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Dear Fellow Ministers,

Greetings again from Headquarters! The Commencement Exercises this afternoon will mark the close of another College year here at Pasadena. Mr. Herbert Armstrong will deliver the Commencement Address and present diplomas to the
→ 87 graduating seniors--a record number! Also, four Master of Arts degrees will be presented. Mr. Frank Brown will receive his Master of Arts degree in Theology, and three of our Imperial School teachers will receive their Master of Arts degrees in Education. These include Mr. John Thomas, Mrs. Floyd Lochner, and Mrs. Paul Knedel. We are certainly pleased with the fruit being borne this year, and I extend my warmest congratulations to all of the graduates!

All of you will remember the Bradesku trial--in which a jury found the College and Mr. Armstrong guilty of "alienating the affections" of Mr. Bradesku's wife. The plaintiff, Mr. Bradesku was awarded \$30,000 in damages. However, the judge has not yet ruled on the case. He can overrule the decision of the jury and decide in our favor, or he can uphold the jury's verdict. The entire case has been without precedent, and the outcome so far has apparently been unpopular among the judge's peers. He appears to be weakening under the pressure and has offered us a settlement if we will agree not to appeal it to a higher court. Of course, we won't accept any kind of settlement short of acquittal, as Mr. Armstrong emphatically informed the judge through our lawyers.

The judge is going to rule on the case this Monday--which happens to be Pentecost. I hope those of you who get this letter in time will fervently ask God to give us favor in the eyes of this judge so that we won't have to appeal the case. We are confident that we would win an appeal, but we would certainly like to avoid any further publicity about the case, if possible.

→ Mr. Armstrong's appointment on May 28 with the Vice-President in charge of the foreign editions of the Readers' Digest was postponed until next Wednesday, June 5. He will, at that time, present two samples of advertising copy to the officials, and we are hopeful that this will result in our being able to run ads in both the British and Australian editions of the Readers' Digest. Please remember this in your prayer also!

- The Work received a record donation during the week of May 21. It was a
→ donation of stocks which are worth about \$349,000! Of course, by itself, that amount would only last about five days, but it certainly provided a boost at that time of the month when we needed it.
- I would like to mention something else about the income at this point and ask all of you for your help in this regard. The Building Fund is still very low--even after Mr. Armstrong's letter earlier in the year. Please admonish those who have neglected to respond to Mr. Armstrong's letter to get on the team and become active, productive members of the Body of Christ.

People in the world will zealously and wholeheartedly support their political candidates, but we have some members who will not grasp the opportunity to get on the bandwagon of the real winner! It is for their good as well as the good of God's Work. God does not need the money. His Work does, however, and He is allowing them the opportunity--the great blessing--of being able to give to that Work. None of us can outgive God, and those who are doing their part are truly being blessed--in many ways. Some are shouldering their responsibility, and some are even going above and beyond in doing their part. But others aren't. Please exhort them in a positive way to wake up to their responsibility toward the Building Fund which God has instituted.

- At the same time, please remind the brethren to send in their tithe of the tithe. This Festival Fund will benefit them directly at the Feast, and we urgently need financing for improvements which are continually being made at every Feast site. It would be good if those who have not yet done so would estimate the total amount of second tithe that they will have by the Feast, and send it in to Headquarters marked as "Festival Fund."
- Mr. Armstrong has approved our proceeding with a plan to erect two giant metal buildings by next year--one at the Pocono Feast site and one at the Lake of the Ozarks Feast site which is now being developed. These buildings will seat 15,000 people and cost only about \$200,000 each, which is less than half of the original cost of the big tabernacle in Big Sandy. New building methods make this possible, and the buildings will look nice from the outside--not at all like the old tabernacle. These buildings will only be shells, but they will still be much better in every way than tents.

- A couple of Bible Studies began this month. On May 5, the first Bible Study in Somerset, Kentucky met with 103 in attendance. Mr. Robert Bertuzzi will
→ conduct this monthly Bible Study. And on Sunday, May 26, Mr. Clarence Bass flew up to St. Lucia to begin a monthly Bible Study there. He also began a class later that afternoon to teach reading and writing to those desiring to learn in order to study God's Word. Mr. Bass reported, by the way, that the Church at Barbados is now up to over 140 in attendance!

- Mr. Carn Catherwood is on his way to Paris, France to assume duties as the pastor of that Church which Mr. Colin Wilkins formerly pastored from Geneva.

He was to have been in Paris by tomorrow, but the recent riots there may delay his arrival. He is one we should especially remember to pray for in this situation and also for our brethren there.

I have a couple of birth announcements to give you. Mr. and Mrs. Roger West announced the birth of their 8 pound and 4 ounce son, Jonathan Lee, on May 16. Mr. and Mrs. Lyall Johnston in Auckland, New Zealand, announced the birth of their 8½ pound daughter on May 17. Congratulations on your new arrivals!

Most of the men assigned to the Field for the summer from Pasadena will arrive in their areas on June 4, and the men with permanent assignments should arrive by June 13. Those being sent out from Big Sandy will arrive a week later--on June 11 and June 20, respectively. The men from Bricket Wood with permanent assignments should arrive by July 1.

The new Baltimore District will begin on June 25, and effective after Pentecost, the Churches in Little Rock and Ft. Smith will become a part of the Nashville District, while St. Louis and Belleville will become a part of the Chicago District. On August 10, Oklahoma City and Tulsa will become a part of the Kansas City District, as the new Minneapolis District will begin at that time. Effective immediately, Denver and Pueblo will become a part of the Headquarters District. The proposed Church at Syracuse, New York has been changed to Rochester and should begin about the middle of June. At that time Mr. Ivan Sell will become the pastor of Buffalo and Rochester, and Mr. Gary Antion will move to Toronto, beginning Kitchner right away. When these changes have been effected, Toronto and Kitchner will become a part of the Detroit District. The complete moving schedule is enclosed with this letter.

A problem recently came up which I need to clarify for the benefit of all of you who from time to time have the unpleasant responsibility of disfellowshipping members of God's Church. We have in the past used a Disfellowship Card as a means of stopping literature to individuals who were incapacitated and could not read it, especially in such cases where unconverted relatives might use the literature in a wrong way. There are some instances where all member literature must be stopped, but from now on you should do this by memo rather than by sending in a Disfellowship Card. If you are sure that the individual was never converted or had willingly turned from God's truth, that is another matter, but in cases where the minds of elderly persons have simply deteriorated and they are senile, don't send in a Disfellowship Card on them. Stop their literature if necessary, but continue to visit them and help them in any way possible. This has been no huge problem, but I wanted to clarify it and ask you to just ignore the "Senility" category on the Disfellowship Card until it is reprinted.

→ Well, that about winds up the letter for this time, but before I close I wanted to mention that we expect to reach our maximum on-campus enrollment here at Pasadena this coming fall--which will be 550 students. Married students and special students living off-campus will push the total enrollment over 600! This means that we will accept about 200 new freshmen

for this fall, and this entering Freshman Class of 1968 will be the first to face the real possibility of not graduating from Ambassador College! Fellow ministers, we may have only 3½ years left in which to finish this Work! Those of us here at Headquarters vividly realize that God's Work is entering a new phase--the final phase that will carry the Gospel to the world with a mighty and irresistible power!

It is becoming increasingly evident that the preceding 34½ years of the Work have been the groundwork and only a prelude to the accomplishment just ahead, as Mr. Armstrong has often said. It is appropriate at this time of year to remind ourselves of this once again and to gird up the loins of our minds! Many of us will be taking vacations soon, and as always, we will humanly tend to let down right at this time when we should be gearing ourselves for even greater service and zeal. Let's avoid the summer doldrums personally and set ourselves to help God's people do the same. We have to keep our eyes on the goal--on God's Kingdom--especially at this time of year. Continue to pray for us here at Headquarters and for each other!

Your brother in Christ,



Roderick C. Meredith

P.S. Extra! Flash! A few minutes ago up in Mr. Armstrong's office, we ordained four men! Mr. Tom Hall was raised to the rank of Preaching Elder, and three graduating seniors were ordained to the office of Local Elder. These were Mr. Mike Swagerty, Mr. Wayne Dunlap, and Mr. Wayne Phillips. Congratulations to all of you!

P.P.S. Because the Press is so busy and because of graduation, we are having to xerox this letter in order to get it out to you right away.

BLACK ROUTE

PASADENA - PHOENIX

- (1) Koellner
- (2) Tate
- (3) Scott

Leave 5:00 A.M. June 12th
Arrive 1:00 P.M. June 12th

PHOENIX - BIG SANDY

- (1) Koellner
- (2) Tate
- (3) Scott

Leave 3:00 P.M. June 12th
Arrive 9:00 P.M. June 13th
Unload freight - spend night

BIG SANDY - MOBILE

- (1) Koellner
- (2) Tate
- (3) Scott

Leave 8:00 A.M. June 14th
Arrive 6:00 P.M. June 14th
Load Wilson - spend Sabbath

MOBILE - LAKE LAND

- (1) Koellner
- (2) Tate
- (3) Scott
- (4) Wilson

Leave 12:00 A.M. June 16th
Arrive 6:00 P.M. June 16th
Unload Scott - spend night

MIAMI - MERIT ISLAND

- (1) Koellner
- (2) Tate
- (3) Wilson

Leave 10:00 A.M. June 17th
Arrive 3:00 P.M. June 17th
Load Salter

MERIT ISLAND - GREENSBORO

- (1) Koellner
- (2) Tate
- (3) Wilson
- (4) Salter

Leave 10:00 P.M. June 17th
Arrive 12:00 Noon June 18th
Unload Tate & Wilson
Load Roemer & Jones, spend night

GREENSBORO - WHEELING

- (1) Koellner
- (2) Salter
- (3) Roemer
- (4) Jones

Leave 6:00 P.M. June 19th
Arrive 6:00 A.M. June 20th
Unload Koellner

WHEELING - YOUNGSTOWN

- (1) Salter
- (2) Roemer
- (3) Jones

Leave 11:00 A.M. June 20th
Arrive 2:00 P.M. June 20th
Load Waterhouse, spend night

YOUNGSTOWN - CHICAGO

- (1) Salter
- (2) Jones
- (3) Waterhouse

Leave 4:00 A.M. June 21st
Arrive 12:00 P.M. June 21st
Unload Waterhouse, spend Sabbath

CHICAGO - MINNEAPOLIS

- (1) Salter
- (2) Jones

Leave 9:00 P.M. June 22nd
Arrive 7:00 A.M. June 23rd
Unload Jones, load Beyersdorfer

BLACK ROUTE, CONT.

MINNEAPOLIS - DULUTH

- (1) Salter
- (2) Beyersdorfer

Leave 7:00 A.M. June 24th
Arrive 10:00 A.M. June 24th
Unload Beyersdorfer, load Prunkard

DULUTH - SIOUX FALLS

- (1) Salter
- (2) Prunkard

Leave 6:00 P.M. June 24th
Arrive 4:00 A.M. June 25th
Unload Prunkard

SIOUX FALLS - PASADENA

- (1) Salter

Leave Noon June 25th
Arrive June 28 th

NORTHWEST ROUTE

PASADENA - OAKLAND

- (1) Lee
- (2) Aust
- (3) Dunlap

Leave 5:00 A.M. June 12th
Arrive 3:00 P.M. June 12th
Unload Aust & Dunlap
Spend night

OAKLAND - VANCOUVER, B.C.

- (1) Lee

Leave 6:00 A.M. June 12th
Arrive 4:00 P.M. June 13th
Unload Lee, load Miller
Spend Sabbath

VANCOUVER - KELONA

- (1) Ron Miller

Leave 6:00 A.M. June 16th
Arrive 11:00 A.M. June 16th
Unload Miller, load Bryce

KELONA - REGINA

- (1) Bryce

Leave 4:00 P.M. June 16th
Arrive 3:00 P.M. June 17th

REGINA - LYNNWOOD, WASH.
Deadhead

Leave 5:00 A.M. June 18th
Arrive 5:00 P.M. June 20th

LYNNWOOD - PASADENA

Leave Friday A.M.
Arrive Medford Friday P.M.
Spend Sabbath
Arrive Pasadena June 23rd P.M.

RED ROUTE

PASADENA - WICHITA

- (1) Boyce
- (2) Carley
- (3) Oakley
- (4) Smith
- (5) Quillen

Leave 5:00 A.M. June 19th
Arrive 5:00 P.M. June 20th
Load Westby and spend night

WICHITA - KANSAS CITY

- (1) Boyce
- (2) Carley
- (3) Oakley
- (4) Smith
- (5) Quillen
- (6) Westby

Leave 12:00 P.M. June 21st
Arrive 4:00 P.M. June 21st
Unload Smith, spend Sabbath

KANSAS CITY - DES MOINES

- (1) Boyce
- (2) Carley
- (3) Oakley
- (4) Quillen
- (5) Westby

Leave 12:00 P.M. June 22nd
Arrive 5:00 A.M. June 23rd
Unload Quillen

DES MOINES - DETROIT

- (1) Boyce
- (2) Carley
- (3) Oakley
- (4) Westby

Leave 10:00 A.M. June 23rd
Arrive 10:00 P.M. June 23rd
Unload Oakley, spend night

DETROIT - BALTIMORE

- (1) Boyce
- (2) Carley
- (3) Westby

Leave 1:00 P.M. June 24th
Arrive 12:00 A.M. June 25th
Unload Westby, load Englebart
Spend night

BALTIMORE - KNOXVILLE

- (1) Boyce
- (2) Carley
- (3) Englebart

Leave 5:00 P.M. June 26th
Arrive 5:00 A.M. June 27th
Unload Boyce

KNOXVILLE - NASHVILLE

- (1) Carley
- (2) Englebart

Leave 9:00 A.M. June 27th
Arrive 12:00 P.M. June 27th
Unload Carley, load Panella
Spend night

NASHVILLE - WICHITA

- (1) Panella
- (2) Englebart

Leave 6:00 A.M. June 28th
Spend Sabbath June 29th in Springfield
Arrive 5:00 A.M. June 30th
Unload Englebart

WICHITA - SAN ANTONIO

- (1) Panella

Leave 12:00 A.M. June 30th
Arrive 4:00 A.M. July 1st
Unload Panella

SAN ANTONIO - HOUSTON
Deadhead

Leave 11:00 A.M. July 1
Arrive 3:00 P.M. July 1
Load Martin, spend night

HOUSTON - BIG SANDY
(1) Malcolm Martin

Leave 10:00 A.M. July 2
Arrive 2:00 P.M. July 2
Unload Martin, load freight

BIG SANDY - PASADENA

Leave 7:00 A.M. July 3
Arrive 7:00 P.M. July 4

LATER SUMMER ROUTE (GOLD)

PASADENA - BIG SANDY
Texas shipment

Leave 5:00 A.M. August 4th
Arrive 5:00 P.M. August 5th
Unload freight & spend night

BIG SANDY - SAN ANTONIO
Deadhead

Leave 10:00 A.M. August 6th
Arrive 7:00 P.M. August 6th
Load Hammer - spend night

SAN ANTONIO - PASADENA
(1) Hammer

Leave 12:00 Noon August 7th
Arrive 8:00 P.M. August 8th

PASADENA - OAKLAND
(1) Hammer

Leave 7:00 A.M. August 9th
Arrive 4:00 P.M. August 9th
Unload Hammer - load Luker
Spend Sabbath

OAKLAND - MINNEAPOLIS
(1) Luker

Leave 1:00 P.M. August 11th
Arrive 1:00 P.M. August 13th
Unload Luker - load McMichael
Spend night

MINNEAPOLIS - MURRAYVILLE, PA.
(1) McMichael

Leave 10:00 A.M. August 14th
Arrive 7:00 A.M. August 15th
Load Ritenbaugh

MURRAYVILLE - KANSAS CITY
(1) McMichael
(2) Ritenbaugh

Leave 2:00 P.M. August 15th
Arrive 10:00 A.M. August 16th
Load Croswell

KANSAS CITY - DENVER
(1) McMichael
(2) Ritenbaugh
(3) Croswell

Leave 8:00 A.M. August 18th
Arrive 10:00 P.M. August 18th
Spend night - load Sutton

DENVER - PASADENA
(1) McMichael
(2) Ritenbaugh
(3) Croswell
(4) Sutton

Leave 1:00 P.M. August 19th
Arrive 7:00 P.M. August 20th