By Herbert W. Armstrong

The leaven of secularity and materialism was subtly injected into the college that had been built as God's college — as a college different from any other. It was a college unique in, but not part of, Satan's world.

During the first three years of Ambassador's life I personally fought and bled and died, so to speak, to keep this leaven out — to make it truly God's own college.

Intellectual leaven

God prospered it and it grew. But in the last 10 years the aggressive urge of some to obtain accreditation — to get this world of Satan's endorsement, opened the door for this leaven of intellectualism, which pervades this world's higher education, to gain an entering wedge.

It was not realized by those — and there were a number — who wanted accreditation that Satan had gotten his foot in the door. But those who had known it, during its growing years as God's college, were aghast when they came to the Pasadena campus after years of absence — men like Leo Walker and others who had been students in the days when it really was God's college. They now found it as it turned from day into night, from the light of God's way into the darkness of this world's higher education.

I never wanted accreditation personally, but I did allow others to pursue it on their sincere but misplaced assurance that they could obtain accreditation and still retain it as God's college. Outside educators, wedded to the leaven of this world's "higher education" — with their Ph.D.'s — were brought into the faculty. The leaven spread, as leaven always does.

Instructors reinstated
But now the living Christ has moved drastically to put Ambassador College back on God's track once again, as his college. Under Christ's guidance and inspiration, I now announce that those former men of God — men who were taught and then did teach, when it truly was God's college, outside educators, wedded to the faculty to teach all of the theological and Bible courses. These men include Dr. Herman L. Tregelles, Dr. Leslie Meredith, Mr. Raymond F. McNair and Mr. Leon Walker. I will have much more to say about this and the early foundational days of the college in the next issue of The Good News.

Financial situation good, Work being done

"Response to Mr. Armstrong brings the Radio a very exciting change. Many comments are coming in from people saying how glad they are to hear Mr. Armstrong back on the air."

"The exciting part of the media coverage is that we have a consistent message for the first time in years. Radio and television both will be religious in content." Mr. Wright said the new religious broadcasts will shorten the time it takes a person to make contact with the Work after hearing the broadcast.

Church Doctrine:

SMOKING IS A SIN

Speaking of degrees of sin, smoking may be a milder sin — but nevertheless a SIN. Here is the story of how this came into the doctrine of this Church.

Him and was baptized. I was very conscious of the experience of receiving God's Holy Spirit. This was the spirit of a changed mind. It was the renewing of my mind. What had seemed important before now seemed utterly worthless. My whole approach to the things of life — my whole attitude — was changed!

"What about smoking?"
Then it was that I asked myself, "What about smoking?"

I had learned that "all the churches" — meaning Protestant and Catholic — did not take their religious beliefs and doctrines from the Bible. Rather, they attempted to read their ideas and beliefs into the Bible — by twisting and distorting the Holy Word of God, and by taking verses out of context. I said, "I will not give up smoking just because the church in which I was reared regarded it as a sin. I must find the answer in the Bible." I said.

Now I knew smoking was not mentioned specifically in the (Page SMOKING, page 5)

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I t may come as astonishing news to some of our members, but the truth is I personally did smoke — until a little more than 51 years ago, that is! As a matter of fact I was smoking until after I was baptized! Let me explain that!

True, I had not been a "heavy smoker." On the average I had, since age 19, been smoking about three cigarettes a day (not three packs) or one cigar. On those days that I smoked a cigar I usually smoked no cigarettes at all.

How did I get started? Not like most youths of 19 or under. But at age 19 I had the job of timekeeper and paymaster of the Finkbine Lumber Mill just outside Wiggins, Miss., some 30 miles north of the Gulf. I had to keep work-hour records and pay the main labor force, all blacks, only a generation or two after the abolition of slavery. It was at the time when they were totally illiterate, not one of them could write his own name. They made an X mark instead of a signature. What a long way our black population has come since then!

I did not belong on that job. I had felt flattered when it was offered to me. It was offered because I had made such an excellent record in my first job on a daily newspaper. But on this job I was like a fish out of water. I was doing the work it had taken three men to do before I was put on that job.

But I tried. I did my best. And that required working until 10 at night on alternate days, until midnight on nights in between, and rising at 5:30 each weekday morning. I think it is understandable that I had difficulty keeping awake on those long nights. But I was determined to succeed. I was determined to get the job done no matter how long the hours required.

I began to find myself drowning off on these late night hours. That is when I started smoking. I tried smoking a pipe. I found that keeping the pipe in my mouth while I worked kept me awake. After leaving that job I turned to the three cigarettes a day or the one cigar.

During my superintensive in-depth study of the Bible, evolution and allied subjects, from the fall of 1926 until the spring of 1927, my mind was on the studies — not on smoking. But in the spring of 1929 I made an unconditional surrender to God. I came to believe what He said in His Word. I gave my life to
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BY GOD’S CHURCH

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Transcript of Stan Rader's address

PASADENA — Following a June 17 sermon by Herbert W. Armstrong in the Ambassador Auditorium, "Stanley Rader, general counsel to Mr. Armstrong, also addressed the Headquar ters congregations. Following are excerpts of Rader's address.

Hearing Mr. Armstrong today under these circumstances and being in the Ambassador Auditorium, I want to begin by saying that the people who have their moments in time, every moment in time, moments are more precious and more unique. And I think what we've just heard today about Ihut is an example of what God is doing.

I have always been more interested in the religious or spiritual matters than in the political or economic aspects of the work. But as the years went on, I began to see where the strength in this work came from. I couldn't help but be influenced in a positive way by association with Mr. Armstrong. I began to spend more time with Mr. Armstrong than with anybody else and as time went on we found the spirit of the Church, which of course are the values we find in the Word of God. Mr. Armstrong was a fine teacher and he practiced what he preached. And he was such a good teacher that he was able to get people to practice what he preached, which is a real ultimate test.

As time went on, I saw that everybody that I was coming into contact with had a different set of values. They had accepted the values of the Church, which of course are the values we find in the Word of God. Mr. Armstrong was a fine teacher and he practiced what he preached. And he was such a good teacher that he was able to get people to practice what he preached, which is a real ultimate test. I just didn't feel that I would ever be able to totally reject everything that I had understood to be important. I didn't think there was anything wrong about my set of values and my set of principles, but I had to recognize that they were not quite the same as the principles for which this Work stood. I didn't feel that I had passed the test as yet because things were different around here — 10, 12 years ago — they were quite different.

There was a spirit that pervaded this organization that you could practically touch. You could cut it with a knife — everybody noticed it. Anybody stepping foot on this campus noticed it, whether he be a person from the Pasadena downtown area, somebody clear across the ocean or a hard-nosed businessman from the East or some other metropolitan center. We know what it is, and as I said, you could practically touch it. You could sum it up. Everyone seemed to love everyone else. Everyone, of course, loved God, and as a consequence things seemed to be completely different in this organization.

As time went on, however, things began to change just enough so that it wasn't quite the same any more. I wrote a memorandum about the subject — a very long memorandum (about eight and a half pages) in 1971, written when I still held in the very highest regard. He is no longer an active member of the Church, but at the time he was an active member and had a very elevated position.

In that memorandum I told him that I had begun to notice a change in the organization. I had begun to notice that people were coming into the organization who were like me. They had not rejected their own systems, their own set of values, their own principles. They had not rejected their own goals and objectives. They were people who were coming into the Work and were hoping to satisfy or fulfill their own goals and their own objectives and their own value system by changing or dissecting or just moving this Work around enough to make it possible for them to do that. In other words, they had not accepted the value system that was here.

As time went on we found people coming into the Work who were never here when the spirit pervaded the institution. We had people coming in who found themselves in positions of some influence, of some power, of some authority, and they had never experienced the other attitude — the attitude that went back just a few years. They found the spirit of competition. They saw a spirit of conflict — quite different than what had been here before.

So by 1970 I began to think.
We read in Genesis 2 that God rested the seventh day and blessed and sanctified it. Jesus taught that the Sabbath was made for man (Mark 2:27-28) at the time man was made. Our booklet and blessed 'and sanctified it. Jesus taught' that the law by God and how to make the Sabbath what God intended the very highest ideals of human life.

In Genesis 2:1 we see the beginning of the Sabbath day. "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it (which means set apart for a holy use): because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

So we see that God rested at creation. And when and why is this Sabbath day's meaning His, the very God who set this time aside 'to make his rest'.

In Exodus 20:8, Sabbath observance is given as a commandment: "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy beast, nor any stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it."

It is so that God made this day for man at the very time of creation. It was a time set aside for man to use.

**Purpose of the Sabbath**

Why was this day given? Isaiah 58:13 gives us some of the answer. "If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own way, nor finding thine own pleasure, not speaking thine own words." (Here, where it talks about your own pleasure, it is essentially referring to, if you read the Jewish translation, pursuing your own business.)

The Sabbath is to be a delightful day to the people of God. We are not to pursue our own business. It doesn't mean we can't have pleasure on this day. Indeed, the Sabbath will become one of the most meaningful and rich days once we comprehend the vision of why this day is given to man.

**Day for teaching children**

I personally believe that this day should be very enjoyable even for children. It is a day to teach them about God and the great purpose in life.

We take the time to read you three parables that illustrate different approaches toward teaching children about God on the Sabbath day. Some approaches produce good results while others fall short of our desired results.

**Parable No. 1**

"I took a little child's hand in mine. He and I were to walk together for awhile. I was to lead him to the Father. It was a task that overcame me, so awful was the responsibility. I talked to the little child only of the Father. I painted the sweetness of the Father's face. We walked under tall trees. I said the Father had the power to send them crashing down, struck by His thunderbolts. We walked in the sunshine. I told him of the greatness of the Father who made the burning blazing sun... One twilight we met the Father. The child hid behind me; he was afraid. He would not look up at the face so loving, he remembered my picture. He would not put his hand in the Father's hand. I was between the child and the Father. I wondered. I had been so conscientious, so serious."

**Parable No. 2**

"I took a little child's hand in mine. I was to lead him to the Father. I felt burdened by the multitude of the things I was to teach him. We did not rumble, we hastened from spot to spot. In one moment we compared the leaves of the trees and the next we were examining a bird's nest. While the child was questioning me about it, I placed him away to chase the butterflies. Did he chance to fall asleep? I awakened him lest he should miss something I wished him to see.

"We spoke of the Father often and rapidly. I poured into his ears all the stories he ought to know and we were interrupted often by the wind of which we must trace its source. But then in twilight we met the Father. The child merely glanced at Him. The Father stretched out His hand but the child was not interested enough to take it. We also, without warning, struck our thorns on his cheeks. He dropped exhausted to the ground and fell asleep. Again I was between the child and the Father and I wondered. I taught him so many, many things."

**Parable No. 3**

"Now the third parable illustrates a more successful and desirable method of teaching...

"I took a little child's hand in mine to lead him to the Father. My heart was full of gratitude for the glad service. I walked slowly, I taught him in the steps of the child. We spoke of the things the child noticed. Sometimes it was one of the Father's birds. We watched it build a nest and saw the eggs that were laid. We wondered later of the care it gave its young. Sometimes we peeked at the Father's flowers and stroked their soft petals and loved their bright colors.

"Often we told stories of the Father. I told them to the child and the child told them to me. We told them, the child and I, over and over and over again. Sometimes we stopped to learn, resting against the Father's tree and letting His air cool our brow and never speaking.

"And then in the twilight we met the Father. The child's eyes shone. He looked up lovingly, trustingly, eagerly into the Father's face. He put his hand in the Father's hand. I was for a moment forgotten. I was content."

"Yes, the Sabbath is an opportunity to help our children appreciate and understand God through His creation, to take time and reflect deeply on the beauty and meaning of life. It is the day when we prepare to meet God!"

**Day to set priorities**

It's easy to get our priorities out of line. The Sabbath day allows us to keep our priorities in perspective. It is a day to reflect on what is really important. Oftentimes we tend to get our minds on the day-to-day business, our pursuits, frustrations we're facing in life, difficulties we face as human beings. So what shall we do with this Sabbath day that was His "crimes": 1) healing a man who had been paralyzed for 38 years and telling him to take up his bed; 2) healing a man with a withered hand; 3) healing a blind man; 4) healing a man of dropsy; 5) healing a woman bowed down by an infirmity for 12 years.

This sermon was delivered by Dr. George Getts, an elder in the Pasadena church. Dr. Getts is the dean of faculty for the Ambassador College School of Biblical and Ministerial Studies and earlier served as chairman of the Theology Department at Ambassador College. The Geises and their three children live in Arcadia, Calif.
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experience, a very vivid example of what Paul was talking about in II Corinthians 3. My elder daughter, then 14 years of age, was a rapid and invertebrate reader. She had been bringing fiction "love-story" books home from the school library. She would read an entire book in just two or three evenings. I had a note from her teacher.

I said to Beverly: "Your teacher has warned me that you are injuring your eyes, and even perhaps your mind, by reading so much of this fiction and suggested I speak to you about it. Therefore I am telling you not to read this type of literature any longer."

"Beverly," I asked, "isn't that another-love-story fiction book?"

"Yes, Daddy," she replied.

"Well, why are you disobeying me, when I told you to stop reading such books?"

"Oh, no, not disobeying you, Daddy. You said, 'Don't bring any more of these books from the school library,' I didn't bring this book from the library. I brought it home from my school library. "

The very next evening, I noticed Beverly reading a book and almost half way through it.

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I realized, smoking is obnoxious. To answer in the negative. Often, I realized, smoking is obnoxious and objectionable to nonsmokers.

"When I asked myself, 'Is it injurious to me?' It was not yet then known that smoking is a cancer producer, but that already I knew well the function of the lungs - to filter out impurities from the blood passing through them and returning to the heart. I did know that inhaling smoke into the lungs simply had to be harmful, at least in some degree. I realized that the opposite to, or transgression of, the law of outgoing love to others was coveting or lust - inordinate self-desire."

Why, I finally asked myself, then do I smoke? It was a form of self-desire, breaking - at least in some measure - the Ten Commandments!

In other words, God was showing me smoking was a sin, even though a mild one! That was more than 5 years ago. I stopped smoking then and there.

Now it had happened that my smoking was obnoxious to my wife. She had merely tolerated it.

That is how the living God showed me smoking is a spiritual sin! But what about being a physical sin - that He has created laws that God set in operation in our bodies? We know now that it is a cause of lung cancer, which can be fatal.

But I learned one point some time before I had turned to smoking, I made a test on myself. I was in Portland, Ore., doing a broadcast or making recordings. On this particular trip my wife was not with me. I knew that if I smoked she would smell it on my clothes or in my breath. I tried an experiment.

I bought a pack of cigarettes, in my hotel room, removing all references to keep smoking. I wanted in keeping up false appearances - that I want to give to the public.

It's much easier to stick with the plain truth, as we all know. Everybody will always know 'where I stand,' and will not disbelieve by me doing what he felt to be right in everything that he did, and the Almighty would protect him from error.

I believe in the inspiration of God in all things as well as his capacity as apostle - in no way sounding of another in which he could communicate, or by a deeper sense of what God had created and helped to maintain, plans, for certain purposes for his own knowledge, as his latter (self-experience purposes), and therefore endowed with certain extent that is particular, and habits of thought, which were taught me.

Then I went on to say that (and perhaps I should have known) Mr. Armstrong's office as apostle is quite different from those offices as are in the world today, but it is an office based not on power but on affection. He has been able to persuade multitudes of people, including multitudes of persons who are not yet converted, to accept this distinction of his office, largely because of his own capacity as apostle and that has taken no credit for the success."

I wrote that Mr. Armstrong is both a product of experience and of self-experience. These are our observations. You are free to accept or reject them. In some respects, he is also the latter (self-experience) is more important than the former.

Mr. Armstrong has spent his whole life choosing himself into shape and the essence of the spiritual life, all, for the quest for balance. The object, goodness, is clear enough. We all know that. The difficulty lies in steering toward it between the rival rocks of despair on the one hand, and pride on the other. We must face in 20 years a sense of humility and fear failure without at the same time denying the creative encouragement of success.

The result has been that he has become in all humility a confident man with a confidence based not on ignorance but on self-awareness. His confidence has been strengthened and in fact based upon his belief in God's laws, and he is more able to find his internal peace through his obedience to God. Obedience to God made him the apostle of this Church, and he had not sought the place. He had been given to him in full knowledge of his qualifications. He is a true Church in every sense in which a Church can be, and does include smoking.

Other uses of tobacco fall in principle and obvious intent of the law, in the same category! Tobacco, in the head.

I know because a ditch-digging laborer, working in front of me, in 1976, I told him I would not smoke. He took the third puff. I threw the cigarette and the remainder of the tobacco is a poison weed that can make you horribly sick in your stomach! I did not stop off chewing tobacco at age 5!
Biblical studies diploma program will begin at Ambassador in fall

By John Zahody

PASADENA — A new Diploma in Biblical Studies program will be offered here this fall by the Ambassador College School of Biblical and Ministerial Studies. The program is being established under the direction of Herbert W. Armstrong to serve the young people of the Worldwide Church of God.

In a brochure recently published by the college, the new nondegree program is described as "a unique college-level program designed to give increased biblical understanding and to promote spiritual development. The motto 'recapture true values' depicts those distinctive qualities which are not available in other colleges and universities. In addition, this special program offers career guidance as well, as social and recreational opportunities during a formative period in life."

"Those of us on the administration of Ambassador College appreciate the challenges placed before us when Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong wrote the policy and purpose statement creating the new school," stated Dr. George T. Geis, dean of faculty, in a recent issue of the Pastor's Report.

"As the weeks have gone by since Mr. Armstrong's announcement, we have increasingly realized the opportunities before us. In what reality has occurred is that we are now privileged to develop an entirely innovative type of program. Centering on those distinctive qualities which truly made Ambassador College unique over the years, we will now have a program which will give young men and women of the Church a foundational education in the more penetrating and significant dimensions of life."

A core curriculum of seven courses is required of all students, and includes Life and Teachings of Jesus, Principles of Living, Early Christian History, Old Testament Survey I and II, Doctrine of the Worldwide Church of God and Marriage and the Family.

"For this entire 30-credit program [whether taken during the regular school year or in summer sessions]," continued Dr. Geis, "the student will concentrate on these areas without being compelled to pursue other areas as study such as a foreign language, American history or English. In fact, the whole purpose for this type of program is to help the student better understand life and find himself as they see the vernacular.

"Personally, I see this diploma program as a bond for my own son (or daughters, for that matter) who is still some years away from college... He could enter immediately after completing high school or as a meaningful change of pace sometime during his academic program at another college. I feel that this would be vital not only in terms of his future career-direction in life, but also in terms of his spiritual and moral development. And who knows, perhaps that same person at Ambassador College who, at some future date, will become your daughter-in-law?"

"I see the diploma program as serving the young people in the Church between home and college or church and work," said Dr. George T. Geis, director of student services.

"The academic part of our program is flexible enough to accommodate students at various academic levels," stated Richard H. Pallega, student academic advisor for the diploma program. "Some of the courses offered will actually be part of the maternal years (two years of religious studies), while others are designed for those who are beginning college-level studies.

"The student, in consultation with the college's special program advisor, may select a program of academic work and extracurricular activities that suit to meet his or her own particular needs.

"I think we'll be able to help our students in a more concentrated way than we ever have before," added Mr. Albrecht. "The activities and leadership opportunities we have to offer will help our students find their own capabilities. These would not generally be available at other colleges and universities."

Extracurricular activities planned for the coming school year include intramural sports, Ambassador and Women's clubs and other student-organized activities.

Any student who has questions or desires additional information about the diploma program may write Ambassador College Admissions Office, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91103, or call (213) 577-5927 leaving his name and phone number. A member of the faculty will return the call as soon as possible.

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God's Sabbath

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merable rules for the Sabbath, people would be able to keep it better. In reality they reduced the day to a miserable mockery of dos and don'ts.

Jesus' approach to this day is very important for us to study. He responded with remarkable wisdom to the formalism of the Pharisees when they charged Him with this Sabbath breaking, and it was His obedience to the Sabbath which led to His cruel death on that very day. The Pharisees were worried about doing the law by rule; Jesus was concerned to do it in spirit.

Jesus taught that the Sabbath day is the day of rest, the day to be set apart for the Lord. He gave the rules and regulations of the law, and then taught that the Sabbath was a day of rest for Israel, and that the Sabbath was a symbol of the new covenant. In Mark 2:27 we see, "And he said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath." It was made on the seventh day of creation. In fact, it was the last act — the conclusion — of God's physical creation as recorded in Genesis. Man was made on the sixth day. And the Sabbath in His love gave this seventh day of rest to man in order that he would be able to keep in contact with God, to see clearly the highest goals and the highest priorities that human beings can pursue. The Sabbath was made for man's rest, for his worship, for his growing close to God, for his fellowship. It was made for man's benefit.

Human dos and don'ts

The Pharisees' view was that he who best keeps the Sabbath goes to the greatest lengths in abstaining from what might be construed as labor, irrespective of what that does to himself or others. But Christianity is much more than mere lawkeeping. True worship, according to Jesus, is not legalistic or mechanical. It's deeply predicated on understanding of the purpose of law.

You, see, Jesus by His life was showing people how one should love God with all his soul and heart and might and how to love one's neighbor as oneself.

Jesus taught it was lawful to do good on the Sabbath day. In Matthew 5:17, Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." How did Jesus fulfill the law? Galatians 5:14, "For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." So how did Jesus fulfill the Sabbath to the full? He acknowledged it was a day for rest and for worship, but He also taught through His life that the Sabbath day is also a day for loving one's neighbor as one's self, and His life reflected that throughout that day.

So far we have said that the Sabbath day was the conclusion of creation week and that it was made for man to rest, to be refreshed and to be renewed. It's also a time to pursue some of the highest goals of his potentiality — that of growing to become a member of the Family of God. It's a day of rich, full worship of God and for fellowship and for doing good.

The Sabbath is a day for prayer, for studying God's Word, for thinking about God. Early in the morning we can establish contact with God, talk with God, draw close to Him, study His Word, drink in it.

The Sabbath day when properly understood is utterly a delight. It's not burdensome. It's a day once again when man can pursue the highest of his potentiality. When he can pursue so many men in today's society have neglected, time to draw close to God. Time to develop the spiritual aspect in man which in an age of materialism tends to be pushed further and farther out. In John 5:3, it says: "This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments." His commandments aren't burdensome. Properly construed and understood they're beautiful elements in the plan of God.

As Jeremiah said in that day, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers, in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt: which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord: but this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel: After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God and they shall be my people!" (Jeremiah 31:33-34).

The Sabbath is a law that God doesn't want to force us to keep, but He does desire us to have it inscribed in our hearts for our own benefit. He desires that we understand what this day means to our development, spiritually, physically, emotionally and every other way.
Solzhenitsyn: prophet scorned

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for a few hours only, and all of a sudden crowds of American citizens start looting and creating havoc. The sudden collapse of American civilization has been selected for the 1979 Directory of American Scholars.

The American intelligentsia lost its nerve [in Vietnam] and, as a consequence thereof, danger has come much closer to the United States. But there is no awareness of this. Your short-sighted politicians who signed the hasty Vietnam capitulation seemingly give America a carefree breathing pause; however, a hundredfold Vietnams now loom to stand firm in the future?

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Solzhenitsyn reserved his final comments for the collapsed spiritual state of Western society. He attributed it to the trappings of "utopian materialism":

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Sri Lanka site open for transfers

Burleigh Heads, Australia

-Sri Lanka is now open as a Feast site to a limited number of transfers reports Chris Hunting, supervisor for India, Sri Lanka and Southeast Asia. The site is described as: "a Hawaiian setting without crowds, noise and commercialism" by Dean Wilson, director of the Australian Office and recent visitor to the island. Following is a report filed by the pastor of the Sri Lanka church, Mohan Jayasekara.

Sri Lanka is an island of unspoiled beauty. The Feast site is a hideaway tropical island, 30 miles north of Sri Lanka's capital, Colombo, and just 10 miles from the airport. The island is reached by ferry with hotel reception near the pier. It is a superbly picturesque location in charming remoteness bounded on all sides by unransacked beauty.

The chalets of the Ranveli Beach Hotel are scattered amidst tropical splendor and are furnished and decorated in traditional Sri Lankan style. Other facilities include a private beach, a sea-water swimming pool, a tennis court, a mini trout, a play park for children, a minigolf course and bowling alley. Visitors can also enjoy fishing and water skiing.

A central dining room offers both oriental and western cuisine. Many airlines serve Colombo, making Sri Lanka easily accessible by air from any part of the world. Let us know when you are arriving and we will pick you up at the airport to transfer you and your family to the Feast site.

The cost is unbelievably low, $20 Sri Lanka rupees, all inclusive, for a double bed. That's $25 for a couple per room and three full meals plus afternoon tea.

Visas are not required to enter Sri Lanka and there are basically no restrictions. The Feast site opens two nights before the Feast proper due to special circumstances. The convention opens on Friday night, Oct. 13, and closes Wednesday evening, Oct. 18, since the visiting minister from Australia has to be in India for the last half of the Feast. Services will of course be held on the Sabbath of the 21st and on the Last Great Day, Oct. 23.

If you wish to transfer to Sri Lanka, write: The Worldwide Church of God, Box 202, Burleigh Heads, Queendland, 4220, Australia, attention Chris Hunting.
SABBATH SCHOOL — Thelma Studer, member of the Chicago (Ill.) Ladies' Club, conducted a Sabbath-school class. (See “Sabbath-School Program,” this page.) [Photo by John Johnp]
Monday, July 3, 1978

Wrap-up

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Bobby Colp and Bill Busch, 191/2 points, as special guest for a gourmet piano dinner prepared by the man of the club.

YOU members held their annual barbeque which was judged fourth in Havana. The 定, Del. Facilities were made available for the enjoyment of the guests, Misses Mary Ann Melvin, Sandwiches, cold drinks and homemade ice cream were served by the "kitchen" for the hungry work. Everyone was impressed by the quality and quantity of the food served. The term was "outstanding" and "the best ever." The women brought all kinds of dishes to add to the club menu.

Home of Mrs. J. L. Whitehead, vice president, was selected as the special home of the May 14 dinner prepared by the club. Mrs. Whitehead's home was the scene of a dinner prepared by the men of the club as special entertainment for the guests. Everyone at the door with colorful leis and flowers, was greeted by Mrs. Whitehead at her front door. The dinner was enjoyed by the guests. After the dinner, the guests were entertained by music for the Sabbath service. All musical services were planned with much imagination for a coast-to-coast Canadian church.

The 60-20 girls who attended enjoyed dancing to music provided by Lee Marcellus and other in the championship game. The kostime contest was conducted by Cecil Holbrooks. Willis Jenkins of the Alumni was named most valuable player in the tournament. The trophy was presented to Dave Ball and Dee Brock. A whopping grand total of $900 was raised for the building fund.

LAWTON, Okla. - The Women's Home, 218; St. Petersburg, 207; Melbourne, 204; and Fort Lauderdale, 84.

Two grass-skirted girls, Lynnette Snider of Melbourne and Michelle Sims of Fort Lauderdale, 84, were drawn from a hat. Popcorn and candied apples were available at the refreshment stand. In the final ballot, the team was named most popular.

The party opened with a banquet at the Lamplighter Inn with wives as the hostesses. The evening closed with a sing-along book, "Sneaky Snake." The Mysterious Fox of Fox Hollow" was the favorite.

Smiling faces were in order as eight students of the Sabbath school received Ribbons with their names engraved in gold, presented to them by Pastor Artiss. Teachers of the program selected the students, their families and friends to attend the church's annual spring concert in Swiftwater, N.J. The concert was held May 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the choir hall. The concert was attended by guests, members, their families and friends at the church. After the concert, the guests were entertained by music provided by Lee Marcellus and other in the championship game. The kostime contest was conducted by Cecil Holbrooks. Willis Jenkins of the Alumni was named most valuable player in the tournament. The trophy was presented to Dave Ball and Dee Brock. A whopping grand total of $900 was raised for the building fund.

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Funds for the Philippines

CLASS OF '78 - High school seniors who attended the Akron, Ohio, church were honored at a dinner sponsored by the YOU chapter May 13. Celebrated were Arthur P. Jones, left, and Leonard Priester, who received parts of the Fair, the best beagned in the 1978 season and coffee. The ceremony was held by the Banquet Committee.

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**ENGAGEMENTS**

**Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Thomas**

Harry Clemons of the Central West Church and Clyde Thomas of the Ramirez, Ltd. Church, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Cindy Joyce Clemons, to Matthew Scott Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Thomas. The wedding will be Saturday, Sept. 22, at 2:30 p.m. at the Ramirez, Ltd. Church. The couple will reside in Des Moines, Iowa.

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**WEDDINGS**

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History is made as Sleepy Hollow students marry on the campus of the Seven Gables. (Photos by Sheila Graham)

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**JOYOUS OCCASION—Left: Longtime member Chloe Sichiport stands with her husband-to-be, Harry S. Johnson, before Lester Lyall Johnston as he begins their wedding ceremony in the grand lobby of the Ambassador Auditorium June 18. Right: Mr. and Mrs. Sewell walk down the aisle after their wedding to join friends at a reception in the lower lounge of the Auditorium. (Photos by Sheila Graham)**
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Booklet followed meeting

"The original idea came out of a meeting with our public relations committee in London, Prinnie and Nelson," explained Mr. Ken. Following the meeting, the booklet was produced using articles on the subject of death, from the Society's article "Death, from the Society's viewpoint, is a preparation for a future life."

Pete Butler, regional managing editor of The Plain Truth, wrote a preface relevant to the situation.

Appendix pages were added with quotes from leading education and government figures and reprints of articles that had appeared in the British press. An interview with Dr. Ludwig F. Lasswell, which had appeared in the original Plate Truth article, was updated and reprinted, along with advertisements for the booklet. A whole issue of the booklet was devoted to stories of children who have been sexually exploited.

"In order to have an appreciable impact on the country as a whole we also placed an ad in London in the fields of government and education with the booklet," said Mr. Ken.

To accomplish this, the office obtained mailing lists of all members of the House of Commons and House of Lords. Local leaders in the fields of religion and education and 15,000 schools. Through a specialist news company, they reached 1,300 key media figures. A recorded interview with Mr. Ken was released to 25 radio stations covering most major cities throughout the United Kingdom and a news release containing a synopsis of the booklet was issued to 60 newspapers. In addition, advertisements for the booklet were placed in three national newspapers. All told, 21,200 copies of the booklet were mailed.

Up for a vote

When the bill came up for a vote in Parliament, it was immediately approved and scheduled to go into effect this summer. Some 150,000 pounds (about $18,500) or three years in prison will be levied against those convicted of dealing in pornographic photographs involving children or procuring children to appear in pornographic materials.

As a result of the mailings, personal replies were received from ex-Prime Minister Edward Heath, Conserva-

tive Party leader and the Rt. Hon. David Steel, Liberal Party leader. A number of newspapers and magazines mentioned the booklet were sent to Mary Whitehouse, noted leader of a campaign for a return to moral and political standards, the chief constable of Manchester, England, and the Catholic Teachers Federation. A number of newspaper articles appeared as an article of the mailing and news releases to the media, and

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Tournament determines chess champ

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