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The state attacked Herbert W. Armstrong's Worldwide Church of God
- now many other California churches are being assaulted

CHURCHES ATTACKED

By Earl Little

Most Fundamentalists view Herbert W. Armstrong as a false prophet, a heretic...yet the loss of his religious freedom is leading to the loss of religious freedom for churches throughout California — fundamentalist and liberal alike.

Herbert W. Armstrong, 87, is president of the 100,000 member Worldwide Church of God with assets of \$80 million and an annual income of \$70 million.

According to a report in *Liberty Magazine* by Jerry Wiley, Associate Dean of Southern California School of Law, Los Angeles, on January 2, 1979, six disgruntled former members came with Deputy General Lawrence Tapper before Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Jerry Pacht accusing Herbert Armstrong and

the Worldwide Church attorney Stanley Rader of failure to account for church funds as required of charitable organizations, destroying church financial records, and using church property and assets for their own benefit. Without a trial... without the accused being present... without hearing the other side... Judge Pacht placed the church into receivership with a retired judge, Steven Weisman, becoming receiver.

On January 3, 1979, Receiver Weisman came to the church armed with a court order to:

1. take possession and control of the church, including all its assets;
2. supervise and monitor all of the business and financial operations and activities of the church;

3. take over the management and control (of the church) to the extent that (he) deems it necessary in his sole discretion;

4. hire and employ and retain his own counsel, accountants, and any other personnel...which he deems necessary to assist him (and) to pay them reasonable compensation out of the funds and assets of the church;

5. direct that any (suspended or terminated) officer or employee or agent not be permitted access to the grounds or facilities of the church;

6. (take) possession and control of all the books and records of the church (and make) available

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A GODLY SEED

BY DR. DAYTON HOBBS

The first lesson a child should learn is immediate and unquestioned obedience. The fifth commandment says, "Honor thy father and thy mother." The word "honor" carries much more meaning than just to honor them with words. "Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee" (Ex. 20:12). Notice that this is the first commandment with a promise attached. The first commandment with promise has to do with children obeying their parents. Honoring your parents has to do with obeying them while you are under their authority, respecting them when you are out from under them, and looking after them when

they are older, if necessary. It carried with it a life guarantee. From the time you are born you are to honor your parents: when you are a little child, you are to honor them by obeying them; as you grow up, you are to respect them and follow their teachings; and as they get older, you are to look after them. All of that is involved in honoring the parents. Noah Webster, in a letter written to a young man who was just entering college, said the following about the fifth commandment:

The command to honor your father and mother comprehends not only due respect and obedience to your parents; but all due respect to other superiors. The distinc-

tion of age, is one established by God himself, and is perhaps the only difference of rank in society, which is of divine origin (underlining mine). It is a distinction of the utmost importance to society, it cannot be destroyed, and it ought not to be forgotten. Hence filial respect has ever been esteemed one of the most amiable virtues. Let your respect for your parents, and others who are of like age or standing in society, be sincere, cordial and uniform; and let the feelings of your heart be manifest in your exterior deportment. Never forget the deference due to their age, nor treat them

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Editor's Desk

Please read carefully the following quotes.

The end of education among the ancient Jews was to make faithful and obedient servants of the living God. It aimed at preparing each succeeding generation to fulfil faithfully its part in the grand work assigned to that people. The divine Lawgiver himself prescribed the principal subjects and methods of instruction.¹

The system of Plato is a State education. The individual does not exist for himself, but for the State.²

These quotes spell out two entirely different goals of the process of education: one to glorify and serve God, the other to serve the State. In the latter case - the one espoused by Plato, for one - the State assumes the role of God and determines for the individual what is best. The State becomes man's savior and provides cradle to grave security.

This is the pagan or heathen view of man and government. Humanism (man's ideas and answers), no matter how exalted its proponents in our modern world would have us suppose its ideals to be, is simply nothing more than advanced paganism. Man's views always lead to Statism and slavery.

If America is to survive, she must go back to what she did best in the early years of her history, that is, train her subjects to be faithful and obedient servants of God. This must be done one servant at a time. You can't mass produce servants for God; they are hand-made - one servant at a time. We had best be at the task; there is no other way. Just because the time left may be but little does not vary the process. Let us get at the business of training servants for Jesus Christ - in our homes, our churches, and our Christian schools.

1. F. V. N. Painter, A.M., D.D., *A History of Education* (New York, D. Appleton and Company, 1918), pp. 28-29.
2. Painter, p. 72.

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with a familiarity that is incompatible with that deference. Even the customary forms of address should not be overlooked, or neglected; for in doing honor to age, you honor a divine command, and secure to yourself a source of permanent consolation. It will afford you particular satisfaction, when your parents are consigned to the tomb.¹

Noah Webster (1758-1843), known as the Father of American Education and a genuine born-again Christian by his own testimony, had some definite ideas about discipline and the proper rearing of children. Chauncey A. Goodrich, a professor at Yale and a son-in-law of Noah Webster, in an article entitled, *The Life and Times of Noah Webster*, wrote, "In the government of his children there was but one rule, and that was instantaneous and entire obedience."² Webster always expected complete, unquestioning and instantaneous obedience. In truth, that is the test of whether or not your children are disciplined at all. Your children are not scripturally disciplined if they are not disciplined in that way. You may think they are, because you have learned how to live with them. Because you have learned how to survive together in the same household, you call it discipline. No! You must have instantaneous and entire obedience if you expect to rear a godly seed.

Noah Webster insisted upon this as right and as one of the duties due by a child to his parent. "He did not rest his claims on any explanations or on showing that the thing was reasonable or beneficial. While he endeavored to make it clear to his children that he sought their happiness in whatever he required, he commanded as one having authority."³ You have heard that statement before in the Scripture. Jesus got His authority from God, and that is exactly where Webster got his authority as a father. That is also where you get your authority as a parent. Listen further. "And he enforced his commandments to the utmost as a duty which he owed equally to his children and to God, who had placed them under his control. He felt that on this subject there had been a gradual laying down of the code of public sentiment which was much to be deplored. Many in breaking away from the sternness of Puritan

discipline have gone to the opposite extreme. They have virtually abandoned the exercise of parental authority and endeavored to regulate the conduct of their children by reasoning and persuasion."⁴ Do you understand what he was saying? People were, in his day, trying to regulate their children by reason and persuasion, by the mere presentation of motives, and not by the enforcement of command. That philosophy is not Biblical. You fail to understand the reason for discipline if you don't understand what he is saying. Children ought to obey, because it is right to obey. I often say to teachers that I do not believe in putting children out of the classroom for misbehaving. I don't believe in doing all kinds of different things to "persuade" them to function properly in the classroom. I believe in children obeying because it is right to obey. Children need to be taught that when those over them in authority speak, they are to immediately and entirely obey.

Webster's thought continues, *If such persons succeed (these people who raise their children by reason and persuasion) as they rarely do in preserving anything like a comfortable state of subordination in their families, they fail at least in the accomplishment of one great end for which their offspring were committed to their care. They send forth their children into life without any of those habits of submission to lawful authority which are essential to the character of a good citizen and*

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IN MEMORIAM

Dr. John R. Rice, founder and editor of *The Sword of the Lord*, went to be with the Lord on December 29, 1980. In his long service as preacher and evangelist, Dr. Rice was regarded for his unwavering burden for souls. Perhaps the greatest tribute to his testimony is a living memorial - his own six children who are all saved and in full time service for the Lord. We extend our sympathy to the Rice family and to their co-laborers in the *Sword* ministry.

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**Focus
On
Religion**
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BEWARE OF BRITISH ISRAELISM

Another false doctrine has attached itself to Christianity. Its name is British Israelism, and its converts include many well meaning, but deceived, Christians. Most fundamentalists associate British Israelism with the cultist, Herbert W. Armstrong, of the World Wide Church of God. Believers need to know that this false teaching has now made inroads into conservative Christianity, especially, it seems, among those with noted patriotic zeal and dedication.

What is the teaching of British Israelism? I have in my possession a pamphlet published by the Lord's Covenant Church of Phoenix, Arizona, and written by Pastor Sheldon Emry, a leading proponent of British Israelism. In the pamphlet, Pastor Emry lists seventy items which are supposed to convince us that "The doctrine that the Jews are the chosen people of God is purely and simply 'propaganda'" and that "History and Scripture prove the people known as 'Jews' today are not only NOT Israel, but are actually the ENEMIES OF ISRAEL" (pp. 20-21). Further study reveals that by "Jew" the British Israelism advocates mean descendants of the Southern Kingdom, composed of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin plus the Levites. The Northern Kingdom, composed of the other ten tribes, supposedly migrated to Europe and eventually America. Great Britain is identified as the tribe of Ephraim and the United States as the tribe of Manasseh.

Why does all of this appeal to politically conservative Christians? I believe that this elaborate, but perverted, scheme of Biblical and historical truths and half-truths serves to vent stored-up feelings of hatred and hostility toward Israel without attacking the Scriptures directly. Jews can be scathed and scorned without fear of exposing oneself to the curse of the Abrahamic covenant (Gen. 12:3) and hopefully without incurring the wrath of fundamentalists.

Bob Jones University has pub-

lished an excellent booklet on British Israelism written by Dan Olinger. Those wishing to know more about the history and teachings of British Israelism should contact Bob Jones University Press in Greenville, South Carolina, for a copy. At the close of his study, Mr. Olinger lists four dangers of British Israelism which are especially pertinent:

1.it is rooted in nineteenth century postmillennialism, which teaches that the Kingdom of God will be established on earth before Christ returns.

2. Secondly, British Israelism applies many Old Testament Messianic prophecies to Great Britain rather than to Christ. In so doing, they downgrade the person of Christ and exalt an earthly Kingdom.

3. Thirdly, adherents of British Israelism seem to have a propensity for date-setting.

4. Finally, British Israelism seems to act as a "rabbit trail" to divert Christians from the main business at hand....experience shows that adherents of British Israelism spend most of their time trying to convert fellow Christians to British Israelism, rather than trying to win the lost....In short, they are off on a rabbit trail, dealing in speculation rather than in the clear truth of the Word of God.

It is not necessary to embrace British Israelism to oppose the Zionism which harasses, tortures, or murders to achieve its goals. God hates sin wherever sin exists. In this day of Grace, there is neither Jew nor Greek, but only one in Christ. During the Tribulation Period, God will convert the nation Israel and then restore the Jews to prominence during the millennium. Jesus Christ will rule the world then as King of the Jews. All of that does not mean we must condone the sins of individual Jews today.

There are not tribes of Israel lost to God. He knows the tribal identity of every single Jew. In Revelation chapter seven, the conversion of the 144,000 Jewish evangelists from the twelve tribes of Israel during the Tribulation Period is discussed. Clearly, all the tribes and members of those tribes are fully known to God. If indeed the tribes of Israel are not lost, then the foundation of British Israelism is destroyed. Christians beware! British Israelism is foreign to the faith of Jesus Christ.

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a useful member of society.⁵ And I would add of a good Christian. He was saying that you may get by that way. You may work your children through by persuasion and rear them without causing too much trouble within the home. They may make it to adulthood, but you will send them forth without any habits of submission to authority. That is it right there — "those habits of submission." That is what has been sorely missing in the home — authority, absolute obedience to authority. What is the reason for such obedience? Just so that they will obey my authority? No! They are going to grow up someday, and they are to "voice-obey" God! Isn't that what we want? That is what I want! If my children have not learned to obey my authority and be obedient to me without question, they are always going to be questioning God and the Word of God. Listen, if there is anything we need in America today, it is men who take this Book without question, live by it, preach it, stand on it, and love it; but you are not going to rear that kind of young men in your home if you don't teach absolute obedience. It just isn't going to happen accidentally. Your boy or girl may be saved and go to Heaven when they die, but if they are ever going to be servants of God, they are going to have to learn immediate and entire voice obedience to God's Word.

You say, "Well, Webster was just an exception." No, he wasn't. In the book, The Making of George Washington, by William Wilbur, the author writes about George's mother, Mary Washington. *Mother Mary was particularly insistent that George learn to obey. An accepted tradition tells us that she was asked, somewhat later in life, to name the lesson which she had tried hardest to teach George in his earliest years. She replied laconically, 'The lesson — to obey.'*⁶ George Washington, the father of our country, was a man of uncorruptible character whom God raised up to lead this nation in its formative years. Would to God we had some men of such character today! What was the lesson she tried hardest to teach George in the earliest years? The lesson — to obey. That was THE lesson — to obey.

His father, Augustine, usually referred to as August Washington, said, *It is not sufficient just to*

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Stars of the Morning

By "Aunt Carolyn"

NEW CREATURES IN CHRIST

A TRUE STORY
PART III



"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (II Cor. 5:17).
"...Even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4b).

How should one in moccasins walk in newness of life? There had not been time to teach the new native converts the many truths and commands of the Scriptures. There was no Christian code of conduct written in their language to follow. Yet when the light of the Gospel broke upon believing Indian hearts, no matter how dark and untaught, their lives were wonderfully changed. It was soon evident that they were "new creatures in Christ Jesus." Some were so eager to learn that they built wigwams close to the meeting place in order to hear the Word of God more readily.

OPPOSITION STIRRED

Of course, this change did not take place without causing a stir in the Indian settlement. In fact, the *Pawwaws*' (witch doctors) displeasure and resistance to the preaching of the Gospel turned to open anger and opposition. Some Indian converts were even threatened with death if they listened to the preaching any more.

In spite of trials and temptations, some new Christians grew in faith and earnestly desired to please God. The power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ produced fruit in hearts and lives and proved itself in first one way and then another. The English missionaries learned that after only the third time they preached to the Indians, the *Waaubon* (chief in the village) kept many Indians in his wigwam that night and repeated to his people all the things that they had been taught from the preacher that day. He prayed among them and even after lying down to sleep, he kept waking up and praying and repeating

something he had heard. How thankful the missionaries were for this. They knew this leader of the people could have a great effect on the rest of the Indians unless cowardice or witchery put an end to it.

PAWWAWS CONVERTED

Another wonderful conversion was that of the old man who in the second meeting had asked if there were any hope for such an old man as himself. Not only was he saved, but he witnessed to and greatly influenced his family. The truth is that one of his sons was a *Pawwaw*, and his wife was a great *Pawwaw*! These were great witches who had fellowship with the devil. In order to be a *Pawwaw*, an Indian had to have a strange dream in which *Chepian* (the devil) appeared to him as a serpent. The next day he was to tell the other Indians about it; then for two days the rest of the Indians would dance and rejoice over all he would tell them about the serpent. After such a celebration and ceremony, the *Pawwaw* was supposed to have powers to cure the sick. He would make strange gestures and beat on himself. Then he would put his hand on the sick person and "pull out" the sickness and blow it away. With such evil, devilish powers, the *Pawwaws* were greatly feared by the other Indians and held a mysterious power over them. Sometimes, though, if the *Pawwaws* did not cure the sick (as often happened) they were reviled, sometimes even killed, by the dead man's friends, especially if they didn't "refund" the money, which was always paid "in advance."

So the old Indian's son was a *Pawwaw*, and his wife was a great *Pawwaw*. Could the Gospel penetrate such hearts as these? Yes! Yes! In fact, the Holy Spirit convicted and worked in their hearts so that they realized their wickedness and evil and determined to listen to the Word of God and never seek the devil again!

HAIR STYLES CHANGED

Other evidences of changed lives? One that Mr. Eliot noticed was that those men who accepted Christ soon cut their hair. He marveled at this, partly because of the opposition they received from other Indians who mocked and reviled and called them vile names for cutting their hair modestly, and partly because, as far as he knew, no one had spoken to them or instructed them about cutting their hair. The Indians confessed that when the Word of God began to work in their hearts, they realized the

vanity and pride they placed in their hair, and so they cut it modestly. Mr. Eliot encouraged them in their stand for the Lord and urged them not to be afraid of the wicked Indians, or their witchcraft, or the *Pawwaws* and poisonings. He assured them that if they would genuinely seek the Lord and stand for Him, God would surely stand by them.

NEW SETTLEMENT FORMED

The Indians who were genuine believers soon began to desire to separate from the wicked Indians and to have a village of their own, where they could study and learn the Word of God and live in a Christian atmosphere away from devil worship and evil superstitions. Under Mr. Eliot's leadership, a town, *Noonatomen* (rejoicing), was founded, and many converts moved into the settlement. The Indians did not know much about laws, but with their *Waaubon* they wrote ten for themselves. Here are a few of them.

1. *That if any man be idle a week, at most a fortnight, he shall pay five shillings.*
2. *If any man shall beat his wife, his hands shall be tied behind him and carried to the place of justice to be severely punished.*
3. *Every young man if not another's servant, and if unmarried, shall be compelled to set up a wigwam and plant for himself, and not live shifting up and down to other wigwams.*
4. *If any woman shall not have her hair tied up but hang loose or be cut as mens hair, she shall pay five shillings.*
5. *All those men that wear long locks shall pay five shillings.*
6. *If any shall kill their lice between their teeth, they shall pay five shillings. (This law, though ridiculous to English ears, tended to preserve cleanliness among Indians.)*

THE WAAUBON'S PRAYERS

Another wonderful fruit of the Gospel was the *Waaubon's* testimony. It is wonderful to know that the grace of God is able to change any heart. The love of God can melt the heart of stone. The once proud *Waaubon*, who had ruled in pride and conceit, had bowed his heart and knee to the Ruler of all and found great peace and joy. His prayers were evidence of his faith. The English missionaries were deeply touched by his prayers. At first they feared he might have learned



WASHINGTON'S VISION

Several years ago, one of my former students of American History wrote to me and asked several questions concerning Bible prophecy. Now, this was a little unusual I thought, until I read further and learned that this prophecy was all based upon an incident which took place in American History. The fact that I had neglected to mention what seemed to him an important event during the two-semester study of our great nation was a bit disturbing to a student who was obviously more concerned with a vision than with history.

The incident in history to which I refer goes back to the winter of 1777 and involved George Washington at Valley Forge. While in a thicket praying, General Washington is alleged to have had a vision—a vision which gave him the outcome of three wars which would be fought on American soil: the American Revolution, the Civil War, and one other. The part of the vision which is still to be fulfilled goes like this:

And again I heard the mysterious voice saying, "Son of the Republic, look and learn." At this the dark, shadowy angel placed a trumpet to his mouth, and blew three distinct blasts; and taking water from the ocean, he sprinkled it upon Europe, Asia and Africa. Then my eyes beheld a fearful scene: from each of those countries arose thick, black clouds that were soon joined into one. And throughout this mass there gleamed a dark red light by which I saw hordes of armed men, who, moving with the cloud, marched by land and sailed by sea to America, which country was enveloped in the volume of the cloud. And I dimly saw these vast armies devastate the whole country and burn the villages, towns, and cities that I beheld springing up. As my ears listened to the thundering of cannon, clashing of swords, and the shouts of millions in mortal combat, I heard again the mysterious voice saying, "Son of the Republic, look and learn."

Perhaps you have never heard

of Washington's supposed vision. If not, it is probably because your history teacher was not a member of the religious group which believes that the Anglo-Saxon, Celtic, Scandinavian, Germanic people of the world are the racial descendants of the tribes of Israel. This movement is known as British Israelism and is as strong politically as the Zionist movement which it opposes.

I don't know if George Washington really had a vision. There seems to be very little valid evidence to support this study, but obviously, someone had a vision and wrote it down. The Scriptures indicate that with the completion of the Canon of Scripture, such visions, signs, and miracles would cease. "But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away" (I Cor. 13:10).

The significance of the vision is this: what American patriot is going to argue with George Washington? If Benedict Arnold had had the vision, nobody would even mention it.

Those who identify Americans as the descendants of Israel also identify America as Zion. This in turn means that all prophecy such as Ezekiel 38 applies to the United States. In other words, Russia and the nations of the Mid-East will be invading the land of unwall'd vil-

lages, which is the United States. As the country preacher said, "You ain't heard nothin' yet!"

The British Israelites who are generally ultra-conservative go so far as to interpret Jesus' instructions in Matthew 24:15-16 as meaning that Christians in America should all move to the mountains in order to avoid the coming tribulation. I have before me a map of the United States with "safe" places marked with a shaded area. Another map of the United States gives arrows of the invasion by Russia from the north, by Mexico from the southwest, and by Cuba through the state of Florida. To those of us who refuse to leave the city, one pamphlet suggests, "have a good pump shotgun and plenty of rounds of '0' buckshot and try to take as many with you as you can."

Do all British Israelites believe this? I don't know. However, it is the only logical conclusion to reach once you swallow the basic doctrine of the British Israelite movement.

As I previously mentioned, British Israelism opposes Zionism as a dangerous political arm of the Jews and Communism, etc. In a future issue, we will examine the relationship of Communism, British Israelism, and Zionism.

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obey. You must learn to obey cheerfully.⁷ (You must learn to obey and enjoy obeying. Why should it be a thing thought so strange that God wants us to put this into our children early, so that they can obey Him joyfully when they get older? Why is it that we have so few today obeying Him? Because we have done such a poor job of teaching obedience when they were children.) George Washington's father continued, *For example, if your Mother corrects you, or I do—or you are told to do something over again, you may not like it. Then simple obedience is not enough; the way in which you accept the correction becomes even more important than the obedience.*⁸ Oh, that is good, isn't it?

The Appleby Grammar School, which George's father attended in northern England before he came to America, had an effect upon George's training. George's two half-brothers were sent over to this school for a number of years to get training. Then George's father went over himself and studied their method, so he could teach George

and the rest of the children. The headmaster at the Appleby Grammar School said, *Obedience, all agree, is essential in schoolwork. If the boy does not have the habit of obedience, he will not pay attention, will not listen. If he does not pay attention he will learn but little.*⁹ The headmaster remarked that *prompt compliance by children with the instruction of parents and teachers has been a vital element of every great civilization. The greatest have been those that demanded and enforced strict obedience.*¹⁰

The first and most important lesson that our children should learn is immediate, absolute obedience—no questions asked. You don't have to explain why. You say, "Do"; they do. You say, "Go"; they go. You say, "Come"; they come. That is it. Obedience! Voice Obedience!!

Now if you have young children growing up, you had better get started early, because obedience is the most important lesson you can teach your child. Some folks say, "Oh, I teach all about Jesus. I just teach them to love Jesus." Well, that won't help them with obedience. It is good to teach

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(said books and records of the church) to the representatives of the (State Attorney General and to the realtors) who are dissident members of the church;

7. interfere (in the operations of the church) if he...determine(s) in his own discretion that it is necessary to interfere;

8. take over any portion of the operation as he deems necessary in order to protect the church and its assets;

9. file a petition with the (state) court (if the receiver deems it necessary at any time) to remove Mr. Armstrong — the Pastor General — or Mr. Rader or both;

10. determine in his sole discretion Mr. Armstrong's and Mr. Rader's compensation for services and any expenses that are incurred by them during the course of (their employment by the church);

11. conduct a thorough audit of the financial and business dealings of the church;

12. review all allegations of malfeasance and neglect concerning the financial and business affairs of the church;

13. take possession and control of the funds of the church forthwith and deposit them in a special receiver's account (in his sole discretion).²

For his services January 3 until February 22 Receiver Weisman submitted a bill for \$51,000 personal salary (\$150 per hour for six weeks) to be paid from the church bank account! In addition, the receiver spent \$250,000 of the church's funds (\$60,000 for attorney's fees, \$60,000 for guard services, over \$32,000 for accounting fees, and other charges). He fired church secretary Virginia Kineston. The receiver hired a disfellowshipped member of the church to work at the church headquarters. Mr. Weisman caused the United States Post Office to refuse to mail 60,000 letters from Herbert Armstrong to the members.³

The six dissident members hired private attorneys, Rafael and Hillel Chodos, to represent them but later withdrew from the case. Now the Chodoses claim that the church should have to pay their fees for attacking it — over \$175,000 for about two months work!⁴

The receiver and dissidents were allowed access to church records, letters between the church

and its attorney, letters between ministers and penitents, membership lists, and all correspondence.

The United California Bank revoked the church's line of credit and called in all demand notes. The receiver stopped payment on all outstanding checks — affecting everyone from widows to due accounts. The media demanded cash in advance for radio and television time instead of the customary billing.

How could such a thing happen? This situation was brought about by the Attorney General's interpretation of a law defining a church as a "charitable trust." A deputy attorney general argued that money donated to churches is "held for the benefit of the public at large." If a church is a "charity" then all money and property belongs to the public, not to the Lord. The church merely holds the money and property in trust in behalf of the public. The State would then, in behalf of the public, control the church's assets. Thus, the State can so move against any church when a mere suspicion of wrongdoing arises.

The State of California also moved against the Morningland Church — a 1,000 member congregation in Long Beach. The attorney general's office claimed to have heard from a dissident member that the church made a political contribution.

The attorney general, George Deuknejian, had warrants issued, and deputies made arrests in church during the church services. They seized certain documents and raided the offices of the church's attorney, going through files of the attorney's clients, most of whom had nothing to do with the church under investigation.⁵

What is the state's defence?... Their basic legal position is that if the State suspects that the church is not spending the money it collects from its members properly; the State, acting through the court, may come in and take ownership of all funds, and real and personal property of the church, and do with them as the State sees fit. The church, according to this viewpoint, merely holds the funds and property for the benefit of all the people of the State...Further, the attorney general contends that the church may not use these funds to defend itself from the State, because the money now belongs, not to the church, but to the State! Of

course, the church may use these funds to pay its attackers!"⁶

California insists it has the right to annually declare churches to be churches. Every church must fill out forms (which are getting longer each year and to which several churches express convictional belief that it violates their conscience) or lose their charter as a non-profit corporation. One year ago, over 60 churches in one group refused to submit the forms. According to Pastor Harry Jackson, Calvary Baptist Church, Fairfield, California, 11 churches have had their property and buildings deeded to the State for the collection of taxes. He relates the frightening experience he had when his members picked up their local newspaper to read that Calvary Baptist Church had been deeded to the State for the collection of taxes. Taxes were assessed by the county once the church lost its charter. On December 10, 1980, over 50 additional California churches were deeded to the State!

In May, 1979, representatives from the 60 churches, through California Senator H. L. Richardson, requested an opinion as to the Constitutionality of the forms. The opinion was promised within four to six weeks; however, it was not forthcoming until November, 1979, some six months later.

The churches objected to the unfavorable opinion for several reasons:

1. The opinion seeks to divide church and church school. The churches used one form because they were "used exclusively for worship," but church schools would have to use another form because they were used for education and not worship.

2. The opinion assumes churches to automatically be subject to taxes which the State, out of grace, exempts them.

3. The State is said to have the right to require that "excessive salaries shall not be paid" by the church.

4. The most terrifying part of the Attorney General's opinion is the claim that the State is "sovereign" over the church and out of the State's "bounty and gratuity" grants churches tax exemption which "when once granted may be withdrawn."

5. The opinion views the churches as charitable trusts which hold properties in trust for the State.

An example of the ridiculous requirements on one of the church forms (199 B) is seen in Part IV which requires reports from any church which has "attempted to in-

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CHURCHES ATTACKED

fluence legislation or any ballot measure." Pastor Ray Morawski, Fundamental Baptist Church, Santa Maria, California, wrote in a letter to the Franchise Tax Board, dated February 5, 1980, "Periodically I do speak out against abortion and homosexuality from my pulpit. Last year when Californians went to the polls to vote for or against the homosexuality issue, I strongly encouraged them to vote against homosexuality. Do you consider this as influencing legislation under Part IV?"

Pastor Morawski received a reply dated March 17, 1980, from Airrie Larry, Tax Auditor, of the Franchise Tax Board, stating, "The political activity disclosed in your letter of February 5, 1980, is considered influencing legislation, and you will be required to file form FTB 3509 with this office."

Failure to file 199B and other forms means "the corporate rights, powers and privileges may be suspended, or the exemption from tax may be revoked."

Four bills were introduced into the California legislature early in 1980 to correct some of these problems.

Senate Bill 1493 took away the powers of the Attorney General to go on a fishing expedition as he did with the Worldwide Church of God.

One of the strangest of coalitions formed in California to support Senate Bill 1493 introduced February 15, 1980, by State Senator Nicholas C. Petris. The bill would have repealed the section of the Nonprofit Corporations Code being used to place churches into receivership. Those speaking for S.B. 1493 included Brent Barnhart, representing the American Civil Liberties Union, Dean Kelley of the National Council of Churches Division of Law in a Free Society, Barbara Moore of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, Bill Shive of the Berkeley Interfaith Council (including Scientologists, Buddhists, and Hindus), many of the larger denominations, as well as several independent church groups. S.B. 1493 passed both houses and was signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown on September 30, 1980.

Senate Bill 1632, exempting churches from filling out the objectionable forms, passed the California Assembly 69 to 1 and the

Senate 25 to 8. It sat on Governor Brown's desk until the 30th day, when he vetoed it in spite of boxes of letters begging him to sign it. Without the veto, the bill would have passed without his signature the 31st day. Rumors say the homosexuals, abortionists, and women's libbers lobbied against the bill, although it did not affect them. Assembly Bill 2770 (the same bill as S.B. 1632) died in the Assembly for the lack of one vote. The A.C.L.U. is reported to have lobbied against 2770.

Senate Bill 1502, which would free church preschools with conviction against licensure from licensing requirements, was also defeated.

Representatives of the California Department of Social Services told pastors that the State must license any part of the church where children attend while their parents were not present on the premises. Specifically they said this included the Sunday Schools.

The November elections have caused California bureaucrats to back up slightly. The new form 199B somewhat changes the wording of the requirement to report any attempts to influence legislation. One Welfare head is now denying she said the State could license Sunday Schools, although she said it in front of numerous witnesses on more than one occasion.

After two years of negotiating, begging, explaining, attempting to pass reasonable legislation, appealing to the Attorney General, and meeting again and again with Social Services officials, the churches have no options. Their properties and buildings have been deeded to the State, banks and private individuals are considering foreclosure on the churches, new loans and expansion are out of the question — what can they do? The churches are now down to the last option — litigation in the courts to test the constitutionality of California's laws. Religious critics condemn the handful of churches making the convictional stand. These critics conveniently fill out the forms and quarterback from the grandstands.

Thank God there is CLA for these brave few to turn to. By God's grace, CLA is prepared to take the case all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

FOOTNOTES

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2 Peter 2:15-22

1. "They have forsaken the right way." — V. 15.
2. "They are wells without water," that is, they are destitute of the Holy Spirit — V. 17.
3. "They speak great swelling words of vanity," — V. 19.
4. "They promise liberty," but the end of their testimony is "bondage." V. 19.
5. Unsaved professors in the church "run after them". V. 22.

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NEW CREATURES IN CHRIST

them by rote from listening to them pray, but then they realized he did not use any of their words in his prayers. He indeed prayed from his own heart. One of his prayers was:

Amanaomen Jehovah tahassen metagh.
(Take away Lord my stony heart.)

Another prayer was:

Chechesom Jehovah kekowhogkow.
(Wash Lord my soul.)

These examples were just a taste of what God wrought in the lives of some of the Indians by the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ. There was much more to come in the ministry of Mr. Eliot in his Indian mission field, but it is wonderful to know that God can forgive sin and change the life of any sinner who will humbly bow his heart to Jesus Christ, confess his sinful condition, repent, and trust Christ

as his only Savior. Perhaps you are not a "wild savage" as some called the early Indians, but your soul is just as dark and just as lost as theirs if you are not saved. Right now, won't you come to Christ by faith and be saved and "walk in newness of life"?

Perhaps you are already professing to be a Christian. Is there evidence and fruit in your life that you are a "new creature in Christ Jesus"? Check your testimony. Be sure you have a clean, clear witness for Christ.

(Story based on information in The Day-Breaking of the Gospel with the Indians, by John Eliot, 1646. Old South Leaflets.)

FOOTNOTE

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GODLY SEED

them about Jesus, but always have a life that is consistent with the teaching. If you are going to teach them about Jesus, let them know that Jesus spoke with authority and that you speak with authority. Expect them to obey you just like you want them to obey the Lord Jesus when they come of age and go out from under the umbrella of your authority. Remember, salvation is no substitute for obedience and obedience is no substitute for salvation. We desire both for our children: faith in Christ as their own personal Savior from sin and a walk of obedience to the Word of God. As Dr. Bob, Sr. used to say to his preacher boys, "You can be saved in a moment, but it takes a lifetime to build Christian Character." If we would like to see more character in future generations of Fundamentalists, and if the Lord tarries, then we will have to build it into the children we are training today.

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