

# The Lord Has Led

A Message From R. R. Figuhr, *President of the General Conference 1954-1966*

**T**HIS fifty-first session of the General Conference is an important gathering. It could be the most important one in our denominational history. The delegates to this session have come literally from the four corners of the earth. They represent 2 million church members. These 2 million members are virtually of every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

We see here a striking fulfillment of prophecy given many centuries ago. Prophecy had indicated that a people would arise and proclaim the threefold message of Revelation 14:6-12. This message was to call attention to the judgment in session in heaven and to challenge earth's inhabitants to be loyal to God and His law.

The rise, growth, and present stability of the Advent Movement is one of the miracles of the century. Beginning in obscurity and poverty, the movement has grown to worldwide proportions, and its activities reach around the world. Nearly a century ago this statement was made by the Lord's messenger: "Our people have been regarded as too insignificant to be worthy of notice, but a change will come."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 546. We rejoice in the favorable aspects of the change that has taken place—our growth, the enlargement of our activities, and frequent favorable comments; but we must not be blind to certain perils accompanying such a change. In that same volume quoted above, we are reminded that "we are approaching stormy times." We must be prepared for stormy times.

The handful of early Advent believers had a profound conviction and a remarkable understanding of God's purpose. The subsequent years have proved their conviction and understanding correct. The remarkable fact that impresses us today is that such a rugged, diverse group, made up of individuals with strong opinions, could hold together and unitedly move

forward as they did, when other movements of the time broke up and went off in different directions. This movement did not disintegrate. It took root, grew, and gained in stability.

A person remarked a few years ago that his church and the Adventists' began about the same time. His church had 60,000 members, and the Adventists' had reached more than 1 million, with institutions and churches around the world. When asked how he explained the difference he answered that he had given some thought to the matter and had concluded that it was because the Adventist ministers were smarter than those of his church.

Adventist ministers were not smarter, but they heeded the counsels sent this people by the Lord through His messenger, Ellen G. White. As a result, the Adventist movement did not go off the track but stayed on and moved steadily forward into an ever-expanding program for God. This success should make us humble and grateful to God for His care over His church and for His guiding counsels sent through His messenger.

Now we have come to a new time. Around us are turmoil and rebellion. Elements in society are dedicated to chaos and disruption. Authority and organization are despised. The enemy of all righteousness would delight to introduce some of this same spirit into our beloved church. That he is continually trying to do so, there can be no question.

## Let Us Have Unity

But we must not let him succeed. We will not if we heed the same counsels that have so successfully guided us through past perils and have kept us together as a people. Irregularity and disorder have no place in SDA ranks. Note this inspired counsel: "Those who have the unction from on high will in all their efforts encourage order, discipline, and union of



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action, and then the angels of God can cooperate with them. But never, never will these heavenly messengers place their endorsement upon irregularity, disorganization, and disorder."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 28.

Many prayers have ascended to God on behalf of this fifty-first session. God has surely heard them and is ready at this time to do great things for His people. But His people must heed His counsel and obey His commands. Their confidence in His guidance and in the triumph of His cause must remain firm and unshaken. Words written to this people long years ago by the Lord's messenger when in number we were far fewer than we are today, are good for us to review now: "In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what God has wrought, I am filled with astonishment, and with confidence in Christ as leader. We have nothing to fear for the future except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us."—*Ibid.*, p. 31. ▲

# Program of the Session

## THURSDAY, JUNE 11

- 7:15 P.M. Songs of Praise  
 8:00 First Business Session  
 1. Hymn  
 2. Scripture Reading  
 3. Prayer  
 4. Message in Song—General Conference Laymen's Choir, "Holy, Holy Is What the Angels Sing"  
 5. Welcome by Cree Sandefur, President, Columbia Union Conference  
 6. Welcome by W. B. Quigley, President, New Jersey Conference  
 7. Mayor of Atlantic City  
 8. General Conference Theme Song "That the World May Know"—General Conference Laymen's Choir  
 9. Organization of Conference  
 10. President's Address  
 11. Adjournment to assigned rooms for selection of appointments to nominating committee  
 12. Benediction

## FRIDAY, JUNE 12

- 7:45 A.M. Song Service  
 8:00 Devotional—Fordyce Detamore  
 9:15 Business Session  
 Secretary's Report—W. R. Beach  
 Treasurer's Report—K. H. Emmerson  
 Auditor's Report—R. M. Reinhard  
 11:00 Bible Study Hour—Jean Zurcher  
 1:30 P.M. Committee  
 3:00 Business Session  
 Statistical Report—J. O. Gibson  
 Voice of Prophecy—H. M. S. Richards, Jr.  
 Andrews University—Richard Hammill  
 3:00 Junior Meeting  
 Primary Meeting  
 3:30 Kindergarten Meeting  
 4:45 Departmental Meetings  
 Preparation for the Sabbath  
 7:00 Sacred Concert  
 8:00 Sermon—C. D. Brooks

## SABBATH, JUNE 13

- 9:00 A.M. Song Service  
 9:30 Sabbath School  
 Adult, Senior Youth, Junior, Primary, Kindergarten  
 10:40 Missionary Service—A. A. Esteb  
 11:00 Sermon Hour  
 Adult—Robert H. Pierson  
 Senior Youth—Theodore Lucas  
 Junior  
 Primary  
 1:30 P.M. Sacred Concert  
 3:15 "They Go"  
 (World Mission Pageant)  
 5:00 Organ Concert  
 7:15 Songs of Praise  
 8:00 Division Reports  
 Middle East—F. C. Webster  
 South America—R. A. Wilcox

## SUNDAY, JUNE 14

- 7:45 A.M. Song Service  
 8:00 Devotional—Emilio Knechtle  
 9:15 Business Session  
 Reports of Standing Committees  
 "Church on the Go"—Departmental Reports  
 11:00 Bible Study Hour—W. R. Beach  
 1:30 P.M. Committees  
 World Work in Pictures  
*After the Monsoon* (Southern Asia)  
*Breaking the Sound Barrier* (North American Missions)

- 3:00 Business Session  
 Reports of Standing Committees  
 "Church on the Go"—Departmental Reports  
 3:00 Junior Meeting  
 Primary Meeting  
 3:30 Kindergarten Meeting  
 4:45 Departmental Meetings  
 La Voz de la Esperanza  
 7:15 Songs of Praise  
 8:00 Division Report  
 North America—Neal C. Wilson

## MONDAY, JUNE 15

- 7:45 A.M. Song Service  
 8:00 Devotional—M. K. Eckenroth  
 9:15 Business Session  
 Reports of Standing Committees  
 Ellen G. White Publications Report—A. L. White  
 Christian Record Report—C. G. Cross  
 Oakwood College Report—F. W. Hale  
 9:30 Junior Meeting  
 11:00 Bible Study Hour—H. E. Douglass  
 1:30 P.M. Committees  
 World Work in Pictures  
*Trees That Talk* (Publishing Department)  
*It Happened in Takoma Park* (Ellen G. White Publications)  
 3:00 Business Session  
 Reports of Standing Committees  
 ASI Report—C. H. Lauda  
 Harris Pine Mills Report—C. J. Nagele  
 World Foods Service Report—E. W. Howse  
 3:00 Junior Meeting  
 Primary Meeting  
 3:30 Kindergarten Meeting  
 4:45 Departmental Meetings  
 7:15 Songs of Praise  
 8:00 Division Reports  
 Northern Europe—W. Duncan Eva  
 Southern Asia—R. S. Lowry

## TUESDAY, JUNE 16

- 7:45 A.M. Song Service  
 8:00 Devotional—C. B. Rock  
 9:15 Business Session  
 Reports of Standing Committees  
 American Bible Society  
 GC Insurance Service Report—J. W. Peeke  
 Home Study Institute Report—D. W. Holbrook  
 9:30 Junior Meeting  
 11:00 Bible Study Hour—Gordon Hyde  
 1:30 P.M. Committees  
 World Work in Pictures  
*When the End Begins* (Faith for Today's Twentieth Anniversary Film)  
*Just One* (Temperance Department)  
 3:00 Business Session  
 Reports of Standing Committees  
 Student Missionary Program  
 3:00 Junior Meeting  
 Primary Meeting  
 3:30 Kindergarten Meeting  
 4:45 Departmental Meetings  
 7:15 Songs of Praise  
 8:00 Division Reports  
 Central Europe—O. Gmehling  
 Trans-Africa—M. L. Mills

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

- 7:45 A.M. Song Service  
 8:00 Devotional—H. M. S. Richards, Sr.  
 9:15 Business Session  
 Reports of Standing Committees  
 North American Missions—C. H. Lauda  
 Faith for Today—W. A. Fagal  
 9:30 Junior Meeting

- 11:00 Bible Study Hour—Wilber Alexander  
 1:30 P.M. Committees  
 World Work in Pictures  
*South America Today* (South American Division)  
*University With a Mission* (Loma Linda University)  
 3:00 Business Session  
 Reports of Standing Committees  
 International Temperance Society Report—E. H. J. Steed  
 Ministerial Association Report—N. R. Dower  
 3:00 Junior Meeting  
 Primary Meeting  
 3:30 Kindergarten Meeting  
 4:45 Departmental Meetings  
 Sermon "Home"—R. R. Bietz  
 7:15 Songs of Praise  
 8:00 Division Reports  
 Southern Europe—W. E. Murray  
 Far Eastern—P. H. Eldridge

## THURSDAY, JUNE 18

- 7:45 A.M. Song Service  
 8:00 Devotional—Kenneth H. Wood  
 9:15 Business Session  
 Reports of Standing Committees  
 Loma Linda University—D. J. Bieber  
 Trust Services—A. C. McKee  
 9:30 Junior Meeting  
 11:00 Bible Study Hour—Leslie Hardinge  
 1:30 P.M. Committees  
 World Work in Pictures  
*The Peacemakers* (Far Eastern Division)  
*Papa, Are You Going to Die From Smoking?* (It Is Written)  
 3:00 Business Session  
 Reports of Standing Committees  
 SDA Welfare Service, Inc.—W. E. Phillips  
 3:00 Junior Meeting  
 Primary Meeting  
 3:30 Kindergarten Meeting  
 4:45 Departmental Meetings  
 7:00 Sacred Concert  
 8:00 Division Reports  
 Australasia—L. C. Naden  
 Inter-America—C. L. Powers

## FRIDAY, JUNE 19

- 7:45 A.M. Song Service  
 8:00 Devotional—E. L. Minchin  
 9:15 Business Session  
 Reports of Standing Committees  
 11:00 Bible Study Hour—A. Graham Maxwell  
 1:30 P.M. Committees  
 World Work in Pictures  
*Andrews University Today and Tomorrow* (Multimedia, Andrews University)  
*The Color of Love* (Multimedia, SDA Hospital Association)  
 3:00 Business Session  
 Reports of Standing Committees  
 3:00 Junior Meeting  
 Primary Meeting  
 3:30 Kindergarten Meeting  
 Preparation for the Sabbath  
 7:00 Sacred Concert  
 8:00 Sermon—Enoch Oliveira

## SABBATH, JUNE 20

- 9:00 A.M. Song Service  
 9:30 Sabbath School  
 Adult, Senior Youth, Junior, Primary, Kindergarten  
 10:40 Missionary Service—C. E. Guenther  
 11:00 Sermon Hour  
 Adult—General Conference Secretary  
 Senior Youth—John Loor  
 Junior  
 Primary  
 1:45 P.M. Sacred Concert  
 3:15 "That the World May Know"  
 5:00 Organ Concert  
 7:00 Songs of Praise  
 7:30 Special Program—General Conference President With Division Presidents

# The General Conference Session 1970

By W. P. BRADLEY, GC Associate Secretary



The moment arrives for the opening of another session, the fifty-first, of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The place is the great auditorium of the Atlantic City Convention Hall; the time is 7:30 P.M., June 11, 1970. As

the president, standing at the microphone of the speaker's stand, declares the session officially opened, a pattern of action and movement begins to unfold, fulfilling the requirements of the General Conference Constitution and Bylaws. More than that, in a positive way it reaffirms the vigor and continuity of the church.

In the minds of most Seventh-day Adventists, the General Conference session is our greatest meeting—and we must agree that Adventists love meetings. At times a session may even seem to have all the trappings of a spectacle. But when

one notices the eager intentness of the huge audience watching a mission panorama, or sees the great hall turned into a sanctuary of worship as heads bow in supplication, or voices are lifted in soaring hymns of praise, he begins to realize that uppermost in the mind of all is the long-awaited heavenly spectacle when the redeemed will meet on the sea of glass and their harps and voices will be uplifted in joyous adoration of our Saviour.

To those searching for an understanding of what goes on in a General Conference session, at least these facets may be noted.

1. The session is first of all the church governmental machinery on the highest level set in operation to carry out the constitutional requirements that have to do with providing leadership for the church. This is not necessarily a humdrum procedure. It can provide dramatic moments when the even pace of a business session is suddenly interrupted, and the officers of the nominating committee

descend from Room 20 on the third floor to the auditorium platform to present a list of names for consideration by the delegates.

2. At the General Conference sessions the basic organizational documents of the church are brought under scrutiny to see whether there is some phrase that needs to be updated, some new church activity that should be outlined. These documents are the *Church Manual* and the *General Conference Constitution and Bylaws*, and it is only at the General Conference session that these two may be amended. Proposed changes are looked at long and hard in standing committees, distributed in written form to all delegates, and voted in an atmosphere of full, open discussion.

3. The General Conference session is a time to listen to reports of the many details of a world work. Some onlookers may get the impression that the session consists largely of reports, and reports, and reports. But out of these reports is slowly fashioned, like a mosaic,

## A Message from the General Conference President

What a meeting! Thirty thousand Seventh-day Adventists from nearly 200 countries and island groups gathered here in Atlantic City for this important General Conference session! This number, of course, is only a very small percentage of the 2 million members of the church around the world. We wish all of you back home could be with us.

We warmly welcome the delegates and friends who are with us here in Atlantic City, and we send our warmest Christian greetings to the scores of thousands who could not come. But you absent members are not forgotten. You too can attend this great session! There will be no long trip to make. You will not be required to pay hundreds of dollars for an air, bus, or train ticket. You can enjoy the session right in your own home. Our church paper—the *Review and Herald*—will do all the travel and work for you. As the daily reports reach you in your homeland you will

feel you are part of the proceedings! This is your church. We want you to know what is going on at the heart of the movement. The *Review and Herald* makes this possible.

Let us who are here make this the greatest spiritual feast ever experienced by this people. It must be! The session will be what you and I, under God, make it. Let us join the prayer groups, attend all the meetings at which we should be present. Let us talk courage, and let our testimony always be on the side of truth and triumph. Let us be reverent during services. This is the sanctuary of God during these ten days. I look forward to meeting thousands of you personally—old friends and new.

May God bless every one of you!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert A. Henson".

a total pattern of a work moving steadily forward, of new doors of opportunity entered, of the steady swell of the message advancing in country after country.

4. The session provides an opportunity for members and especially leaders to become acquainted. It brings together for a brief exposure men and women of the church who hitherto have been known only by name in the records of the work of Seventh-day Adventists. Up to that moment one knows only a name in a paper or a book, and then all at once at the session the name assumes human form and appears as a living personality, speaking, praying, or singing. This widening circle of acquaintance among Adventists from nearly 200 countries forges links of confidence among yokefellows and gives the entire organization a vivid sense of reality.

5. The sessions of the General Conference are undoubtedly one of the strongest unifying factors at work in the church, aside from the truth of the Advent message itself. The sessions result in general approval of leadership, and in agreement upon goals, objectives, and common plans, including the continuing acceptance of basic financial obligations. A session is a time when love and commitment to a cause should have the pre-eminence. It has a convincing way of establishing faith and of bringing new courage to those who are laboring in lonely, difficult fields.

6. As yet we have not touched directly upon an aspect of a General Conference session that stands out above every other feature, and that is its spiritual content. It is true that the church's business must have its time and place. But this great session of the church must not be compared to a business convention or a fraternal assembly. The delegates and visitors have come, representing every facet of the church's work—conferences, missions, institutions, and other enterprises. And every one of them comes with a heart longing for a clearer understanding of God's will, eager acceptance of the lessons He has to teach His waiting people, and a prayerful waiting for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. From the earliest years of the General Conference the sessions have been sessions of fervent revival.

#### Devotion and Prayer

This 1970 session will have several periods set apart each day for devotion, prayer, and the searching of God's Word, and for witnessing to personal experience in the things of God. It is a spiritual privilege to be present at the session; but the blessing can also reach out to God's people, numbering nearly 2 million in every church and company throughout the world.

As for the business side of a General Conference session, the *Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia* defines it as "the meeting (usually quadrennial) of delegates representing the worldwide SDA Church." Behind the concept of the General Conference and its business sessions is a philosophy of church organization, leading in a representative way from the individual church member to the session itself, a philosophy well ex-

pressed by Ellen G. White in a statement in the *Testimonies*, volume 8, pages 236 and 237: "Every member of the church has a voice in choosing officers of the church. The church chooses the officers of the state conferences. Delegates chosen by the state conferences choose the officers of the union conferences, and delegates chosen by the union conferences choose the officers of the General Conference. By this arrangement every conference, every institution, every church, and every individual, either directly or through representatives, has a voice in the election of the men who bear the chief responsibilities in the General Conference."

Seen in this light the General Conference is not something apart from the churches and conferences and union organizations, but it is the sum of all these, the uniting of all the parts in unity and cooperation in doing the work that Christ instituted His church to accomplish.

As the churches unite in the local conference (or mission) for mutual help and cooperation in service, so the conferences, grouped together, unite in the union conference (or union mission). In like manner the unions (and detached fields) in all the world are united in the General Conference organization. So says in substance the General Conference *Working Policy*, page 31.

The sessions are announced, as required by the constitution, in three issues of the *REVIEW*, appearing several months before the opening date of the session. This year this was done in the *REVIEWS* of February 19, February 26, and March 5.

#### Standing Committees

The work of the session, in the accepted Adventist way, is done through standing committees appointed in number as provided in the bylaws "as may be found necessary," including:

a. *Constitution and Bylaws*. Considers and recommends to the session appropriate revisions of the constitution and bylaws of the General Conference, and also of the General Conference Corporation. This year the corporation bylaws will need some updating to bring them into harmony with the laws of the District of Columbia governing nonprofit organizations, since the corporation is registered in the District.

b. *Credentials and Licenses*. Recommends the credentials and licenses to be issued to those elected at the session to serve on the General Conference staff during the next term of service.

c. *Finance*. Considers and recommends items of a financial nature.

d. *Nominations*. Gives study to names and recommends persons to fill all elective positions in the General Conference staff, including the division sections. The committee on nominations serves the same purpose as the corresponding committee in a local church or conference. The committee is chosen with care and balance so that each area of the world church is represented in proportion to its membership. At the 1966 session there were 129 members in the nominating committee.

e. *Plans*. Appointed to study and recommend general plans to the session.

One of its most important duties is to review carefully suggestions for revisions in the *Church Manual*, which are then voted by the entire body of delegates at the session.

The proceedings of a General Conference session are not recorded in a minute book kept in the General Conference office but are published for the entire church membership in special session numbers of the *REVIEW AND HERALD*, by request of the General Conference Executive Committee.

At a General Conference session the voters are the delegates, and they all carry credentials and wear a badge showing their status. In general the delegates represent union conferences and union missions, for the union organization is the basic building block of the General Conference. At this session some delegates are laymen; others are teachers, ministers, conference and institutional administrators, physicians, printers, and all the types of people who make up the church.

Delegates have the privilege of sitting at designated areas in the auditorium, of speaking on the floor in business sessions, of serving on committees, of making motions, and of voting on all issues. The delegates to this session number more than 1,500.

#### The Executive Committee

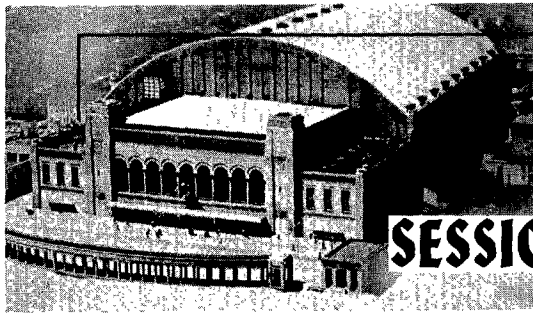
At the same time that the session is filling the leadership posts of the General Conference, it will also be setting up the General Conference Executive Committee that at the present time is made up of 308 members, 144 of whom live in North America and the remainder in other parts of the world. Between sessions this Executive Committee has full authority to carry on the work of the General Conference within the constitutional provisions. There is never a time when the General Conference is without a government.

Another normal function of the General Conference sessions is to change the boundaries of divisions. This is done in instances where boundaries of nations have been moved or where a better alignment of countries within a division can be drawn up.

Having surveyed all of these various aspects of a General Conference session, when all is said and done we come back to the underlying purpose of all this activity, and it is embraced in the constitution of the General Conference in Article II—Object: "The object of this Conference is to teach all nations the everlasting gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and the commandments of God."

That object is sweeping and all inclusive. It challenges a lost, rebellious world and proposes before Jesus comes to teach to all who will listen in that world God's last gospel message. A well-structured organization is essential to accomplish that task, but more than this is needed—the divine power of the Holy Spirit working through every member of the church.

This is the church's true need and for this the delegates of the 1970 General Conference session will be praying.

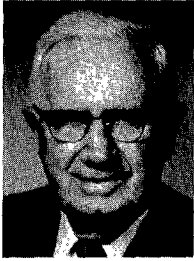


**A REPORTER'S  
IMPRESSIONS  
AS THE SESSION BEGINS**

## **SESSION HIGH LIGHTS**

### **Preview of the Fifty-first World Conference**

By **H. M. TIPPETT**



The frost of the dawn melted under the rising sun of October 22, 1844. The long-looked-for day when they expected the Lord's appearing had come to the waiting, worshipping, exulting band of Advent believers in Hiram Edson's home

at Port Gibson, New York. The cock-crowing was past, but did He not say mayhap at noontide, or even? Their voices were raised a little louder in praise and thanksgiving, for surely the One altogether lovely would reveal Himself in the glory of the noontide hour.

But the shining wheel of day moved slowly past the meridian and the long shadows of the afternoon brought the cooling breezes of eventide. The little company of watchers looked questioningly at one another, scarcely daring to voice their apprehension. But there was yet another time of hope—midnight. Crowding closely together, they prayed the more earnestly, then once more exulted in song.

They probably didn't wait for Edson's grandfather clock to strike the hour, but were out where they could scan the skies. The friendly autumn stars twinkling in the midnight blue must have seemed to mock the glistening tears in their eyes as the midnight hour passed and there was no opening of the heavens. They had exhausted the time prophecies, and the only consolation left to them was in the Master's words, "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come" (Matt. 24:42).

Some wearily stole away in deep grief to their homes. A hardy few went out to Edson's commodious barn to study and pray the night through. God's great heart of love did not forsake His faithful ones in their deep sense of loss and disappointment. And before the next morning was past, consternation gave way to an exciting new certainty. Bereft and forlorn, Hiram Edson, avoiding the road and taunts of his neighbors, took to the fields. While he stalked through the rows of corn anxiously reviewing the scriptures that had bolstered their faith, God revealed to him that their mistake had not been in the time, but in the event. The sanctuary to be cleansed was not on earth, but in heaven, and the companies of believers

were rallied around the tremendous import of that revelation.

#### **Certainties Renewed**

The certainties that unfolded following that experience form the basis of faith and assurance that has drawn thousands of believers this week to the fifty-first General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at Atlantic City, New Jersey, June 11-20.

What has brought them here? If you could have attended the inspirational sessions of the General Conference Ministerial Association that preceded the General Conference proper, you would have your answer. For the burden of the messages from workers of long leadership in the cause has been "We have been in the tarrying time long enough and the King's business requireth haste." The church is marshaling for a new advance.

The keynote address by N. R. Dower, General Conference Ministerial Association secretary, on Sunday night, June 7, was a fervent appeal for "a new repentance, a new certainty, a new morality, and a new Pentecost." God's Spirit swept across the great congregation of conference leaders, pastors, evangelists, and their wives. At its conclusion the tender strains of that lovely song "Something Within" sung by Elder Charles Brooks, moved all to new resolution, and many eyes to tears. It was a happy, heartwarming start in support of the theme for the presessions, "The Overcoming Life."

#### **Presessions Marked by Fervency**

As we moved through the program day by day, reports of which will be coming to you through the Conference Bulletins of the REVIEW AND HERALD and in other media, the spirit of the initial meeting has been sustained. The evening meetings held in the spacious main ballroom have vibrated in response to the appeals of Robert H. Pierson and Theodore Carcich, fervent amens rising from all sectors of the great audience. The morning series of sermons on "Certainties of Our Faith" presented by Edward Heppenstall, of Loma Linda University, Raoul Dederen, of Andrews University, and G. M. Hyde and W. W. Fordham, of the General Conference, were illuminating expositions of "things most surely believed," leaving no room for theological vagaries or disruptive speculations. The early morning devotionals on "The Spirit-filled Life," "The Spirit-filled Home," "The Spirit-filled Church,"

and "Newly Edged With Power," were given by R. A. Anderson, of Loma Linda University, M. C. Torkelsen, of the Central California Conference, C. E. Moseley, of the General Conference, and D. R. Watts, of the Southern Asia Division, respectively. All were stirring reviews of counsel from the Bible and the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy, accented with provocative admonitions to deeper consecration and looking forward to the latter rain for the finishing of the work.

On Tuesday morning before the breaking up of the assembly into discussion and prayer groups, Elder Dower suggested a season of silent prayer, with each one present praying for his own deepest needs. What a sight for the angels as division leaders, conference presidents, department secretaries, Bible instructors, pastors, evangelists, Bible teachers, and institutional personnel dropped upon their knees for several minutes of communion with God. The silence itself was eloquent. Angels surely drew near to carry the thousands of silent confessions, thanksgivings, petitions, and intercessions to the courts above.

#### **God's Movings Felt**

One must be convinced that there will be a great movement forward in evangelism when we find the entire church earnestly pleading like this on its knees. If we would dedicate ourselves to seek "the last, the lost, and the least" for God, preening our pride will be pathetic, clamoring for credit will seem crude, selfishness will be shameful, and vainglory will vanish away.

The same fellowship that was felt on Tuesday morning took a different form on Wednesday morning following C. E. Moseley's appeal for a Spirit-filled church. He had each one reach out to his neighbor while standing and whisper a prayer for God's infilling. My companion was a brother from the heart of Africa, and what a lovely prayer he softly spoke into my ear. Yes, God is "working salvation in the midst of the earth" and we are feeling His movings here.

A foretaste of the inspirational music we shall enjoy throughout this quadrennial conference was given to us in the singing of the "City of Light" by the King's Heralds Quartet and "An Angel Walked With Me" by Del Delker of the Voice of Prophecy, as well as by Singing Evangelist Sunny Liu and others. The great session choruses will be under the direction of Charles Keymer and Wayne Hooper, chairman and vice-chairman, respectively, of the music committee. Donald Vaughn, Brad Braley, and Van Knauss will preside at the organ. Many special church and chorus groups will be featured in the special music throughout the meetings.

#### **Facilities Impressive**

But how can we capture for you the exciting bustle and activity of a session like this? It was wonderful to sing "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" as our opening pre-session hymn, but somebody



must unload the trucks of equipment and exhibits and care for the arrangements. The plans began to be laid even before our last General Conference session in Detroit four years ago. Convention cities must be reviewed as to their facilities in convention halls, housing, offices and committee rooms, floor display space, and a hundred other details.

The main auditorium for this quadrennial session is one of the largest in the world, seating 41,000 people. If all its auxiliary halls were utilized, this convention center could seat the entire population of this metropolitan area of 70,000. It is situated immediately on the famous boardwalk, which is celebrating its one hundredth anniversary this year. Hurricanes and ocean storms have demolished it on occasion, but here and there some of the original boards are still to be found. Miles long, it is lined with concessions ministering to the world's idea of diversion, fun, and gaiety. Its patrons look with wonder and curiosity at the throngs of nonsmoking, nondrinking church people who all seem to have an astonishing acquaintance with one another.

Many of the cafés and restaurants furnish special vegetarian menu cards for the session visitors. "Atlantic City Welcomes Seventh-day Adventists" placards appear everywhere.

#### A Bustle of Industry

In the vast lower hall under the auditorium, 60 booths are being prepared to represent the kaleidoscopic interests of our worldwide work. Big trucks from conferences and institutions from all points of the compass had been standing at the unloading docks of the convention hall since Sunday. They could not be unloaded until authorized union men from the city could come Monday morning for that purpose.

There was little to see on Monday in the Exhibit Hall save huge piles of freight of all kinds in boxes of all shapes. Inscriptions were scrawled upon them, all the way from "Fragile" to "This End Up." One read "Electric Map" and another "Ship's Model." By Tuesday some of the booths were partly completed. By Wednesday artistry, ingenuity, and industry had prevailed, and many of the exhibits were in order. One of the first was that of the Voice of Prophecy with its illuminated cubes, its "phone bar," where you can hear the King's Heralds in six languages, and its model of the satellite that hopefully will soon beam the VOP messages all over the world in one simultaneous broadcast.

Of course, dominating all the exhibits is the bookstand of our three North American publishing houses. It covers nearly 4,000 square feet, has 300 feet of book-display counter, and offers bound books under 1,350 titles. Vernon Tooley, of the Review and Herald book department, is designer and manager. Across the way from this huge display is the imposing periodical exhibit. One of the placards reveals the interesting fact that 150 million sermons are preached in our total periodical circulation annually.

Aside from the many colorful mission

booths representing our worldwide division fields, there are a half hundred others featuring health, home study, Braille books for the blind, self-supporting institutions, radio and TV communication, American Bible Society, Welfare Services, education, stewardship, Missionary Volunteers, World Food Services, and every other activity we foster. The viewer cannot help marveling at the creative planning, scientific know-how, and diligent labor it took to contrive all these symbolic arrangements and visual devices.

A pleasant interlude in the Thursday program was provided by the marriage of Charles M. Willis, associate manager of the periodical department of the Southern Publishing Association, to Mrs. Ruth Hannum, of the South Central Conference office, Nashville, Tennessee.

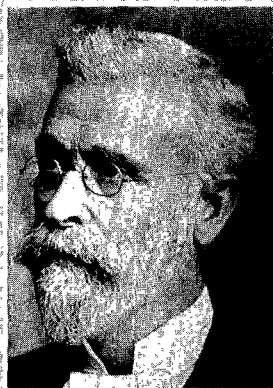
Surrounded by flashing cameras and scores of friends, they said their vows in front of the beautifully decorated carousel in the periodical department booth in the hall of exhibits, with F. L. Bland, a vice-president of the General Conference, officiating. Elder Willis' son Joe attended his father in the solemn ceremony. C. E. Dudley, president of the South Central Conference, offered the nuptial prayer. A poem entitled "One Plus One Equals

One," read by R. J. Christian, periodical department manager of the Southern Publishing Association, was sent by Telex from the office at Nashville in congratulation to the radiantly happy couple. It brought smiles and applause from the assembled guests. A long line of well-wishers offered their felicitations to Elder and Mrs. Willis.

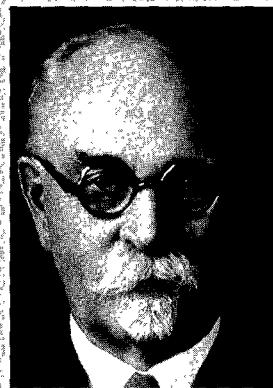
#### Food

Today in anticipation of the thousands of visitors who are streaming into the city from all points of the compass to attend the first weekend meetings of the General Conference, cafeteria service was put into operation on the Exhibit Hall floor. White-uniformed attendants were readying the 50 long tables that will seat 750 diners and, on a sort of platoon plan, serve 1,000 an hour. I chatted with C. A. Wall, director of food services at Andrews University, who has charge of the cafeteria throughout this session. He will direct the activities of the 65 workers required to prepare the food, man the serving tables, and check the trays. Two entrees, two salads, three vegetables, two desserts, rolls and butter, and two drinks will provide options for filling an appetizing tray, and the cost of each meal will

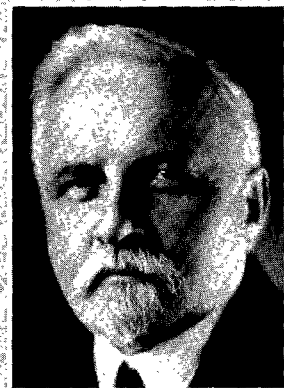
## Presidents of the General Conference From 1863 to the Present



G. A. Irwin  
1897 to 1901



A. G. Daniells  
1901 to 1922



W. A. Spicer  
1922 to 1930

be modest. Sabbath meals will be provided for tickets purchased on Friday.

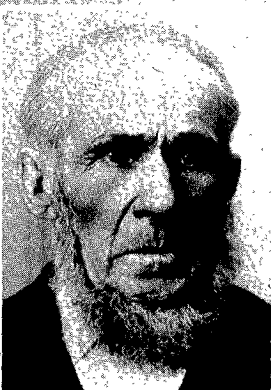
After lunch I dropped in at one of the balconies of the large auditorium to observe the preparations there. Yesterday workmen were swarming over the huge platform, which in floor space is equal to the sanctuary area of many of our city churches, busily arranging choir seats, special lighting, podiums, and microphones. The backdrop is now up, bearing the inscription of the theme of this fifty-first quadrennial session: "That the World May Know." Standards are now being erected to identify the various delegations that will fill nearly 1,500 seats on the main floor. More than 190 countries will be represented. Nondelegate pastors and church members from the United States and abroad will crowd the rest of the main floor and the balconies for the main meetings of the ten-day session.

As in previous General Conference sessions, the programs will be highlighted with unique personalities from all corners of the world. We list here only a few of them: Dr. Harry Miller, renowned China doctor, who has built upward of a dozen hospitals for the church in inland China; Mundshoi, a converted female witch doctor from Borneo, who will exhibit arti-

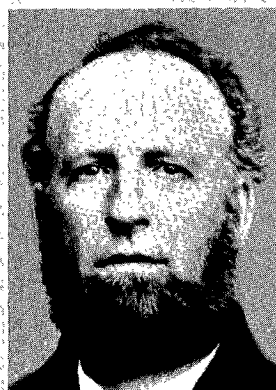
facts from the island; Samuel Karekezi, director of the Kirundu Mission in the Congo Republic, a worker among the Ituru Forest Pygmies; L. C. Robinson, president of the Tanzania Union, who speaks several languages like a native, and has slides on the warlike Masai people; Tulio Haylock, descendant of pirates in the Bay Islands of Honduras; Dr. Herald Habenicht, campaigner against drug addiction in Puerto Rico and Colombia; H. E. Lind, with many years in Trans-Africa, a storyteller unexcelled; Edwin Gomez, evangelist among the Inca Indians of Peru who murdered his father; Urbano Castillo, of Mindoro, Philippines, a dental technician who has won 1,100 people to Christ and erected 23 chapels; O. D. F. McCutcheon, president of the Coral Sea Union Mission, where launches and aircraft are the chief means of transportation in missionary activities.

Atlantic City's Convention Hall trembles with the diapason tones of the great organ in the auditorium as thousands wend their way into its spacious confines for the opening meeting of the fifty-first session of this auspicious gathering of Advent believers from all parts of the world. Other reporters must take the story on from here. From my bulging notebook I

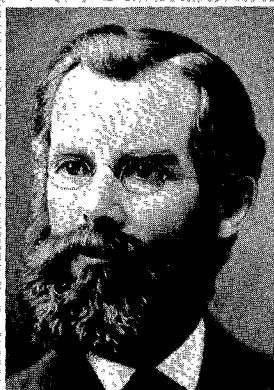
can record only fleeting impressions of interesting items that deserve a wider review. Perhaps the reader can furnish for himself the significance of these recollections that I can but put into phrases: Fervent prayers from the platform in foreign tongues—spontaneous strains of "Let Thy Spirit Fill Me" rising from the congregation as responses to earnest appeals of many speakers—admonitions to do what must be done "without delay"—the story of the REVIEW AND HERALD in dramatic dissolving pictures—the afternoon meetings for wives and mothers labeled "Adventist Woman Power"—the large New Testament in the booth of the American Bible Society written in hand-script by Adventist believers in Los Angeles churches—thrilling evening sketches on far-off lands they titled "Windows on the World"—smiles, greetings, handshakes, and embraces by friends long separated by time and geographical barriers. And the end is not yet, for we move on into ten days that will be filled with colorful pageantry, dramatic portrayals of God's advance into all the world, great messages of counsel and admonition by men who fervently feel the end is near, and music angels fain would join in singing.



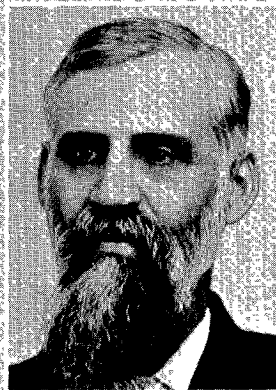
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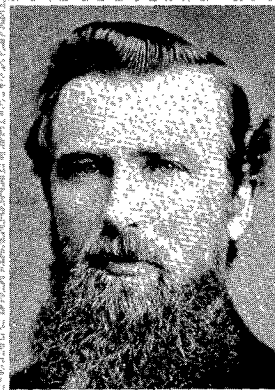
James White  
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1874 to 1880



J. N. Andrews  
1867 to 1869



George I. Butler  
1871 to 1874; 1880 to 1888



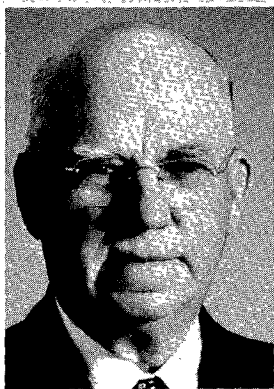
G. A. Olsen  
1888 to 1897



C. H. Watson  
1930 to 1936



J. L. McElhany  
1936 to 1950



W. H. Branson  
1950 to 1954



R. R. Figuht  
1954 to 1966



Robert H. Pierson  
1966 to —

# General Conference President

June 11, 1970

By ROBERT H. PIERSON

We do not come tonight with trumpet fanfare and blazoned banners announcing some great feats of human prowess. Rather, we come in deep humility and with heavy hearts that now, in 1970, when the work should have been finished and God's people in the kingdom, we are here in Atlantic City for another General Conference session.

What we report tonight is not the result of man's brilliant planning or performing; it is rather what God has done for His people. This report is not ours, but His. Dedicated men and women have been tools in His hands in strengthening some stakes of existing work and lengthening some cords of brave advance on new frontiers. The glory is His, not ours. We gladly credit it all to Him.

I am thankful tonight for committed colleagues in the General Conference, for dedicated leaders in the great world divisions, the unions, the local conferences and missions, the churches—pastors, administrators, office workers, department leaders, medical, educational, publishing workers, and every other category of church laborers and lay members who have made this report possible. They are the ones whom God has used.

May I pay special tribute tonight to some who do not share the limelight and receive the plaudits as frequently as some others? God has used the pastors in our churches, the evangelists in the pulpits, the half-hidden workers in the offices, in the institutions. We hear too little of these men and women of God who, at the grass roots, face the daily tasks courageously, and who under God are responsible for much of the progress of the church.

May I also speak warmly and appreciatively tonight of those silver-haired fathers and mothers in Israel who have laid so well the foundations upon which we have built during the past quadrennium? These retired workers around the world have played well their part. We wish all of them could be here in the auditorium with us tonight. Some who were with us in Detroit four years ago have gone to their rest. We miss them tonight. They shall be remembered further during our session.

The past four years have been agonizingly hectic years in many parts of the world. The 60's have been rightly described as the decade of tumult and change. During the past four or five years of this decade the world exploded over race, youth, violence, life styles, and the victims of war. One writer declares that the fabric of lawful democratic society was ripped apart during this period, that

a great sense of disillusionment settled upon large segments of the world's population. What other decade has "been so loaded with tragedy, triumph and change"? another writer asks.

Amid the outburst of raw passions, cacophonous protest and violence, bloodshed and warfare, the work of God has moved steadily forward.

## Revival and Reformation

The leaders of God's church, gathered in Takoma Park for the 1966 Autumn Council, set the stage for the present quadrennium with a worldwide call to revival and reformation, sacrifice and evangelism. This was not just a challenge to greater progress, to the attainment of new heights of endeavors. This was no promotion gimmick.

This was no emotional appeal to raise more Ingathering, bring in more tithe, build more churches, establish more schools, and open more medical units: The goal set before the international membership of the church was not to rush candidates into baptism, to set new records. The challenge was to clean up spiritually, to finish the work of God so that we might see Jesus come in our day. We have waited long enough. Our earnest prayer and heartfelt longing is "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

This was to be no flash program for a year or a quadrennium. There was an appeal for God's people to prepare for the ominous events just ahead, an appeal for an experience with our Lord enabling God to pour out His Holy Spirit in latter-rain power. Here was a challenge for workers and members alike to launch out in a great evangelistic thrust and finish the work. It is long overdue.

This program called for total mobilization of the whole church under the power of the Spirit of God in revival, reformation, and evangelism.

The most important aspect of this inreach-outreach appeal was for *a work to be done inside the church*. "This revival and reformation must involve repentance, confession, restitution, growing up in Christ, prayer, obedience, and the exercise of faith in individual Christian experience in preparation for our Lord's return." It must "begin first with the minister and . . . reach out to church officers and members, bringing with it a compelling love for souls." This new experience must come, not by committee action, but by a living, abiding relationship with Jesus.

This worldwide call to repentance and rededication did not go unheeded. Soon encouraging messages began coming in

from many lands. "The resolution for worldwide revival and reformation and evangelistic thrust has been accepted with great enthusiasm," one division president wrote a few weeks later. "Our recent division council was an echo of the experience at the Autumn Council in Takoma Park."

"We want you to know we are with you in your call for revival and reformation," another world leader wrote. "We accept the challenge of this hour and pledge our full support division-wide."

Words alone were not the only evidence that the message was getting through. News of workers' meetings characterized by a spirit of deep heart searching and Pentecostal renewal has been flowing in from many parts of the world. Letters telling of personal victory in Christian living and renewed dedication to a finished work have brought courage to our hearts as the Spirit of God works among God's people and leaders.

There is much—oh, so much—that must yet be done. The forward move is inches when we long to see miles of spiritual advance. But God's Spirit is at work, and thousands of God's children around the world are moving into line, seeking more diligently than ever before the experience of renewal that alone will prompt the outpouring of the latter rain. Brethren and sisters, pray more earnestly than you have ever prayed before that this small beginning will be nurtured and will leaven the whole church in a true spirit of revival and reformation.

## Fellowship of Prayer

If 2 million Seventh-day Adventists can be brought to their knees in earnest, intercessory prayer *something is bound to happen*. To establish such a powerhouse for the last great forward thrust to the kingdom, a worldwide fellowship of prayer has been in operation most of the past four years.

Each morning in our General Conference office we pray for people by name. Each day we select several categories of workers and laymen who are the subject of our earnest petitions. Also included in the prayer season are special requests that began flowing in soon after the plan was initiated. Prayer for the sick, the sorrowing, the erring, the distressed, the tempted, the needy, has characterized our daily sessions. Hundreds of letters expressing appreciation, some telling of wonderful answers to prayer, have flooded in during the past four years. We have encouraged our divisions, our unions, our local conferences and missions, our institutions, and our members everywhere to join in this great intercessory involvement. I appeal to all of you gathered in this great auditorium tonight to join us every morning in seeking victory and blessing as we move forward together to the kingdom.

## Testimony Countdown

An arm of strength has been bared in the past two years to assist in the inreach of preparing a people for the kingdom. God laid upon the hearts of our brethren in the White Estate a program now known as Testimony Countdown—a program calling our people



everywhere to a renewed study of the precious counsel given us through the writings of Ellen G. White.

The response to this spiritual challenge was instant and electric. Churches in America and other lands have been filled with earnest seekers after truth. Publishing houses have been hard put to keep pace with renewed demands for more volumes of the *Testimonies*. I want to appeal to the leaders of God's church around the world tonight to join the ranks of the thousands who are being blessed by a renewed study of these valuable books.

### Evangelistic Outreach

The 1966 Autumn Council sent out a ringing call for worldwide evangelistic advance—a wave of “evangelism that will sweep across the world.” The resolution reads that when this is implemented, “every Adventist pulpit should reverberate with the proclamation of fundamental Bible doctrine, emphasizing the distinctive messages entrusted to the church of the remnant and enshrining Christ in the heart of each sermon.”

“No field is to be neglected.” We must reach out into the unentered lands, provinces, counties, cities, and communities. “The time for an unprecedented worldwide advance is here,” the Autumn Council appeal reads. “A larger soul-winning work must be accomplished in the great cities of the world. . . . Let every church, every conference, every union, and every division launch out by faith in setting baptismal objectives within the framework of fervent prayer and unwavering faith.” The call includes every denominational worker on every level of administration, and every church member.

Again the echoes to this call were soon heard around the world. “‘United to Evangelize’ is our motto,” one division leader wrote. “After careful prayer and study we have joined the world movement for evangelistic advance on every front.”

“We appreciate the new emphasis on every-member evangelism,” a local conference departmental secretary wrote. “I want you to know that every department with which I am connected will lend its full support.”

“I am now moving away from my smallness and making larger plans,” a pastor wrote to me. “We are making larger plans for soul winning. With my church board I am laying plans to win 200 new believers the coming year. We accept your challenge. Our watchword is Evangelism.”

Here again God has been good. Though we have nothing of which to boast, our hearts are warm with thanksgiving as we read reports from soul-winning fronts the past four years. Every division has contributed to the encouraging gains that have been made. In some lands there have been real breakthroughs—practically whole villages have been won for Christ and His last-day message. Countless other communities are calling. One division reports a 66 per cent gain in baptisms in 1969 over 1968.

Our annual gain in baptisms and profession of faith accessions doubled each

year from 1965 through 1968. We wish the total accessions to the church had doubled, but we are thankful these figures have increased from 125,322 in 1965 to 171,269 in 1969. A total of 600,553 persons were added to the world church during the past quadrennium. Our membership as of December 31, 1969, stood at 1,953,078—it is probably past the 2-million mark as we meet here tonight. These figures are but a small fraction of what they should be and a small indication of what God desires to do for us, but they are an earnest of greater days ahead when the full power of the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the world.

Our General Conference institutions have continued to play an important role in the church advance. Andrews and Loma Linda universities and Oakwood College turn out workers for the world field and committed lay members who support the church in their homelands. The Pacific Press, the Review and Herald, and the Southern Publishing Association keep an endless flow of truth-filled literature pouring forth in many languages. The Christian Record, Faith for Today, Harris Pine Mills, Riverside Sanitarium, and the Voice of Prophecy—each in its own field supports the church, preaches the Advent message, heals the sick, or encourages the blind. We owe much to these fine institutions and the committed personnel who man them. You will hear more from each of these units during the session.

### Departmental High Lights

The departments of the church have long played an important role in her advancement. Who can estimate the souls won, the backsliders restored, the spiritual help extended, the funds raised, the encouragement to young and old supplied, and the good done by our committed departmental leaders on all levels the world around? I want to pay tribute to their monumental achievements under God tonight.

Our fine General Conference department leaders will be rendering their reports in detail and will be participating in the other activities of the session, and it would be unfair for me to make inroads on their presentations. I deeply appreciate all that these men and women of God have done the past four years to advance the cause of God around the world.

### Lay Involvement

To strengthen both the inreach and the outreach of the church the past quadrennium, a number of innovations have developed. It would take hours to describe these in detail. Tonight I must rush through them quickly.

It is our desire and determination to involve our fine committed laymen more and more in the work of their church. Thousands of these stalwart men and women of God already are playing a major role in the advance of the movement. We desire that many more should be involved in the administration, the planning, and the direct action of their church.

To achieve this objective the Adventist Volunteer Service Corps has been

organized. Already an encouraging number of laymen have responded to a challenge to serve their God and their church in foreign fields, paying their own fares and working for only a nominal remuneration in many categories of church endeavor.

More laymen are serving on conference committees and institutional boards. Lay advisory committees have been recommended for all of our conferences and institutions. These have involved many more laymen. It is our studied plan to continue to increase this involvement.

### Youth Involvement

One of the greatest challenges before the church at present is to win and hold our youth. A Youth Challenge Committee, meeting early in the quadrennium, laid concrete plans to this end. The popular student missionary program has been enlarged, and the Adventist Volunteer Service Corps has been organized. A World Youth Congress, held in Zurich, Switzerland, drew some 13,000 young people from most countries of the world where our work is established.

A new youth journal was recommended and the first issues of *Insight* have been published. New Sabbath school quarterlies and lesson helps for youth have been developed and are in use.

The 1969 Autumn Council passed a resolution calling upon leaders around the world to involve our committed youth in a meaningful way in local church work—serving as church officers, on the church board, and in other key positions. Youth advisory committees in unions and conferences have been recommended, and young people are attending this session as delegates and observers. The youth must play an increasingly important role in the work of their church.

### Human Relations

Men and women professing to be the people of God, living on the brink of eternity, must have no barriers between them. Human dignity must be respected by all of us as children of the King. No nationalism, racism, tribalism—no separating “ism” of any origin—must hinder the union of God's people in these last turbulent days.

We cannot love and hate with the same heart. We cannot love brethren and sisters of another race in the mission field and mistrust and dislike those of another color in our own country. True Christian love does not work this way. The love of Christ draws men together. Christians of different ethnic backgrounds are not forced together by church membership. They must be drawn together by the tender cords of compassionate love.

The leadership of this church is committed to breaking down partitions of prejudice and hate wherever they may be found. We are committed to building bridges of understanding and love. We are planning more joint action in every possible area of denominational endeavor—evangelism, disaster relief, social action. More human-relations workshops and seminars, more pulpit exchanges, more



**Among those on the platform during the first meeting of the pastoral and evangelistic council preceding the General Conference session, were (left to right) Neal C. Wilson, vice-president of the General Conference for North America; Robert H. Pierson, president of the General Conference; N. R. Dower, secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association; and Theodore Carcich, general vice-president of the General Conference.**

joint workers' meetings are part of the program.

Seventh-day Adventists are a people who care, and whatever our ethnic background may be, it is our intention to move forward together in Caucasian and Regional Conferences in loving service for those of any race in need.

Much has been done during recent years in this field of the brotherhood of man. Much more remains to be done. The next four years must see continuing progress in this area "that the world may know" that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is truly one church made up of believers from all parts of the world.

#### Consultation on Theology and Polity

For years certain countries in Europe have been somewhat isolated from the mainstream of the church. Shortly after the last General Conference session in Detroit an organization was set up to establish closer relationships among the workers in these areas. Representatives from a number of these countries serve on this consultation. The fellowship and planning have been mutually rewarding. It is hoped the work of this body will play an increasingly important role in building up God's work in these important lands.

#### New Services

To meet the needs of an ever-expanding work a number of new departments and services have been initiated on the General Conference level. To spread the blessings of revival and material progress a *Department of Stewardship* came into existence. To tie in the 26 food factories, 41 retail stores, three cafeteria snack bars, and two laboratories around the world, a *World Foods Service* has been established. This service will distribute the blessings of the larger and stronger

plants among the weaker institutions and greatly strengthen our worldwide program.

A *Deferred Giving* program has come into being during the past few months, and already its blessing is being felt in other lands outside North America. We hope soon to have ways and means of reaching into the financial resources of some of the large foundations in North America and give them an opportunity

to assist our educational and medical institutions.

We are hopeful that a *Manpower Resource Center* will soon become a reality, facilitating the administration of the church in locating thousands of Seventh-day Adventist workers needed to staff our expanding work around the world. The General Conference has given its approval to the establishment of an "arm's length" *Research Center* that we believe can and will be a great blessing to the church leadership in collecting needed data for finding solutions to some of the problem areas of the denomination.

Your church leaders believe we should be saving money, as well as seeking to encourage members to raise more funds for various church projects. A standing committee on consolidation has been at work for some months exploring avenues for reducing overhead and building costs in an earnest endeavor to conserve both operating and capital funds. In moves toward this end the former Southern Union Bible School was consolidated with Faith for Today, and plans are being processed at present that hopefully will merge some of our Spanish publishing interests in South and Inter-America, thus reducing overhead expenses. Other plans and projects are also under study.

#### World Divisions

Each night during this great session the leaders of our world divisions will bring us reports of God's love and blessing upon their farflung areas. I am certain our hearts will be warmed and stirred as we listen to the problems, the frustrations, the triumphs, and the advance of God's work around the world. We wish to pay tribute to the thousands of men and women who serve this church outside their homelands. Some have given a veritable lifetime of service away from home and loved ones.

And so the story goes. God has been good to His people. But there is so much remaining to be done. Great unentered areas still challenge us to bring them the message. Wars, civil commotion, political ideologies, all have posed problems in various parts of the world, but God's Word moves onward.

As we face the 70's—the decade of decision—we do not know what the future holds, but we know the One who holds the future. Could it not be possible, under the blessing and the guidance of God, that the 70's may be the decade of destiny when the Lord would close accounts with earth and ring down the curtain of time and His people should see their Lord face to face?

Brethren and sisters, this is what we have been working for, praying for, longing for, for, lo, these many years. I want to challenge this worldwide church tonight not to delay the Saviour's return longer. You and I may hasten His appearing by personal revival and reformation in our own lives. May God grant that this experience may come to each of us quickly, that the latter rain may be poured out in power, the work finished, and we may all "go home." May our good Lord hasten that day!

### Direction

By JOYCE ST. CLAIR

My ship  
So long floundering  
Upon the stormy sea,  
Without hope;  
No captain to command  
And bring it safely home.

My anchor, small,  
Was cast into the storm-swept waves.  
It could not hold.  
The anger of the sea beat hard  
Upon my faithless ship.

My God!  
Help Thou Thy child  
In 'straits so grim!

And as I climbed aboard  
The stronger vessel  
And felt the anchor hold,  
I bowed my head and worshiped Him  
Who stills the waves  
And holds the anchor firm.

# Delegates to the 1970 Session

## GENERAL CONFERENCE

*Delegates at Large.*—Carson F. Adams, W. Melvin Adams, J. J. Aitken, Wesley Amundsen, G. T. Anderson, R. A. Anderson, Euel Atchley, D. H. Baasch, R. Curtis Barger, W. R. Beach, D. J. Bieber, R. R. Bietz, O. A. Blake, F. L. Bland, L. F. Bohner, W. P. Bradley, W. J. Brown, R. B. Caldwell, Carl Campbell, M. V. Campbell, Theodore Carcich, E. E. Cleveland, E. E. Cossentine, C. G. Cross, Paul DeBooy.

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K. H. W.

## PERU MEMBERS LOSE LIVES; MISSIONARIES SAFE

First reports from Peru, scene of recent devastating earthquakes, tell of widespread damage. Missionaries are reported safe, but an undetermined number of church members have lost their lives in the deadliest of earthquakes to hit Latin America.

As of June 10 there were six confirmed deaths of church members, five in Chimbote and one elsewhere. But reports are incomplete. In Huaraz, one of the hardest-hit cities, our members were inside their church building when the earthquake struck. All got out and not one member lost his life. After the quake one of the members rushed home to see how his child, left in charge of a baby-sitter, had fared. He found the child safe and his house the only one standing in the block.

In a city covered by mud slides we had only a few members.

With regular communications disrupted, this information has come to us via amateur radio. Don F. Neufeld, associate editor of the REVIEW and operator of station W3ZS, has been in touch nightly with Grover Barker, business manager of Inca Union College, who has set up radio equipment at Casma, 30 miles southeast of Chimbote, near the center of the earthquake area. Mr. Barker is working under the SAWS program.

When first contacted on June 8, Mr. Barker reported that they were feeding 3,000 people a day. Two days later he reported that through USAIDE they had been asked to feed 60,000 people for 120 days. He also reported that on June 10 they planned to drive their trucks out as far as they could go on the damaged roads and take relief supplies to surrounding areas. Thus far they had concentrated on refugees in the city. They were also awaiting helicopters, which would transport supplies into the stricken mountain areas where help is desperately needed.

Inca Union College, some 200 miles southeast of Casma, suffered minor damage, estimated at \$2,000.

Tents and blankets sent by the General Conference have arrived and have been put to use.

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