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SOUTH AMERICA TODAY. This is a recent photo of the downtown skyline of Sao Paulo, Brazil. Startling events are taking place in modern, rapidly changing South America. See article, page 3.

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Trucks made in Koln, Germany, lining street in busy Valparaíso, Chile. Notice place of manufacture written in window of nearest truck. German imports are increasing greatly in South America. Thus leading to the fulfillment of startling prophecies in your Bible! See article on opposite page.

NOTICE: Be sure to notify us immediately of any change in address. IMPORTANT!

Letters to the Editor

In previous issues, we included a few of the many thousands of letters we receive each week. Here are a few more.

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"I am a girl 16 years old, and I listen to your program almost every day. I am greatly interested in taking your Bible Correspondence Course. Please send it to me and I'll work every day on it.

As you preach on the radio each day, I have heard things that have never been preached in my church. I've checked you out and everything you say is written in the Bible."

Beaverton, Oregon

Fulfilled Prophecy

"It is indeed a privilege to live in this age and see and read the prophecies actually being fulfilled before our very eyes. The coyotes out here in the mid-west are so hungry and dry that they come right up in our barnyard lots and kill calves, lambs, and chickens. The other morning a skunk came up to our back door where he smelled breakfast cooking. He was so goofy that it took about six shells fired into his head to

kill him. The dogs around the community are running in big packs and howling, barking, chasing livestock so that they keep the people awake all night. It truly is hot and dry here and we are needing rain for health's sake, as there is a lot of sickness going around."

Woman from Oxford, Kansas

Heard Program in Germany

"I would like to have any information, or a booklet that you select to send me. I don't know anything about God, but since I've been listening to you I am beginning to get interested in his word. The call letters of the station is KVI Seattle, but when I first started hearing your program three years ago, I was in Germany."

Man from Seattle, Washington

Former Agnostic

"I receive the Plain Truth and tune WABC at 11:30 nightly. Your scripture reading and talk nightly are friendly and timely. My understanding of the Bible

is increasing with knowledge of God's word. One year ago I was an agnostic using science as a guide, but God's inspired thoughts make reasoning essentially a thing of purpose. Thank you for your guides of truth."

Man from Ridgewood, New York

"May I take this opportunity to express my most grateful appreciation of the Bible Correspondence Course and the Plain Truth. Indeed there is nothing to compare with either of them. Each issue of the Plain Truth is read from cover to cover and then saved for future reference. Each article is vitally interesting—sometimes shocking but always in keeping with God's word."

Man from Mulvane, Kansas

"With your booklets and the Bible there is no time to read any other books. I find that although I was only a secondary school pupil, and not a brilliant scholar, I am beginning to understand what I am reading. In the past, I was told not to question any minister on matters concerning the Bible, and just to do and believe what I was told. I thank God for this wonderful opportunity and trust you will pray for me."

Man from Rhodesia, South Africa

America's Unseen DANGER!

South America is changing! Our nation is asleep to a vast, hidden enemy that may mean our ultimate destruction! Here is a first-hand report from behind the scenes, showing what is destined to happen in South America.

by Garner Ted Armstrong

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina:

FANTASTIC, breath-taking times are just ahead! Never before has there been a time like this in the history of the world—a time of world FEAR, with nations possessing weapons capable of erasing humanity from the earth!

In former articles in the *Plain Truth* magazine, we have shown you what the Almighty God says is SURE to happen to OUR NATION within the next few years. We have made those articles *specific—definite*, actually NAMING the nations which will be involved, and showing *from the scriptures* what your Creator says will happen. Here is another *specific* occurrence that you are going to SEE happen!

Numbers No Longer Important

It seems difficult for most to grasp the fact that wars will never again be won by the amount of soldiers a nation can throw onto the battlefield—by the number of ships and planes a nation possesses—or by the island-hopping, ground-fighting methods of World War II. With today's awe-inspiring weapons of super destruction it has become possible for a nation to completely destroy another nation OVERNIGHT—without warning!

It is *because* most do not grasp this great CHANGE in world affairs, that they are still looking in fear to the nations with the greatest *numbers* of soldiers, planes and military equipment as their greatest potential enemies. Numbers are no longer important in winning wars! America is fast asleep in her own apathetic self-indulgence; utterly oblivious to the vast, concentrated EFFORT that is being made by a *hidden, unseen* enemy

to DESTROY US, and to CONQUER THE WORLD!

World War III Is Already Begun!

Believe it or not, the next world war is *already* being fought—and America and the British Commonwealth of Nations are rapidly LOSING that war! As we have demonstrated in previous issues, it is *world trade* and superior *resources* that are going to be the decisive factors in the next struggle for world supremacy. There is at this moment a tremendous world-wide struggle going on for domination of WORLD TRADE—and we are LOSING OUT, EVERYWHERE!

We have shown you, by *repeated* warnings, both in the pages of this magazine, and over the *World Tomorrow* broadcast, that the Almighty God has promised He will *strip away* the natural resources and the material wealth of our nations, leaving us a helpless prey to any enemy. It is because we don't really BELIEVE God's warnings—because we don't see how such a thing could be *possible*, that we insist on hiding behind the permanent-appearing PRESENT, utterly REFUSING to look at the certain future.

Always before, the great American and British nations have been able, by holding out for enough *time*, to shift their vast industrial machines into military, wartime production, and it was this great PRODUCTION that finally beat the Germans and Japanese in World War II. But that production has come to our rescue for the *last time*! God is beginning to take a hand! He is beginning to *curse* our lands, as He PROMISED He would (Deut. 11:26-28) by sending floods, drought, famines, tornadoes, hur-

ricanes, insect plagues, crop-destroying diseases, physical sickness and incurable diseases to *weaken* our nations, to denude us of our pride and strength, and make of us a helpless, weak RUIN which cannot stand before *any* enemy!

Yes, World War III is now being fought—but the battlefield is not yet *military*—it is ECONOMIC—a battle for WORLD TRADE!

Danger in Our Own "Back Yard"

For years we have struggled through conferences, trade agreements, peace treaties and loans, to keep Communism out of the Western Hemisphere! We have NOT struggled, however, to keep a far more *dangerous* enemy out of the Western Hemisphere, simply because we do not yet recognize who the enemy is!

We have assumed that our "Good Neighbor Policy" has captured life-long friendship for us from our South American neighbors. Politically, and, to a great extent, economically, these South American countries are *still* friendly toward the United States and Great Britain. But there is a *different* picture developing south of our borders which we do not realize!

South American countries are awakening to a new age of industrialization, of trade and commerce! They are no longer the sleepy, drowsy, "quaint little countries" that beckon to the typical gum-chewing, picture-taking tourist in the loud sport shirt! Many of the countries here in South America present quite a different picture to the discerning eye than formerly.

And, believe it or not, foreign influences in South America, and especially foreign capital backing development



A Volkswagen on display at trade fair in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. German advertising and selling methods, plus industrial ingenuity, present imposing competition to other major trading nations.

of South American industry presents a grave danger to the United States and Great Britain!

An Illogical Situation

Western observers are well aware of the concerted effort being made by a great industrial nation to capture world trade markets. Britons have been feeling the pinch of this nation's comeback on their own dinner plates. Western industrialists and exporters have begun to look apprehensively at their charts, as their markets are increasingly threatened by a nation that is producing more practical goods and underselling them at it!

That nation is Western Germany!

Anthony Eden once said, "The Volkswagen may well succeed in doing what Hitler's submarines failed to do."

The cries of alarm soon went up from many exporters of machinery and automobiles when they began to feel the pinch of a revitalized, resurgent, industrial Germany once more rising to gigantic heights, beginning to take away their own foreign markets.

At this present time, we see ourselves allied with our former enemies, looking with suspicion and fear toward a former ally, Communist Russia. And, make no mistake about it, Russia is the enemy of democracy and freedom!

But the Word of God—YOUR BIBLE—says that Russia will NOT be the nation that is destined to conquer the United States and Great Britain! THAT is SPECIFIC. *That* is something you can "sink your teeth into." That is a DEFINITE statement—and can be backed up by the inspired Word of God!

God's Word Identifies Germany

Time after time you have been warned in articles that God says a revived Roman Empire is going to astound the world—to UNITE Europe, and to become the most POWERFUL single force in the world!

We have also shown from prophecy—and from world affairs, what should be immediately apparent to even the most casual observer, that only *one* nation is really CAPABLE of leading this revival of ten nations in Europe—and that nation is GERMANY!

God's word proves it!

In a recent issue of the *Plain Truth*, Mr. Herman Hoeh identified from prophecy and history the ancient Assyrians — *who are the modern-day German people!*

The Assyrians came from Asshur, a brother of Arphaxad. They settled around the Tigris River, and the city of Nineveh became their capital (Gen. 10:11). His-

tory reveals some of the sons of Asshur were Kharmen, or Germanni—meaning men of war; Khattii; Akkadians; Alami, or Halmani; and Kassites, or Cossaci. (See the *Plain Truth*, July, 1957, p.7.)

The historians trace *these very tribes* into the areas occupied by the Germanic peoples today. Notice how the very names have even been preserved. "Alami, or Halmani" is still used in the Latin languages to identify the German people. A former president of Mexico was named "Aleman," which is the Spanish word for German. Germans are called "Alemans" in Spanish!

The "Germanni" gave their name to the modern country of *Germany*. For further proofs that the Germans are the *Assyrians* of Biblical prophecy see the July, 1957, *Plain Truth*.

Germany in Prophecy

God's word contains many prophecies showing Israel, *our peoples*, will be in a state of CAPTIVITY at the second coming of Jesus Christ! In every single case, God enumerates specific nations FROM WHICH His people will be recalled to Palestine! Germany is mentioned time and time again!

Notice!

"... thus shall he deliver us from the *Assyrian*, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders" (Micah 5:6). This chapter goes on to describe "the remnant of *Jacob* [Israel] shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from the Lord" (vs. 7).

"I will bring them [Israel] again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of *Assyria*; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and place shall not be found for them" (Zech. 10:10).

In Hosea's prophecy, he describes, under inspiration of God's Spirit, *this very present*, showing Britain's dealings with Germany. Listen!

"When Ephraim saw his sickness [Great Britain is EPHRAIM], and Judah saw his wound, then went Ephraim to the *Assyrian*, and sent to King Jareb; yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound" (Hos. 5:13).

"Ephraim also is like a silly dove without sense: they call to Egypt, they go to *Assyria*. When they shall go [They are presently "going" to Germany, in

trade unions, tied in with NATO, etc.], I will spread my net upon them; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven; I will chastise them, as their congregation hath heard!" (Hos. 7:11-12).

YOU are hearing of that coming chastisement NOW!

"They shall not dwell in the Lord's land; but Ephraim shall return to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean things in *Assyria*" (Hos. 9:3).

"Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind: he daily increaseth lies and desolation; and *they do make a covenant with the ASSYRIANS*, and oil is carried into Egypt" (Hos. 12:1). This is actually being fulfilled—*taking place*—now!

The Creator tells of His purpose to USE Assyria (Germany) as a tool in His hands, to PUNISH His people! "O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation. I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath . . ." (Isa. 10:5-6).

Later, Isaiah's inspired prophecy speaks of the time when "the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from ASSYRIA . . . And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from *Assyria*, like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt" (Isa. 11:11-16).

Could anything be plainer?

God's word states *over and over* again that His people will be taken CAPTIVE in the coming time of "Jacob's trouble," and they will return out of Assyria, *which is modern-day GERMANY!*

See also Isa. 27:13, Ezek. 23:7, and Isa. 52:4.

Germany, after becoming REUNITED with Eastern Germany, and finally united with a group of NINE OTHER NATIONS in Europe, is destined by the sure, unbreakable, unchangeable Word of God to CONQUER THE UNITED STATES AND THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS!

German Gains in South America

It surprises few, it seems, to realize that Western Germany has become the most powerful nation in Europe economically and financially. With her vast

resurgence in industry, she has followed carefully laid plans of accumulating *foreign cash abroad*, distributing millions of Deutschmarks in *foreign banks*, backing German industrialists abroad.

We have shown in previous articles the vast industrial empires of Krupp and I. G. Farben, backing huge hydro-electric projects, building bridges, chemical factories, railways, locomotives, automobiles, steel mills and other heavy industrial facilities in the Sudan, in India, Pakistan, Egypt, Yugoslavia, and *especially here in South America*.

Western observers have written books about the steady, yet hidden gains of *fascism* within the framework of the new Republic of West Germany! Those warnings have been to no avail to nations drugged by their own wild quest for the sensually pleasing—rocked to sleep by a false sense of security because of the hydrogen and atomic bombs they possess.

Even since World War I, German businessmen, military officers and industrialists have been infiltrating Central and South America. During World War II, Argentina was an outspoken friend of Hitler, sheltering Nazi officers and men, offering safe haven for Nazi ships and submarines. Many Nazis found their way to Argentina and safety while Hit-

ler's regime was collapsing under the steady rain of allied bombs.

Mr. Benjamin Rea, head of the Spanish Department and teacher of International Relations and Geography at Ambassador College, and I have been traveling through many important South American countries, having interviews with businessmen, governmental officials and radio station managers, and, of course, talking to many, many "men of the street."

Here are the results of some of those interviews!

We spent many hours in conference with Mr. Wilson Sidwell, a prosperous businessman in Argentina, who has been in the country for 43 years. He told us of the many Germans who sought shelter under the Peron government—and *did not know what had happened to these Nazis since!*

Mr. Sidwell mentioned the amazing fact that Germans (after World War II, and prior to the fall of Juan Peron, Argentina's strong-man dictator) had taken over the training of the Argentine armed forces and military services!

You may well remember the news not so long ago that Adolph Galland, former Nazi air ace, who destroyed the fantastic number of 102 allied planes during World War II, had been the chief ad-

A modern textile plant near Buenos Aires, Argentina. One of the world's leading trading nations, Argentina wants further industrial development.

Courtesy of the Argentine Industrial Union



visor to the Argentine Air Force until he recently returned to Germany!

It is suspected he will be *chief* of the new German *Luftwaffe*!

These statements can be backed up by books written by responsible news analysts and journalists—some of whom have been stationed in Bonn, Germany for years!

Mr. Sidwell was especially emphatic about the industrialists connected with such German firms as Mercedes Benz and others having a loud voice in politics, and determining foreign policy with regard to trade!

He mentioned that the Germans in Buenos Aires had actively backed Peron during the revolution, while American businessmen there took no part in the politics of the country.

Mr. Rea and I had another important interview with Mr. Pascual Gambino, President of the "Union Industrial Argentina," or Argentina's Industrial Union.

Here are *some* of the questions we asked him—and his answers:

Q. How does Argentina restrict the investment of foreign capital?

A. There are no restrictions—we are interested in foreign money coming in to Argentina—it doesn't matter whose.

Q. Do the German nationalists receive the same guarantees for the safety of their investments as investors of other nations?

A. Yes, they receive equal treatment today, under the government of President Aramburu.

Q. The western European nations are forming an economic union. What effect do you feel this union will have on Argentine industry?

A. It will hurt us. They are planning to develop Africa, while *we* need to be developed. If Africa is developed as a source of raw materials, they will pass us by.

Q. I know that many Argentine products go to England (beef, hides, linseed

oils, and other products). Are the effects of the current economic problems of Great Britain being felt here in Argentina?

A. Yes, we do feel the effects of England's economic problems. She is our best customer still, although she takes our products and transships them to Red China. *She* makes the profit.

Q. Did the defeat of Peron restrict the entrance of German capital and the entrance of German specialists into Argentina?

A. No, but the Nazis could not *freely* enter after his defeat.

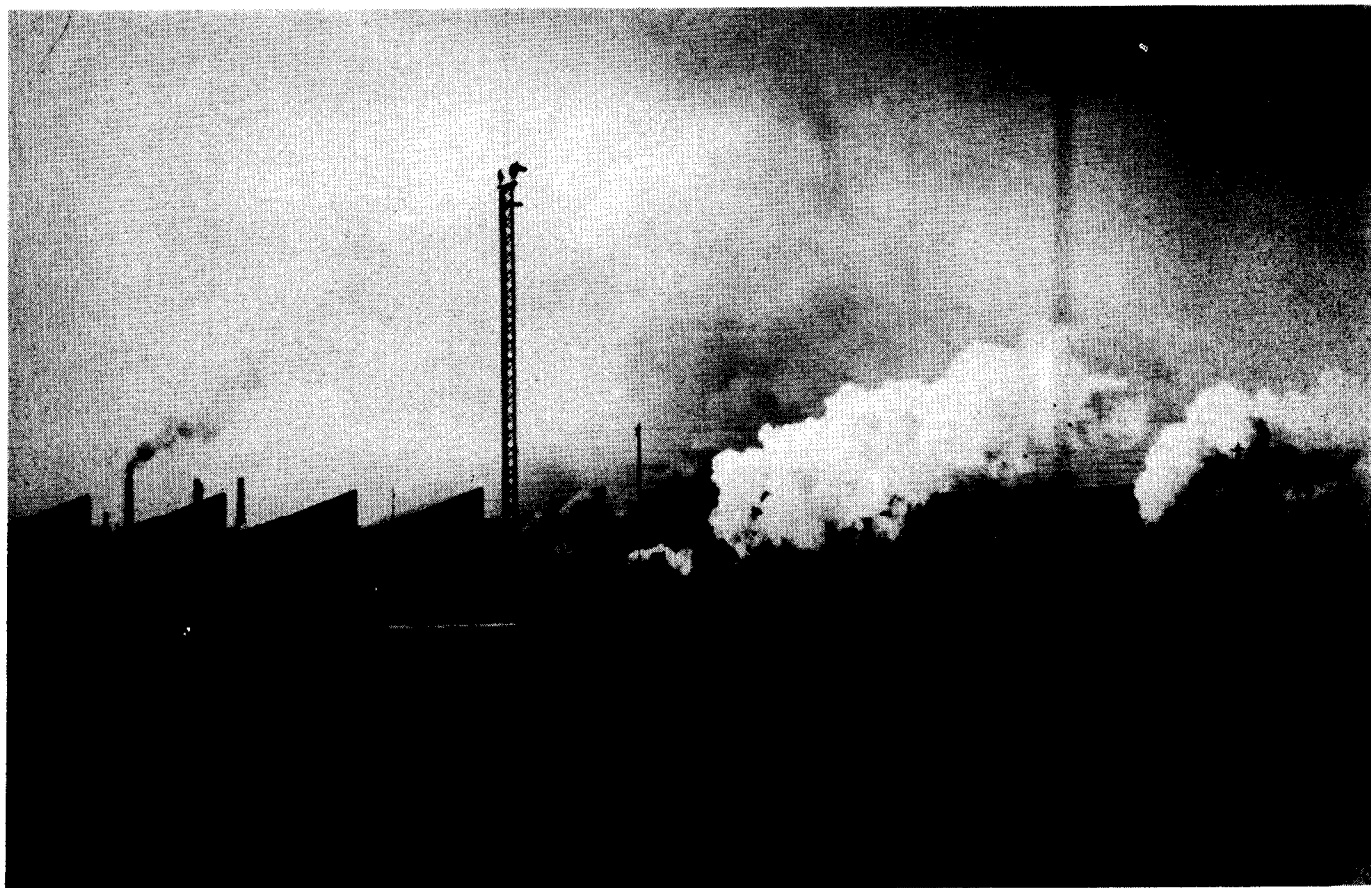
Q. Are the Nazis that Peron allowed to enter still here?

A. *Some* of them have left.

There you see, from the mouth of one of Argentina's industrial leaders, the things we have been telling you for years!

Here are a few vital excerpts from "World Trade Information Service, Part (Please continue on page 19)

A busy factory in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Much of the heavy industry in Argentina is German owned or backed. Automobiles, trucks, buses, locomotives and other heavy equipment represent a portion of foreign-owned products in Argentina.



The *Inside Story* of the "World Tomorrow" Broadcast

Here we continue from last month's issue the fascinating revelation of how this work of God functions. From one on the inside, here is an intimate portrait of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong and their associates in this great work.

by Roderick C. Meredith

WHAT AN amazing place I found Ambassador College to be! As I told you last month, I first came out here to "check up" on Mr. Armstrong—and to *prove* whether or not this really was the work of God. Before long, I found that Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong were *hard-working* and *sincere*—and that the attitude at Ambassador College was one of *imitating Jesus Christ*.

Now I would like to tell you more about those associated with this broadcast and college—and give you a picture of how this work has developed the past few years—and how it is functioning now. I know that these facts will be *vitaly interesting* to thousands of you.

After all, if this is the very work of God, then—in a sense—the *whole world depends upon it!*

College Atmosphere

When I first came, Ambassador College only had *twelve* full-time students! The entire group of students, faculty members, and office staff all seemed like one big *family*.

And there was a "family spirit" in the church and college that was rather noticeable. The members and students would often *study the Bible together*. They would *pray* a great deal about the personal problems of those whom they knew and loved.

However, although they were kind and loving, they demanded *PROOF* on the basic questions of life.

I soon found out that the Bible says: "Prove *all* things." I also found that here were people who *obeyed* that com-

mand. They brought their Bibles and notebooks to services. Then they "searched the Scriptures" on the topic in question, and found out what *God* had to say on the subject. And then, instead of *arguing* around it—or trying to "reason" their way around it—they *BELIEVED* it and *OBEYED* it!

In the college classes this same attitude prevailed. Students were not expected just to blindly accept and believe what some textbook stated, but were encouraged to really *STUDY* the matter from *many* different sources—to compare it with the principles of Scripture—to arrive at a conclusion *only* after actual *PROOF* was presented.

So I came to realize more and more that although the Ambassador students were *deeply* religious, they were in no sense "sentimentalists." They really wanted to *know*—to *UNDERSTAND*. But they demanded *proof* and logical reason *based on Scripture*.

In *every* activity of the church and college, *God's revealed will* directed the approach, the planning, and the presentation. The *Bible* was consulted to determine *what type* of student activities were most profitable and how they should be conducted.

Continuous Spiritual Growth

In *every phase of life* the example of Jesus Christ and His servants was used as a guide and yardstick. Even in the matter of eating, for instance, the revealed principles of food and diet served as the final authority, in addition—of course—to the correct technical information based on those principles.

Looking back over the past eight years, I am struck by the fact that Mr. Armstrong and those associated with him in this work have *GROWN* so tremendously in grace and knowledge through God's help.

In fact, very seldom has *even ONE year* gone by without God revealing some *new* truth of *MAJOR* significance to those of us in this ministry! Many of you who have read the *PLAIN TRUTH* for a few years will *know* what I mean.

Truth after truth, prophecy after prophecy have come to be *clearly REVEALED* by Almighty God to His servants in this work. Where the churches and religious sects of this world seem to bog down into their own traditions all too quickly, the men and women God is using in this work have *obeyed* the command to "GROW in grace and knowledge."

They have had to be willing to do what *no major denomination has been willing to do*—that is, to *admit ERROR* and *correct* any mistakes as fast as God makes them known, to continually *seek* for *correction* and for *new truth*, to zealously *STUDY* God's Word to find the long-hidden prophetic truths He has promised to reveal in these last days.

NO WONDER this is the *ONLY* religious work on earth that really *understands* the purpose of human existence, the laws of life, the specific meaning of present day world events, and the *exact time schedule of prophecy!*

Totally CHANGED Lives

After being in college for two years, I had the privilege of going on a nationwide tour with Mr. Raymond McNair—

one of the advanced ministerial students at the college. We met with scores of listeners of the "World Tomorrow" broadcast who had written in requesting baptism.

This tour was a revelation to me.

In most cases, the men and women we met had been hearing our broadcast for several years, had read and *studied* most of the booklets we send out and the PLAIN TRUTH magazine. Over a period of years of careful study, thought and prayer, these people—from every walk of life—had come to realize that this was the *very work of God*, our Creator. Through the guidance received from this work, they had come to *prove* that the Bible is the revelation from God to man—and they had accepted it as an AUTHORITY in their lives.

Because of the "World Tomorrow" broadcast and the literature, these people were ready to make a REAL *surrender* to Christ and LIVE BY *every word of God*. When we read to them something out of the Bible that they should be doing, they were ready to DO it!

They had quit "kidding" themselves. They had quit *arguing* and "reasoning." At last, they were ready to OBEY God.

And these people had every conceivable type of religious background. Many had been in a number of denominational churches and had become completely discouraged with the lack of Bible understanding and spiritual zeal that they found there. They had *quit* attending any church, but had continued studying their Bibles.

Now they joyously told Raymond McNair and me how they began hearing Mr. Armstrong's broadcasts—how they were skeptical at first, thinking that he might turn out just like all the others—but how very *happy* they were to finally realize that this work *was* truly DIFFERENT.

Now their whole outlook was *changed*. Through finding the *truth*, they now understood the real PURPOSE of human existence, the *physical* and *spiritual* LAWS of God which regulate health or sickness, happiness or misery, success or failure, eternal life or everlasting death. They *knew* where this world was headed, why the international situation was as it was, and the next *definite* prophesied events to occur.

Now they had a *real* GOAL! Their lives took on new *meaning* and *purpose*, new *enthusiasm* and joy. Now they really KNEW God, and they could now *walk with God* in fulfilling His will, and in going the way that they knew would lead to blessings, peace, happiness and eternal life.

I shall *never* forget that first baptizing tour! Many of the people met us with tears of joy in their eyes, and they had ALL been helped *by this work and broadcast* in finding the true PURPOSE of life—and the *joy* that comes in fulfilling it.

After many years of searching, in most cases, they knew that *this was* IT. And *they were* glad.

The Work of God

The next school year, I had opportunity to work more closely than ever with Mr. Armstrong. And now I had an increased awareness of the tremendous effect of this work on the lives of thousands of people—much of it the result of the gruelling hours he spent in the radio studio here at the college, where the "World Tomorrow" broadcast originates.

I found myself amazed at times that a man of his age could *drive himself on* continually, and handle so many different types of responsibilities. Many nights the lights were burning until after midnight in Mr. Armstrong's office, or in the radio studio—and his car was parked down below. Yet Mr. Armstrong *never* seemed to lose any of his enthusiasm for the tremendous load of work he was shouldering.

But much more than his human zeal and ability, I could see that only *God's power* could bring about the changed lives of countless individuals. Also, it was *only* through the revelation of Almighty God that Mr. Armstrong could tell DEFINITELY and SPECIFICALLY *what was prophesied to happen in world events*.

Later, I had the opportunity of taking a fact-finding tour of the major nations of Europe with Dick Armstrong. Now more than ever, I could SEE that the things Mr. Armstrong had been preaching for many years were SWIFTLY COMING TO PASS!

On this same trip, we were with Mr.

Armstrong to help conduct his meetings for many of our listeners in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland. I found that in these areas also the "World Tomorrow" broadcast was the ONLY source from which the people were able to learn the real PURPOSE and LAWS of life—to learn of the VITAL prophecies that are being fulfilled in our time. Reading the overseas mail in our London office, I found the same thing—letters from people all over the world stating that Mr. Armstrong was the *only* minister they had ever heard who led them to really UNDERSTAND the Bible, in all its parts.

I found that people all over the world are thankful that the *great* GOD of heaven and earth has sent His servant to open the minds of blinded humanity to His truth, to let them know the PURPOSE of their existence, and to *warn* them of the soon-coming PUNISHMENTS to befall the nations of this world. *Thousands* have come to realize that God is using this work as *His instrument* to prepare the way for the second coming of His Son Jesus Christ to earth—this time as King of kings, and Lord of lords.

As I gradually became more and more a direct part of this work, I myself realized much more fully the Divine mission to which God has called us. After all, where *else* on earth will you find this work being accomplished?

The Work Expands

Going back a little in time, I would like to mention that for the first few years I was associated with the work and college, Mr. Armstrong was the only fully ordained minister conducting this great work. He did all the speaking, writing, editing and many other jobs as well.

But following the example of the apostle Paul—and of Jesus Christ himself—he decided that he would begin to train younger men, who had not yet been too innoculated with the religious deceptions of this world, to help him carry out this tremendous mission. Therefore, Ambassador College was founded with the thought that at least a few of the men students might turn out to be truly called by God to the ministry.

In due time, God did show by the "fruits" that such men as Raymond Cole, (Please continue on page 20)

Inside South America

Prophecy indicates that our neighbors to the south will play a significant part in events soon to occur. Benjamin Rea, head of the Spanish department in Ambassador College, recently accompanied Ted Armstrong on a fact-finding tour through much of this continent.

Here is the interesting and vital story of that trip taken from Mr. Rea's diary and notes.

by Benjamin L. Rea

AFTER talking to many people in the United States, I have found that the average person has no real concept of what South America is. When asked, "What does the term South America bring to your mind?" the man-on-the-street usually says, "The Amazon River and head-hunters."

This is an entirely fallacious concept. South America is a continent occupied by ten nations and three colonies. It is the home of roughly 125,000,000 people. Human beings all—just as you and I. They speak a different language, true, but basically they are the same as we are.

South America means cities. Cities that are varied in architectural style from the very modern Caracas to the old world atmosphere found in Quito, Ecuador and in Buenos Aires, Argentina. South America means filth, poverty, misery, riches, elegance, pride and nationalism.

South America also means the steaming jungles of Brazil, the vast pampa of the Argentine, the frigid zones of Tierra del Fuego and the lofty peaks of the Andes mountains. In other words, South America is many things to many people.

The Purpose of the Trip

At the outset of this article, I want to emphasize that this trip was not taken for pleasure. There are many places in the world that I would rather see than South America. If pleasure had been the motive, I would have gone to those places.

We are commanded to *watch* as we see the end approaching in Matt. 24:42 and Mark 13:25. But before we watch

we must know *what* to look for. The Bible, as our guide, makes it clear that certain nations are to rise up and that God is going to use these nations as instrumentalities to overthrow Israel (the United States and Great Britain). If we recognize who these nations are, we must cry aloud to warn the people of God and the rest of the nations of the soon-coming disaster. If we don't then God will place the blood of His people on our hands (Isa. 52:8). This, then, was the prime purpose of the trip.

Mr. Ted Armstrong and I interviewed many people from all walks of life. We talked to them in their own language in order to get the overall, "grass roots" opinion of what the United States means to them. This is the way to really feel the pulse of a nation, and the things that we found out were really astounding!

Another purpose of the trip was to lay the foundation, or to break ground, as it were, for the evangelization of the countries south of the frontiers of the United States. This Gospel of the Kingdom of God *must* be carried to these Gentile nations *as a witness* before the return of Jesus Christ (Matt. 24:14). There is nothing that is more sorely needed by these people, than God's truth. (The trip has already born fruit. Plans are being made and time is being negotiated to begin broadcasting in South America this coming January!)

There are 18 countries in Latin America that speak Spanish. Each country speaks it a little differently and each claims to speak the best Spanish in the world. It was necessary to know of these differences; so in each country I tried to analyze the various "dialects" of Spanish.

In preparation of the booklets in Span-

ish and in writing articles, we need many books that deal with the true history of the Church, the history of the world, etc. These are extremely hard to find in Spanish. I was successful in locating just a few of the books that we need.

The Trip

From this point on, I will give you a day to day account of the things that happened on the trip. I kept this diary and the things written here were written as they happened.

June 11, 8:30 pm

Mr. Dibar Apartian, head of the French Department of Ambassador College, and Mr. Ted Armstrong accompanied me to the Los Angeles Airport. As the time for departure drew near, I became more and more nervous.

Finally, my plane was announced and I boarded the DC 7 that was to take me nonstop to Tucuman Airport outside the Panama Canal Zone. On board the plane a young man sat beside me. It turned out that he was from Nicaragua and was returning to his home after three months in California.

A Costa Rican was sitting across the aisle, and before the plane was off the ground they were sparring at each other about the merits of their respective countries.

So my trip started out with interviews of these Latins who had actually been in the United States. Before the seat belts were removed, I started to talk to them about their impressions of the United States. The Nicaraguan was very much impressed by the United States' highway system and the materialistic side of life here, but stated that he would not like to live here.



A section of the downtown skyline of modern Sao Paulo, Brazil. This is the prosperous center of Brazilian heavy industry.

The Costa Rican had attended school in this country and had become much more acquainted with the Americans and their customs. According to him, opportunity abounds, but American youth is not taking advantage of this great opportunity. He said that they think only of "Rock and Roll" and Elvis Presley.

June 12, 12:30 pm

At Tucuman, the plane touched ground for the first time since it took off from Los Angeles. It was very steamy and I rushed into the customs office to check through, but the customs officials would not process the Americans until all other nationalities had gone through.

There is no love in this land for the Americans. The Panamanians feel that we are robbing them of vast sums each year. They are quick to point out that we give them \$1,930,000 and collect \$33,000,000 each year in fees from the Panama Canal. The action of Nasser in Suez has stimulated the nationalistic claims of these citizens who have received so many blessings because the United States operates the Canal.

Another thing that will indicate that the feelings of these people are hostile to us is the way that the shopkeepers and personnel of the hotels treat the American tourist. Most of the people that have anything to do with the Amer-

icans speak English well. But when they are talking to an American, they speak with an affected accent that makes one feel that he is the brunt of a big joke. [I asked a bell-boy why he made fun of the Americans. He said that he did not make fun of the Americans, but I noticed a change in the tone of his English!]

Arrival in South America

June 13

I had to leave the hotel very early to get to the airport to leave for Colombia. I checked through the International Police to get permission to leave the country and was assigned a seat on the plane. It was three hours late.

South America finally came into view. I couldn't help feeling a little bit excited. Within a few minutes we were flying between the Western and Central Cordilleras of the Andes Mountains over a broad fertile valley that is one of the principal agricultural areas of the Republic of Colombia. This is the famous State of Valles. Below I could see fields of cotton and sugar cane and other products of the tropics.

As the two arms of the Andes grew closer together, the plane started to go down. I then realized that I was approaching the city of Cali, the capital of the State of Valles.

After landing, the passengers were "herded" into a small room to wait the pleasure of the customs officials. There was something strange in this waiting room. Spanish was not the predominant language. There were several people speaking German. [This gives you a strange sensation. In a continent that is dominated by Spanish culture, the first language to be heard by a foreigner is German!]

On the way from the airport to the city, I had the opportunity to speak to the taxi driver. I inquired about a friend of mine who had lived here and who was a member of the Nazi party in Columbia prior to World War II. I questioned the driver about the industries that were in the Valley and about the various races that lived there. He told me that there were many foreigners in the area. The taxi driver said that of all the races, the German race was the best received here. He said they could come in, start a business, and would soon prosper. Of course, we know that this is due to German efficiency, German planning, etc., in contrast to the Spanish-American way of life.

After arriving in town, I went to the Hotel Alfredes Real to see if I could get a room. I had no reservations, and I was informed that there was not a possibility of having a room until about two or three days later. So the driver that had brought me from the airport took me to the next best hotel, Aristi. It was a very nice Italian-owned hotel. Italian and German were the two foreign languages heard in the hotel.

Impressions of Colombia

I started out to make the most of the time while I was in the city by interviewing the man-on-the-street, the shopkeeper, or the common man of the city. I found that the atmosphere here was quite different from what it was in Bogotá, the capital of Colombia. Two years ago when Mr. Ted Armstrong and I were in Bogotá, the atmosphere was purely anti-American. But in Cali, I didn't find the sentiment so strong as it was in Bogotá. The men that I met and talked to in the hotel were, of course, men that were dealing with Americans continually—American businessmen, diplomats,

tourists, etc. Naturally their opinion of the American was quite different from that of the man-on-the-street who had been indoctrinated in anti-Americanism by the Fascist leanings of these "directed" democracies in South America, and also some Communist teaching.

While in the hotel, I had the good fortune to meet some members of the Uruguayan national soccer team that was playing there in the city. They were directed by a very personable sort of a man who was ready to explain the merits of the game over American football. These Uruguayans were in Colombia to play the national team of Colombia. Actually this is a nationalistic effort on the part of most of these countries in Latin America. Each nation has its soccer team that will travel around the continent playing the national champions of the various countries; and believe me, it is a *national victory* when the home team wins! They have tied sports into nationalism, much the same way the Russians and the Europeans do. We have nothing like it in the United States.

I walked around through the streets of Cali to get an impression of what the city itself is like. It is a city of some 300,000 people nestling at the fork of the two mountain ranges that I mentioned above. The streets are very narrow—all of them are one way. At night it seems that you are in another world, because you are high up in this valley with few lights, people walking around you speaking dialects of the Indian languages and also Spanish, German, Italian and some English. This was a Sabbath, and I spent this one like practically every Sabbath in South America: studying the Bible and working on the Correspondence Course. This was a great help to me, because it was the only way I could get directed study by a minister of God that would lead me to the truths of the Bible.

During the afternoon of this Sabbath day, I went out for a walk to break the monotony of staying in my room all day. On the street I met two or three Indians, of the Quechua race which has inhabited South America since before the Spanish came there in the early 16th Century.

After the Sabbath was over, I thought I would walk around to see what the

streets were like at night. As I have just described them, they were dark, and they gave me the impression of another world. Strange sounds and odors came from the shops, restaurants and the homes. I knew that as long as I was close to God, there was no danger, even though I walked through some lonely, deserted streets, meeting a few stragglers here and there. One person did hiss at me, though, as I passed by.

On to Ecuador

June 16:

I packed again. I was certainly glad to be on my way to a cooler climate, because in Cali there was a great deal of humidity and the weather was very, very hot and uncomfortable. I was told by the airline office that I should be at the airport at 10:10 a.m., although the plane did not leave until about 11:10. I don't know why I had to be there so early. The plane took off and headed over the Andes mountains to one of the ancient capitals of the Incas: Quito, Ecuador.

As we crossed the mountains, we began to gain more and more altitude until we crossed the Cordillera of the Andes and entered the principal chain of this enormous mountain range. Nestling high on the western side of the Andes mountains is an elevated valley of some 9300 feet. The plane had to

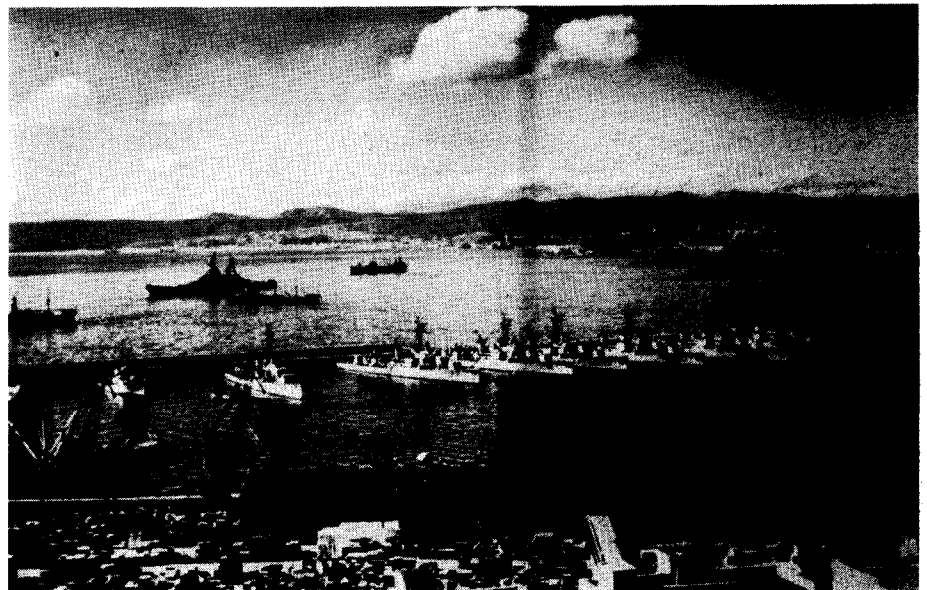
circle to come into this valley because of the high peaks on either side of it. This was the valley of Quito, the place where the capital of Ecuador is located. As I stepped out of the plane the cold breeze hit me, and I immediately began to feel as if I were short of breath. I knew, of course, that this was due to the altitude in Quito.

Passing through the customs, I went through the same red tape that I had experienced in other places throughout South America, Central America and Mexico. But there was a difference here though—the Americans were permitted to be next to last in the inspection line. The Spaniard came last! I was talking to a Spaniard in this area, and he said that he had experienced this same thing all over Latin America where he had been. Now I don't understand this, since there is a great affinity between the Latin Americans and their mother country, Spain. Their culture is similar and the speech is the same for all practical purposes. I had to pay to get into this country—they charged me \$3.00 for a stamp that was necessary on the passport in order to enter.

Entering Quito

I passed outside of the customs and went into the city. The approach to the city was lovely. There were homes built

A portion of the United States Pacific Fleet anchored in the beautiful harbor at Valparaiso, Chile. This photo was taken by Mr. Rea on his recent trip.



out of the suburbs of the city which would compare favorably with Beverly Hills, or New York, or any other urban area of the United States. But as we approached the city, I noticed that the character of the city was changing to an old, old section. Some of the buildings were built on the ruins of the buildings the Indians had built here prior to the coming of Pizarro, the Spanish conquistador, who had conquered this area.

My taxi driver had recommended to me a hotel called the Hotel Majestic. I was very disappointed in it because it had been built during the time of the Spanish colonial age in this area and was not a very modernistic place. However, the prices were reasonable and the service was good. But frankly, I didn't relish going to bed in a strange city a mile and a half above the level of the sea in a hotel room where the doors could not be locked securely!

That afternoon I called the Radio Station HCJB, which is known as the "Voice of the Andes"—a protestant station, to see if I could arrange an appointment with them to see about the possibilities of broadcasting the true Gospel to this part of Latin America. A minister in charge of the station was very kind and charming in every way. He invited me out to the station and took me on a tour of inspection. The equipment was good, but it would not compare with the equipment that is used by the World Tomorrow program at Ambassador College. After talking to this gentleman and seeing the type of equipment there, I asked him some direct questions about the possibility of the World Tomorrow being on this station. He told me that it would not be possible at this time for reasons which I will not mention in this article. They broadcast in both English and Spanish to Latin America. They also send many programs to Sweden, Switzerland, Germany and the various nations of Europe. This is a short-wave station that can be heard throughout the world. While I was there, I heard a minister broadcasting in Swedish.

Atmosphere in Quito

That night I went over to another hotel to have dinner and met a German bookseller there. This man has contact

with booksellers and bookbinders throughout the Spanish speaking world. He had escaped the Nazi regime before it came to power and gained full control in Germany, and had been in Ecuador ever since. He told me of a Pan-German club here that he belonged to with a membership of some 800 members. He told me that there were a few Italians here, but they were insignificant as far as population is concerned. I asked him what the Germans did in Quito. He told me that they were primarily dedicated to industry.

The atmosphere in Quito was definitely not anti-American, because the people seem to be more friendly under the type of conservative government that they have there now—than what would normally be expected in Latin America.

Let me pause here to explain the different political parties in the majority of the Latin American countries. The two major parties in most of these countries are the liberal and the conservative. The conservative party is always pro-catholic. The liberal party gives more freedom to the people. Although the conservative party is now in power in Quito, they give a great deal of religious freedom to the people and, therefore, they allow such radio stations as HCJB to broadcast from the capital of Ecuador to the rest of the world. The various protestant churches utilize this station.

I went to see a Russian comedy in the city. It turned out to be nothing more than a subtle form of propaganda. There were some Americans seated at my side in the theatre. They couldn't understand the dialogue in Spanish and when I

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remarked that this was Russian propaganda, they made light of the fact that I thought it was.

I had to leave Quito, because the altitude was affecting me to such a degree that I felt with a little more time there and I wouldn't be able to take it.

Inside Peru

I went down to Lima the capital of Peru, a fabulous city of over a million in population. It nestles in a valley near the coast. Its port city is called Callao, and receives all the imports and exports all the goods going out of the country.

We landed in Peru and I noticed that there was more efficiency in the customs office; the airfield was better constructed and more beautiful than the ones I had come into contact with farther north. I had reservations at the Hotel Bolívar, a very nice hotel in the center of the city. It faces the Plaza San Martín. After checking into the hotel, I went for a walk through the down-town part of Lima. I found that the stores were well stocked, but *not with goods made in Peru*.

Peru is on very good terms with the United States at the present time. We have just sold them several submarines at a very low price. While I was there, the United States government turned over to them a new submarine that was built at Groton, Connecticut. This was the cause of great jubilation among the Peruvians, although among the border nations it was the cause of a great deal of fear. They feared that Peru might be planning a war against its neighbors. I read that Chile believes that Peru will attack her within ten years, although I doubt this very seriously.

I saw many Germans and many French. There were many Italians, also. I talked to several people there regarding the foreign situation. One man told me that the German people had their own community on the outskirts of Lima. They live separately and maintain their own schools and their own customs, although they have become, for legal purposes, citizens of Peru. This section of Peru is called Miraflores.

The Americans in turn have their own section. They maintain their own schools and other things that will retain their na-

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WHY Must Men Suffer?

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous," says Scripture. WHY? "I am the Eternal . . . I create evil," says Isa. 45:5,7. HOW can this be? Who was responsible for Adam's sin? Did Satan thwart God's purpose? Was God unable to prevent it? The real meaning of the story of JOB brings the true answer.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

WHY does God permit war? WHY does God allow human suffering and misery? "If God is GOOD—if God is LOVE—if He is MERCIFUL, He would not wish for people to suffer," is the reasoning of many humans. "And if He is ALMIGHTY," they conclude, "He could, and would prevent it."

What's wrong with this reasoning?

Is GOD Author of EVIL?

Years ago a post-office clerk came to me with a question.

"I have asked every preacher in town to explain this Scripture," he said, "and not one of them can. Let's see if you can."

Then he quoted from the 45th chapter of Isaiah.

"I am the ETERNAL, . . . there is no God beside me. . . . I form light and create darkness: I make peace and create evil: I the ETERNAL do all these things."

"There!" he exclaimed. "God says he creates evil. How do you explain that?"

I gave him the true explanation, which I now give you in this article. It is also the explanation of what is called "the original fall."

The common idea is that God created the first man *perfect, complete, immortal*. But when God wasn't looking, Satan entered, succeeded in overthrowing the man, wrecking God's perfect creation, thwarting God's purpose, upsetting God's plan. Consequently, God was forced to figure out some new plan for repairing the damage. Redemption, people believe, is that plan—God's effort to *restore* man back to a condition as good as Adam before the fall.

What Men Don't Understand

Either this common idea is true, or the only alternate possibility,—that God

knew in advance that Satan would tempt, and Adam would sin—that it was all *a part of* God's original PURPOSE and PLAN—that God expressly *permitted it*, and that God therefore is RESPONSIBLE FOR IT!

And the preachers, the churches, and the professing Christian people of this world simply cannot believe this! Yet, to reject it makes Satan more cunning, more powerful than God. The common idea has Satan outsmarting God.

What men do not understand is GOD'S PURPOSE, and GOD'S PLAN for accomplishing His great purpose.

Yes, God *is* responsible! And being responsible, God *will see to it*—He and He alone is responsible for accomplishing His great purpose. All that has happened is a necessary *part* of that great design. Satan can do nothing God does not allow. "My purpose shall stand," says God.

There is NO CONTEST being waged between God and the devil. God reigns SUPREME, and every creature and every being stands subject to God's will!

Becoming the Sons of God

What the world does not grasp is that God is *reproducing Himself*—creating, in mortal humans, His very own divine CHARACTER—permitting humans to *learn by experience*, for character cannot be automatically or instantaneously created, imparted or imputed—it must be *developed*, and this only thru EXPERIENCE, and experience requires *time*.

We humans must *have our part* in the development of righteous and holy character. We must first come to realize the true values, and to thoroughly repent of the false way. We must come to *seek*, with our whole hearts and minds, God's true way of righteous character.

We must set our wills in tune with God's will.

Then we must come to realize our utter helplessness, and learn to rely on God, in living FAITH, for the power, the strength, the understanding, the righteousness we ourselves are incapable of attaining.

We receive eternal life, and all righteousness, from God. But we have *our part to do!* We must come to *desire* it above all else—to *seek* it with all our might — to yield ourselves utterly to God's will, and to trust implicitly and unswervingly in HIM. In no other manner could we become the supreme characters which it is God's PURPOSE to make of us.

To this end, we must now be begotten as God's own children, inheriting His divine nature. Thru His power, thru feeding on His Spirit, we GROW in grace and knowledge and spiritual character, until, at the resurrection, we shall be BORN of God as His very SONS—elevated to HIS plane and level!

That's God's supreme purpose. It can be achieved only thru EXPERIENCE, and in process of TIME. And men LEARN by *suffering*.

Jesus suffered. "For it became Him, . . . in bringing many *sons* unto GLORY, to make the captain of our salvation [Christ] perfect *through sufferings*" (Heb. 2:10). Again, "Though He were a Son, yet *learned He* obedience by the *things which He suffered*" (Ileb. 5:8).

Now see how Job's experience explains all this.

LET'S UNDERSTAND IT!

Job's Experience Explains It!

Thousands of years ago, there was a man named Job. You've heard of the man. He lived, as *you* live today, for a

PURPOSE. And the solution of this whole question is made clear by the life-experiences of Job. Many know the story, but *few* understand its **MEANING!**

This Job was a wealthy man—the wealthiest in all the East. Solomon may have possessed greater wealth. But, as Solomon was the *wisest* man who ever lived, so Job was the *most righteous!*

So let's glimpse, briefly, this thrilling story and its revealing lesson.

"There was," begins the scriptural record, "a man once in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God and shunned evil. He had seven sons and three daughters; also in livestock he possessed seven thousand sheep and goats, three thousand camels, five hundred pair of oxen, and five hundred she-asses, besides a very large household; so that this man was the greatest man in all the East" (Job 1:1-3, Moffatt translation).

"Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the ETERNAL, and Satan came also among them.

"And the ETERNAL said unto Satan, 'Whence comest thou?' Then Satan answered the ETERNAL and said, 'From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.'

"And the ETERNAL said unto Satan, 'Hast thou considered my servant Job, that *there is none like him in the earth*, a perfect and an upright man, one that fears God and shuns evil?'" (Verses 6-8, A.V.)

"Satan answered, 'But is it for nothing that Job reverences God? Have you not hedged him safely in, his house and all he has? You have prospered him in his business, and his flocks are teeming on the land. Only put out your hand, touch whatever he possesses, and see if he will not curse you to your face!'" (Verses 9-11.)

This World's Philosophy

Notice, please, Satan couldn't point out one imperfection in the man's righteousness. Even God said it was perfect. Yes, undoubtedly Job was the most righteous man who ever lived.

But Satan tried to get around it. He argued that it *paid* Job to be righteous. So, Satan argued, just take away from

him *what he has*, and the man will lose his temper and start cursing God!

Well, God deliberately PERMITTED Satan to take away Job's possessions, and put Job to this test.

"Then said the ETERNAL to Satan, 'There! I leave all he has within your power: *but lay no hand upon the man himself!*'" (Verse 12).

Notice, will you, Satan did this *with God's permission!* Satan was the active agent. But he did it with God's express permission—he could go just as far, in inflicting evil, as God permitted, and *no further!* God *set a limit* on how far Satan could go! There is no contest here between God and Satan—no equality. GOD IS MASTER OF THE SITUATION! He gives the orders, grants permission, sets the limitations!

"So, away went Satan from the presence of the ETERNAL."

What Happened to Job

Then one day a servant came running to Job with the startling news that Arabs in a foray had carried off all his oxen and asses. Even while he was still talking, in dashed another servant shouting that lightning had just struck and burned up all the sheep, goats, and shepherds. While he was yet speaking another rushed in breathlessly announcing three parties of Chaldeans in a raid upon the camels had carried them off, slaying all the servants except the one who escaped to bring the news.

And even he was yet speaking when in burst another.

"Your sons and daughters," he exclaimed, "were eating and drinking wine in the house of their eldest brother, when a whirlwind swept across the desert and struck the four corners of the house, till it fell upon the young folk; they are DEAD! And I alone escaped to tell you!" (Verses 12-19).

Well, now Job was stripped of all his great wealth—wiped out! Worse, all his children were killed!

Did Job blame this ill-fortune upon God? Did he lose his temper and curse God? Did he sin, as Satan expected?

"Then Job rose, tore his tunic, shaved his head, and dropped upon the ground in humble worship, crying, 'Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I must return: *the Eternal gave,*

the Eternal has taken—blessed be the Eternal!' In all this Job did not sin, nor did he give offense to God" (Verses 20-22).

Notice, Job attributed ALL to God. The wealth he had had, *God gave.* The good—the prosperity—all came from God. But also "The ETERNAL *has taken!*" The Eternal, too, was responsible for the disaster! NOTHING happens contrary to God's purpose!

Satan Tries Again

"One day the sons of God again came to present themselves before the Eternal, and among them came Satan.

"Where have you been?" said the Eternal to the Adversary; and the Adversary answered, 'Roaming here and there, roving about the earth.'

"Then the Eternal said to Satan, 'Have you noticed that there is no one like my servant Job on the earth, a blameless and an upright man, who reverences God and shuns evil? He still holds to his loyalty: it was idle of you to entice me to undo him.' But the Adversary answered,

"He has saved his own skin! A man will let all he has go, to preserve his life. Only put out your hand, touch his flesh and bones, and see if he will not curse you to your face!" (Job 2:1-6).

Notice, there is no contest here between two equals. God sits in authority supreme. Satan cannot do one thing without permission from God!

And here, in this heavenly court, God permits Satan to advance his arguments—even to put them to the *test of experience* on the most righteous human on earth! It is a thrilling drama here being enacted—a drama with great purpose—tremendous meaning!

"So the Eternal said to Satan, 'He is in your power; only *spare his life!*'"

Notice again, ALL AUTHORITY comes from God. It is God who put poor Job in Satan's power. Satan was permitted to devise his most cunning and cruel affliction—with but one restriction: "Spare his life," commanded God. Satan could go no further than God specifically authorized! And God did permit this evil! WHY, we shall soon see!

So "Away went the Adversary from
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WHAT DO YOU MEAN: "Give Yourself to Christ"?

Millions have heard the cry, "Give your life to Jesus!" "Accept Christ now—and GIVE yourself to Him!" But those same millions might ask, "How?" What does it mean to "give" yourself to Christ?

by Garner Ted Armstrong

ARE you like many thousands of others who have "made a decision for Christ"—who have decided to *give* yourself to Him? If you are, the chances are you *ran into a blank wall* immediately *after* making that decision!

Each year, many thousands of persons are trying to "give" their lives to Jesus Christ. In a moment of remorse over their past lives—a moment of realization of God's mercy and love—they decide to accept Jesus as their Saviour. But **HOW** does a person do such a thing as *giving* his own self to Christ? What does it mean? Is it merely a temporary decision, or a sentiment? Is it something that is of the emotions only? Or is it a down-to-earth, concrete, PRACTICAL course of action—a WAY OF LIVING?

The Common Belief

A foremost religious leader once said, "First, let us understand what Christianity is NOT. It is NOT a *way of life*!"

But what does the newly converted Christian DO then, that MAKES him a Christian? Commonly, it is believed that the remorseful feeling of sorrow over past mistakes and misdeeds, plus the *acceptance* of Christ—the *worship* of Christ—is a saving experience. Hundreds of thousands of sincere, well-meaning, earnest people are content they are Christians—satisfied they are headed toward eternal life—*when they actually have never taken the first step toward becoming a true Christian, believe it or not!*

Christ Says REPENT!

Listen to what the Bible actually says! "From that time Jesus *began to preach* . . ." (Matt. 4:17). Jesus was a

preacher. Jesus Christ came with a *message* from God the Father—and that message was what He preached! What was the *very first thing* HE told His audiences to do? ". . . REPENT: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 4:17). Notice—the words of Jesus are: "REPENT!"

Later, the Apostles—Peter, James and John, the Apostle Paul and others—preached the same message Jesus brought from His Father. When Peter stood up to explain the amazing events of the Day of Pentecost in 31 A.D. he said, "REPENT, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the *remission of sins*, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). Later, Peter said, "*Repent* ye therefore, and *be converted*, that your SINS may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19). Jesus gave stern warning that "except ye REPENT, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3,5).

Then there *is* something required *in addition to* the acceptance of Jesus as personal Saviour! Jesus said so!

A CHANGE Required

Do you suppose it could be POSSIBLE that these many thousands of sincere, well-meaning people could actually be TRYING to gain eternal life—but are headed in the opposite direction? *Certainly* a person who really WANTS, with ALL HIS HEART, to serve the Lord will not finally *perish*, will he? What does the Bible say? What did Jesus actually say?

He instructed, "Strive to enter in at the *strait* [difficult] gate: for MANY, I say unto you, WILL SEEK TO ENTER IN, and

shall not be able!" (Luke 13:24).

Diametrically *contrary* to what *many* thousands of people presently believe, and what is taught as an accepted standard of Christianity today, Jesus said, "Not EVERY ONE that saith unto me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter into the kingdom of heaven . . ." (Matt. 7:21). Again, He said, "This people draweth nigh unto me with their *mouth* [by *professing* Christ—by making a "*decision*" for Him orally] and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is *far* from me. But IN VAIN do they WORSHIP me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Matt. 15:8-9).

Do you see?

Jesus Christ, the Saviour (and *He should be the One who really KNOWS, shouldn't He?*) tells us that it is possible to WORSHIP Him—to PRAISE Him—to BELIEVE on Him—and *be doing it all in vain!*

What was it Christ said to do?

"REPENT." *That* was His cry. *That* was His message!

To repent and be converted is to CHANGE. That is the very *meaning* of the word "convert." Just what *is* that change, then?

Change What?

"I'm a changed man," said the reformed smoker. "I have finally quit the tobacco habit!" This man felt, *because* he had dropped a bad habit, he was a *changed* man! But was he really?

What is it Christ wants you to change? Merely your way of "thinking" about Him? Do you change your "outlook" on religion? Do you change your Church? Change your habits? Change WHAT?

The Apostle Paul explained that the

"... carnal mind is enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Rom. 8:7). That *carnal* mind is the NATURAL human mind—the normal, sincere, natural, common "way of looking at things" that all of us were born with! It's the mind of every normal human being PRIOR to this *change* Christ was talking about! Paul went on to say, "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, *he is none of his*" (Rom. 8:9). Did you notice it? If a man have not the *Spirit* of Christ—he doesn't *belong* to Christ, and therefore IS NOT A CHRISTIAN!

This change has something to do with the carnal mind, and the Spirit of Christ! Let's notice another important scripture. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a *living sacrifice*, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. *And be not conformed to this world*, but be ye TRANSFORMED by the *renewing of your mind*, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. 12:1-2). Read that scripture again! *Study* it!

God says you must undergo a renewing, a *transforming*, a CHANGING—OF THE MIND!

This changing of the mind is a change of *human nature*!

The normal, natural way of human nature is the way of SELFishness. The SELF is the entire motivating drive in human nature. It is the pleasing of the self, the satisfaction of the *self*—the way of *getting* for the *self* that is the basis of human nature. YOU are extremely selfish! All human beings are selfish.

And, behind the selfishness of every person lies the root cause of it all; *vanity*!

"Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; ALL is vanity" (Prov. 1:2). Every person is filled with *vanity*, in one form or another. Notice that Paul tells us, "For the creature [correct meaning, "*creation*"] was made subject to *vanity*, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope" (Rom. 8:20).

All is vanity! The desire of every person to be "liked" by others—to be "well thought of," to be *accepted* by the society, looked up to, respected, admired,

and loved by others—all *this is vanity*!

It is this *vanity* which leads a person to say, "What will my friends say?" or; "What will *people* think?"

Ensnared in Society

Having been reared in a world that measures everything by *what people think*, you probably are *quite concerned* about the opinions of your friends, neighbors and relatives. You are wrapped up in this age, this society! Whatever is the standard, whatever is looked upon with approval *by* these people, whose acceptance you covet, *that* becomes the standard of your life! If you're like most people—you live in the way which is *most* likely to *gain* for you the acceptance and approbation you seek. You are a *part of this world*. Your life is regulated by this world and its customs, its holidays, its practices in business, in social life, in religious life, and all the many accepted standards of society which make up this "world."

Most people are *ensnared* by it—trapped into CONFORMITY with whatever is the way of the majority—following like blind *sheep* wherever society leads, never *questioning* WHETHER it is right, but simply *conforming* to the ways of others.

It is the *vanity* in human nature, the *selfishness*, which drives individuals on and on, seeking the respect and approbation of *other people*!

It is to RELEASE us from these shackles of tradition and society that Jesus calls us *out* of this world!

Jesus Calls You OUT of Society

Jesus said, "My kingdom is NOT of *this world*" (John 18:36). He was the Messenger from God the Father of a *better* kingdom—the world-ruling Kingdom of God! When Christ walked this earth *as a man*, He spoke to His disciples of a soon-coming WORLD GOVERNMENT that would *supersede* and PUT DOWN all opposing, man-made governments, and RULE THIS WORLD! (Rev. 2:26-27).

He prayed that His disciples would be SEPARATE from this world. "I pray for *them*: I pray *not* for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine" (John 17:9).

Did you know Jesus Christ Himself said—IF YOU ARE A TRUE CHRISTIAN,

YOUR FORMER FRIENDS, YOUR RELATIVES, THIS SOCIETY—WILL *HATE* YOU?

Listen!

"If the world *hate* you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were *of* the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are *not of the world*, but I have chosen you *out* of the world, therefore the world *hateth* you" (John 15:18-19).

Jesus said *your own family* would begin to look down on you, if you are really willing to OBEY HIM! "*Think not* that I am come to send peace on earth: I came *not* to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household" (Matt. 10:34-36).

If you are *really following Christ*—LIVING as He lived, DOING as He did—keeping God's LAW as He did—this society, even your closest former friends and your own relatives, will begin to RESIST and PERSECUTE you.

"Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: . . . For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles . . . Wherein *they think it strange* [the former associates, with whom you followed the courses of society] that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, *speaking evil of you*" (1 Pet. 4:1-4).

Notice HOW STRONGLY God impresses on every Christian that they must discontinue their relationships with this sinning society! "Love NOT the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, *the love of the Father is not in him*. For all that is in the world, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that *doeth the will of God* abideth for ever" (1 John 2:15-17).

A Choice to Make

RATHER than becoming a *more respected part* of this society when you "accept Christ," Jesus Himself, YOUR SAVIOUR, said you would be *persecuted* by it, *scorned* and *rejected* by it—even

HATED by it! Had you realized that?

Notice, even in *His* parables, He spoke of those who will covet the *well-wishes of their friends* more than they will desire the approval of Jesus and of God! "Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower . . . He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the CARE OF THIS WORLD, and the deceitfulness of riches, *choke* the word, and he becometh unfruitful" (Matt. 13:18-22).

Many thousands of sincere people HEAR the amazing *truth* of God over the *World Tomorrow* program, and they begin to realize how shockingly DIFFERENT the *real truth* is from the accepted, respected WAYS OF THIS SOCIETY. And, sadly enough, just as Jesus prophesied in His parable of the sower—MANY would rather have the well-wishes of their friends, the respect and approval of their neighbors, the clubs, parties, and social activities OF THIS WORLD, than the protection, love and ultimate eternal life God offers them!

"He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me" (Matt. 10:37-38).

Jesus plainly said ANYONE who would rather be *conformed to this world* than SERVE Him and OBEY Him, is not *worthy* of Him—AND IS NOT A CHRISTIAN!

"If any man come to me and hate not [love less by comparison] his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple!" (Luke 14:26).

Count the Cost

In this section of Luke the 14th chapter, Jesus sternly warns every prospective Christian to COUNT THE COST of being a true follower of Him! How many people are being told to COUNT THE COST—or even told WHAT THAT COST IS, in today's great evangelistic efforts which invite people to "make a decision for Christ?"

Are they being TOLD what it really *means*? Are they being told HOW to GIVE themselves to God—HOW to serve Christ—WHAT to do—WHAT it means—are they being told to COME OUT of this

society, and be NOT conformed to the world?

NO! They *most decidedly are not*!

Many people are being led to "accept Jesus" or to "receive Him" today, in a moment of emotional remorse over past mistakes. But many thousands DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO to really become a Christian!

What IS The Cost?

Remember, Jesus *tells* you what you must *do* to become a Christian!

"Not every one that saith unto me, 'Lord, Lord' shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that DOETH the WILL OF MY FATHER which is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21). "REPENT" said Christ! "DO THE WILL of God," said Jesus!

God's *will* is expressed in His word. "Thy word is truth" (John 17:17). It is the *truth*, the *word* of God that will set you free.

Here, then, is what it really COSTS to become a true Christian, and to become a begotten son of God!

IT COSTS YOUR LIFE!

LITERALLY!

Does that shock you? Perhaps it does, unless you think I mean that statement as a kind of "spiritual phraseology" which is just another way of saying "set your heart on the Lord" or some similar sentiment.

God's word tells you that you must *literally* LAY DOWN YOUR LIFE for Christ.

"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38).

After you have been BROKEN UP, and *your own human will* has been totally SHATTERED, after you are DISGUSTED with yourself—FILLED with ABHORRENCE at your own actions, your own way of life—your own SELF, which is the VANITY within you—*then* you should be *baptized*!

What It Means

Immersion into a watery "grave" is a deep spiritual symbolism which signifies the actual, LITERAL BURYING of the *old self*—YOU—the way you HAVE BEEN, and the *resurrection* of a NEW YOU—now *conquered* by God, *surrendered* to God, meekly and humbly CHILD-like in

your obedience and TRUST in Him as your Living Saviour.

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were *baptized* into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore *we are buried* with him *by baptism into death*: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so WE should WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection. *Knowing this*, that our OLD MAN IS CRUCIFIED with him, that the *body of sin* [the former "you"] might be *destroyed*, that henceforth *we should not serve sin*" (Rom. 6:3-6).

Paul explained this principle further when he said, "For I was alive without the law once [without a knowledge of the law]: but when the commandment came [to his consciousness—so he became *aware of what sin was*] *sin revived* [he was able to see clearly that he was a *great sinner*] AND I *DIED*!" (Rom. 7:9). Paul said, "For sin, taking occasion by the commandment [being brought to light for what it was by the laws of God] deceived me, and *by it SLEW* me. *Wherefore* [because God's law had *shown him* he was a sinner] the law is HOLY, and the commandment HOLY, and JUST, and *good*!" (Rom. 7:11-12).

A Change of Mind

The Apostle Paul was a true Christian. He had the Spirit of God, which is promised to every one who will *literally lay down his life*, and surrender the *self will*, performing the ordinance of baptism, and coming to God's throne of grace as a meek child. Paul said, "I am *crucified* with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

After REPENTING, and *being baptized*, which symbolizes the BURYING of the old carnal self, which was formerly HOSTILE toward God—the Holy Spirit is then implanted *within* your mind, and CHANGES your mind. Jesus Christ begins to *motivate* your thoughts, guide and direct your every action—LIVE HIS LIFE over again, WITHIN YOU!

And He does it through the power of God's Holy Spirit!

This is a great mystery to most human beings—and yet, the Spirit of God **MUST** enter our **CARNAL** minds to *change* those minds, and make them yielding, humble, and *obedient* to God, where they had been hostile, antagonistic, resentful, and bitter toward our Creator!

The receiving of God's Spirit to *change* human nature is the receiving of an outside **POWER**—a *begettal* which makes us His sons!

A Changed Attitude

If you are a true Christian, *you will not be able* to blindly follow the customs and practices of this society any further. Instead, you will begin asking, "What is *God's* will, what does *God* say about it?" And you will begin to **SEARCH THE BIBLE TO GET TO KNOW** the will of God.

Your outlook and attitude will gradually become *Christ-like*. You will begin saying, with Christ, "Nevertheless not *my* will, but *THY* will, be done!"

Where you formerly "went along with the crowd" in social activities, in customs of dress, in business practices, you will then begin to *question* the ways of the crowd. You will want to first ascertain *what God's will* is concerning these ways of life!

THAT IS THE DEFINITION OF A CHRISTIAN!

A Christian is a person who **LIVES BY EVERY WORD OF GOD!**

"Man shall not *live* by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). So said your Saviour! But are most professing Christians really **LIVING** by every **WORD** of God?

Not so! *Most professing Christians do not even know a small portion of what the Word of God says!* It is because they don't **STUDY** the Bible, and begin to *drink in* of the Word of God that they gullibly swallow and accept whatever others say and believe!

What It Means To You

A Christian, then, is **CONQUERED** by God. His carnal will is *broken!* He realizes He has **SINNED!** Sin is any action that is contrary to the **LAWs** of God (I John 3:4). He then **cries out** to God and asks for *forgiveness* for those sins, and a *lifting* of the death penalty, which

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every sin brings (Rom. 6:23). He accepts God's promise of forgiveness, *on faith*, by accepting the sacrifice of *Christ*, accepting Jesus' death *in place* of his own. The Christian then takes the ordinance of *baptism* which shows God *he really means it*.

He expects God to stand back of His promise to give him the Holy Spirit, as a result of the **REPENTANCE** and the baptism which God demands.

THEN—AND NEVER UNTIL THEN—WILL YOU BECOME A TRUE CHRISTIAN.

Finally, you will begin to *practice* as a **HABIT**, the very life of Christ. "He that saith, 'I know him,' and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (I John 2:4). "He that saith he abideth in him [*is a Christian*] ought himself also so to walk [**LIVE**], even as **HE** [*Christ*] walked" (I John 2:6).

The true Christian, who has **REALLY** repented, will **LIVE** as Christ lived! He will keep the **LAWs** of God, being obedient to God in every way, and becoming recipient of the great **HAPPINESS** and tremendous **BLESSINGS** that come with that obedience!

"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, *leaving us an example*, that ye should *follow his steps*" (I Pet. 2:21).

CHECK UP on yourself!

Study these scriptures *in your own Bible*. Many of you **THINK** you are already "saved" and that you are already good Christians! *But* "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (I Cor. 10:12).

Remember, to "*examine* yourselves, *whether* ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is **IN** you, except ye be reprobates?" (II Cor. 13:5).

Serve Christ—OBEY Christ—LIVE as Christ lived, FOLLOW Christ, IMITATE CHRIST!

THAT IS WHAT IT MEANS to give yourself to Him!

CORRECTION

Credit should have been given to Wide World Photos, Inc., for the picture appearing on page 8 of the September **PLAIN TRUTH**.

America's Unseen DANGER!

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I, No. 55-56," a publication designed to help prospective world traders to gain a better insight into the industrial and economic trends in Argentina. Under the section, "Irons and Steel," the article said, "The coke ovens and port installations have already been contracted for with *German* suppliers and are now in the course of construction." Under a section dealing with the foreign interest's contributions of both equipment and the technical advisors to go along with it, the article stated, "Similar arrangements have been made with European, *principally German*, interests for the production of tractors." "Telecommunications equipment is being manufactured by American and German-owned plants." Under the heading, "Ownership of Industries," the article reveals, "In the development of Argentina, foreign private investors have played an important part . . ."; and the section "Foreign Investment in Industry," went on to say, "The United States and notably the Germans and French have made significant contributions in this respect." Later, the article clearly stated, "Germany has been rapidly regaining its prewar status as a principal source of Argentine imports."

Importing of German goods into Argentina means Germany is an open market for the products of Argentina in return.

Mr. Rea and I noticed repeatedly the amazing number of German cars, buses, machinery and manufactured goods in Argentina. We have found the picture the same everywhere in South America—which I will explain. However, it is also significant in Buenos Aires that *German advertising methods are far superior to our own*—and German goods are selling faster!

Bookstores are filled with German books; photography stores sell principally German cameras and other

equipment. Everywhere we saw German optical equipment, drafting instruments, chemicals, typewriters (I'm typing this article on a German-made typewriter.) and other manufactured goods.

When we talk to people here in South America about German made goods, they are filled with respect and wonder at the "German efficiency" and praise the German products very highly!

There was a current joke circulated around in Argentina during Peron's regime—that Juan Peron had *two* women—Eva and Mercedes! (Speaking of his wife, and the Mercedes Benz German-made automobiles and buses.)

What Economic and Trade Publications are Saying

Notice what a correspondent of the London "Mercantile Guardian" said, in the March 21, 1957 issue, under the article entitled "Tactics in Germany."

" . . . Germany has described a remarkable figure of economic progress . . . German foreign exchange reserves are now around 1,600 million [British] pounds, more than three-quarters of them in gold and dollars." "There is no doubt that the energetic expression of German skill and resources would, in conditions of absolute equality with competitors, have produced an important renaissance since the prostration of the immediate postwar period . . . Germany has deliberately cultivated and maintained a seriously undervalued currency; and she has escaped the twin burdens that defence costs and the gamut of 'social advance' expenses, from high wages to false teeth, have imposed upon Britain, the main competitor and the economy with which German analysts always compare their own country when cataloging their achievements and their ambitions."

A vitally significant statement ap-

peared in the publication of the First National Bank of Boston for June 24, 1957, called "The Situation in Argentina," which is a monthly informational bulletin. It said, "Another encouraging development this month was the signing of an economic agreement with West Germany. This consolidated Argentina's trade and payments debt to West Germany and paved the way for that country to join the Paris Club, a multilateral trade and payments agreement . . . and the interdiction of *German firms*, imposed after the fall of Peron, will be lifted."

Most of our people do not know what is going on in South America. Because of a persistent ignorance of the affairs of supposed "harmless" countries, we blindly assume ourselves secure from all enemies except Communism—which is AN ENEMY—but not the only enemy!

The *real* picture in Argentina is far different from what most have imagined. For instance, the publication "Comments on Argentine Trade," for December, 1956, said: "Argentina is one of the more highly developed countries in the Western Hemisphere. It is numbered among the 10 leading trading nations of the world . . . Industrially, Argentina has experienced extensive development."

Wealth Will Win World War III

Because Germany has launched herself on such a world-wide campaign to *capture world trade*, she is rapidly becoming one of the most powerful nations on earth. It is naive and ridiculous to say Germany is *presently* more powerful than the United States or Great Britain—but PRESENT CONDITIONS ARE RAPIDLY CHANGING.

It is the accumulation of *money*, in the form of foreign cash abroad, and extensive industrial holdings that gives a nation power. *Money is power*, it has been said—and Germany is after that kind of power!

There are those who, having been lulled to sleep by the soothing voices of FALSE PROPHETS who speak only "PEACE, PEACE, when there is no peace" (Jer. 6:14), regard the economic comeback of Western Germany as the epitome of a small, struggling nation fighting against overwhelming odds to gain a foothold in a dog-eat-dog trade

war. Some feel articles of this nature are "against Germany."

No!

This article is not AGAINST ANY-ONE! Remember—I said, and God's word proves it—Germany is going to WIN the next war. Does that sound like it is *against* Germany?

A Vital Warning

God has commissioned His Church to CRY ALOUD and *spare not* (Isa. 58:1) in showing His people their sins! It is because of our *national ways of life*—which we THINK are "Christian" that God is going to punish us!

Look at us!

It would take two additional articles to recount only a minor, insignificant *portion* of the national crimes against our children, our homes, our aged and our poor—our *crimes against ourselves*. It is because of our great national *debauchery* that our Maker is going to teach us a lesson we'll never forget!

Just as He used *ancient Assyria* to punish our forefathers, the ancient Israelites, so He has promised to use *modern Assyria*—GERMANY, leading a United Europe—to punish us!

God has set His watchmen to shout this vital warning! Many do not *believe* what God says—but the warning must

go, nevertheless, in spite of *disbelief*.

Some of you have been reading in the pages of this magazine for *many years* the SPECIFIC, DEFINITE prophecies of God concerning our peoples—and have read of them happening in your newspapers!

Even during the time allied bombers were pounding Germany to mere rubble heaps during the closing months of World War II, *this work of God* was shouting a *warning* that it would be a revived, fascist GERMANY, not Russia, Japan or China, who would finally rise up with a union of nine other nations in Europe, forming the prophesied resurrection of the "*Holy Roman Empire*," which would finally CONQUER THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND GREAT BRITAIN!

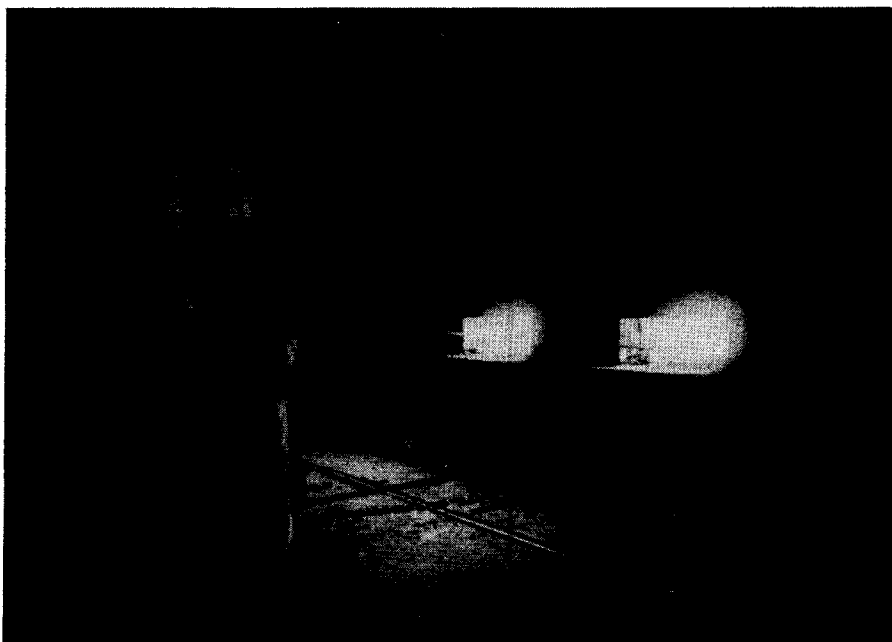
That is SPECIFIC!

That is DEFINITE!

Most of South America is going fascist! Germany is gaining rapidly in economic footholds, controlling industry, having a great voice in politics, gaining a new and different type of strangle-hold on the United States and Great Britain. More particulars, with quotes from noted sources *backing up and proving* the existing situations, will be given in another article next month. Don't fail to read it!

A steel mill blast furnace glares with white-hot fury at two workers in Argentina. Alfred Krupp's steel empire is expanding rapidly into the industrial areas of South America.

Courtesy of the Argentine Industrial Union



Inside Story

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Herman Hoeh, Raymond McNair and others were being called for use in this great work. Dr. C. Paul Meredith even sold his business and moved to Pasadena—taking some courses with the young freshmen students in order to fit himself for a part in this work.

Later, God struck down Mr. Armstrong's two sons, Dick and Ted, and brought them to repentance and conversion. This is more significant than it may seem, because for many years it looked as if they might *never* be converted—but only continue to regard this as "Dad's religion."

All of this has certainly been providential too. For as the years have passed and this work has grown, Mr. Armstrong needed help. And now he has it!

Ted Armstrong *surrendered* to God and was *changed* by Him so completely that it amazed those of us here who had known him. Now you often hear him speaking for his father on the "*World Tomorrow*" broadcast. Dick Armstrong is currently in charge of the foreign branch of this work, and we expect that before long he will be broadcasting to France in the French language.

Herman Hoeh is now Executive Editor of the PLAIN TRUTH magazine and is carrying a heavy load of teaching in Ambassador College. Dr. Meredith is now the Director of the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course—a function which is serving thousands of you in a special way.

Raymond Cole and Raymond McNair take care of much of our work directed toward helping those who have already been converted through the broadcast in this country. And they are joined in this by several other consecrated men whom you will undoubtedly hear more of later.

In other words, this is NOT just "Herbert W. Armstrong's work." It is the *work of Jesus Christ*. It is the work of the Church of God—the Church Jesus said He would build (Matt. 16:18).

The true Church is the *body of Jesus Christ* (I Cor. 12:27)—the physical in-

strumentality used by Him in carrying out the *work of God* here on earth.

The men Christ is using in this work are *consecrated* and *dedicated*. They FEAR the *Living God* more than they do the societies and pressure groups of *men*.

Although they are independently relying on and serving God—and are not “yes men”—yet they work together in love and unity as a team. For they are *guided by* and *empowered by* the same Holy Spirit of God. They believe that the Bible MEANS what it says. So they *obey* it—and teach others to do the *same*.

Therefore, God is using this work as His instrument to fulfill Jesus Christ's prophecy: “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a WITNESS unto all nations; and *then shall the end come*” (Matt. 24:14).

WHY Must Men Suffer?

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the Eternal's presence, and he smote Job with painful ulcers from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head, till Job took a potsherd to scrape himself.

“As he sat among the ashes, his wife said to him, ‘Still holding to your loyalty? Curse God, though you die for it!’”

Was God Just and Fair?

But Job retorted to his wife,

“You are talking like an impious fool. Are we to take *good* from God's hand, and not evil too?”

Notice, all the *GOOD* had come from God. Also *all the evil*! Beside Him there is no God—no power equal or superior to His. God is responsible for EVERYTHING—both good and evil, because God's power is *SUPREME—absolute*! Is this a sin to charge the *EVIL* as well as the good, to God?

“In all this,” answers God's Word, “*Job sinned not* with his lips.” Charging this evil to God, then, was no sin—no error. It was the *TRUTH*!

“Now, when Job's three friends heard of all the trouble that had befallen

him, they came, each from his own home, Eliphaz from Teman, Bildad from Shuah, and Zophar from Maan; they arranged to go and condole with him, to comfort him. But when they caught sight of him at a distance and could not recognize him, they wept aloud; every man of them tore his tunic and flung dust on his head. For seven days and seven nights they sat beside him on the ground; none said a word to him, for they saw how terrible was his anguish” (Job 2:9-13).

Here is human suffering to compare with the horrors of World War II. Here is anguish almost beyond description! Satan inflicted it. But God *permitted it*, and therefore is *RESPONSIBLE*!

Job's Friends Have an Argument

Now in the long conversation that followed between Job and his three friends—a conversation occupying the next 34 chapters in the Bible—Job's friends blamed it all on *JOB*. Their idea was a good deal like many people believe today. Since God is *GOOD*, it was impossible to attribute this evil to *GOD*.

But Job continually denied his friends' allegations. Continually *HIS OWN RIGHT-EOUSNESS* he upheld and maintained. He attributed it all, rightly, to God—*yet, without imputing any blame or fault* to God. *JOB UNDERSTOOD GOD'S GREAT PURPOSE* being worked out here below!

And it is important that *we* understand! For here Job, as one single individual, is used as an illustration *for our learning* TODAY, typical of all the mass suffering we see about us in this world today!

God Enters the Argument

Finally, after all these long conversations run themselves out, God Himself takes a hand in the conversation.

Now we begin to see *WHY* this affliction had come to Job.

“Then the Eternal answered Job out of a storm, saying:

“‘Who darkens *MY DESIGN* with a cloud of thoughtless words? Confront me like a man; come, answer these *My questions*’” (Job 38:1-3).

Let me interrupt here with an interesting side-light explanation which throws light on the conversation to fol-

low. Some authorities believe that Job was the architect and director of the building of the Great Pyramid—still today the largest building on earth, and prior to the construction of the Woolworth building the tallest. That Job was proud of his righteousness is plain. That he also might have been puffed up over constructing the world's greatest building clears up much that God says now to him.

Job was too well aware of his righteousness. God now proceeded to deflate his ego. Can it, then be possible God now compares *His* creation of the earth, and all that is, to the comparatively insignificant accomplishment of building the Great Pyramid? It's interesting to keep this possibility in mind.

“‘When I founded the *earth*,’” God opened up on Job, “‘where were you, then? Answer me that, if you have wit to know! Who measured out the *earth*?—do you know that? Who stretched the builder's line on *it*? What were *its* pedestals placed on? Who laid the corner-stone, when the morning-stars were singing, and all the angels chanted in their joy?’” (Verses 4-7).

It is significant that a *pyramid* is the *only* kind of building on earth where the *corner-stone* is the *top* stone—the *last* stone laid—at the *COMPLETION* of the building! And here God represents the symbolic “corner-stone” of the *EARTH* as being laid at *its completion*—when the angels shouted for joy!

And so God continued to deflate *poor* Job. Job may have been the most *righteous* man on earth—yet how *insignificant* he was, *compared to GOD*!

Man was created to *need* God! Man cannot live his full life, fulfill his mission, or be happy, unless he keeps himself in his right relationship with *GOD*! *That is the very first lesson man needs to learn and keep ever in mind!*

A first principle in character—in the *PURPOSE* of our existence—is to *exalt* and worship only *GOD*, TO *HUMBLE* the self, to realize man's utter helplessness, and his total *DEPENDENCE* upon *GOD*!

“‘Who helped shut in the sea,’” God asked, “‘. . . when I swathed it in mists and swaddled it in clouds of darkness, when I fixed its boundaries . . . saying *Thus far, and no farther!* Here your proud waves shall not pass!’”

"Have *you* ever roused the morning, given directions to the dawn? . . . What path leads to the home of Light, and where does Darkness dwell? Can *you* conduct them to their fields? . . . Have *you* grasped earth in all its breadth? How large is it? Tell me, if you know that!

"Can *you* bind up the Pleiades [cluster of stars] in a cluster, or loose the chains of Orion? Can *you* direct the signs of the Zodiac, or guide the constellations of the Bear? Can *you* control the skies? Can you prescribe their sway over the earth?"

God does all these things. How MIGHTY is God! And how *little*, how *weak*, how *impotent* and *insignificant* is man—yes, even the most righteous man, Job! How Job must have begun to shrivel up in his own estimation! Smaller and smaller Job shrank, as God continued. Job didn't seem so important, now!

"Who, then," God is not through yet—"is able to stand before ME? Who hath prevented me, that I should repay him? *Whatsoever is under the whole heaven IS MINE . . .*" And so God continued to bring down Job's self-righteous importance—and to show the unmatched, awesome MAGNITUDE of God, thru four whole chapters, before He finished.

And by the time God finished, Job's estimation of himself was exactly *nil*. All through his conversation with his three friends, Job stoutly maintained *his own righteousness*—his self-importance! Even though Satan had taken away his wealth, his children—even tho reduced to a pitiful sight, covered with nauseating boils—Job's *own righteousness* he stoutly maintained!

Job was able to maintain his case against Satan—against his friends. But now he could not answer GOD! Job's trouble was not what he had *done*, but what he *was*—SELF-RIGHTEOUS! The *self* in Job had never died!

In just 5 verses of Job's conversation he used the personal pronoun 15 times; and in the 29th chapter alone, he used it 50 times!

Now, for the first time, he began to realize the TRUTH—he began to catch a vision of GOD!

Then Job answered the Eternal, and

said, "I know that thou canst do everything, and that no thought can be withholden from thee. I thoughtlessly confused the issues; I spoke without intelligence, of wonders far beyond my ken. I had heard of thee by hearsay, but *now mine eyes have seen thee*; wherefore I ABHOR MYSELF, and REPENT in dust and ashes."

The Lesson Learned!

That was Job's SURRENDER to Almighty God—a surrender every human must make before he can be converted—before God's PURPOSE in him can be fulfilled! A man may be naturally GOOD—but even the *self-righteousness* of a Job, God says, is like a filthy rag to Him! The only righteousness that is really good is the righteousness of God, imparted to us BY FAITH!

Job at last had learned his lesson! Just human goodness is not enough. GOD is all in all. And the only goodness that *is* good is *God's own goodness*, imparted, through God's Holy Spirit, *within us*! All true righteousness comes from God.

All humans have this great lesson to learn. It's the *one supreme lesson of life*! To learn it, and conform to it, is the PURPOSE of human existence!

Job's calamity and great suffering proved a great blessing to him, in the end! Actually, great good, double prosperity, and eternal happiness, came of it! For, after he repented, and came to really *know God*, he was given another seven sons and three daughters, and *twice* the material possessions he had had before!

"So the Eternal blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning," it is written (Job 42:12). And verse 11 speaks of "*all the evil that the Eternal had brought upon him.*"

Satan Never Altered GOD'S PURPOSE

So notice this! Satan has never upset God's program—*never* altered God's purpose! In Job 42:2, the alternate marginal translation of the original inspired Hebrew words is: "*no purpose of thine can be restrained.*"

Almighty God is SUPREME in the universe! Supreme not only in Love, and in Power—but in WISDOM! There was divine WISDOM in God's permitting Satan to afflict Job. Out of all this ex-

perience of suffering. Job was humbled. his ego deflated, his self-pride removed. It *hurt*, to have these things torn out of his character—Job suffered—even as you and I suffer, today! But he was brought to *repentance*, surrender to God, dependence upon God, a filling of God's Spirit, without which he never could have known real happiness, never could have gained eternal LIFE!

All Job originally had was material wealth and possessions, and mere *human* righteousness! Now Job had double the material possessions — but infinitely greater, he now had the supreme security of the faith of God, and that true source of happiness, reliance upon the Supreme One, and the indwelling of all His attributes! God's Spirit in us is the only thing that will satisfy the heart-hunger—the *only* thing that can warm, fill, and energize with happiness and joy the human soul!

The True ANSWER to Our Questions!

Now we are ready to see, and to UNDERSTAND, the true answer to our questions!

The real answer was brought out by Job during his conversation, even as it is illustrated by the experience of his life.

"If a man die, *shall he live again?*" asked Job (Job 14:14).

And the answer is the answer to all our questions! Here it is:

"All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: *thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands!*"

The part of what Job said that is most often carelessly overlooked is the part that answers the questions of this article! Notice it again!

"*Thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands!*"

STUDY THAT! Job knew he was merely the *work of God's Hands*! Merely a clay model, which God, the Master Potter, was to mould and fashion and re-shape. Let Isaiah explain it: "We are all as an unclean thing, and *all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags*; and we all do fade as a leaf; and *our iniquities*, like the wind, have taken us away . . . But now, O ETERNAL, thou art OUR FATHER;

we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand" (Isa. 64:6-8).

Our own righteousness will not save us. We must REPENT, surrender unconditionally to GOD, come to Him thru Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, and then God PROMISES to beget us with His Holy Spirit—actually put HIS SPIRIT *within us*. His spirit is His very LIFE—His love, His understanding and wisdom, His power, His faith, His righteousness. We *drink in*, thru His Spirit, HIS NATURE AND HIS CHARACTER.

Thru a life-long of Christian living—of *overcoming* self, of growing spiritually, thru the very power of GOD imparted to us, we develop spiritually ready to be finally BORN OF GOD—by a resurrection, or instantaneous conversion from mortal to immortal—from human to divine—from weakness to power—from dishonor to GLORY!

And what about all these human sufferings which work character within us?

The Apostle Paul settled that: "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the GLORY which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the SONS OF GOD" (Rom. 8:18-19).

Inside South America

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tionalism while living abroad. But there is one difference in this—the Americans very rarely learn to speak Spanish and speak it well. The Germans, on the other hand, come to the Latin American countries speaking the language fluently. They know all the niceties of the Spanish speaking people, their customs, their peculiarities. And in doing this they can influence the people to trade more and more with the German government and with German businessmen.

There is much oil activity going on here, and a steady influx of Americans coming in to exploit the natural riches of Peru. Peru permits this at the moment, but can at any moment nationalize the industry and throw the Americans out, or any other foreigner, as far as that

goes. I saw no anti-American signs, nor any anti-American feeling during my stay here.

I investigated the possibility of going on the air in Spanish. But at the present time, the only thing that is open to us is the station "Miraflores," which is one of the better stations in this city, but it does not reach out into the country.

My Stay in Chile

I made reservations to leave on the morning of June 20 for Santiago, Chile. I left about 8:30 A.M. and arrived about 2:30 the same day in Santiago, the capital of Chile. We had to fly over about 2000 miles of the Pacific Ocean in order to arrive there. As we approached the capital, I could see the mighty Andes with the tallest peak of this rugged chain that stretches from the northern point of South America to the southern end of the continent. This peak is called Mt. Aconcagua. It has an elevation of some 22,895 feet. Aconcagua in the Araucanian tongue means "the rocky sentinel." It is continually snow-capped and can be seen clearly from the air as one approaches Santiago. It is to the north some 20 to 30 miles from the capital.

Santiago is a city of about 1,500,000 people. It looks like and is like Los Angeles in many ways. It even has *smog*! I landed at the airport at Los Cerillos, outside of Santiago, and checked into customs. The first thing that I noticed was the predominance of the German-appearing soldiers with their helmets and their uniforms that were typical of

the Germans during the last world war. After clearing through the customs, I took a taxi downtown to the hotel, and gained some impressions of what Chile would be like by listening to the man in the taxi as we drove through the center of town.

The town was typical European with wooden houses on the outskirts and stone houses as you approach the center of town, but after you got into town, the streets were well planned, but very dirty. There was a heavy pall of smoke hanging over the city—so much that only every now and then could you get a glimpse of the Andes mountains in the background. Of course, I arrived in Santiago in the dead of winter—the trees, the parks and the flowers were just as bare as they could be. The most outstanding thing in this city, as I approached the center of town, was the fact that there were absolutely no new cars, at first sight. After a few days I did find a few, but these belonged to foreign diplomats and foreign businessmen who are doing business in the country.

But the average Chilean is a poor person. The standard of living is very, very low. The standard wage is so low, that he hardly exists on it.

Santiago Is Very Cosmopolitan

This is a very cosmopolitan city; you can see that by merely glancing at the people. Listening to the people talk on the street, you will hear German, Yiddish, English, French and Italian. All of the European races are represented here, but in the distribution of the population, Spanish is first, of course, then German, French, Yugoslav, and then some Czech, and some English. There are very few Negroes who live in Chile. Most of the population is Mestizo. I believe that the *Information Please Almanac* gives 60% of the population as being Mestizo.

I went into a restaurant here the first afternoon trying to become acquainted with Chile and Chilean money. I started to ask the waiter some pertinent questions about his country. I could see at the outset that he was very, very nationalistic in his attitude by the answers that he gave me. I asked him what was the value of the Chilean peso. He blushed and started talking about something

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else—he didn't answer me. I believe that I must have insulted his nationalistic feeling toward this almost valueless currency. A dollar would buy 640 pesos when I first arrived in Chile.

I received a letter from Mr. Ted Armstrong in which he said that he would arrive in fifteen more days.

June 22

While I was waiting for Mr. Ted Armstrong to arrive in Chile, I became very well acquainted with the downtown section of Santiago. I walked all over the town looking for books—books that would help carry the true Gospel to these people of South America and to the Spanish speaking world. The only book that I was able to find that might be of service to us was a copy of the proceedings of the Council of Trent in Latin and in Spanish. This book is very valuable and very old, although I was able to purchase it for a relatively small price, because of the inflation in Chile.

Information on Prophecy Fulfillment

I then made preparations to take a train trip to southern Chile and on June 24 I made reservations on the train leaving Santiago and having as its final destination Puesto Montt, located on the Gulf of Corcovado. I had to wait two days before my reservation would come up, so in the meantime I decided to take advantage of the situation and I talked to several leading men. One was a man by the name of Mr. Schmidt, who is working for an American aircraft firm in the United States and travels all over the world as their representative to sell planes and service them. I had met him in Quito and had a long talk with him there, and he had later caught up with me in Santiago. He has traveled all over the world, as I said before, and knows

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the world situation very thoroughly.

He told me that there was a great deal of *Gorman activity* and German business developing in every part of the world where he had gone—in India, the Philippines and other areas strategically vital to the United States and to Great Britain. Mr. Schmidt was sympathetic to the German cause and therefore was happy that they are on the ascendency, although he doesn't know that Germany is prophesied to rise up and to conquer the United States. If Mr. Schmidt knew this, I am sure that he would be pulling for the Americans.

The next day, Mr. Schmidt and I were continuing our conversation relative to the international situation over a luncheon in the Hotel Carrera, when a Major MacAllen came in. Major MacAllen is the Air Attache to the American Embassy in Santiago. He came from around Amarillo, Texas, and *speaks* Spanish fluently, but told me he *couldn't* understand the Chileans easily, because they run their words together and drop some parts of certain words. He told me that there was a great deal of anti-American feeling throughout South America, but it was concentrated more in the north of South America. But here in Chile, he said, the feeling was less.

Of course, Major MacAllen can't know that God has prophesied that these nations will join the trade embargo that will cause the downfall of the United States' economic system. And when this economic system collapses, as is prophesied in the Bible, Chile, Argentina and the rest of these Latin American nations will join in with the European revival of the old Roman Empire—perhaps to be called, "The United States of Europe."

(To be continued next month)

NOTICE:

Because of his many pressing duties, the continuation of Mr. Armstrong's series of articles on his life and ministry will have to be delayed until next month.