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The College basketball season begins this Saturday night with six teams competing this year. The Imperial High School team will be playing this year along with the four College teams and the Faculty team.

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As I mentioned in my last letter, the excavation for the new Administration Building is now underway, and we had the official groundbreaking ceremony yesterday afternoon. It was scheduled for a week ago, but it had to be postponed because of several days of unusually heavy rainfall last week. The weather is very fine now. It is warm, beautiful and clear, and the air is smog-free -- at least at present. We hope the weather will continue to be clear most of the winter so that the building can be completed on schedule -- by the last of December of next year. We desperately need to get this building finished by then.

We have recently had a change in the administration of student government here at the College. Mr. Jack Elliott, who has served as the Dean of Students since the early 1950's, has been so busy as head of the Buildings and Grounds Division of the College that he simply could not continue to do justice to both of these important responsibilities. With new buildings constantly being built and the campus expanding so rapidly, the press of responsibility in that area now requires his fulltime attention. To assume this responsibility, then, as Dean of Students, Mr. Armstrong has appointed Mr. Richard Plache to this office Liberary Control of the Contr

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Other important news involving changes in the Work is that Mr. Carn Catherwood, who has come in from the Field this year, will be staying through the year up until June. This will give him an opportunity to become completely acquainted with the French Department and all aspects of the French Work here, and review his French in preparation for starting full-fledged Churches in France and Belgium this coming summer! Mr. Ron Reedy, who has had the opportunity of being in this semester is being assigned to replace Mr. Keith Thomas in the Phoenix-Tucson Churches after the Ministerial Conference! This will be a fine opportunity for Mr. Reedy and his wife. And the Keith Thomas's now have the opportunity to go to an even larger Church area -- the Cincinnati Churches! They will be replacing Mr. and Mrs. Dave Albert, who will be given the opportunity of rotating in this semester for another semester of training here at Pasadena after being away so long.

Also, Mr. Apartian has received permission from Mr. Ted Armstrong to start Churches in Santa Lucia and Barbados in the Caribbean! To work this out manpower-wise, we decided to send Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bass down there! This will be a fine opportunity for them -- especially since most of the brethren are Negro and some even need coaching and teaching in certain areas of English and culture -- and Mr. Bass has his Masters Degree in English! Also, they do not have any children as yet so there should be no school problems for many years in case the schools there are inferior. To replace them in the New York area, we have assigned Mr. Maceo Hampton and his wife who will be leaving for New York soon after the Conference!

I might pass on some more good news at this point -- about an addition to Mr. Lowell Blackwell's family. On November 13, his wife gave birth to a 10 pound 6 ounce baby boy! With such a large baby she had some difficulty in the last stages of delivery, but God answered their prayers and both were doing fine at our last report.

The new Church in Lake Charles began on November 18 with an attendance of an even 200. Mr. Paul Flatt will be going up from Houston to take the Church there.

Also, the new Bible Study at Colby, Kansas began November 19 with 68 in attendance. Mr. Ken Westby from Wichita will be taking this monthly Bible Study.

We are beginning a <u>Negro</u> Los Angeles Church this coming Sabbath, and on December 3, a new monthly Bible Study will begin in Kingsport, Tennessee.

Remember to exhort the brethren to continue to pray for God's Work. There are several areas that still need their concern and heart-felt

intercession before God. As you know, the Work in Britain cannot progress until God does open another door. We feel certain He will, but how and when He will is another matter. Soon the top officials of the Reader's Digest will be meeting in Pleasantville, New York to discuss our future in the Reader's Digest, both in the United States and foreign editions) This could be a significant step forward for God's Work if we are allowed to go into full-scale advertising in the Reader's Digest. We certainly need God's favor in their eyes during these discussions so that their approval will be granted.

BUT OF THE STREET, THE DESIGNATION OF Another area where we need special favor involves a petition to the California state government to have this campus approved for the 1-W Work Program. The Big Sandy campus is acceptable as an organization that can employ men on the 1-W Work Program, but our Pasadena campus is not. Dozens of men -- graduates of Ambassador College could be lost to the Work for two years unless we are approved soon on this Work Program. As it is now, many men who are writers, mail readers and administrative assistants here at Headquarters - and who are badly needed here for the Work to be carried on -- are susceptible to this type of "draft" into some type of work that will force them to leave God's Work for a couple of years. If this petition is approved, these men can remain here and serve out their two year terms right here in God's Work. So, ask the brethren to pray that this request will be granted by the state. MAN SANDARY AND TONE

Also, certain ones have not yet been healed and are still in need of your continued prayers. Mr. Jim Lichtenstein's son, David, Mrs. Glen White and Mrs. James Collins, in particular, are individuals who still need your prayers and concern.

Before closing, I want to bring to your attention, personally, a couple of points of INSTRUCTION:

First of all, a reminder regarding the Christmas Season which is coming up. You may remember that a few years ago an article came out in The GOOD NEWS which did not have Mr. Armstrong's approval. It stated that a husband with an unconverted wife should "give in" and let his wife put up a Christmas tree in the house if she demanded to do so. Previous to that, we had often taken the opposite tack and said that a man must NEVER allow such a thing in his house -- and many of our zealous men, of course, would literally throw out the Christmas tree, upset their unconverted wife terribly, and often break up their marriage as a result of this and other situations they handled in this over-zealous manner. Now, we have decided that normally a man should not allow his wife to have a Christmas tree in his home -- of which God says he is the head. However, he should use a great deal

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of tact and wisdom and slowly BUILD UP to the Christmas Season through the previous weeks and months by winning over his wife's respect and love in other ways and other areas so that she will cooperate with him in this manner. He should lead her -- not DRIVE her!

Knowing that many men simply are unable to do this early in their Christian lives, we have now decided that it is not up to us to "legislate" on their faith. In other words, we can tell them that it is best if they do not have a Christmas tree, certainly, but not condemn them for allowing an unconverted wife to have one in order to save their marriage. And we would certainly NEVER threaten putting them out of the Church if they gave in to her the first year or so because of this reason. In other words, it will be up to each member's wisdom, leadership and faith and NOT up to us to tell them specifically what to do! So be sure that you understand and carry out that policy and emphasize individual responsibility and faith in discussing this problem with the members.

From the Insurance Section of our Personnel Department, Mr. Don Davis has sent up to me a memo informing me that many of our Field ministers are paying for individual fire, legal and liability insurance on some of the halls rented for weekly services on holydays. He says to inform you that we have ALL halls, nationwide, covered under our blanket master coverage. If proof of coverage is requested by the landlords, this office will issue certificates on request. So you do NOT need to go to the expense of paying any additional fire and liability insurance premiums for any of the halls rented at any time in this country!

Also, at lunch yesterday, Mr. Norman Smith asked me to include in this letter a request to all of you to send in to him as soon as possible a report on the radion station coverage in each of your respective Church areas. He said to be very frank in this and let him know if you feel your areas are not getting proper coverage and why. Also, he said for you to recommend to us any stations in your areas that you feel would definitely be helpful in reaching the kind of people God is calling. Bear in mind, of course, whether these stations are the type we would want to be on (we do not prefer to be on "all-religious" stations), let us know the wattage of the stations and how much they are actually listened to by the average person in your area IF you have been able to survey the situation enough to really know what you are talking about! This will help Mr. Smith in serving Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Scott in formulating plans for the wise use of our Radio-TV budget in the months and years to come.

Finally, I want to thank you for your response to my request about your last Ministerial Conference attendances. We wish everyone could come in for these conferences. It would be good to see all of you again and visit with you, and it would be a help to all of you, I'm sure. But since

that isn't possible, the District Conferences will help a great deal and be the next best thing. This should be an outstanding Conference in every way. We are planning and preparing for it now, and in our preparation, we need your questions for this conference. Please formulate any questions you may have clearly and concisely, and send them in right away so that we may organize and make this the best Conference ever!

Your servant in Christ,

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- P.S. Mr. Hill said that there are still about 600 copies of both the 1966 and 1967 Envoys left! Tell the brethren they may send in for these on a "first come, first served" basis.
- P.P.S. We are looking for a man to take charge of vehicle servicing in our brand new \$250,000.00 Transportation Department scheduled for completion on April 1, 1968. The individual we are looking for will carry out the duties of Service Manager which includes the overseeing of the whole service area, lubrication, maintenance, washing and body shop and will head up a team of eight men or more. He needs to be a deacon or a leading man in a Church, with accredited experience in the automotive trade and preferably working right now as a Service Manager in a dealership. Salary will be commensurate with ability and experience and is open for negotiation.

He needs to be able to exercise tact and diplomacy because he will frequently be coming into contact with the leading ministers as well as men of importance in the world.

This really is a wonderful opportunity for a dedicated man to use his skill and experience in the direct service of God's Headquarters.

We know the man we are looking for is out there somewhere! We'd appreciate your help in finding him! (By the way, if any have already sent in applications they need not bother to apply again.) If you have such a man in your area would you please have him send us a resume marked for the attention of Mr. Schreiber. Thanks for your help!

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