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The month of February showed an increase of 10.4% over February, 1982. This was not as good as the 12.7% increase for January, so the year-to-date increase through February, 1983 dropped one percent to 11.7%.

This is quite a bit better than the projected budget increase of seven percent, but not as much as everyone would like. March has started out better than February did, and with an apparent upturn in the U.S. economy, we are hoping for increasing figures for the next few months.

Our expenses are considerably more than income so far. Projections indicate that it will be September before income will exceed expenses, but the year should end with a small amount added to reserves.

--Leroy Neff, Treasurer

FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES

**** TO ALL U.S. CHURCH PASTORS ****

The Use of Church Codes

In order to facilitate the processing of various forms, we need all the U.S. ministers to include the church code number along with the church area name on certain forms where the church name is requested. This will greatly assist those who have to enter the information on these forms into the computer. The specific forms where the church code is needed are: Hall Rental Vouchers, Church Assistance Disbursement Vouchers, Baptism, Disfellowship, Non-Member and Reinstatement Notices along with PM Addition and Deletion forms. For most men, it may be simpler to just include the church code wherever the church name is called for.

In the February 4th PASTOR GENERAL'S REPORT, we requested the church code to be included along with the church name on all Hall Rental Vouchers. So far, only about half the forms coming in have the church code numbers on them. We realize that until the forms are revised, it will require your having to remember to include the church code along with the church name. Hopefully including the church code number will become automatic and not require much additional work.

If you do not know the church code for your church, you can find it on member listings or you can call Ministerial Services and we will be glad to provide it for you.

Your following through on this instruction will be greatly appreciated and will assist us in providing Mr. Armstrong with up-to-date information.

Special Festival Notice to Church Pastors Outside the U.S. and Canada

Mr. Herbert Armstrong has again approved the city of Jerusalem as a Feast site for 1983. Arrangements are being made for up to 600 people to observe the Feast there. In addition, optional tours are being planned to take place after the Festival.

In order to give the brethren overseas more time to plan, we are giving you the basics here to announce to your congregations, with more details to follow in the March 21 WORLDWIDE NEWS. The current prices for the Feast in Israel (including hotel accommodations, two meals per day and all tours, but not including airfare) are as follows:

Deluxe hotel:	US\$725
Superior hotel:	US\$555
Standard hotel:	US\$525

Total prices from your area will vary depending on airfare.

Optional trips:

Jordan/Petra (Sept. 30-Oct. 4)	US\$230
Greece (Sept. 30-Oct. 4)	US\$499
Vienna (Sept. 30-Oct. 4)	US\$349
Vienna (Oct. 4-Oct. 7)	US\$289

All the above prices are per person, double occupancy. Family plans are available for those with children. Also, we have booked lower-cost accommodations this year especially for those on a tighter budget.

Any members from your congregations who are interested in going to Jerusalem for the Feast must have your approval. Send a list with their names, addresses, and the number in each party to your Regional Office. That office will telex the information to Gil Tours, who will then get back in touch with the members to confirm the reservation. Thank you for your help in relaying this information.

Notice to Regional Offices: Following is the address and telex number for Gil Tours:

Gil Tours
 946 Suburban Station Building
 1617 J.F.K. Blvd.
 Philadelphia, PA 19103
 U.S.A.
 Attn: Jan Schwait

Telephone: 215-568-6655
 Telex: 845405

Appreciation for the Second Ministerial Refreshing Program

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

Greetings from France! We are now back home after the fourteenth session of the Refreshing Program.

We were so blessed to go to Pasadena for the first time in our lives! We were very impressed by the deep harmony prevailing on the campus. All is beautiful physically and spiritually, even though it is not yet perfect. The instruction was quite enriching and we found the humility and simplicity of our teachers very encouraging and inspiring to us.

The Sabbath after we returned home, the members were very eager to hear about you, God's Work and the campus. We had a lot to tell them and photos to show them. Be assured they do love you and pray for you!

Sincerely "MERCII," dear Mr. Armstrong, for all you do, and for all our God inspires you to do! We want to thank Mr. Apartian too; he gave all the French-speaking ministers a lot of his time and help, as usual. We felt as if we were kings and queens.

Jacques and Jacqueline Le Houedec

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

Thank you very much for a very refreshing thirteenth Refreshing Program. It truly is a fantastic program and we were happy to be a part of it.

Thank all the ministers who devote their time and concern for us. God is really putting us back on track, as we saw the love, cooperation, unity and concern at Headquarters.

We wouldn't have missed this thirteenth session for "all the gold in China." Every minute was so precious to us. God bless you and Headquarters very much.

Harry and Dolly Bente

Dear Mr. Tkach:

The first Refreshing Program was excellent. The second was even more excellent. I wonder what the next one is going to be like! Though I was behind the door, translating for the French-speaking ministers a good part of the time, it was still a spiritual rejuvenation to me. Thanks for allowing God to fill you with His wonderful ways.

I am convinced that if all of your staff had not played such a part in the preparation and in the giving of these lectures, praying, fasting and studying, God's glory would not have shone so much. I know a man can only accomplish what he allows God to work through him. By all these fruits, all of you had to draw close to God. So, thanks for allowing God to work through you. Thanks for making "old truths" become new and refreshing, and for your kindness and availability.

All the French ministers conveyed these same feelings to me and would like all who had a part in the program to know that. From the bottom of my heart, MERCI! MERCI! MERCI!

Bernard Hongerlout

Comments From Monthly Church Reports

AMARILLO, TX--JAMES M. O'BRIEN: The taped sermons from Mr. Armstrong have served as sobering admonitions of the reality of Biblical prophecy as opposed to the facade of the world. After Mr. Armstrong speaks, life's priorities are better adjusted. Many members have commented about the broadcasts as well. Interestingly, some of the older broadcasts have a strong appeal for our members because of their timeless value. Listening to a broadcast describing current problems that may have been recorded 25 years ago is an added impetus to listen to God's apostle.

KNOXVILLE, TN--DAVID L. ORBAN: Last month and this month we have had improved Bible study attendance--just above 50% of our average weekly Church attendance. I feel Mr. Armstrong's emphasis on the seriousness and shortness of time in which we live has stirred many to more active participation in Bible study.

WHEELING, WV--R. SHORTY FUESSEL: Individuals who had previously attended are once again returning with a renewed interest in seeking baptism, sensing the urgency of the times. Also, an increased number of longtime attending PMs are now requesting baptism.

WINCHESTER, VA--WILLIAM R. PACK: PM activity continues to run high. Of the 120 people in this congregation, 30 of them have begun attending just this past year. That is a 33% increase in just one year!

COLUMBUS (AM), OH--ROBERT DICK: We are having good, steady PM growth--and the quality of PMs is above the average of the last several years. The Church is slowly growing despite attrition due to some members moving south in search of employment.

PORTLAND (EAST), OR--BRYAN H. HOYT: PM activity has been unusually high this month. Two should be ready to be baptized next month. Brethren have been very encouraged by the growth in The PLAIN TRUTH, radio and TV. I have heard many comments from brethren on how wonderfully strong the broadcasts are.

TEXARKANA, TX--DAN WHITE: All seem to be trying harder to please God and are willing to change to do that. PM activity continues strong as people are responding very quickly to Mr. Armstrong's telecast.

RALEIGH, NC--MIKE BOOZE: In the past few months PM activity has been better than in past years. Many PMs are very anxious to have more information about the truth, but seem to lack the zeal to obey what they have learned.

--Joe Tkach, Ministerial Services

AMBASSADOR COLLEGE UPDATE

(Pasadena Campus)

On Friday, March the 4th, Mr. Armstrong gave final approval for both campuses of Ambassador College to begin working together in order to present

Handel's Messiah one year from now. We are planning to have the Big Sandy college Chorale come to Pasadena during the 1984 spring break to join the Pasadena college chorale for two performances during the Days of Unleavened Bread. The performances are scheduled for Saturday evening (Sabbath during Unleavened Bread) and the next day.

Mr. Armstrong said that he felt we should add a few voices from the local Pasadena Church choir in order to give the combined chorale a little more maturity. This should give us over 100 voices for the 1984 Spring Concert.

These two performances of the Messiah during the spring break of 1984 will make it possible for us to invite about 2,500 members and guests. We feel certain that we will fill the Auditorium for those two performances.

Mr. John Schroeder (Director of the Chorale at Pasadena) and Mr. Roger Bryant (Director of the Chorale at Big Sandy) will be working closely together in order to prepare the two chorales for these important presentations. We will be giving more details about these special performances some weeks before the scheduled dates so as many as possible can attend.

On Wednesday, March 9th, Mr. Armstrong spoke to all of the ministers and wives attending the fifteenth session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program. As usual, his address was both informative and inspiring. He spoke on the nature of God, angels, God's plan to reproduce Himself through humans and the plan of salvation--including why God is not now attempting to save the whole world. He said God first has to train many "teachers" who will, in turn, go out as spirit-composed teachers to help teach the mortal people on this earth during the soon-coming World Tomorrow (Rev. 5:10).

As Mr. Armstrong said in his message, we are so very fortunate to have been singled out by God the Father to be called into His Church and Work at this exciting, pulsating time in the history of mankind! I hope all of us find it exciting to know that the end of this chaotic civilization is near, and that the glorious, peaceful and happy wonderful World Tomorrow is just around the corner!

In closing, Mr. Armstrong mentioned he is leaving shortly for Britain and the Mideast, but hopes to be back in the United States before the Passover.

--Raymond F. McNair, Deputy Chancellor

FROM MAIL PROCESSING

"The World Tomorrow" on Radio Greatly Appreciated

Although television has become the biggest means of acquainting people with God's Work, radio is still a very important way of reaching people and providing daily spiritual food. Although it is difficult to determine the full impact of radio, at least 23,600 new people wrote or called in last year in response to the broadcast.

In addition to listeners such as truck drivers and people who work at night, the radio seems to be an especially important medium for elderly people and shut-ins. Some have indicated that the program is one of the bright spots in their day-to-day lives. In many cities the broadcast is on at a very early or late time. Yet, a number of listeners have said they make a special effort to tune in every day even if it means adjusting their sleeping habits. Following are some of their comments.

I want to thank you for your radio broadcast. I heard you for the first time only a few weeks ago, when quite by accident I tuned my radio in to WSM. I wish I had known about the program before because I think you are the most interesting educator of the Bible that I have ever heard.

Your program comes on very early in the morning here. I used to be still sleeping then, but since hearing your broadcast, I now set my alarm to wake me at four a.m. so I won't miss it. I have also subscribed to The PLAIN TRUTH magazine and have received my introductory copy. It was so interesting that I can hardly wait for the next issue.

Mrs. H.H. (Clarksville, TN)

I am a regular listener to your program which is aired on radio station WMGY here in Montgomery. My day just doesn't seem to go right if I don't get to listen to your program at the start of it. I also have talked about your program to friends who have just started to listen, and others who already listen and receive your literature.

M.R. (Montgomery, AL)

Every night at twelve o'clock on WOR, I look forward to hearing that lovely voice of yours, preaching the true Gospel of Christ. It is only you, I can truthfully say, who preaches the Gospel the way it's written in the Bible. I thank God because you have opened my eyes to the truth. I hope and pray that He will prolong your life to continue the good work you are doing. I know it must cost a lot for the booklet you sent telling of God's Work, so here is a small contribution.

N.O. (Brooklyn, NY)

I listen to you daily at 4:30 a.m. on WREC. I have had this pleasure and privilege for about two years now and certainly was glad when they moved you from late at night to the early hour when I could hear. (I have heard callers on a local talk show station tell of hearing you daily, so I know I'm not the only one.) I hope you keep this time so I can start each day with your help.

Mrs. M.B. (Memphis, TN)

I listen to you on KRAK radio in Sacramento. Monday to Friday, from 9:30 p.m. to 10:45 p.m., KRAK features religious programs. I've been listening to this station off and on for quite some time and always turned it off when religion came on, as the "ho-hum, rah-rah, yea, yea" speakers just don't impress me at all. But one night I left the radio on and heard your program. You are anything but a "ho-hum, rah-rah" speaker. It takes a lot to impress me, but I'm impressed. You've helped me to figure out some things and for this I am grateful to you and God.

V.P. (Livermore, CA)

I've only been listening to your program for a short time on our local station, WHAM, here in Rochester, New York. Oddly enough, I spent a good part of last year reading my Bible. Your program has helped me tremendously in sorting out some of the things that were confusing me and has opened up a whole new understanding of what I've been reading.

Some of the things I've heard on the program have sent shivers through me, as if it touched something deep inside. I can't tell you how much it means to finally hear what I've been searching for these past few years. I only wish it was on longer each night. Those 30 minutes seem to go by in a flash!

C.C. (Rochester, NY)

I have been listening to your radio program every night. I am very fascinated by the message you are bringing to the people. I know it is the truth. If more people would sit down and really listen to the things you say, I feel they would realize that it all makes sense.

J.S. (New York, NY)

I listen to your program most nights on station WOR at 11 o'clock. Your sermons sound sincere and knowledgeable. Being a senior citizen, I retire about that time, and your words bring comfort. Enclosed is my small gift to your ministry. You will hear from me in this manner from time to time.

V.R. (Island Park, NY)

I listen to your program each morning. It is inspiring and knowledgeable, and increases my understanding of the Bible. I am extremely happy that there's someone like you to teach such inspiring messages about the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May God be with you always, and your ministry continue.

E.J. (Nassau, Bahamas)

--Richard Rice, Mail Processing Center

ON THE WORLD SCENE

BONN ELECTIONS: KOHL WINS BIG, BUT NOISY GREENS ENTER PARLIAMENT

Washington was pleased; France breathed a sigh of relief and Moscow grumbled and warned of dire consequences. Simplified, these were the foreign reactions to the sizeable victory chalked up by Chancellor Helmut Kohl in West Germany's March 6 national elections.

With slightly over 55% of the vote, Mr. Kohl's Christian Democrats, along with their Bavarian allies, the Christian Socialists, plus the slipping Free Democrats, thus were given a considerable mandate from the West German electorate to carry out their center-right policies with regard to the economy and foreign relations.

Mr. Kohl was able to weather some bad economic news that broke on the very eve of the election--the report that a record number of West Germans (more than 2.5 million)--were out of work in the Federal Republic's worst recession to date. The chancellor convinced the voters that, being only five months in office, he was not to blame. He pointed to 13 years of what he called "mismanagement" by the previous Social Democratic-Free Democrat government.

The Social Democratic challenger, Hans-Jochen Vogel, had tried to paint Mr. Kohl as a "rocket chancellor" for his support of the 1979 NATO plan to upgrade NATO's nuclear weapons. Barring an unforeseen agreement between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, the first Pershing II and cruise missiles are due for deployment in West Germany beginning this December.

Herr Kohl was able to defuse this charge as well. He assured the voters that while he was for President Reagan's "zero-option" plan, he was not inflexible on this issue. He even told the voters on election eve he had information that the U.S. would soon introduce a "common sense" proposal on the subject.

In the end, the innate conservatism of the average West German played to Mr. Kohl's immediate advantage. Still, there are many signs that the public opinion battle in Germany over East-West relations has only just begun. Surprised by the size of the defeat of "their candidate" Mr. Vogel, the Soviet Union warned the new government in Bonn that any deployment of new American missiles on German territory would "damage the entire complex of relations"--including formidable trade ties--between Bonn and Moscow.

The biggest challenge for Mr. Kohl, however, could be from within the federal parliament in Bonn. For the first time in their brief existence, the anti-establishment, youth-oriented Green Party has secured federal representation. They won 27 seats. The Greens have promised to fight the missiles "in parliament and in the streets."

"This is going to be a very hot year," said Joachim Wernicke, scientific adviser of the Greens, shortly after the election. "There will be blockades of deployment sites. There will be blocking of U.S. military transports. There will be parliamentary and non-parliamentary action to stop the deployment."

Three West German peace movements proclaimed support of the Green cause. They promised hunger strikes and tax strikes in what one activist termed "a peaceful civil war" to blockade the missiles deployment. Thus there could be real fireworks in the Bundestag the remainder of this year, especially if Bavaria's outspoken Franz-Josef Strauss joins the Kohl cabinet, as expected. Dr. Strauss has referred to the Greens as being little but Moscow's catspaw inside West Germany, a charge the Greens vehemently reject. The Green Party, Dr. Strauss says, is like a tomato: It starts out green--but ends up red.

As we go to press, Herr Strauss is pushing hard for an important cabinet post. He would like to have the number two post, that of Foreign Minister, now occupied by Hans-Dietrich Genscher, party chairman of the Free Democrats. Strauss does have an argument. His CSU party did extremely well in Bavaria, gaining 60% of the vote, entitling the CSU to 53 seats alongside their bigger CDU sister party in Bonn. The Free Democrats (also known as the Liberals) meanwhile slumped to 37 seats from 53 in 1980. Herr Kohl would prefer to keep the controversial Strauss "back in his box" in Bavaria, to rephrase a recent comment concerning Libya's Muammar Kadafi, but the pressure is great to include Strauss in the cabinet. We should know more about this in a few days.

The Center Holds

The election proved to be a disaster for the SPD's Vogel who deemphasized heart-and-core economic matters and gambled instead on the peace (anti-weapon) issue in an attempt to win back defectors to the Greens. He lost on both counts. The voters rejected the SPD economic policy of the past decade--and the Greens got in anyway. "From Bonn Comes a Reaffirmation of the Center" is the headline of the following article in the March 10, 1983

WALL STREET JOURNAL, submitted by Josef Joffe, on leave in the U.S. from his post as senior editor of the West German weekly DIE ZEIT.

Impressive as it was, Chancellor Helmut Kohl's triumph...is perhaps less dramatic than the devastating defeat of his Social Democratic (SPD) rivals. Capturing only 38.2% of the vote, the party of Willy Brandt and Helmut Schmidt did worse than in any of the preceding five elections since 1961.... The most painful blows to the SPD were delivered in its traditional strongholds: the urban, working-class centers. The SPD even lost the state of Northrhine-Westphalia, its strongest redoubt in the industrial heartland.

The message seems clear: The "New Majority" that Party Chairman Brandt saw looming on the left is a chimera.... It didn't help to flirt with the anti-growth, anti-industry Greens while trying to mobilize the SPD's traditional blue-collar battalions among workers obsessed with snowballing unemployment....

After 13 years at the helm, the Social Democrats lost most heavily among their traditional partisans (almost all the Conservative gains came from previous SPD voters), and they still failed to keep the Greens out of parliament by veering sharply to the left. The SPD's choice for the future is as evident as it is painful. Unless the party reaffirms its commitment to growth-minded free enterprise and the Atlantic Alliance--the two pillars of the country's "unwritten constitution"--it will continue to languish in opposition for years....

The voters reaffirmed the country's unregenerate centrism by making sure that the more extreme conservative tendencies of the CDU/CSU will be nicely balanced by a strong FDP under Mr. Genscher's leadership. A few months ago, the FDP was practically dead--languishing in the two percent to three percent zone of the opinion polls. Last Sunday, the FDP captured almost seven percent of the ballots--not because the populace had suddenly rediscovered a love for the Liberals but because they alone represented a vital insurance against Franz-Josef Strauss, the gifted but unpredictable leader of the Christian Democrats' Bavarian sister party (the CSU)....

Moscow's Tactics Backfire

As the election drew nigh, West Germans, including even some Social Democratic supporters, became increasingly perturbed over heavy-handed Soviet meddling in the campaign. A Bonn government spokesman Juergen Sudhoff lambasted what he called the "massive and hitherto unprecedented manner" of Soviet interference. He specifically referred to an appeal by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko for West European nations to dissociate themselves from the American position at the Geneva arms limitation talks. He also mentioned a German-language broadcast on Radio Moscow that predicted social unrest in West Germany if Mr. Kohl won. "The grossness of this attack was striking," said Mr. Sudhoff of the German-language transmission.

"German Showdown: Reagan Sweeps, Andropov Weeps" is another March 10 WALL STREET JOURNAL headline, over an article written by Morton M. Kondracke, executive editor of the NEW REPUBLIC magazine:

The fact that according to one poll 88% of voters made their choice on economic grounds really reinforces the point [that] the Germans are comfortable enough with their NATO responsibilities to think of jobs and pocketbooks first....

The campaign also proved that Yuri Andropov isn't the sophisticated strategist he's been cracked up to be.... Mr. Andropov blew the election. He encouraged Mr. Vogel to move so far toward Moscow on Euromissile policy that the SPD lost credibility with voters. Mr. Andropov's nuclear carrots also tempted Mr. Vogel to underplay the crucial economic issue.

Then, for some reason, Mr. Andropov cut the ground from under Mr. Vogel by switching tactics, deemphasizing carrots and taking up sticks--or, rather, sledgehammers. It wasn't fully reported in the U.S., but Soviet threats against the Germans were crudely brutal. One Novosti article said that "blind faith" in the U.S. by Mr. Kohl would lead Germany to "the nuclear gallows"....

It's unlikely that Mr. Andropov has learned any lesson. The Soviets are still berating Germany. Mr. Andropov fired the Kremlin's No. 1 German expert, Valentin Fallin.... The Soviet Union well may resort to more threats and encourage German street violence to block deployment in December....

Another example of Soviet bluntness--as opposed to the more sophisticated French and American campaign involvement--was the remark by Foreign Minister Gromyko that West Germans had to make the choice of living "in a peaceful house" or of "serving the purposes of U.S. war doctrine." Tongue-in-cheek, the NATIONAL REVIEW of March 18, 1983 editorialized that "it must be said on behalf of the Soviets that they are not accustomed to running elections, and thus miss the subtleties."

Doing Battle with the "Greens"

Nevertheless, Chancellor Kohl will have his hands full the remainder of 1983, especially through what could be a "long hot summer." The following are excerpts from a March 8 WALL STREET JOURNAL article written by Gordon Crovitz, editorial page editor of the JOURNAL's new European edition. It says quite a bit about the "generation gap" in West Germany.

Reduced anxiety among the allies about continued German participation in NATO defense planning may be premature: There are signs that the public opinion battle in Germany over East-West relations has just begun....

Before the election, Mr. Vogel knew his only way to chancellorship was through the support of the Greens. This group, whose members are anti-American, anti-nuclear, anti-business and even anti-cable TV, cheered as the Soviets gave their stamp of approval to Mr. Vogel when he visited Moscow and met privately with Mr. Andropov for a couple of hours to chat about missiles.

But the hosannas Mr. Vogel earned from the Greens won't always come so easily. The Greens have read Mr. Vogel the riot act, telling him that he can count on their continued support only if

he makes "crystal clear" statements on "unconditional renunciation" of cruise and Pershing 2 missiles if the arms talks fail--no matter whose fault.

The Greens have promised hunger and tax strikes to keep U.S. missiles away. Terrorists could easily make the 60 attacks last year on U.S. bases and soldiers look like child's play. And Mr. Vogel has made it clear the SPD in opposition will stay no more than half a step to the right of the Greens....

There seems to be a generation of young Germans with whom the old arguments that appeal to Mr. Kohl's supporters aren't working Pollsters here constantly remind the parties that there is a growing bloc of voters under the age of 35 without whom the Greens couldn't have been elected to parliament. Mr. Kohl knows that this passing of generations isn't on his side....

The young leftists in the Greens who were elected to parliament aren't Berkeley-style hippies, but a mixed bag of pacifists, communists and anarchists who share little but a vague sense of being the inheritors of a sort of German romanticism and the hope for a new nationalist spirit. They talk of forests and trees, of reunifying the two Germanies as a prelude to what they refer to as "true German greatness"....

It's not surprising that a party like the Greens in Germany and their fellow travelers elsewhere in Western Europe are so appealing to the young. Such groups thrive on the political relativism that detente taught, equating the U.S. with the U.S.S.R. at every half opportunity. Even Erhard Eppler, a leading member of the SPD, argues that there's no difference between the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the U.S. war in Vietnam, that the Soviet role in propping up the military regime in Poland is the same as U.S. support for Central American countries....

If Mr. Kohl wants to start a debate about the failures of detente generally, he might begin to remind young Germans about what's happening in Afghanistan and Poland. He might even raise the issue of what evidence of chemical warfare in Southeast Asia says about the nuclear arms agreement the SPD and Greens want even at the high cost of refusing U.S. arms.

Thus, as "D (for deployment)-day" approaches, we can expect an unprecedented flurry of anti-nuclear activity throughout Western Europe, and especially the Federal Republic.

--Gene H. Hogberg, News Bureau

P.S. Pursuant to last week's report dealing with Australia, Labor Party candidate Bob Hawke emerged with an impressive victory over Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser in the March 5 elections. One of Hawke's first acts as Prime Minister was to devalue the Australian dollar by 10 percent, down to U.S. \$.855. (When the dollar became Australia's currency a few years back, I believe it was worth U.S. \$1.14.) Mr. Hawke claimed the country was in an even worse economic mess than he had thought. (It's all the other guy's fault, of course.)

--G.H.H.