

Nixon Administration Given Lashing By Church Leader

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BIG SANDY — Garner Ted Armstrong blasted the Nixon administration at a press conference here Friday for its "inability of leadership to communicate with the people" and predicted "global calamities of world proportions" during the next four years under that administration.

Appearing before representatives of both the electronic and print media, the modly dressed, graying Armstrong said, "I think those today who are saying 'four more years' in helplessness instead of 'four more years' in enthusiasm can bear me out."

He said, "The sudden shift in the Nixon administration policy prior to the inauguration in regard to increased bombing in Vietnam... is one of the symptoms of a sickness."

The 42-year-old controversial commentator and leader of the World Wide Church of God stated he sees "a continued erosion of communication between leadership (of the government) and the general public."

The only remedy Armstrong would offer for the "erosion" and "sickness" of the country was simply, "Its got to be a remedy of the spirit." Armstrong didn't offer any means of achieving such a remedy.

Along these lines, Armstrong criticized the "Jesus Movement" of today's youth as being "misguided in many ways."

"They may have the wrong Jesus," he further stated.

Armstrong said the problem is in the "hearts and the minds of people in that America does not have a single powerful goal."

He also stated his belief that in the next four years "the dollar is going to have to be devalued again." He cited the U.S. inability to compete with Japan and the European Common market as major reasons for his belief.

The only other remedy traditionally that has come along to save people when they were in the state the people of the U.S. are now in "has been a war," Armstrong said.

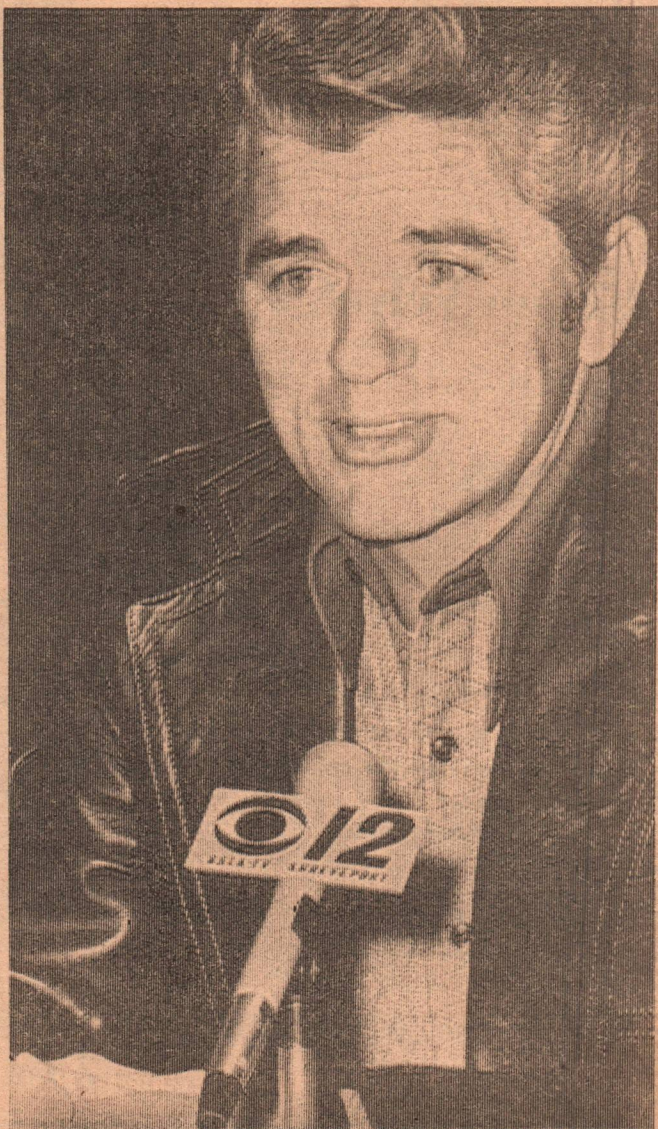
He stated that people who have been prosperous, such as the U.S., have not in the past been spiritually uplifted except when faced with losing their prosperity—such as in war.

"War has been a rallying point in which America has become strong," Armstrong said.

Quoting the late Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Armstrong said the remedy "Must be in the spirit if we are going to save the flesh."

Armstrong was at Ambassador College in Big Sandy to promote his personal appearance tour which began Friday night in Shreveport and will come to Tyler's Caldwell Auditorium Jan. 9-10.

He said his appearances would consist of "good hard talk about the problems of the United States."



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GARNER TED ARMSTRONG
Friday Press Conference Brings Blast At Nixon

Bible Thought

We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers. — I Thessalonians 1:20.