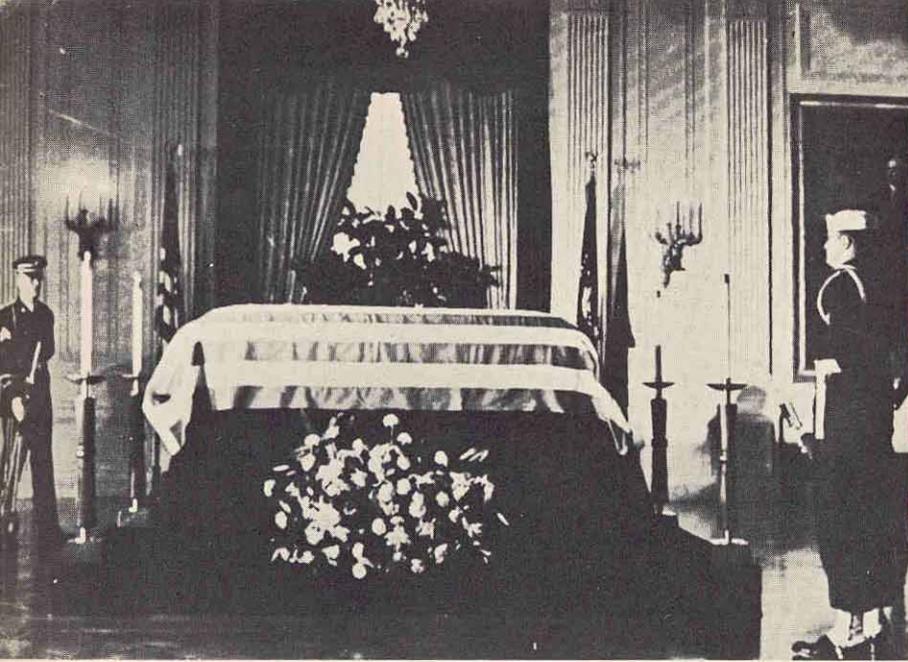
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The answer is as simple as it is astonishing! It is a paradox. Christ's Gospel cannot be sold like merchandise. You cannot buy salvation. Yet it does cost money to publish Christ's TRUTH and mail it to all continents on earth. It does have to be paid for! This is Christ's work. We solve this problem Christ's WAY!

Jesus said, "This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached (and published—Mark 13:10) in all the world for a witness unto all nations" (Mat. 24:14) at this time, just before the end of this age. A PRICE must be paid for the magazine, the broadcast, the Correspondence Course, or other literature. But HOW? Christ forbids us to sell it to those who receive it: "Freely ye have received," said Jesus to His disciples whom He was sending to proclaim His Gospel, "freely GIVE!" "It is more blessed," He said, "to GIVE than to receive."

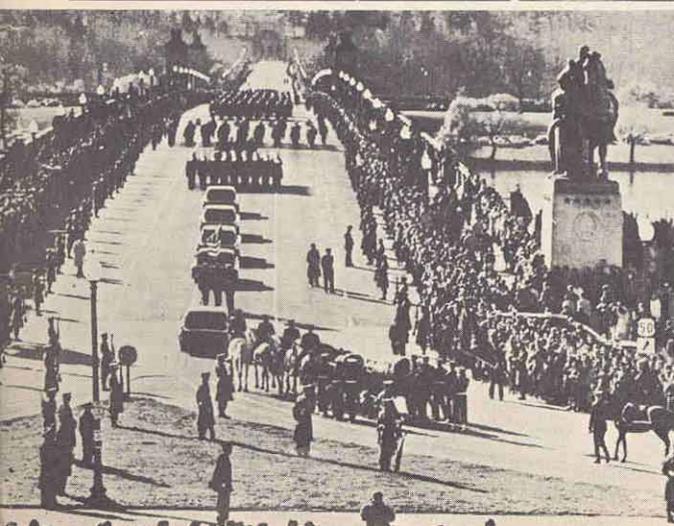
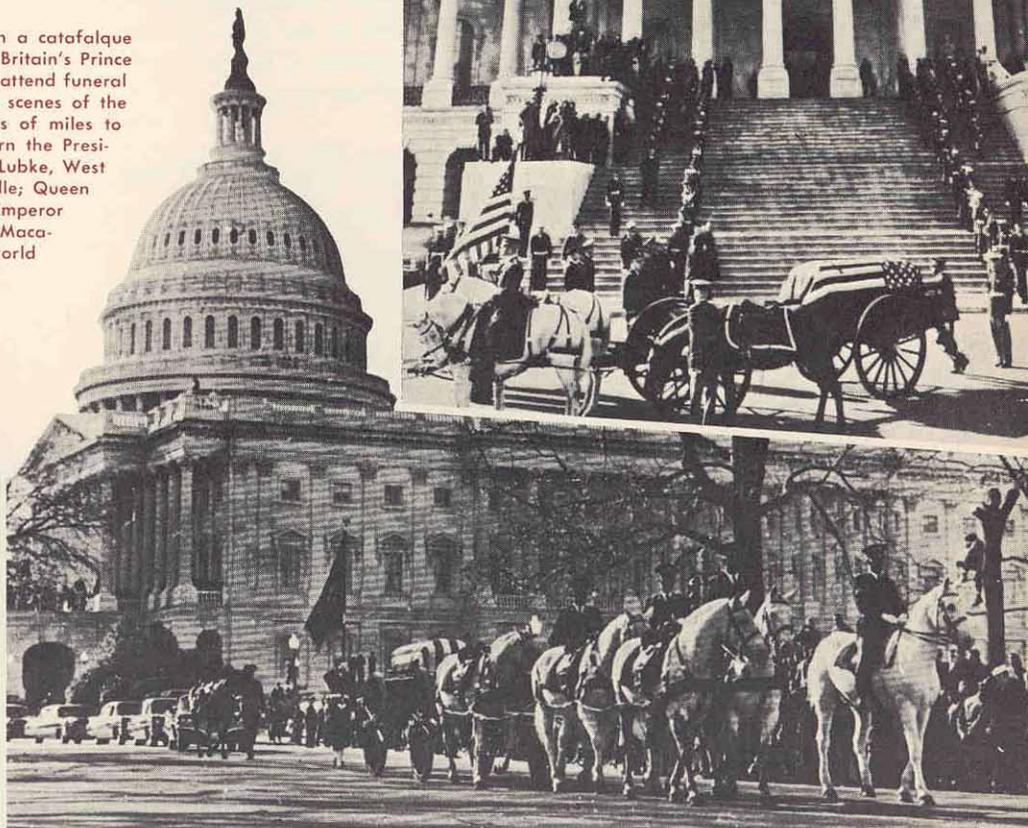
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IN MEMORIAM

Slain President's flag-draped casket, above, rests on a catafalque in historic East Room of White House. Below, Great Britain's Prince Philip arrives at Washington International airport to attend funeral rites for the late President. At right and below are scenes of the procession. World leaders who journeyed thousands of miles to pay their respects to the United States and to mourn the President, include, at lower right, in front row: Heinrich Lubke, West German President; French President Charles de Gaulle; Queen Frederika of Greece; King Baudouin of Belgium; Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia; and President Diosdaco Macapagal of the Philippines. Hundreds of other world leaders followed on foot in the procession.



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