

# Weekly Comments

## WORLDWIDE

January 9, 1970

### WEEKLY SUMMARY

The returns to the latest Co-Worker Letter have given our percentage of increase for mail income a big boost. For the first time in about five weeks mail income is over 30% with prospects of finishing the week with about a 33% increase if the mail continues to hold steady. However, the percent of increase for the total income will be somewhat lower. The letter increase through Thursday was 75.9%, however, this figure will probably drop into the sixties by Friday. A minor factor in the high letter increase is returns to the Subscription Renewal Letter, but this is not all of the story since the White Mail and the Co-Worker Mail have been quite heavy.

LONDON: About 75% of the Semi-annual Letter responses are requesting TOMORROW'S WORLD. Many readers, in response to the TOMORROW'S WORLD article, "The Man Who Couldn't Afford to Tithe," are asking questions.

VANCOUVER: Our total income for 1969 increased 40% over 1968. The letter increase was up 110% and the subscription list shot up 90% to well over 110,000.

SPANISH: La Pura Verdad mailing list is up 180% over 1968 to 73,000 plus. The Correspondence Course trails at 166% increase with nearly 5,500 students. Our money figure is up 57%. We have received nearly 90,000 letters this year, of which 60,000 were from the ad campaign in Selecciones. We have a list of over 200 persons in Latin America and Spain who are waiting to be visited.

### THE TEEN SCENE

"I'm 19 and the article for teen-agers helped me greatly. It helped me to realize more fully the wrong attitudes we young people are tempted to have and to really comprehend the wonderfully unique opportunity that God has offered us. I think what young people need most from their elders is guidance, someone who understands their problems, instruction in true knowledge, and personal concern for them as an individual. All of these things I and thousands of other young people have received from God through His ministers. Words seem so inadequate, but I do desire to say thank you." Patricia W., Powder Springs, Georgia.

"Thank you for your article, 'Is God Fair to Teen-agers?' I am 12 years old and thought I was in 'love' with a boy in my class. After reading your article, I realized I was all wrong. Now my goal is set for the world tomorrow." Susan S., Willow Lake, South Dakota.

"I'm so very grateful to have known about the Work of the true God, I received my Co-Worker Letter from you, I'm 11-years-old and I do accept God's draft. I am going to school now. I don't get around to work much, and I do want to help in God's Work this month so I have some silver dollars and a two dollar bill, I want you to see if you can get more money out of them. I don't want my light to die. This is the largest sum I have now." Vivian S., Tulsa, Oklahoma.

"I have a 16-year-old daughter who has always been an intelligent, well-adjusted girl. We have a very close family and my daughter and I have always had a close relationship. Two weeks ago she started taking drugs and ran away with an 18-year-old boy. We found her in Tijuana married to this boy. She wants nothing to do with us whatsoever. My husband signed papers for her to marry this boy under California law. They are now living with his parents in Pacific Grove. My daughter passes me by in the street. The night before she left, I tucked her in bed as usual and kissed her good night. She kissed me and said she loved me. The next morning she was gone. It doesn't make sense. My heart is broken. In fact, I have been really ill over this and don't think I will ever be able to lead a normal life again. It is as if my very heart has been torn from me and I feel a complete failure as a mother. I really worked at being a good mother and was quite proud to have raised such a sweet, intelligent, beautiful girl, when suddenly it blew up in my face." Mrs. Hazel S., Seaside, California.

"Is there really a college where people can go to learn instead of waste their time, energy, and lives in fanatical protesting and witch hunt for happiness? I'm only 20 years old and had reluctantly given up the idea of college--a little sad and downright disgusted because of the situation in the schools here in Detroit. I was told that I was using 'excuses' to get out of going to college by leaning on the student disorders. My mother, never really in favor of girls going to college, begged me not to enroll, and I have to admit it didn't take much coaxing to deter my plans away from the mess in our universities. Then I got your Semi-annual Letter--I opened it and glanced hastily over it, put it down, and went out to start dinner. The next thing I knew my mother had your epistle in her hand, begging me to write to you about Ambassador College. Shocked? I'll say! My mother, who had seizures every time I mentioned the local school system, was saying, 'Go to Pasadena. I don't mind! If you were going to Ambassador College, I'd feel you were safe.' And that's why I'm writing. I got on the bandwagon, read your letter, and know that yours is the only college for me! Please send me information on it, and hurry! At last I'm going to college!" Christine C., Detroit, Michigan.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE CO-WORKER LETTER

"I appreciate your letters as much as your PLAIN TRUTH and always read them several times. It is the personal touch of your writing that makes me feel one of your family." Lonnie M. W., Independence, Missouri.

"I just received your letter concerning the financial condition of God's Work. It's so saddening to know that so many Co-Workers turn from Christ toward pagan customs. I admit I have been guilty of not praying or studying as I should. For this I am truly sorry and am changing this immediately. Thank you very much for your letter. While it is grievous, it is earnestly stimulating." Lyle B., Des Moines, Iowa.

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February 6, 1970

### WEEKLY SUMMARY

Response to the latest Co-Worker Letter is giving us a fairly good mail this week. The money increase jumped above 30% by the middle of this week, but apparently will be considerably below 30% when the week ends. White Mail has been fairly good, but the number of people being added to the mailing list is quite low compared to last year. Items of literature requested most heavily this week are "The Wonderful World Tomorrow," "The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy" and the article, "Dinosaurs Before Adam?"

LONDON: Money this week has picked up. We now have an increase of 13% over January last year. The overall mail count is also higher this week and we have now received nearly 25,000 letters for the month so far from Britain alone. The June Semi-annual response in India is leveling off at a figure of 63%, to give a total of almost 18,000. Total mail for January in Holland so far is almost 1,700 letters.

AUCKLAND: In Auckland the summer holidays through January tend to hold back both money and mail. Mail increase is only 4%, but the money increase is very good at 28%.

VANCOUVER: Mail for the last week of January has dropped slightly in Vancouver, but the income is following the same pattern as last January and will end the month at just under 40%. The letter count will be over 50%.

SYDNEY: Sydney reports a 28% increase in money for the week with the monthly figure standing at 25% in money and 43% in mail.

### LETTERS ABOUT THE PLAIN TRUTH

"It is ironic that one should attempt to express himself when struck speechless, but that I must do after reading the condensed selection written by Dr. Robert Kuhn in January's 'Personal From the Editor.' Accurate, analytical, unafraid of the consequences of inescapable conclusions and powerful in both subject and style, the finished product will be a classic in its field--a field which he will have created by an incredibly credible synthesis. Dr. Kuhn's condensation alone would prove irrefutably that man is indeed 'a distinct creation.'" G. C., Felton, Ca.

"To repeat, yes, I want to continue to receive The PLAIN TRUTH. I can't resist adding these lines. Different copies have been arriving late and when they came I could scarcely believe my eyes. Honestly, they looked like every postal employee between Circleville and Pasadena had carefully read them. So do continue to keep my mystery readers happy and informed. I'll add, and me too." Mrs. Lena C., Circleville, Ohio.

"I enjoy your publications and wish to thank you for sending them to me. I am interested to know if I am the only subscriber on the Antarctic Continent. Since your books come to the 'White Continent,' it makes your program truly worldwide." L. W. C., FPO, San Francisco.

"I have received The PLAIN TRUTH for some time now and fully expected to receive word from you requesting financial support. I have had several unpleasant experiences with organizations offering this or that, free of charge, only to receive notice requesting, and finally demanding remuneration. It is really a pleasure to find you are true to your word. I must say that I do not expect or want something for nothing, and therefore, will contribute financial support as often as I can." Ross A. P., San Bernardino, California.

"I am an enlisted man in Vietnam. It has seemed to me that all media in the United States have missed the true, many problems of Vietnam. You tell it exactly like it is in 'The Endless War' in your December edition of The PLAIN TRUTH. I wish your magazine could reach all Americans so they could all read 'The Endless War.' Gentlemen, we've lost the war." SP5 John C. C., APO San Francisco

"Please remove my name from your PLAIN TRUTH mailing list. I don't read them anymore. This probably sounds stupid, but I get so frightened after reading some of the articles." Mrs. Phyllis A., Lexington, Kentucky.

"Please publish this letter in your 'What Our Readers Say' column. Paul W. Kroll, in his article on the evolution of the horse, gives himself away on page 25 of the November, 1969 issue, in my opinion. He states: 'Of course, many questions can be raised. If a five-toed ancestor is "primitive" and a one-toed horse is "progressive"--where does man fit? Man has five toes on each foot, not one. Is man to be considered "primitive"?' Well, the Book of Genesis in the Bible speaks of six-toed men, I believe, which proves, perhaps, that man has done dropped one toe. When man gets down to one toe on each foot, he may be somebody. Right?" Jewell W. F., Glasgow, Kentucky.

"Until reading 'The Day the Dinosaurs Died' in the January PLAIN TRUTH, I was enrolled in a course in paleontology. After reading that article in the college library, I got into an argument with my professor in which he called The PLAIN TRUTH, 'a magazine whose old-fashioned ideas are good for a laugh every now and then.' As a result of that argument, I have dropped the course and substituted a course on the Bible." Peter G., Dyer, Nevada.

"I have just finished reading several articles in back editions of The PLAIN TRUTH. I acquired these back editions from a friend, and can truly say, they have completely changed my outlook on life. I am now attending Southwestern State College. Thanks to your 'magazine of understanding,' I have decided to change my major to education. Your magazine has helped me see the sad shape our world is in. It is my sincere hope that teaching today's youth will help to preserve the world for future generations." Sonny R. C., Weatherford, Oklahoma.

"I am Jewish. My brother is Chief Rabbi of Copenhagen, Denmark. I have sent The PLAIN TRUTH to him on several occasions and he finds it very interesting." Lewis M., Los Angeles.

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March 6, 1970

### WEEKLY SUMMARY

This has been a very good week in regard to letters. As of Thursday afternoon it appears we will have over 57,000 letters for the week, which will give us well over a 50% increase for the month. White Mail has been very good as well and shows a substantial increase for the month to date. Last March was a very heavy month in income, so we will need an excellent month this year to show a decent increase in money. The most heavily requested literature for the week has been "The Wonderful World Tomorrow" and "The U. S. and British Commonwealth in Prophecy."

LONDON: Both the mail and money count for February were very good. However, because the last week of February in 1969 was very exceptional in both money and letters, our increases were only 15% and 5.3% respectively. The article on Dinosaurs, in the January PLAIN TRUTH, drew by far the largest number of comments.

VANCOUVER: Even though February was a fine month last year, we were able to maintain a 25% increase in money and 84% in letters to date for 1970. So far, the response to the last subscription renewal letter is 36%.

SYDNEY: Both money and letters are down from last year with a -12.9% in money and a -8.5% in letters. Returns to the recent Co-Worker Letter helped somewhat, but not enough to bring our percentages out of the red. A 24-hour strike by postal workers has disrupted our mail delivery.

AUCKLAND: February closed with a 39.2% increase in money--our highest month of total income. Semi-annual returns began to come in from Southeast Asia, which contributed to our 57.4% increase in letters for the month. The article on Dinosaurs brought many favorable comments.

### COMMENTS ON THE PLAIN TRUTH

"I was moved by the article concerning acting on pollution. Unfortunately, I'm only 14 and there isn't much I can do in our community; however, I would like a copy of any information about what the teenagers, heirs to our polluted planet, can do about this mess. I am especially concerned because I enjoy canoeing, horseback riding, camping, hiking and just living. I use these as an escape from problems instead of drugs, violence and the lot. I have the right to the pursuit of happiness and hurt no one with my pleasures, yet each day people are depriving me and others like me of the dreams we cherish." Melissa R., Chesterfield, Mo

"Being a subscriber of your intensely informative magazine, I am now referring to the recent articles on the pollution of our planet. I am one of those senior citizens, retired on social security and living

out in the desert, and I mean OUT--without those public utilities that the bulk of the population are wont to avail themselves of. Here I fair revel in the quietude, still breathable air, and the closeness to nature. Your magazine is a godsend of information on world conditions and a true reporting of them." Harold D. W., Adelanto, California.

"I am 30 years old, married and a father of two small children. I find your doctrine of plain truth not only the plain truth, but also plain sense. Also I would like to know if there is anything you know about what I as an individual can do about air and water pollution. I have written my congressman expressing my views on more stringent controls over this, but further than that I am somewhat at a loss as to any positive action I can take other than to try and limit the amount of pollution I personally am responsible for." Michael R. B., Chino, Calif.

"I have just read 'The Day the Dinosaurs Died' in the January 1970 PLAIN TRUTH. I found it very interesting. I am ten years old and in the fourth grade. I am also quite interested in science. Could you please send me the free booklet 'Dinosaurs Before Adam?' Thank you very much." Brenda P., Scarborough, Maine.

#### LETTERS IN RESPONSE TO THE RADIO PROGRAM

"I am presently enrolled in a philosophy class at the University of Utah, which attempts to cognize the existence or nonexistence of God. The teacher is an atheist and has nearly convinced me to his thinking via the premise that the lack of evidence for the existence of God is actually compelling evidence for His nonexistence. It was only by coincidence I heard your radio dissertation last Sunday night. Thank you for helping me regain my faith in Christianity." Jeffrey W. M., Salt Lake City, Utah.

"I wish to commend you on several things you have said recently on your radio programs. I have never had a TV set and I am 73 years old. My late husband was a teacher all his adult life, but neither of us felt the price of a TV set was worth what they cost. When people ask me if I saw this or that on TV, and I tell them I do not have a set, they look at me like I was some kind of a freak. The children are just aghast that anyone could live without TV. And even the little ones, barely old enough to talk, have a TV jargon that passes for the English language, but to anyone not having a set it's undiscernible. I don't know half the time what they are talking about. A friend of mine had a little girl at church. When the people were singing, she was singing 'happy birthday.' One man said that was an improvement, as last Sunday she was singing about Blue Ribbon beer. Another little boy told his mother he didn't sing when he went to church because the only song he knew was the Blue Ribbon beer song. These aren't just jokes. I know the children who said it." W. C., Elkhart, In.

"I would like one of those booklets on 'The World Tomorrow.' I listen to the radio, and I like the program The WORLD TOMORROW. I listen to it every evening. I am seven years old and I listen to the program before I go to sleep." Judy K., Rancho Cordova, California.

"It has always annoyed me to hear one religion down-talk another--like a salesman running down a competing product, it actually reflects unfavorably more on the salesman than the product that he is determined to



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April 3, 1970

### WEEKLY SUMMARY

March ended with a 9.1% increase in money from mail receipts only. The letter increase, which was inflated by renewal returns, came to 44.5% over last March. Even though the White Mail showed a very small increase, we had a new monthly record with 73,047 white letters. The previous record was set March, 1969. April is starting out with a bang. The first two days show over 250% increase in money. This will level off, however, for Friday, but still will show more than a 100% increase for the first three days of April. For the first two days of response from the latest Member Letter we have received \$46,000.00 in special offerings. We hope to see the response to this letter start to really come in next week.

VANCOUVER: Mail was very heavy in March. Last year we had a 155% increase in letters, and now there is a 69% increase over last year. The income for the month showed only a 9% increase over last year. Returns to the subscription renewal letter for March were 43.5%. Income from the March renewal, however, has been poor.

AUCKLAND: March ended with no significant increase in money over last year--it was about even with last March. Semi-annual returns from Asia were heavy the last week of the month. The majority requested a subscription to TOMORROW'S WORLD.

### COMMENTS ON THE PROGRAM

"About a year and a half ago my wife and I were listening to a music station. After hearing so much of the same junk I turned stations. From that night on our lives have been changed. I turned to The WORLD TOMORROW program. I feel that this was one of my luckiest breaks ever and I give thanks to God for a chance to hear your program. Last night we were told by a friend that she had heard of a Church of God in Spokane that had something to do with you and that for more information I was to write you for it. It is most important to my wife and I that we find the true Church and join if possible." Roger M., Chattaroy, Wash.

"I never heard of you or your radio program until about six months ago. We were warned against you repeatedly. Folks said that you professed to be a Seventh-day Adventist, that you were a false teacher, etc., and to be very careful. Well, that aroused some curiosity on my part and I spent several hours trying to get your program, to hear for myself. Finally I located it and now I look forward to it." Mrs. Delores B., Marion, Indiana

"In over one year of listening to your program, I can honestly say that I do not disagree with anything you say, and I'm not saying this simply to impress or flatter you. I know that it doesn't matter in the least to you if people disagree with your ideas or principles. Yours is the most practical approach to living a true Christian life that I have ever encountered. I am 36 years old and, for all practical purposes, I can say that I have been sitting in church on Sunday each week for at least 25 of those years and listening to sermons. However, I have never been very impressed and have forgotten most. Such is not the case with your talks and you have had a definite influence in my life and thinking. All I can possibly say to you via a letter such as this is to keep up the good work." Donald B., East Hartford, Conn.

#### GENERAL MAIL EXCERPTS

"I am a senior at U.C.L.A., but what a real education I'm now getting from your published material you make freely available. The truth The WORLD TOMORROW program has been presenting is just the missing gap I had been desperately in need of in order to understand what's going to happen." Kenneth K., Canoga Park, California

"Thank you all for all the wonderful booklets and magazines. If it had not been for the Los Angeles Police Department I would not be in contact with you. They were on TV and asked us to send for all this." Mrs. Stella A. M., West Los Angeles, California

"I have just received your letter to Co-Workers telling about starving Biafra. It is a picture to break one's heart. But then, the evidence all around us of man's rejection of the Laws of God is worse--if indeed anything can be worse than Biafra. Since I cannot do much to alleviate the pain of that one dreadful spot, I will do all that I can to carry the life-saving message of the Good News of God's Kingdom to other potential Biafras, and thus hasten the day of the world's redemption. Every day is a day of thanksgiving for me, that I should be privileged to have even a small part in this great Work of God." Hazel F. K., Columbia, Missouri

"As a police officer I am in regular contact with the misfits of my local society. I constantly see the end product of persons whose lives have been warped by a lack of application of the laws which Almighty God laid down for our benefit. I enjoyed your excellent series on the causes of 'The Fall of Rome,' and in particular your reference to the results of a breakdown in the family unit. I often see the results of persons who have been denied the love and understanding of a stable home, and wish a lot of the hippie-type thinkers could see where living a 'free life' without any rules leads." David L., Portsmouth, Hants., Eng.

"I was born in 1942 in what is now Eastern Germany. All my schooling I received was under the Communist regime until I fled the country in 1960. Not until now have I found a person or organization able and willing to assist people in finding the truth about life. You seem to be both able and willing to help. For my own sake, I hope to be right for once." Mr. Rudolf H., Boroko, T.P. New Guinea



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May 1, 1970

### WEEKLY SUMMARY

April has been the second highest month in the history of the Work, both in letters and money. The letter count for the month was 335,041. Our highest month was December, 1969 with 355,753 letters. A large number of these letters were responses to the general renewal letter sent out in March. Our increase for the month was 131% in letters and 41.8% in money from mail receipts only. Several booklets are in heavy demand in the White Mail this week, but the leading one is "The Wonderful World Tomorrow."

VANCOUVER: The year-to-date letter count shows a 70% increase, and a 27% increase in money.

ENGLAND: For the year so far, we have an increase in money of 21.7%. The best ad response in three months has come in from our April Reader's Digest ad on "Seven Laws of Success."

JOHANNESBURG: Our overall mail shows an increase of 38%. The money, however, shows a 2% decrease--not counting the Holy Day offerings.

SYDNEY: Year-to-date figures continue to improve and are now a 34.9% increase in mail and 30.1% in money.

AUCKLAND: We show a 26% increase in mail and 28% increase in money as our year-to-date figures.

### GENERAL MAIL EXCERPTS

"The biology teacher in the largest and newest high school in Kansas City, Kansas, said yesterday, 'I am beginning to seriously doubt this theory of evolution. I am beginning to see all sorts of holes and flaws in the things I am reading about evolution.' This is a victory for The PLAIN TRUTH. I had a hard time suppressing a shout of delight when the teen-age daughter of a friend told me this yesterday after school. She dared argue with this teacher when he presented a lesson on evolution. The teacher proceeded to ridicule her before the class, so I gave her the December PLAIN TRUTH. The teacher almost disdained to read it, until the girl showed the fine picture of the horse and pointed out a pertinent paragraph. The teacher took the magazine home to read. He made no further remark then, but later when she took 'A Whale of a Tale' to him and he had read it, he made the above thrilling remark. This young man will doubtless influence many hundreds of young minds in the years ahead." Mrs. Ruth F. A., Kansas City, Kansas

"I have been a subscriber to The PLAIN TRUTH for about a year; however, I now wish to cancel my subscription because my views on many subjects are quite different from yours. I feel nothing but the greatest of respect for you. I feel that many things would be different if more people were as ethical, honest and congenial as you. I terminate my subscription with strong admiration for you." Ronald L., Roslindale, Mass.

"I was on a military flight from Saigon to Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam, earlier this week and I happened across the January, 1970 issue of your outstanding magazine. I am in charge of a section having four younger airmen, and the issue of marijuana comes up because it is so readily available here." SSGT Edward L. C., APO San Francisco, Calif.

"There is no other literature that comes into this house that we look forward more to receiving than The PLAIN TRUTH. Having two teen-age children we have found answers to many of their questions on air pollution, drugs, etc., through the additional pamphlets you have sent us. With all the anti-establishment literature published today, it's a parent's delight to turn around and find our two teen-agers reading The PLAIN TRUTH." Mrs. G. S., Park Ridge, N.J.

"I have enjoyed The PLAIN TRUTH very much. I am a biology teacher and believe in creation. Your articles are timely but could be written with a lighter touch of sarcasm. I feel this may well be the reason why so many of my pseudo-intellectual colleagues do not even finish reading the magazine. Please do not consider this an attack--I'm trying to help." K. W., Napa, Calif.

"This is my fourth request for 'The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy.' I keep letting friends borrow each copy and they haven't returned them. I haven't read it yet, but I'm not letting this one away until I do!" Frank G. Mc., Charlotte, North Carolina

"I was looking through some old papers the other day and found one of your ads in the Capper's Farmer magazine dated December, 1959. Do you still have the 'U.S. in Prophecy' and '1975 in Prophecy'?" Mrs. Kenneth H., Warsaw, N.Y.

"My husband has enthusiastically instructed me to begin tithing with this week's check. Until now he's sent in offerings but not actual tithe. With the Work in such crisis--well, it was just the spark he needed to make a commitment now instead of getting out of debt first so we can tithe. He says he feels relief and joy over his decision. I too share his joy. We never knew giving money could make one so happy." Mrs. Bill P., Northglenn, Colorado

"We wanted to send in a substantial offering to help boost God's Work, but we just didn't have much money on hand. Well, we decided to ask God to send us \$10.00 and we would send it in as an offering. He did just that. My wife was putting some trash in a trash pile and there was a \$20 bill. Yes, you read right, a \$20 bill on a trash pile. God has answered our prayer, so enclosed is the evidence of that answer." Mr. Charles L., Grove City, Ohio

"May I please have reserved for me 'Satan's Fate.'" Roger S., London, England

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June 5, 1970

## WEEKLY SUMMARY

Response to the latest Co-Worker Letter is holding the income up quite well for the week. We are facing a pretty good month in June since last year we were receiving returns from the Semi-annual Letter. It appears we will close the week with about a 30% increase in money, but it is doubtful if we can hold our own during the coming week. The letter count for the week will be somewhat over 30,000, but the same week last year we had nearly 82,000. White Mail shows a little over 9,000 for the week and the most requested booklets have been "The Wonderful World Tomorrow," "The Plain Truth About Child Rearing" and "Our Polluted Planet."

ENGLAND: The income looks more encouraging, with a 26% increase for the year to date. The mail count is running well with a 28% increase for the month of May.

VANCOUVER: Mail has taken a serious drop the last week of May. The indication is people hesitate to write because of the threatening mail strike. The year-to-date increase in money stands at 33%.

SYDNEY: The month of May ended with increases of 9.8% in money and 19.5% in letters. The series on evolution is in good demand as well as the pollution booklet.

JOHANNESBURG: The year-to-date money shows an increase of 8.5%, while the mail falls behind by 4.2%. This is due to our Semi-annual influx early in 1969 which we didn't have this year.

AUCKLAND: The month of May has been very encouraging in regard to money, with an increase of 81%. Mail, however, due to the Asian transfer to Sydney, shows a 60% decrease.

## "OH, WAS THAT YOU SCREAMING?" AND OTHER VIOLENT COMMENTS

"The article 'Oh, Was That You Screaming?' describes the callous attitude of the public right here as well as the bigger cities. Right here in South Dakota, where West River pioneers maintained a code of offering a free hand of aid to anyone in need of help, we now see a common occurrence of noninterfering while brutes torture the weak, crippled and helpless. Those noninterfering onlookers seem to enjoy the brutal sight like it was the latest movie. So many x's for thrill content. Yes, he could have been writing about events right here. People used to tell me: 'It can't happen here.' But you see it does." Miss H. F. H., Fort Pierre, South Dakota

"I never knew people could be so cruel. I live in the country and I always thought crime was for the cities, but you know it's getting terrible out here too. Last year a young boy beat his grandmother to try and make her give him money. Took her outside and tied her up and

she almost froze to death. She was 80 years old, but she lived and the boy was sent to the state hospital here for a while and then let go." Mrs. C. G. B., Independence, Virginia

"Ever since I was a small child and saw the men herded off to a foreign war like sheep to the slaughter while others went on making money and enjoying life, I felt that man is more cruel than animals. A relative, who has a prosperous business, recently showed us his new equipment. 'Here's a machine that takes the place of 20 men,' he pointed out with pride. Then he showed us others--all designed to cut down on labor. Later, when talk of the war came up, he said, 'We can't have all those guys come back. What will we do with them?' A bus driver who had overheard me express my concern over this Cambodian thing to a friend, had the nerve to turn to us and say 'We have to keep this war going. Otherwise the rest of us would be hungry.' I must tell you about the gentle ladies who told me that I must not listen to the unpleasant news. 'Just turn on some nice music and try not to think of the war,' they advised. Now I ask, are these people any different from those who do not lend a hand when they see someone attacked?" Margaret K., Waukesha, Wisconsin

"The article 'Oh, Was That You Screaming' made me think of when I went to school one day to pay for my children's book rental. As I was leaving I found out my car wouldn't start. I asked the principal of the school if he would help me start it. I thought it was the battery. He told me he didn't want to walk to the other side of the school to get his car. I asked him if I could use the phone and he said he didn't want the line tied up. If it hadn't been for the milkman who delivered milk to that school I don't know what I'd have done. It meant I would have had to walk two or three miles to a service station. Even though this wasn't one of those screaming 'help me' situations, it goes to show you people won't help in any kind of trouble." Mrs. C. G. B., Independence, Virginia

#### POT

"I am grateful for your offering me the new booklet on pot. As a college student, I am frequently surrounded by others who disclaim any side effects from smoking marijuana. In fact, a survey in one of my courses disclosed that nearly one half of the students in the class have tried pot. I felt left out, but I also decided to get the facts before making a decision to join the crowd and discover the euphoria for myself. Therefore, I value your new booklet, so apropos to my present state of indecision." Robert G., York, Pennsylvania

"Please send me the booklet 'New Facts About Marijuana.' I believe my son (17) is using it as well as other drugs. He has confessed to using it before and said he was through with it, but the temptation of its effects and his 'friends' offering it and other drugs was too much and he indulged again--only to tell me later about it and say this time he was definitely through. But I am getting tiny clues that make me wonder if he is not again succumbing. His father doesn't know about this and I don't know what would happen if he did--probably throw him out of the house. My children have never been able to approach him with any problems, as he just criticizes." Mrs. Mack K., Houston, Texas

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July 3, 1970

### WEEKLY SUMMARY

June ended with a weak 4.4% increase in income for mail receipts only compared to June 1969. The overall income brought the increase up to 21.9%. White Mail was very low showing a 21.8% decrease for the month. We are receiving a fairly heavy response to the Semi-annual Letter sent to regulars. Our letter count for the week stands at 84,000 Thursday afternoon, and should surpass 100,000 letters after Friday's mail is counted.

ENGLAND: A good response to the Co-Worker Letter has helped maintain our money increase at 25% for the year to date. The mail count, however, is down.

VANCOUVER: A good volume of Semi-annual Letters came in this week despite the postal strike. The letter count stands at 45% for the year so far, and the income shows a 30% increase.

JOHANNESBURG: The yearly increase in money has risen to 28%. There is no realistic mail comparison we can make, since last year at this time we were receiving heavy Semi-annual responses.

AUCKLAND: This has been a very slack mail week, still our year-to-date mail increase holds at 40%. Income shows a 67% increase for the year.

FRENCH: At the end of May the mailing list for La PURE VERITE stood at 72,484--a 44% increase. There are 4,864 students on the Correspondence Course list, and our Co-Workers number 1,365.

### AMERICA LISTEN

"I attended your service at Nashville, Tennessee on June 21. I believe it was the most impressive service I've ever attended. I thought the band and singing were wonderful. You are doing a wonderful job. I wish there were more like you in our big wonderful world. Maybe people would change before it's too late. I sure did appreciate getting to hear and see you in person. I hope you'll be making a lot more of these personal services. They are so very impressive." Clarice M., Liberty, Kentucky

"Just a note to let you know how very much my family and I enjoyed your presentations in AMERICA LISTEN at the auditorium here in Nashville this past weekend. I went Saturday night and was so thrilled that I went back to carry my family both Sunday afternoon and Sunday night. I hate to be a bother, but I wonder if it would be possible for me to have an autographed picture of you? I had a large color picture that came in the press kit that was sent to our station (the envelope I'm using was also in the kit) but I never got a chance to get to you at the auditorium Saturday or Sunday. It would mean an awful lot to me if you could write

something for me on a picture and send it to me. Thank you very much for your time, and I wish you success with AMERICA LISTEN and your radio and television programs (I make it a point to listen every time I can to the radio shows and I never miss your television show on Sunday afternoons, especially since it comes on our station)." Sam M., WSIX AM-FM TV-8, Nashville, Tennessee

"We attended AMERICA LISTEN Sunday, June 21, at Nashville. It was just great! I have listened to your father for years and to you since you have taken over. I feel like you are a part of the family--since you've been in our home so many times. Having multiple sclerosis and being in a wheelchair, I was very concerned as to how I would manage. I need not have worried; the young people just took over and made me feel like I was very special. All this so impressed my husband that he is taking a load tonight or tomorrow night. The more you speak from the Bible the more I like it. It's true you have to keep up with all times--we know this. Just talk about God and how all His prophecies are being fulfilled; the more the better. I still can't get over all the young people! What a credit they are to the world. I just can't say enough about them." Mrs. Clay B., Clarksville, Tennessee

"As a Christian and a member of the Church of Christ, I have disagreed with you on many occasions on many issues. However, after having attended your lecture last evening, June 20, I was much impressed with the program in general and with the possibilities you have for waking up a sleeping America. I shall reserve the right to disagree with you on matters of doctrine but I wholeheartedly support your efforts to help save our country. The enclosed check is a donation to assist in your work of freedom for America." Glenn S., Brentwood, Tennessee

"Enclosed please find my check for tithes and special offerings to date. As you can note, I am writing this from Nashville where I have just attended two days of the AMERICA LISTEN series. I can't express in words my joy in witnessing these happy people and observing the interested people who attended. To think that God would grant me the opportunity to share in this great work is beyond me. As a Co-Worker, I rarely have the opportunity to observe or visit with anyone associated with the Work. God granted that my youngest son, Bill, could accompany me and I know he was thrilled." Dr. Robert M. H., Pompano Beach, Florida

### CRISIS IN EDUCATION

"I experienced the greatest shock of my 31 years in public school work last week when I was notified by the newly elected superintendent of schools of Joplin that he was not recommending me for a contract for next year. I have served as dean of girls at one of the three senior high schools in Joplin since coming to the school system 17 years ago. My request for a reason for this sudden dismissal was not granted, but it apparently hinges on my negative vote to strike for higher wages, which was considered to be a non-professional act on my part. During the strike I reported to my building for duty along with several retiring teachers. Even though many parents and students came to my defense, the transaction was legal in every aspect under the present Missouri school law. The termination of my contract in this manner also