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Dear Brethren:

From the weather reports we are getting here it sounds like much of the nation is experiencing the kind of rain we get here on the Pacific Coast much of the time, except the weather in some sections of the Midwest, South, and East is far worse then we get here. Flooding in the eastern sections of the United States, along with dangerous tornadoes, appears to be setting the pace for a very interesting Summer, to say the least. Right now we are experiencing our first real taste of Summer with clear skies and temperatures which may reach in the eighties today. But, we don't count on this lasting too long as rain, not sunshine, is the norm for this area. But, since this letter is not a weather report, let us get to one significant news item which recently came to light.

CURRENT EVENTS

The Spotlight, in its April 23, 1984, issue, carried a shocking report which has now been confirmed by other news sources. On April 5 the White House issued a highly classified National Security Decision Directive (NSDD) which called for the activation of ten huge prison camps to be set up for the purpose of rounding up aliens and "security suspects." This coast-to-coast operation, named "Rex 84," is to be ostensibly used for the detaining and deportation of illegal immigrants. Now, this may sound fine on the surface but there were also secret provisions included in Rex 84. Authority was given which includes the arrest of security suspects, whether they are American citizens or not. Security suspects include anyone belonging to violence-prone groups or those who "support" such groups. As the Spotlight report said, this includes someone who may be taking the wrong newsletter. People who are suspected or "potential" terrorists, subversives, and draft resisters, as well as political opponents and outspoken critics of the administration whom the administration considers dangerous, may find themselves included in these "capture and custody" measures. While the President put an OK on these measures, the plan was put on ice until the American people could be first conditioned to a "state of imminent emergency" so that they would accept these concentration camps as a solution to the problem of illegal immigrants and aliens. One source informed The Spotlight that

major organized tax resisters would be included among those bound for capture and custody. The question we need to ask ourselves is: How are we prepared to accept such an eventuality? There is a tribulation coming and something is going to precipitate it. Jesus' words, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36), could not be more appropriate in the light of this report.

PRAYER REQUESTS

[Omitted for confidentiality]

GENERAL REQUESTS

We have one request here at the office, aside from the need to be diligent in returning used tapes. This is for all of you to keep your eyes open for any significant articles in the newspapers, magazines, etc., which may be of interest. Do not worry if we receive more than one article along the same line. We can always discard extra articles. But we would like to avoid missing out on some important information which may be overlooked. We would very much appreciate your help as significant news items can be missed altogether. Include date, newspaper, publication, etc. -- all information -- to identify article.

BLESSINGS OF BRETHREN

Doug and Beckie Sheppler: Announce the birth of their baby daughter, Brianne Nicole, born April 6, weighing in at eight pounds, ten ounces. Mother and daughter are doing fine and they say Doug hasn't come down out of the clouds yet.

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FEASTS: HOLY DAYS

Pentecost: Monday, June 11 -- as previously indicated, all local areas were to make their own arrangements for Pentecost services. Times and other particulars can be announced locally.

Raymond Cole will be at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, for the AM and PM services, Monday, June 11. On the Sabbath preceding Pentecost, June 9, he will be in the Baltimore, Maryland, area. On the Sabbath following Pentecost, June 16, he will be in the Delaware Water Gap area. All necessary arrangements may be finalized.

Bryce Clark will be in Eugene for combined -- Eugene/Portland -- Pentecost services. Times and particulars will be announced locally. If anyone needs information, please call the office or ask one of us on the Sabbath preceding Pentecost.

May you all have a wonderful Feast of Pentecost. Be praying for the occasion and for one another.

TRIPS

In July Raymond Cole will be traveling to Dallas and Southern California for Sabbath services. On July 7 he will be in the Dallas, Texas, area. Mr. Wesley Winant may proceed to make necessary arrangements for the day. On July 14 he will be in the Southern California area. Messrs. Beyer and Schaer may proceed to make necessary arrangements for that area.

Schedules will be sent to Mr. Winant and Mr. Schaer. Because of convenience, Raymond Cole plans to fly into the Ontario, California, airport.

CONCLUSION

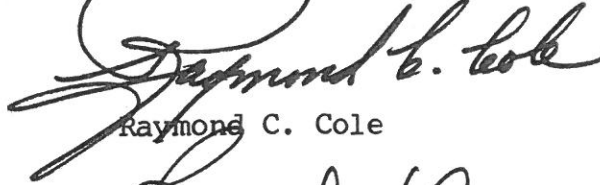
The month in which Pentecost occurs this year has come. The Fall Feasts are not far away. Each Feast reminds us not only of God's

overall Plan but of basic requirements of change and preparation for our part in that great Plan.

Please take care of yourselves, physically and spiritually. We need each other now and above all want to be together in the family of God.

Our love always. Please continue to pray for us daily. The load becomes quite heavy for the few of us here doing the serving. As God gives us the strength, we enjoy performing that service.

Most affectionately,

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