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 **STANLEY R. RADER RESIGNS**

 **EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES --**

 **CONTINUES AICF, LEGAL AND FINANCIAL ADVISER**

 **TO HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG**

 At a congress of ministers of the Worldwide Church of God in

Pasadena Feb. 25, Herbert W. Armstrong, Pastor General of the

Worldwide Church of God, made the following comments.

 By Herbert W. Armstrong

 Just over two years ago, on Jan. 3, 1979, armed deputies

from the California attorney general's office suddenly, without

notice, invaded the Pasadena headquarters of God's Church and

college. It was a massive lawsuit attack that threatened to

DESTROY God's Church and His Work.

 It was primarily through the extraordinary work of Stanley

R. Rader that the Church, its activities, facilities for those

activities, properties and assets were protected, preserved, kept

in continuous operation and their destruction prevented. These

properties and facilities, which I would conservatively value at

more than $100 million, were saved for the Church.

 1) Mr. Rader had the expertise to guide the installation of

what I feel undoubtedly is the most sophisticated accounting

system of any church in the United States, prior, of course, to

this massive government, unconstitutional invasion.

 During our legal defense, which he masterminded, he had the

wisdom to hire the largest CPA firm in the United States, Arthur

Andersen & Co., to go over all of our records, and to relate to

this very prestigious accounting firm so as to clear the Church

and its officers of any allegations of financial wrongdoing.

 This was a mastermind strategical move. The attorney

general's case was doomed from the time of the Arthur Andersen &

Co. audit.

 2) Mr. Rader masterminded bringing together in our defense

highly qualified attorneys from several top legal firms to defend

the Church in the many hearings and court appearances.

 Mr. Rader had the ability to command the respect of these

prestigious legal firms, and to assume overall legal leadership

as a master general of a master legal army to defend us against

the overwhelming legal army of the State.

 3) Mr. Rader spent much time in Sacramento, Calif., working

behind the scenes with other organizations that were working to

put the Petris bill through the legislature. This the attorney

general's office based their case against the Church.

 4) For two years Mr. Rader was working effectively with the

media nationally, including television, radio and the press,

using expertise in the media field over and beyond ordinary

lawyer services. He appeared on talk shows over the nation, on

many interviews, press conferences, turning public opinion in the

Church's favor.

 5) He utilized authorship in writing articles and his book

"Against The Gates of Hell" communicating the Church side of the

lawsuit.

 6) He had the extraordinary ability to coordinate all of

this and put it together in an effective and winning spearhead.

 These activities extended in extraordinary manner,

completely beyond the abilities and services and efforts of even

the best and most famous of attorneys. Yet normal attorney's

fees, totally incomparable to these extraordinary and effective

activities, would run into many hundreds of thousands of dollars.

 Corporations have to pay very highly for ordinary legal

services in corporate lawsuits. Ordinary legal services, even

from top lawyers of national reputation, in my judgment could not

have won the battle and kept God's Church alive and active. I

feel that Mr. Rader's salary is grossly inadequate for these

extraordinary services.

 Mr. Rader had expressed a desire to retire from his official

Church executive position prior to the Jan. 3, 1979, state

invasion. He and I had agreed to his retirement from this

executive position very shortly before Jan. 3, 1979, to take

effect very soon after the beginning of the year in 1979. When

the State attack was launched Jan. 3, it became necessary for him

to stay on.

 For many years now, Mr. Rader has rendered extremely

valuable services to this Church in the fields of law, accounting

and finance, besides invaluable services as my assistant in

carrying Christ's Gospel message to and through kings, emperors,

presidents, prime minister and other leaders of nations over all

the continents of the world.

 He has the expertise in the field of government to

complement me in talking to as many as 70 heads of governments or

near heads. I feel sure no man has talked in private conversation

with as many such government heads, in their own capitals over

the world, as have Mr. Rader and I.

 I feel this Church would be derelict in its appreciation if

it does not make suitable acknowledgment for such service

rendered two years after Mr. Rader had planned to retire from

active executive duty.

 For the past five months or so he has said publicly, in the

public press, and before our own congregations, that it is his

desire to return to private law practice, and has made public

statements of intent to resign as treasurer and board member of

the Church by July 1. Now he has asked that this date be moved up

to March 1.

 To show our appreciation, it is my judgment as Pastor

General of this Church, that we should express our gratitude and

heartfelt appreciation by a special bonus of $250,000, net to

him.

 I would at this time like a voice approval from you who are

leaders in the ministry of this Church.

 Mr. Rader will continue on as executive vice president of

AICF, the performing artist series in Ambassador Auditorium, and

in time and space buying for television, radio and publication

space, and as my chief adviser in the legal and financial areas

and in Gospel trips abroad as I shall take, but resigning his

executive responsibilities in the office of treasurer. Leroy

Neff, evangelist in God's Church, will assume the executive

responsibilities relinquished by Mr. Rader.