

Standing-Room-Only Crowd at Civic Theater

Sickness of Nation Told by Garner Ted Armstrong

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Garner Ted Armstrong, speaking Friday night to a standing-room-only crowd in Shreveport's Civic Theater, described what he termed the "growing sickness" in American society.

Armstrong, of the World Tomorrow program, analyzed this sickness by giving the United States, personified as Uncle Sam, a "physical examination."

Comparing the brain to the government, Armstrong criticized elected officials for "lying to the people." He said President Nixon has closeted himself away from the people, and that many individuals, including members of Congress, have become disillusioned.

Armstrong described Uncle Sam's skeleton as the framework of the nation, the Constitution and Bill of Rights. He said that the skeleton is deteriorating

because the Constitution is so often misinterpreted.

"Today we have a Supreme Court which interprets rather than enforces the Constitution," he said.

Armstrong characterized the 25-to-44-year-old labor force as the muscle of the country. Then he cited problems in industry such as absenteeism, strikes, drinking on the job and slipshod workmanship.

In another analogy, Armstrong compared the heart to the moral and spiritual fiber of the nation. He said that Americans are experiencing a lack of national cause and purpose and that people "don't know where they are going."

Armstrong examined the circulatory system, or flow of goods and services, citing a threatening breakdown, particularly in the postal service.

Next the speaker analyzed the nation's nervous system, which he described as the media or communications system. "Peo-

ple are afraid to voice their opinions. They have to wait to be swayed by the media," he said.

"We live in an age of total

W. Germany Due 10,000 U.S. Troops

FT. RILEY, Kan. (AP) — Approximately 8,000 Ft. Riley personnel will be deployed Monday from Fortes Air Force Base in Topeka, Kan., to West Germany for field maneuvers staged in support of the U.S. commitment to NATO.

Some 10,000 U.S.-based soldiers will be deployed for the maneuvers, called "Exercise Reforger IV."

Troops participating in the maneuvers will be from Ft. Hood, Tex.; Ft. Benning, Ga.;

trash where literature is concerned," he added.

Speaking of the digestive system, or waste disposal, Armstrong pointed out the problems of pollution.

Armstrong's talk was sponsored by Ambassador College and the Worldwide Church of God. He will speak in the Civic Theater again tonight and tomorrow night, beginning at 8 p.m. each evening.

The program also includes musical selections performed by the Ambassador College band and singers.

Ft. Dix, N.J.; Ft. Ord, Calif. and Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

Authorities said the focus of the five-day field exercises beginning Jan. 22 is on testing procedures and techniques for receiving and deploying Army units once they arrive in West Germany—rather than on rapid air transport of the troops from the United States.