

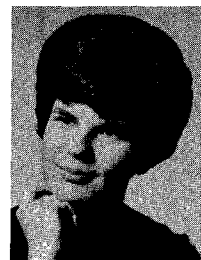
# Review

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## SESSION HIGH LIGHTS

By PAT HORNING



Like many of you experiencing General Conference from afar, I'm a newcomer to this event. Two weeks ago my previous experience with General Conference sessions consisted of a couple of Sabbaths at San Francisco conferences in 1958 and 1962.

The only clear memory I have of that last meeting was a vast throng of people all wanting to go the same place at the same time we did. And after church all I wanted was the picnic lunch I knew awaited in the car if I could only pull dad and mom away from college friends. (Sixteen-year-olds are known for always being hungry.) The Atlantic City conference will produce different kinds of memories.

For me, General Conference started last Friday night in my living room in Takoma Park. I tuned my FM radio to WGTS-FM, the voice of Columbia Union College, and listened to the one-hour broadcast from Atlantic City produced by the Adventist Radio Network (ARN). I listened to the first report of the nominating committee, heard excerpts from platform proceedings, and enjoyed a wrap-up commentary by Winton H. Beaven, president of Columbia Union College.

When I arrived in Atlantic City Tuesday evening to work for the REVIEW and HERALD staff, one of the first landmarks I located was Room 10, headquarters of the ARN, on the mezzanine directly across from the press office. I have dropped in several times since to get the real scoop on the ARN operations in Atlantic City.

### ARN Has Youthful Staff

The ARN team in Atlantic City, under the leadership of Don Dick, chairman of the communications department at Southern Missionary College, and Loren Dick-

### A REPORTER'S STORY OF FRIDAY'S HAPPENINGS

inson, chairman of the speech department at Walla Walla College, is composed of approximately 20 young broadcasters, many of them college students or recent graduates. They represent North American colleges that have radio stations: Pacific Union College, Loma Linda University, Walla Walla College, Oakwood College, Columbia Union College, Southern Missionary College, and Union College.

The nine one-hour programs they are producing are being aired by 12 stations, four of them commercial AM stations in Portland, Denver, New York, and Seattle; the other eight stations that carry the broadcast are Adventist-owned FM stations. The potential Adventist listening audience is estimated to exceed 50,000 persons, according to Dr. Dick.

To get the real flavor of the broadcast, I tiptoed into the studio about 9:15 last night and promised to use a quiet pencil if they'd let me take notes. When I ar-

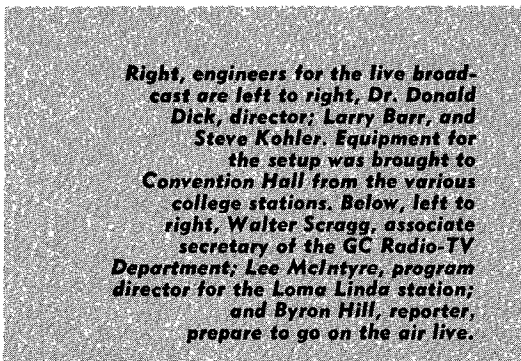
rived, a taped interview on Federal aid to Adventist education was being broadcast. A whole spectrum of opinions was expressed on that subject.

Lee McIntyre, from Loma Linda University, invited me to sit at the table where he was sharing anchor man duties with W. R. L. Scragg, associate secretary of the General Conference Radio-TV Department. Lee was explaining the proceedings to me until Elder Scragg held up his hand and said authoritatively, "Stand by."

I didn't understand the technical lingo, but I held my next question for a few seconds until Lee finished broadcasting. Then we continued with our conversation. Stand by, he informed me, means "shhhhhhh—and pronto." The mikes in the studio are turned on, and the anchor men go on the air at the cue from Dr. Dick in the adjoining soundproof control room. As the anchor men are reading, in dashes Twyla Schlotthauer, a Union College graduate, with the final script she has just finished typing.

Between "stand bys" I learned that the network has a direct line to the convention floor and can record proceedings that would be of interest to the listening public. Editors cut from these tapes portions that are used on the broadcasts.

Meanwhile, news staffers take portable tape recorders and fan out to catch interesting people on the move. When they come back with an assigned interview they edit their own tape, then turn it



*Right, engineers for the live broadcast are left to right, Dr. Donald Dick, director; Larry Barr, and Steve Kohler. Equipment for the setup was brought to Convention Hall from the various college stations. Below, left to right, Walter Scragg, associate secretary of the GC Radio-TV Department; Lee McIntyre, program director for the Loma Linda station; and Byron Hill, reporter, prepare to go on the air live.*



into News Director Ray Minner, a 1970 graduate of Southern Missionary College.

Script-writers enter the scene and write material that ties the clips together into a unified whole. Each broadcast is built around a theme. Thursday night turned the spotlight on Adventist education and featured such personalities as J. G. Smoot, vice-president for academic administration, Andrews University; and D. W. Holbrook, president of Home Study Institute. Musical numbers and excerpts from the platform presentations are interspersed.

What's the tone of the group? According to Lee, "The fun thing is that no matter how hectic it is behind the scene, the team works for a polished production on the air."

#### Relaxed Intensity

My personal impression of the staff members sitting around the studio listening to the live broadcast was an air of relaxed intensity. The anchor men sat in shirt sleeves and chatted casually until cued onto the air. Then they were all business; they sounded good, too.

At exactly 9:57 Dr. Beaven concluded his commentary, Elder Scragg came on with a late-news item about the drowning of Willy Frick, whose wife is a member of the German Manhattan church, and who was attending the session, and 9:59 the ARN signed off the air. Congratulations and handshaking erupted, and then the whole group, who had been working steadily since 8:00 A.M., tramped down the boardwalk for pizza.

After consuming pizza, I headed back to the REVIEW office to start writing my story and I saw Convention Hall in a way few delegates have observed it. Thirty-thousand plus Adventists saw it packed last Sabbath—every seat taken and standing room at a premium. But last night I rode the escalator back up to the mezzanine floor just before 11:00 P.M. An entirely different picture: Delegation standards marshaling row upon row of empty chairs, Loma Linda Foods' plastic bubbles devoid of boysenberry juice, janitors chasing the dirt left by thousands of hurrying feet. I was reminded of the theme of Wednesday night's Far Eastern Division report, "The Far East Is People." It is the people and their spirit and devotion that transform Convention Hall into the bustling brain center that is General Conference.

Thursday evening was the last night that focused on division reports. From the left balcony, I viewed movies and slides from Australasia and Inter-America and listened to brief reports from workers within those fields.

To choose one high light from an evening of high lights is difficult, but I think the report that impressed me most was from Samoa. Adventist work began there before the turn of the century with the mission ship *Pitcairn*. At the Detroit General Conference, the brethren reported a membership of 611, but last night they told of growth to 2,000 members. The density of Adventists in that territory is 1 to 8!

The film presented by the Australasian Division showed palm-fringed beaches

and modern churches, Adventist schools and food factories, mission launches and modern hospitals. The concluding musical number emphasized "When the Saints Are Gathered Home, We'll Be There."

Inter-America, the land that divides the waters from the waters, began its report with workers parading across the platform in colorful costumes. The contrasts—cities as modern as New York and villages where the clock seems to have stopped in 1529—were presented in a multimedia report, "March Into the 70's," in slides and motion pictures.

Just one report from the young people of this division. A university student in Barbados, Carlyle Baines, conducted two Voice of Youth Crusades in the past four years. Results? Fifty-three new Seventh-day Adventists! [Both reports are in Bulletin 7.]

#### Friday Morning Dawns

Atlantic City wakes up by degrees. The prowling ocean never sleeps outside our beachside hotel. I awakened early enough to rent a bicycle and join other Adventists riding and jogging down the boardwalk. I met two healthy editors "running for their lives"—Raymond Cottrell and Don Neufeld. But I missed seeing W. J. Harris, formerly associate secretary of the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference. He must have headed south.

As we turned our bikes north this morning the boardwalk was nearly vacant, and a deserted sight it was—ferris wheels idly lonesome on the million-dollar pier, shops with trinkets but no buyers, ice cream and pizza stands awaiting streams of hungry tourists.

But as we pedaled on we began to see hotels wake up, drapes pulled open, and Adventists striding toward Convention Hall. By the time we reached the north end of the boardwalk and turned our bicycles around, the walk was bustling with an unusual combination of bell-bottomed teens and Bible-carrying Adventists.

Friday—the last business day of the fifty-first General Conference—had stretched, yawned, and come fully awake.

#### An Appointment "Over There"

I felt a twinge of nostalgia at the devotional this morning as Elder E. L. Minchin, retiring at this session, presented the sermon. To many thousands in our Adventist family, his soft Australian voice and genuine Christian devotion have come to be equated with a kind of sainthood. "The Promises of God" was his topic as he assured delegates, soon to scatter to the five continents, "The living Jesus still stands in our midst. . . . He will change our little waterpots (of spiritual resources) into deep wells." Elder Minchin concluded by making an appointment with each one present to meet "over there."

One poignant moment in the morning business session. As we were paying tribute to retiring workers, Elder R. R. Bietz told what happened just before the program. He was briefing Uncle Arthur Maxwell on the schedule of events. "We are going to give corsages to the ladies," said Elder Bietz, "since your wife has passed away,

what shall we do when we come to you?"

Elder Maxwell turned to him and said, "Why don't you give me a corsage, and when I get home I will lay it on the grave of my dear companion." And so he proudly wore it on the lapel of his dark-blue suit. I met Uncle Arthur after the program and shook his hand. In the other hand he held the purple orchid, carefully wrapped in tissue paper.

The 11:00 A.M. Bible hour opened with the Southern California ministers' chorus under the direction of Lorne Jones, singing again. Their gold-ochre jackets and black trousers looked striking against the dull orange and beige curtains. A. Graham Maxwell, chairman of the Department of Religion at Loma Linda University, said, "Sometimes we Adventists are embarrassed that Jesus has not come as soon as we said He would. But the longer God waits, the more gracious He proves Himself to be." He challenged listeners by adding, "The delay does not speak well of us, but each additional day points to the infinite goodness and mercy of our heavenly Father." [His sermon appears on pages 15, 16 of this Bulletin.]

#### Snatches of This and That

If you poke around Convention Hall looking for interesting tidbits and stories, it doesn't take long to fill a notebook. Let's visit Committee Room A, directly to the left of the platform. Six IBM typewriters are kept busy by secretaries who transcribe the proceedings of all business meetings. Two of the three copies go to the long green tables in front of the platform, where the recording secretaries, associate secretaries of the General Conference, edit the material before it hits the desk of the REVIEW editor.

"How long does it take you to transcribe your five-minute belt?" I ask Mary Barger. "Well, that depends on the copy. If we have to look up a lot of names it can take quite a while. Usually the last girl has finished and the office is empty half an hour after a meeting ends."

Edna Edeburn, three-time veteran of supervising the General Conference reporters, had nothing but praise for her workers. "It's a nice group to work with. I never have to worry about their being prompt."

Curtained off from the rest of Room A is the telephone switchboard, presided over by Genevieve Melendy, Eva Mae Oliver, and Elinor Wilson. Sending telegrams and cables comes under their jurisdiction, as well as answering the five outside lines and 32 extensions within the hall. They placed overseas calls when the nominating committee needed immediate confirmation on prospective officers. Genevieve told me about a woman who called in this week. "I'm just an old shut-in" she began, "but I'd really like to talk to that Mr. Richards that's on the radio."

Anything else going on behind the gold curtains? Well, a few participants in the mission pageant changed their clothes there!

As I was dashing to the other side of the platform to check out the secretarial pool, I met B. E. Seton, secretary of the nominating committee. The committee

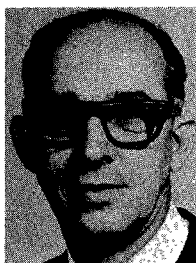
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# "Give Ye Them to Eat"

Sermon, Friday, June 19, 1970, 8:00 p.m.

By ENOCH OLIVEIRA

Secretary, South American Division



My presence in this pulpit tonight, and the presence of hundreds and thousands of ministers, doctors, teachers, institutional workers, colporteurs, and church members from all over the world is an eloquent testimony to the triumph of God's work in mission lands.

It was in 1907 that Dr. J. H. Kellogg, attracted by the pantheistic philosophy, left this prophetic movement. In his rebellion against God's church, he made the declaration which all of us know. He said, "This church will go to pieces." He predicted the failure of the work of faith that began in 1844. But in spite of being an outstanding doctor, he was a false prophet.

When he announced the coming collapse of this movement we had in my country, Brazil, about 1,000 baptized believers. Today the Adventist family in Brazil is made up of more than 150,000 believers, united in the ideals of the blessed hope.

In 1907 we had a little more than 2,000 members in all of South America. Today, by the Lord's grace, more than one quarter of a million souls have been converted by the transforming power of the third angel's message. In our last division council, held last year, we voted as our goal the ideal of 500,000 members within the church by 1975. Yes, Kellogg failed in his prediction.

In 1907 we had in the world 94,048 believers. Today this wonderful international family has about 2 million members who are working, praying, and awaiting the second coming of the Lord in glory and majesty. Again, we say, Kellogg failed in his prediction. How sure is the promise of God, "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18).

## Why Kellogg Failed

The reason why Kellogg failed in his prophecy is that this movement came into existence, not by human inspiration, but by God's will. We are in the world to fulfill a historical and prophetic mission, and in the fulfillment of this great mission an invisible and powerful hand is guiding this church through crisis to victory. Soon this prophetic movement will celebrate its final victory, and we will triumph with it, by the grace of God.

I have chosen as a theme for the mes-

sage tonight the imperative words of Jesus, "Give ye them to eat." Jesus had retired to the east side of the Tiberius Sea to rest in the company of His disciples, who had recently returned from their missionary journeys. He intended to avoid the pressure of the people and gain some leisure in a pleasant and lonesome place. However, His peaceful rest was broken by an eager multitude who came to Him, eager to see His miracles and to listen to His penetrating teachings, full of hope and faith.

According to the Gospel narrative, when Jesus saw the multitude He was "moved with compassion" (Mark 6:34). Sometimes I wonder what the eyes of Jesus were like. What color were they? Blue or brown? How were they when they looked at the sorrows of man? Full of love and compassion, we may be sure. But the important thing for us is that the eyes of Jesus look at the sinner with tenderness, mercy, sympathy, and love. He saw the multitude "and was moved with compassion."

Friends, in the Douay Version of one of the Psalms of David, we find a wonderful promise of God, "I will fix my eyes upon thee" (Ps. 31:8). It means that we are not alone. Be of good cheer, says the Lord, because My eyes are fixed upon thee. We are not forsaken, because the same eyes that looked with mercy and tenderness on the people in the wilderness are fixed with love upon us today. Augustine, the great theologian of the fifth century, had this verse written on the wall of his bedroom. In it he found cheer, hope, and comfort in the last moments of his life.

From the hillside Jesus looked upon the restless multitude, and His heart was touched at this spectacle. He did not see the people as a formless collection of bodies. The Saviour saw among them men, women, and children, with their diseases, frustrations, disappointments, and afflictions. In the midst of that great conglomeration there were those who had lost their confidence and could not hide their desperation. Jesus looked at them with tenderness and compassion and discovered their sorrows and distresses.

Spurgeon, once looked upon a vast multitude that came to the great Crystal Palace, in London, to hear his message. He was moved with compassion, and wept, touched by the great religious needs of that people.

Are we able to feel the needs of the world today? Amidst the dense shadows of sin, thousands of human beings are crying for help. Are we, by any chance, so bound by the fetters of selfishness and

so involved in personal gains and so preoccupied with the moment that we remain indifferent to their clamor?

"Men are in peril. Multitudes are perishing. But how few of the professed followers of Christ are burdened for these souls. The destiny of a world hangs in the balance; but this hardly moves even those who claim to believe the most far-reaching truth ever given to mortals. There is a lack of that love which led Christ to leave His heavenly home and take man's nature that humanity might touch humanity and draw humanity to divinity. There is a stupor, a paralysis, upon the people of God, which prevents them from understanding the duty of the hour."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 308.

Are we, ministers and church members, proclaiming the redeeming power of Christ? Or do we live in the ivory towers of our own personal matters, indifferent to the destiny of those who cry for salvation? And Jesus saw the multitude "and was moved with compassion."

According to the words of Mark, "They were as sheep not having a shepherd" (Mark 6:34). In those days the priests and the spiritual leaders of the nation were proud and corrupted. They despised the common people and neglected them.

Yes, the people had no shepherd. The empty traditionalism and the cold and formal liturgy did not satisfy the craving desires of their souls. Touched by the sad spiritual condition of the people, Jesus began to teach them the great principles of the kingdom, and the words that came from his lips brought them nearer to God. His teaching quickened within them a new life, a life that was more to them than anything else in the world.

## A Contrast of Attitudes

According to the inspired narrative, Jesus had communicated to His thoughtful audience the sublime lessons of the gospel all day long. Now the day was dying in the west. The shades of the evening were closing around them, and the disciples could not hide their apprehensions and fears. During the entire day the people had not eaten. They were hungry. They were in a solitary place far from any source of food. How could they feed so many people? How would they meet the emergency? Perturbed, they suggested, "Lord, send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat" (Mark 6:36). The behavior of the disciples is amazing and paradoxical in contrast with the attitude of Jesus. Absorbed in His labor, Jesus was concerned with the spiritual hunger of those who were perplexed and confused. As a flock without a pastor, they needed someone able to take them to the green pastures of faith and to the living waters of the gospel. However, the perturbed disciples were concerned only with the physical wants of the people.

It is true that in our day people under secularistic influences are looking only for temporal things and neglecting the vital bread of life, which nourishes and invigorates the soul. Yes, in this age of science and technology man has no time for the

spiritual things, and the result of this divorce from God can be seen in our perplexed society, shaken by all kinds of problems.

Jesus, as a diligent pastor, though concerned with the spiritual situation of His flock, was not indifferent to the physical needs of the people.

### The Significant Answer

Jesus' answer to the disciples was perplexing. "Give ye them to eat" (Matt. 14:16). Phillip, astonished, using mathematical language, said, "Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little" (John 6:7). He spoke as a businessman. With a sharp mind, he readily calculated how much it would cost to feed the people. In modern language Phillip would say, "Mr. Chairman, we have no provision in our budget to feed this multitude. We will have to wait for a special appropriation from the General Conference." Poor Phillip! He ignored the creative power of God and rested his confidence in the power of money.

It was Andrew, a man with a more practical mind, who said, "There is a young boy here who has five barley loaves and two fishes." Five loaves of barley, which was the food of the poorest of the poor, and two small, dry fish. But Andrew added, "What are they among so many?" The only solution, as far as the disciples could see, was to dismiss the people and let them find food for themselves. But this idea was in sharp contrast with the inconceivable order of Jesus, "Give ye them to eat." From the human point of view the divine mandate was unreasonable. However, He who in the beginning brought light from the darkness and from chaos brought the cosmos, could also multiply the scanty provisions to satisfy the wants of that heterogeneous multitude. The miracle was performed. A table was spread before them in the wilderness. The same God who sustained the people of Israel with manna in the wilderness, miraculously supplied the physical needs of the 5,000 men gathered in that lonesome and secluded place. We find this wonderful miracle recorded in the pages of the three synoptical gospels and also in the gospel of John. It is the only miracle of Jesus reported by the four evangelists, and in three of them we read the imperative words of Jesus, "Give ye them to eat."

### Millions Are Condemned to Starvation

We don't ignore the fact that in the contemporaneous world great masses of people are imprisoned within the merciless grip of hunger. The late Catholic writer Daniel Rops stated in one of his articles that today 350 million people are starving to death. Yes, there are in the world millions of people who are ill and underfed, who live in miserable conditions, and who have no opportunity to improve their lot. This moving reality should fill our hearts with grief and sorrow. In fact, tonight millions of people—men, women, and children,—are hold-

ing with weak and trembling hands empty plates, symbol of the misery and poverty that threatens social peace in the world. This alarming situation has been aggravated by the fantastic demographic explosion. Every second salutes the birth of two new babies, and at the end of each day, 172,800 little mouths are opened, crying, asking for food. Ayub Khan, former president of Pakistan said, "If we continue growing in present proportions, we will have nothing to eat and will return to cannibalism."

Listen, friends of mine, worse than physical hunger is the spiritual starvation foretold by Amos, the prophet of the Lord. "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord" (Amos 8:11). We can see, in our days, the partial fulfillment of these prophetic words. Large multitudes are starving without Christ, the Bread of Life. In such a time as this we hear the voice of Jesus with new and deeper meaning, "Give ye them to eat." How strong and keen should be our sympathy for those who are spiritually deprived!

### How to Do It

But we ask, How can we feed the hungry world with the living bread? Our provisions are so scant to supply the spiritual needs of the world. We could say, Lord, our resources as a church are so meager. Our budgets are so limited. We can't Lord. We just have five loaves and two fishes. But Jesus replies, "Give ye them to eat."

In our dialog with God we could say, Lord, tomorrow we are going to collect \$125 million for our missionary enterprise, but Lord, it means nothing when compared with the needs around us. But Jesus replies, "Give ye them to eat."

We could also say, Lord, we have a great worker shortage. We do not have the workers, evangelists and pastors, to minister to the needs of this troubled world. As Andrew did, we could add, Lord we have just five loaves and two fishes. Remember, my dear brethren, the sense of our insufficiency is just the beginning of the divine operation.

Jerome, the great scholar of the fifth century, allegorizing the miracle of Jesus, said that the five loaves are a symbol of the five books of Moses; and the two dry fishes are symbolic of the two laws, the ceremonial and moral laws. We don't believe in this kind of exegesis. However, we could say that the boy's simple snack represents the church's inadequacy to face the mighty challenge of the world today.

Fellow workers, church officers, and believers in the Adventist message, it was only when the boy put his poor lunch in the hands of Jesus that the surprising multiplication was performed. Let us put ourselves, our lives, and our means, in the powerful hands of God, then our eyes will be witnesses to the miracles of evangelism. Thousands of souls will be converted in one day. I am not dreaming. I am talking about realities.

Triumphs never before known in the history of God's church will be seen by our generation. I am not talking about utopias. I am talking about tangible realities. The Lord's messenger said, "I saw that this message will close with power and strength far exceeding the midnight cry."—*Early Writings*, p. 278. I believe in the promise of God. Yes, I believe that this work is going to be closed with great manifestations of God's power. The world will be illuminated by the splendor, brilliance, and glory, of our message.

### Who Has Been Forgotten?

Once, a woman was participating in the blessings of the Lord's Supper in a small church. After having passed the bread, the minister asked, "Has anyone been forgotten? Has everyone received the bread?" The woman, while praying with the bread in her hand, began to meditate on the questions the minister had asked. "Has everyone received the bread?" She remembered the multitudes that live hungry, without the living bread to fill their soul.

Yes, everywhere—in Asia, Africa, Australia, Europe, and in the lands of the Americans—there are millions who have not received the bread of life. We are debtors to the world. As the disciples in the past shared the physical bread, so we must share the celestial food with the hungry, with those who are without God and without hope in the world. "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days" (Eccl. 11:1). In this verse, we find a mandate and a promise.

### The World Is Perishing

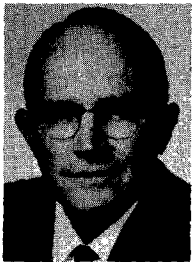
The Lord's messenger said, "The world is perishing for want of the gospel. There is a famine for the word of God. There are few who preach the word unmixed with human tradition. Though men have the Bible in their hands, they do not receive the blessing that God has placed in it for them. The Lord calls upon His servants to carry His message to the people. The word of everlasting life must be given to those who are perishing in their sins. . . . The whole world is the field for Christ's ministers. The whole human family is comprised in their congregation. The Lord desires that His word of grace shall be brought home to every soul."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, pp. 228, 229.

What a challenge! God has committed to us, custodians of the last great message of salvation, this stupendous task of giving bread to this hungry world. Time's hour is late. The days of trouble, long foretold, are upon us. Probation will soon close. The old order is passing away. What we do must be done quickly. I ask you tonight, solemnly, to pledge your best efforts in responding to the call of God. What are we doing? Almost 2,000 years have passed. However, tonight we can hear the sweet voice of Jesus saying to you and to me, "Give ye them to eat."

# The Church in a Decade of Decision

Saturday Evening Message, June 20, 1970

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What is God expecting of His church in this decade of decision—the awesome seventies? This is a good question. Each of us should ponder it prayerfully as we face the problems and the prospects of the next five years.

I suggest an answer, borrowing words from Exodus 14:15, "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward."

When those words were spoken it was a crisis hour for Israel. The people were in flight from Egyptian bondage. Now they stood at a moment of peril upon the beaches of the Red Sea. Apparent defeat was all around them, but victory and deliverance were just ahead.

God's message to His people in such an hour was "Go forward."

I believe that God is directing the same message to the Advent people today—"Go forward."

We stand today in an hour of crisis. One cannot read the papers, listen to the news, or discern what is going on about us without being convinced of this! In such an hour of peril, we too live and serve in an hour of deliverance.

This is a day when we must move forward! It must be a time of spiritual advancement and enrichment! There will be material and physical progress in this hour of advance on all fronts.

"There must be constant enlargement and progress. The work must extend from city to city, from country to country, and from nation to nation, moving continually onward and upward, established, strengthened, and settled."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 228.

We must respond and go forward!

This is a day of problems. It is like a day of great potential. The 70's are, without doubt, destined to be a decade of decision—for the world and for God's church. In such an hour what does God expect of His people? What may the world expect of a body of believers who claim to be the church of the remnant in this decade of decision?

## A Fully Committed Church

God expects and this decade demands a fully committed Seventh-day Adventist Church!

First, there must be a fully committed leadership—this includes every denominationally employed worker regardless of where he serves. Members seldom rise higher than their leaders. The church will become what we are. There must be no credibility gap. Our members know what

the black Book says. They know what the red books say. They must see no practice lag in our daily living!

Christ must be first, last, and best in everything. He cannot be merely a story-book hero. He must be a personal presence in our lives. When our members look at and listen to us they have a right to expect to see and hear Jesus!

As full-time church workers ours must be a "This one thing I do" ministry. There is no time for side lines. Ours is a full-time assignment. We dare not divide our time with secular affairs that may bring us personal profit.

Our homes, our cars, our dress, our deportment must say to all, "I truly believe Jesus is coming soon."

A sense of urgency should characterize our preaching. We are not lecturers, not psychiatrists, not newscasters, not storytellers. We are ministers of the gospel—heralds of a passion! This is not a time for tame, lifeless, pointless preaching. Our messages must be Bible-based, Christ-centered, with depth and substance. We are not only to "tell it like it is" but also as it *should* be. We deal with the here and now, as well as the there and then!

God has a right to expect a fully committed Seventh-day Adventist worker group. Repentance, revival, and reformation must begin with us!

A fully committed ministry will develop a fully committed laity. The 70's demand both! This is no day for men and women to sit complacently in the pew, unconcerned and unprepared. In the day of final judgment it will be no comfort for the lost laymen to point to a faithless shepherd. The layman also has a judgment to face, a coming Christ to meet. We all must be prepared.

Repentance, revival, and reformation is the call to denominational worker and church member alike. This decade of decision demands a fully committed Seventh-day Adventist laity. Only a revival of primitive Godliness, a true reformation, will produce such a laity.

## Fresh, Practical, Progressive Approaches

God expects and this decade of decision demands a fresh, practical, progressive approach to the problems and the prospects of the 1970's.

The year 1970 is not 1870, not 1947, not even 1967! We cannot plan nor execute as if it were! At such a time the Lord's messenger says, "New methods and new plans will spring from new circumstances."—*Ibid.*, vol. 6, p. 476.

I need not remind you that 1970 is ushering in new circumstances! Listen to these words from a recent *Time* magazine: "With surprising unanimity, sociologists

and political scientists agree that the spirit of dissent that animated and fractured the 1960's is unlikely to be contained during most of the 70's. Quite the contrary; it is more likely to expand than contract."—*Time*, Dec. 19, 1969.

The past decade was loaded with tragedy, triumph, and change. There is more of the same ahead—compounded as the months slip by.

This decade just ahead poses a tremendous challenge! Leaders of God's church on every level must possess the capacity to think big, to conceive, and to execute large and imaginative plans. We must learn from the past without being anchored to the past. We dare not become condemned to remain small by the smallness of our own thinking. Any limitations on progress in the days ahead are self-imposed, not God-imposed.

We need to restudy and re-emphasize our goals and objectives. Some methods will doubtless need adjusting. Truth never changes; plans, policies, programs do change! If a new generation comes forward with some innovations that do not tamper with the basics of the Advent message, we who are older must not feel threatened and over-react! Our objectives, our goals, must remain bright and clearly fixed in prime perspective. The truths of God's Word are constant. They will endure. Façades and formats, plans, and programs may be altered. These we must adapt to the times in which we live.

## Problems of the Church

We do well to take a look at the problems before the church at this time. They are not easy problems. They have no easy, simple answers. They will keep us both on our knees and on our toes! We must persistently and prayerfully work for solutions. In this we need your help!

First, there is the Laodicean condition of the church—we are, the Word tells us, a proud, lukewarm, satisfied people. We need humility, zeal, and concern. This is both a problem and a challenge to leader and layman alike. It is of first importance.

We must take advantage of one of the great potentials of our times—providential openings, the work of the Holy Spirit. We must likewise find ways and means of getting the message into areas long closed.

To us is committed the task of bridging many sorts of gaps—age gaps, nationalism gaps, race gaps, education gaps, gaps caused by church disunity.

In the field of education problems pertaining to the goals and cost of Christian education cry for solution.

Labor unions, government control, and outside influence are a few of the pressures felt by our medical institutions that demand attention.

Economy spending requires study. The Adventist dollar is only so large. Building and operating costs are mounting, expense of transferring workers continues to climb. Travel and hotel costs, increasing as they are, make the costs of attendance at large meetings another item of concern. We must learn to economize, as well as to increase our income.

We should take a careful look at some of our organizational problems. When our church was organized many years ago

it was small. Transportation and communications facilities were limited then. Now these pose no problem in most areas of earth. God has used developing technology to speed the finishing of His work. "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." Necessity demands new methods and broader plans.

### Something Has Been Done

During the past four years your leaders have not been unmindful of these problems and challenges. We have been working prayerfully on many of these areas. Some answers have been found. Some progress has been made as I reported on the opening evening of the session. There is still much to be done. We must move forward. We need your prayers, your understanding, your help, your loyalty. The church has faced many problems in the past; there will be more in the future. We as leaders cannot meet them alone; we need the cooperation of the entire church membership.

And so, it seems to me, God says today

as He did centuries ago, "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward."

The Lord's last-day prophet likewise counsels: "The leaders in God's cause, as wise generals, are to lay plans for advance moves all along the line."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 351.

We are to think big! plan big! live big, and expect big things from our big God! Now is the day for us to move forward as never before!

God expects and this decade of decision demands fully committed Seventh-day Adventist workers and laity as we face the tremendous challenge of the 1970's. Our objectives must remain bright and clearly fixed.

Some years ago I read these words from the pen of Dr. Frank Laubach, well-known educator and writer. What a challenge they could and should be to God's remnant people today:

"Heaven trembles lest we may prove too small, our deeds too small and too late, lest we be bound by our weak habits when God summons us to great deeds.

. . . I'm afraid of some . . . who have neither fire nor vision . . . who begin to see why this might be hard, or unprecedented, or premature if not properly surveyed, or too informal, or too big. The put-on-the-brakes type, the go-slow type . . . can ruin God's program. O ye of little faith, keep your foot off the brake. . . . Who ever heard of God holding us back? He is impatient. He weeps over us as He did over Jerusalem. We have nothing to fear but fear; we shall not fail when God is pushing us. I tell you what we need to fear, *fear the way we are now*, for we aren't good enough, hot enough, . . . daring enough, far-visionsed enough, for this splendid hour."—Quoted in R. A. ANDERSON, *The Shepherd Evangelist*, pp. 652, 653.

Brethren and sisters, this is the hour, you are God's men and women. You have the message and the promise of power. All heaven is astir with anticipation as we move into the narrows to final victory. With God's help let us move forward to the kingdom in this decade of decision!



Above: The Southern California Ministers' Chorus sang on a number of occasions. Left: Henri Lang, principal, Indian Ocean Training School, speaks of the work in his area.



From left: Pastor Kamlur (Fiji); Pastor and Mrs. Afaese (Samoa); Mrs. Kamlur; and Pastor Itaisa (Solomons) with the new Australasian Division president, R. R. Frame.



## Session High Lights

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met from 8:00 to 5:00 for six days to nominate a slate of 300 officers, but the spirit of the committee was rated "excellent" by Dr. Seton. I couldn't resist one question as I smoothed my skirt, "Dr. Seton, were there any ladies on the committee?"

He realized he'd been cornered by a feminist and grinned as he admitted, "No."

### Secretarial Pool Handles Everything

I entered the secretarial pool by the back door and first met Esther Mulholland, mimeograph operator. "How many sheets of paper have you gone through during the past ten days?" I queried.

That stumped her for a moment, but she pulled out a paper order. It totaled 34 boxes of 5,000 sheets each. She hadn't run out yet, but you can imagine that the actual total is stunning.

Betty Holbrook, assistant supervisor of the secretarial pool, had a quick reply when I fired my opening question at her, "What do your girls do?" "Ask me what they don't do!" she quipped. I discovered that any material given out on the floor passes through their hands: REVIEWS are counted and stacked according to the delegation seating, programs are typed, fliers prepared, and every recommendation must be stenciled, mimeographed, collated, and counted. They prepare agendas, officers' minutes, type letters for delegates, and answer dozens of questions for anyone who asks.

Thursday evening and Friday. Twenty-four hours threaded with news of both tragedy and triumph. One thing lessens the sorrow of the Willy Frick drowning: The day before his death he had decided to join his wife in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and the triumphal message of a Saviour who broke from the grave comforts a wife and son—and a convocation at a beachside city.



Linda, Cheree, and Sylvia, daughters of L. P. Schutter, editor of *Our Little Friend* and Primary Treasure, sing as a vocal trio.

# Proceedings of the General Conference

Fifty-first Session, June 11-20, 1970

## Fourteenth Business Meeting

June 19, 1970, 9:15 A.M.

CHAIRMAN: Robert H. Pierson.

OPENING SONG: THEME SONG, "That the World May Know."

OPENING PRAYER: Dr. A. W. Truman.

W. J. HACKETT: We have a very special service this morning—a recognition service.

[A wreath of flowers was brought onto the platform.]

The special program is to be conducted by W. R. Beach, the secretary of the General Conference during the past quadrennium. We would like to give special recognition to those who have served the denomination so well during the past four years.

W. R. BEACH: Brother Chairman, delegates, and friends, first of all this morning we wish to think of those wonderful men and women who during the past four years fell at their posts of duty—806 workers, or wives, were laid to rest. Like their predecessors down through the centuries, they fought a good fight. They have finished their course, and in the faith of the apostles, "henceforth there is laid up for" them a garland of righteousness.

Truly their deeds have been recorded in the records of the church and in our hearts, and their names have been written in gold for eternity.

I would like to read the list of those who are generally known throughout the church. [He read the names, which were listed on page 10 in Bulletin No. 2. To it should have been added, among others, the names of Mrs. E. D. Dick, Mrs V. T. Armstrong, Mrs. R. H. Nightingale, Mrs. W. A. Scharffenberg, H. L. Shull, and M. C. Warren. The name of J. Wilson Rowland inadvertently appeared as Rowland J. Wilson.]

"I saw what seemed to be a sea of glass shot with fire, and beside the sea of glass, holding the harps which God had given them, were those who had won the victory" (Rev. 15:2, N.E.B.).\* "Moreover, . . . 'Write this: "Happy are the dead who die in the faith of Christ! Henceforth," says the Spirit, "they may rest from their labours; for they take with them the record of their deeds"'" (chap. 14:13, N.E.B.).

Let us stand and bow our heads in a moment of silent recognition and honor.

SPECIAL MUSIC: The Sligo Tones (a ladies' trio, Geneva Ojala, Jean Bartling, and Esther Strickland), sang "Fill My Cup," with Don Vaughn at the organ.

W. J. HACKETT: I would like to ask Elder and Mrs. M. V. Campbell, Elder and Mrs. E. L. Minchin, and Elder and Mrs. R. S. Watts to join me here at the microphone.

[Mrs. Robert H. Pierson pinned orchids on the wives.]

ROBERT H. PIERSON: We honor our ladies here, for through our own experience, I am sure that all of us can testify that our ladies are at least 50 per cent of the team.

Many times during the course of the past few months I have said that I wish I could turn back the clock and the calendar, 10, 15, maybe 20 years and keep some of these fine, strong leaders who have meant so much to the cause of God.

This morning I want to express appreciation to those who are on the rostrum near me at this time. There are others that will make the remarks. I wish that O. Gmehling and M. Fridlin could also be here with us, for these men too should have been in this group, but are not with us at this time. However, we do not forget them. I want to pay tribute to Elder Fridlin, who has spent many years in Southern Europe, climaxing his ministry and his leadership as the president of that great division the past four years. Elder Gmehling, who has served 48 years in the cause of God, has made an unusual contribution to his church. We greatly appreciate both of these fine leaders, and we wish them God's blessing.

Elder Campbell has been one of our stalwart administrators for many years, starting out in Europe, serving here in America on different levels of administration, serving as leader of the Southern European Division, and finally climaxing his ministry as one of our vice-presidents in the General Conference. I can testify personally that Brother Campbell has been a strong, faithful, and loyal leader. We are going to miss him.

I turn to Brother and Sister Minchin this morning. Elder and Mrs. Minchin have meant a great deal to the spiritual edification of the church. Brother Minchin is one of the few among us who, although he is a trifle over 30, is still able to go to our campuses and reach our young people. I am glad that Brother Minchin has assured me that even though he may not be in regular service, he is going to continue to help us.

It was my good privilege some years ago to be closely associated with Elder Watts. He and I went into the great city of New York in radio ministry, at which time I learned to love him. A little later it was my privilege to follow in his footsteps and to build on the firm foundation that he had laid in Trans-Africa and to succeed him there as leader in that great division. Brother and Sister Watts, Brother and Sister Minchin, Brother and Sister Campbell, it is a very inadequate tribute that we pay to you this morning, but we do want you to know that your church has greatly appreciated your service, and we wish you every blessing of God.

## Final Report of Nominating Committee

At the fourteenth business meeting held Friday morning, June 19, the nominating committee placed the following persons in nomination for the offices designated:

### For the New Division

Treasurer: C. E. Schmidt.  
Lay Activities, YPMV: A. H. Brandt.

Ministerial: George Knowles.  
Publishing, Radio, Voice of Prophecy: R. H. Henning.  
Educational, Public Affairs, Public Relations: R. C. Darnell.

### Far Eastern Division

Temperance: B. G. Mary.  
Lay Activities: Clinton Shankel.

### General Conference

Associate Secretary, Sabbath School Department: H. F. Ramp-ton.

K. H. EMMERSON: At this time I would like to call on Elder and Mrs. O. A. Blake, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Phillips, and Elder and Mrs. H. L. Dyer to join me on the platform.

[Mrs. Emmerson pinned corsages on the wives.]

As Elder Pierson has stated, many times we wish that we could turn the clock back, but we know that this is impossible. Today we wish to honor and express appreciation to these families.

Elder and Mrs. H. L. Dyer have spent 36 years in God's cause. Only a few weeks ago Elder Dyer found it necessary to retire because of a health condition. His service includes 21 years in the Far Eastern Division, some of that time in internment camps in the Philippines. Brother Dyer has filled a very important post at the General Conference. He has aided in budget preparation and in the control of the accounts there. Brother Dyer, the office is going to miss you and your efficient, quiet service in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips represent 51 years of service to this church. When he began his service some of us on the platform with him this morning were not very effective in denominational service. Brother Phillips has served his church overseas, as well as in the General Conference office. If I am not mistaken, Brother Phillips holds the record for continuous service in the General Conference office. I believe he is now completing 41 years in Washington. He has served as a secretary, a cashier, an associate auditor, assistant treasurer, and the president of SAWS. Our best wishes and prayers go with the one we so affectionately know in Washington as Bill and his wife.

Elder and Mrs. O. A. Blake are finishing 44 years of service to this church.

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At every GC session there are several workers who, because of advancing years, lay down their burdens for younger men to assume. Among those honored in a special service Friday, June 19, were Elder and Mrs. W. P. Bradley (left), Elder and Mrs. Adlai Esteb (lower left), Elder and Mrs. R. S. Watts, Elder and Mrs. F. L. Minchin, and Elder and Mrs. M. V. Campbell (below).



Little did I realize in 1954 when I accepted the call to South America as treasurer of that division to succeed Brother Blake when he was called to the General Conference as undertreasurer, that I would be standing here this morning paying tribute to him and his wife for their long and unique service to this church. During 44 years of unselfish service he has filled posts such as college teacher, college business manager and president, union conference treasurer, and division treasurer. For 16 years he has been undertreasurer of the General Conference. In his quiet way Brother Blake has played a major and efficient role in the area of church finance. Elder Blake, we want you to know that our prayers and best wishes go with you and Mrs. Blake.

This morning I am constrained to pay tribute to one of my former colleagues, Elder Karl Ambs, who on Sunday, March 15, passed away while working on his retirement home in Virginia. Karl's bright humor, consecration, and devotion to God's work for more than 30 years is surely recorded in the heavenly records today. And when that day comes when there shall be no more death, tears, and sorrow, we hope to be reunited with him. Mrs. Ambs felt it was best for her to remain in Washington and not come to this session.

Once again, our very best wishes and prayers go with all of you as you continue to serve your Saviour in your retirement. [Applause.]

NEAL C. WILSON: It is my privilege, along with each of you here, to honor four outstanding men and their wives. I should like to ask Elder and Mrs. A. O. Dart, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Forshee, and Elder and Mrs. W. P. Bradley to come forward. The fourth is not here. [At this point Mrs. Neal C. Wilson pinned orchid corsages on each of the ladies.]

There are many things that could be said of each of these workers, but this morning I want to mention only a few specifics and individual characteristics. First of all I address myself to my friend, my counselor, and my traveling companion on many occasions, W. P. Bradley.

Elder and Mrs. Bradley have had a very interesting denominational period of service under many different conditions in the United States and overseas. In 1942 they left Singapore when the invading troops were only 11 miles away. They returned to the United States and have served in the General Conference for almost 30 years. There are some things that, in our minds, Elder Bradley will always be known for: his understanding and his deep insight. And he is one to whom we have looked when we wanted an interpretation of policy.

Some of you have followed Elder Bradley's column—"The King's Business," in

## On Retirement

By ADLAI A. ESTEB

I never dreamed 'twas God's design  
That someday I would thus resign.  
I never thought this hour would come  
Until the blest millennium.

While some may gum their pabulum,  
friends,

I still will work till my time ends.  
I've healthy teeth and healthy feet,  
And I expect to work my street,  
And search for ev'ry precious soul,  
For this has been my lifetime goal.

The test of life for ev'ry man—  
The acid test in heaven's plan—

Is how one works and how one lives,  
And how we use the gifts God gives.  
It's not how long, It's not how strong,  
But rather how I sing my song!  
While I still hear the drums of dawn  
You'll find Adlai still marching on!

(Indeed at three o'clock this morn  
this latest verse of mine was born.)

While I have strength I'll onward plod,  
Depending on the grace of God!  
So now we thank you, ev'ry one,  
For all your love and what you've done.  
The courage that your love imparts  
Has really touched our happy hearts.  
We'll keep these mem'ries shining bright  
Till God says, "Thirty for tonight."

June 19, 1970

Atlantic City, New Jersey

the REVIEW AND HERALD, in which he has outlined procedures of the church.

Elder and Mrs. Bradley are concluding 51 years of active service in this denomination.

This morning we have one who represents those not often mentioned, those whose pictures do not frequently appear, those who labor behind the scenes to make the General Conference office program work efficiently. I refer to the non-elected staff of the General Conference. The largest group in the General Conference office is represented by Brother and Sister C. D. Forshee. We honor them.

Elder A. O. Dart has made a name for himself in the field of education. He has given particular attention to the importance of the Adventist home. We believe that many Adventist homes have been blessed, many lives have been held together because of the counsel and guidance of Elder Dart and his wife. Elder Dart has also been a writer of several books and numerous articles, and he has edited our journal *The Adventist Home*. This morning we honor Elder and Mrs. Dart.

Elder and Mrs. I. H. Ihrig are not with us this morning. Elder Ihrig has just retired as general manager of the Southern Publishing Association. For about 11 years he has been the general manager of that institution. We wish to honor them in their absence.

W. R. BEACH: I would like to add my voice particularly concerning Elder and Mrs. Bradley. The Romans used to say of someone who stood out, "*Ecce Homo*" ("Behold the man")." In the General Conference office we call Brother and Sister Bradley Mr. and Mrs. Seventh-day Adventist. Brother Bradley is a man in whom intelligence, kindness, and skill are fused in uncommon balance. He is undaunted, energetic, and ambitious for the cause, but without pretense. He is in the world but not of the world. And gracious Mildred. Neither he nor she will fade away. They will always be in the memory of the church.

F. L. BLAND: It is our privilege this morning to honor four grand and great workers in God's church. I would like to invite to the podium Elder and Mrs. G. R. Nash and Elder and Mrs. R. L. Odom. [Mrs. Bland pinned orchids on the ladies.]

Elder and Mrs. Nash have given 43 years of service to the Adventist Church. Their 11 years at Malamulo Mission began in 1927. Then he was president of Southern Rhodesia, president of Zambesi Union, and then returned to the United States for service in various phases of the work here, coming to the General Conference, where Elder Nash served as secretary of the Sabbath School Department for 11 years.

Elder and Mrs. Robert Leo Odom have given 46 years of service to the Adventist Church. Elder Odom began as tentmaster in Alabama-Mississippi Conference in 1924. He served three years in Puerto Rico as publishing and MV secretary, two years in evangelistic work in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, one year in evangelistic work in Cumberland Conference,

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# Report of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws

AMENDED BY-LAWS OF THE  
GENERAL CONFERENCE  
CORPORATION  
OF  
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Article I

NAME: The name of this corporation is "GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS."

Article II

LOCATION: The registered and principal office of this corporation is located at 6840 Eastern Avenue, N.W., Washington, District of Columbia.

Article III

PURPOSE: The purpose for which this corporation is formed is diffusing moral and religious knowledge throughout the entire world by means of churches, organizations, publishing houses, medical and health institutions, educational institutions, publications, missionary agencies, and all other instrumentalities and methods appropriate and available for and tending to the advancement of such ends and aims. It being, however, expressly declared that this Corporation is not for personal benefit or gain to anyone but that all of its property and effects must be used and expended in carrying into effect the aims, end, and objectives of its existence.

Article IV

MEMBERSHIP:

Section I: *Members*: The members of this corporation shall be the accredited delegates of a regular or special session of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. For the purpose of membership in this corporation, these delegates shall continue in office until other accredited delegates are chosen to succeed them.

Section II: *Class of Members*: All members shall be of the same class and shall have the same rights and privileges and each member shall have one vote and only one vote on any question.

Section III: *Voting*: All votes of the members of this corporation for the deciding of any question shall ordinarily be taken viva voce.

Section IV: *Meetings*:

i. *Regular*: Regular meetings of the membership shall coincide in time and place with regular sessions of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

ii. *Special Meetings*: Special meetings of the membership may be called at any time and place by the Board of Trustees by giving reasonable notice of the time and place of said meeting.

Section V: *Quorum*: A quorum, for the purposes of a membership meeting, shall be not less than seventy-five members and shall include the President or a Vice-President, the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, and the Treasurer or an Assistant Treasurer.

Article V

TRUSTEES:

Section I: *Members*: The Board of

[At the eleventh business meeting, 3:00 P.M., June 17, the following recommendations were submitted to the delegates and approved.]

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT  
TO THE  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
GENERAL CONFERENCE  
CORPORATION OF  
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

To: The Recorder of Deeds, D.C.  
Washington, D.C.

Pursuant to the provisions of the District of Columbia Non-profit Corporation Act, the undersigned adopts the following Articles of Amendment to its Articles of Incorporation:

FIRST: The name of the corporation is: General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists.

SECOND: The following amendment of the Articles of Incorporation was adopted by the Corporation in the manner prescribed by the District of Columbia Non-profit Corporation Act:

Article II

DURATION: The term for which this corporation is organized and the duration of its existence is to be perpetual.

Article III

PURPOSE: The purpose for which this corporation is formed is diffusing moral and religious knowledge throughout the entire world by means of churches, organizations, publishing houses, medical and health institutions, educational institutions, publications, missionary agencies, and all other instrumentalities and methods appropriate and available for and tending to the advancement of such ends and aims, including but not limited to the exercising of all of the general powers granted to non-profit corporations enumerated in Section 29-1005 of the District of Columbia Non-profit Corporation Act including any subsequent amendments thereto. It being, however, expressly declared that this Corporation is not for personal benefit or gain to anyone but that all of its property and effects must be used and expended in carrying into effect the aims, end, and objectives of its existence.

Article IV

MEMBERS: The members of this corporation shall be the accredited delegates of the regular session of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. For the purpose of membership in this corporation, these delegates shall continue in office until other accredited delegates are chosen to succeed them.

QUORUM: A Quorum, for the purposes of a membership meeting, shall be not less than seventy-five members and shall include the President or a Vice-President,

the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, and the Treasurer or an Assistant Treasurer.

Article V

CLASS OF MEMBERS: All members shall be of the same class and shall have the same rights and privileges and each shall be entitled to one vote.

Article VI

TRUSTEES: The business of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Trustees composed of not less than eleven persons nor more than fifteen persons. Said Trustees shall be elected by a majority vote of the members at a regular meeting at which a quorum is present.

Article VII

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS ON DISSOLUTION: The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to the objectives for which this corporation was formed, to wit: religious purposes, and on dissolution none of its assets shall inure to the benefit of any individuals or corporation for profit, but shall be distributed to a fund or foundation or religious association or corporation whose property is dedicated to religious purposes and exempted under the Internal Revenue Code exempting associations and corporations formed for religious purposes, first preference being given to a Seventh-day Adventist non-profit organization.

Article VIII

ADDRESS: The address, including street and number of its registered office is, 6840 Eastern Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. and the name of its registered agent at such address is \_\_\_\_\_.

Article IX

TRUSTEES: The names and addresses of the Trustees who have been elected and now are and will be managing the affairs of this corporation until the next election of trustees are as follows:

Name	Address
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THIRD: The amendment was adopted in the following manner: The amendment was adopted at a meeting of the members held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 1970, at which a quorum was present, and the amendment received at least two-thirds of the votes which members present or represented by proxy at such meeting were entitled to cast.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION  
OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

By: \_\_\_\_\_, President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary

Trustees shall consist of not less than eleven or more than fifteen persons who shall be members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in good and regular standing, and shall be elected by the members of the corporation at the regular meeting, and the Trustees thus elected shall serve until authorized members are elected at the next regular session of the General Conference.

**Section II: Power and Authority:**

i. *Management:* The Trustees shall have power and authority to manage all of the affairs of this corporation and in so doing shall have the power and authority to do all things lawful, proper, and necessary, including but not limited to, the exercising of all of the general powers granted to non-profit corporations enumerated in Section 29-1005 of the District of Columbia Non-profit Corporation Act including any subsequent amendments thereto.

ii. *Election of Officers:* The Trustees shall have full power and authority to elect their officers from the members of the Board of Trustees. The officers thus to be elected shall include a president, a first, second, and third vice-president, a treasurer, two assistant treasurers, a secretary, and two assistant secretaries and any other officers proper, necessary or convenient for the transaction of business. Any member of the Board of Trustees may be elected to hold any one or more offices.

iii. *Vacancies:* The Trustees shall have power to appoint persons to fill vacancies occurring in the Board of Trustees between regular meetings of the membership and the persons thus appointed shall serve the remainder of the term of office for the vacancy they filled.

iv. *Manner of Acting:* Each Trustee shall have one vote and only one vote on any question and a majority vote of the number of Trustees present at any meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the official act of the Board of Trustees.

v. *Quorum:* A quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be not less than five members of said Board of Trustees.

vi. *Meetings:* The Board of Trustees is always in session, no adjournment ever taking place and may transact

business whenever a quorum is present.

vii. *Auditor:* The Trustees shall employ a qualified auditor to audit the books of this corporation and the treasurer shall submit an audited financial statement to the Trustees annually and at such other times as may be required.

**Article VI**

**OFFICERS:**

Section I: *Number:* The officers of this corporation shall be those above set forth in Article V, Section II, Subsection ii and such other officers as are proper, necessary or convenient for the transaction of business for this corporation and the officers elected by the Trustees in the above numbered article and paragraph shall be the officers of the corporation.

Section II: *Term of Office:* The term of office for which the officers are elected shall coincide with the term of membership as set forth in Article IV, Section I.

Section III: *Vacancies:* Trustees shall have power to appoint persons to fill vacant offices between the regular sessions and the persons thus appointed shall hold office for the unexpired term.

Section IV: *Duties:* The duties of the officers of this corporation shall be such as usually pertain to such offices respectively and such other duties as the Board of Trustees may prescribe.

Section V: *Execution of Instruments:* Deeds and other instruments of this corporation which are to be recorded shall be executed by having the seal of the corporation attached and being signed with the name of the corporation by its president or other officer and shall be acknowledged as the deed of the corporation by an attorney appointed for that purpose, by a power of attorney embodied in the deed or by one separate therefrom, under the Corporate seal, to be annexed to and recorded with the deed or other instrument. Other instruments of this corporation which need not be recorded may be executed in any manner determined by the resolution of the Board of Trustees.

**Article VII**

**AMENDMENTS:** The members of this corporation, by a majority vote of those present at any regular or special meeting, may amend or repeal these by-laws as required for the efficient and proper transaction of corporation business.

**Article VIII**

**SEAL:** The seal of this corporation shall consist of an ordinary-sized circular impression with the words "General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists" in an outer circle enclosing the word "seal" and the word "incorporated."

**GENERAL CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION**

(Added words in italics; deleted words in parentheses.)

1. That in Article III—Membership, Sec. 5 *a.* be revised as indicated:

*a.* Each union conference and each union mission shall be entitled to one delegate in addition to its president, without regard to number, an additional delegate for each local conference and each regularly organized mission in its territory without regard to number, and an additional delegate for each (2,000) \*3,000, or major fraction thereof, of the membership of the union conference or mission.

2. That Article V—Election, be revised as follows:

**Article V—Election**

Sec. 1. The following shall be elected at each regular session of the conference:

*a.* A President, Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Associate Secretaries, Division Secretaries, a Treasurer, an Undertreasurer, Assistant Treasurers, Division Treasurers, General Field Secretaries, Division Field Secretaries, a Secretary and Associate Secretaries of the Ministerial Association, an Auditor and Associate Auditors, Division Auditors, Statistical Secretary, *World Foods Service Secretary, Director of Trust Services, (Church Development Service Secretary and Associate Secretary), a Secretary and Associate Secretaries of the Bureau of Public Relations, a Secretary and Associate Secretaries of each duly organized General Conference department, namely: Publishing, (Medical) Health, Education, Sabbath School, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty, Young People's Missionary Volunteer, Lay Activities, North American Regional, Radio and Television, Temperance, Stewardship and Development; Division Departmental Secretaries (including the Health Food Department Secretary of the Australasian Division), Division Secretaries of the Bureau of Public Relations, and Division Ministerial Association Secretaries.*

*b.* Other persons, not to exceed 35 in number, to serve as members of the Executive Committee.

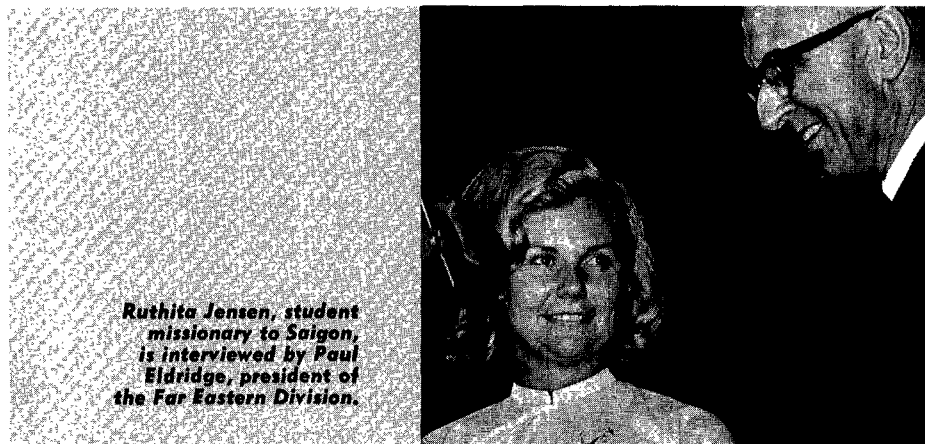
3. That in Article VI—Executive Committee, Sec. 1 be revised as follows:

Sec. 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of:

*a.* Those elected as provided by Article V.

*b.* Presidents of union conferences, presidents of union missions, ex-presidents of the General Conference holding credentials from this Conference, the presidents of the two universities, the editor of the *Review and Herald*, the general manager of the *Review and Herald Pub-*

\* At a subsequent meeting, held June 17, 2:00 P.M., this number of 3,000 was changed to 2,500.



**Ruthita Jensen, student missionary to Saigon, is interviewed by Paul Eldridge, president of the Far Eastern Division.**

lishing Association, the general manager of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, the general manager of the Southern Publishing Association, the president of the Home Study Institute, *the Executive Secretary of ASI*, and the manager of the General Conference Insurance Service.

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE BYLAWS

1. That in Article I—Division Sections, Sec. 3 be revised to read:

Sec. 3 The division section shall be known as: *Afro-West Asia Division* (Official name to be determined by division committee with the approval of the General Conference Executive Committee, as voted at the 1970 General Conference session.) (Middle East Division), Australasian Division, Central European Division, China Division, Far Eastern Division, Inter-American Division, North American Division, Northern European Division, South American Division, Southern Asia Division, Trans-Africa Division, *Trans-Mediterranean Division* (Southern European Division), Federation of Seventh-day Adventists in the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. The boundaries of these division sections shall be subject to adjustment only at the General Conference sessions, or at Autumn Council sessions, provided no divisional territorial lines shall be changed when such division is not represented at the Council by one of its executive officers, or when such division has not given consent, except under an emergency such as war; in such case the General Conference Committee shall make such provision as is necessary for the conduct of the work in the territory concerned.

2. That in Article II—Standing Committees, Sec. 2. a. be revised to read:

Sec. 2. a. The membership of the nominating committee shall consist of one member for each (12,000) \*18,000 church members or major fraction thereof, computed by divisions on the basis of the membership at the close of the preceding year; provided, however, that no division have less than two members on the nominating committee.

3. That in Article III—Vice-Presidents, Sec. 1 be revised to read:

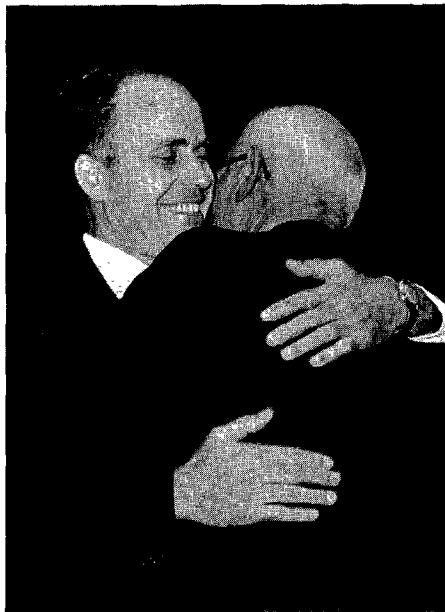
Sec. 1. Vice-Presidents shall be elected as follows: up to (four) five Vice-Presidents for general administrative work, and one additional Vice-President for each division of the General Conference.

4. That Article X—Executive Committee, Sec. 2 be expanded so as to read:

Sec. 2. a. A meeting of the Executive Committee, known as the Autumn Council, shall be held annually for the purpose of considering budgets from the fields and making appropriations, and for the transaction of other business and the adoption of such policies as may be necessary in the operation of the world-wide work.

b. *A meeting of the Executive Committee, known as the Spring Meeting shall be held annually for the purpose of receiving the audited financial reports of the General Conference, and for transacting regular executive committee business as*

\* At a subsequent meeting, held June 17, 2:00 p.m., this number of 18,000 was changed to 15,000.



**Left: A. E. Schmidt, assistant ministerial secretary of the Trans-Mediterranean Division, is embraced by W. E. Murray. Above: M. V. Campbell listens to the division report.**



**Above: Barbara Watts Nelson sings "Give Me a Vision" during the Far Eastern Division report. Right: W. A. Wild, retiring secretary of the Trans-Mediterranean (Southern European) Division, is giving his report of the division.**



*provided in the General Conference Working Policy relating to Spring Meetings.*

5. That in Article X—Executive Committee, Sec. 4 be amended to read:

Sec. 4. Any (seven) fifteen members of the Executive Committee, including an officer of the General Conference, shall, after due notice to available members, constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee and shall be empowered to transact such executive business as is in harmony with the general plans outlined by the Committee at the designated place of meeting of the Executive Committee as hereinafter provided.

6. a. That Article VIII—Undertreasurer and Assistant Treasurer be revised by deleting the word "Department" so that the article will read:

An Undertreasurer and Assistant Treasurers shall be elected to share with the Treasurer the work of his office. They shall perform such duties connected with the Treasury (Department) as may be assigned to them by the Treasurer or by

the Executive Committee. They may be authorized by the Executive Committee to sign checks under the instruction of the Treasurer.

b. That in Article XVIII—Finance, Sec. 4 be revised by deleting the word "Department" so that the paragraph will read:

Sec. 4. The tithe and mission offerings received by the General Conference shall be held as a trust for appropriation to the work of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. It shall not be within the prerogative, therefore, of the General Conference Committee, the Treasury (Department), nor of any agent or agency of the denomination, to loan these funds to private individuals to endorse notes, sign bonds or other securities, or in any other way to divert the funds of the General Conference from their intended purpose. Advances specifically authorized under regular policy, and made in order to enable workers to become located and equipped for service, are not a violation of this provision.

# OPERATION REVIEW

## When a Weekly Becomes a Daily

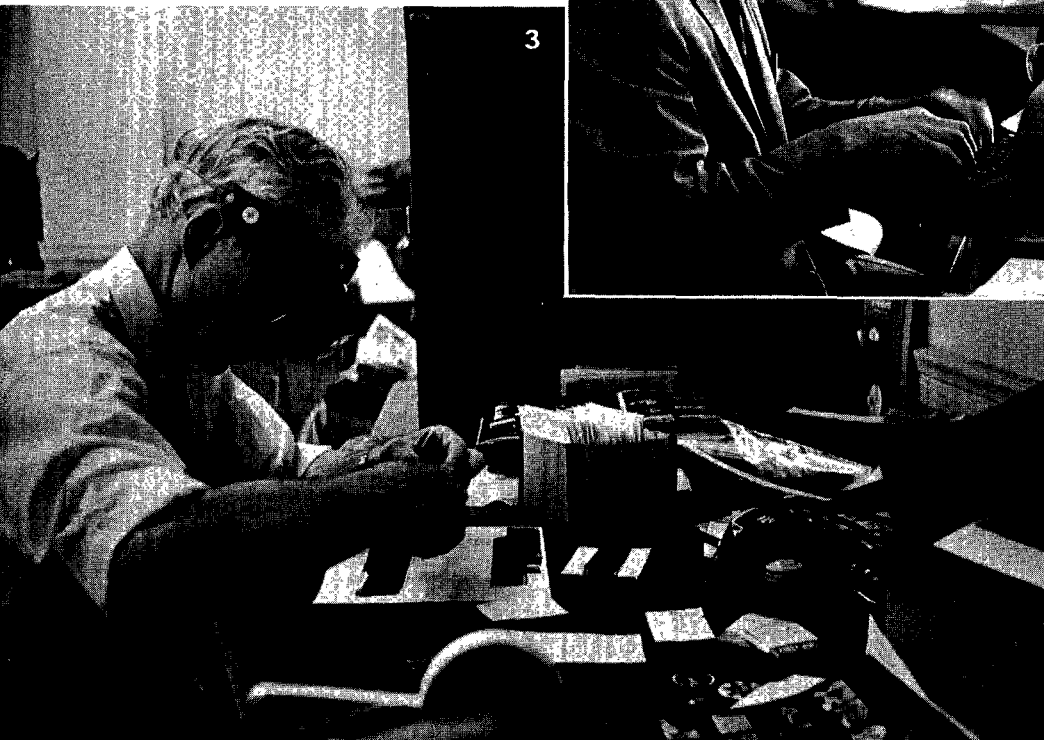


1. REVIEW associate editors Thomas Davis (left) and Don F. Neufeld (center) and GUIDE editor Lawrence Maxwell (right) are joined by Bernard E. Seton, secretary of the nominating committee, who relates details of the committee's work. Elder Seton, president of the British Union, is a newly elected associate secretary of the General Conference.

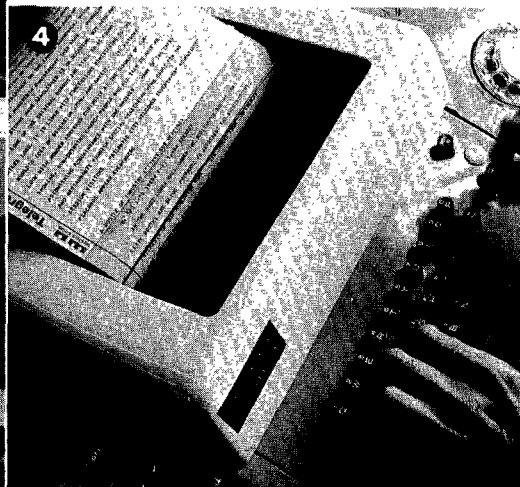
2. In an undecorated corner of Committee Room 6, Convention Hall—a room reminiscent of the city room of a metropolitan daily—Associate Editor Herbert E. Douglass pounds out some copy for the next REVIEW deadline. Beyond him Editor Kenneth H. Wood pores over one sheet of an endless flow of copy. Most copy originates from the transcription of business proceedings on the main floor. Resolutions adopted and minutes of the various meetings pass under the scrutinizing eye of an associate secretary of the GC before reaching Elder Wood's desk. Other copy writing in Room 6 includes the writing of such photo captions as these.



3. From among the hundreds of 35-mm negatives exposed during the session, J. Byron Logan, Review and Herald photographer, selects those that he and the editors feel are best for one of the upcoming Bulletins. The photographers work at a table no more than 20 feet from the editor's desk and have two dark-rooms across the hall. Working with two Nikons and six different focal-length lenses, with or without flash, they have taken, developed, and printed hundreds of pictures at this session of the General Conference.



4. When the Telex machine is set in the tape-punch mode, unpunched paper tape (left) passes



through the punching mechanism as the typist touches the keys. A copy of what she is punching appears before her on regular Western Union copy paper. The dial at the right makes it possible for the operator to call any one of 28,000 Telex machines in the United States and Canada. Of course, in this situation the machine in the REVIEW offices in Washington is called.



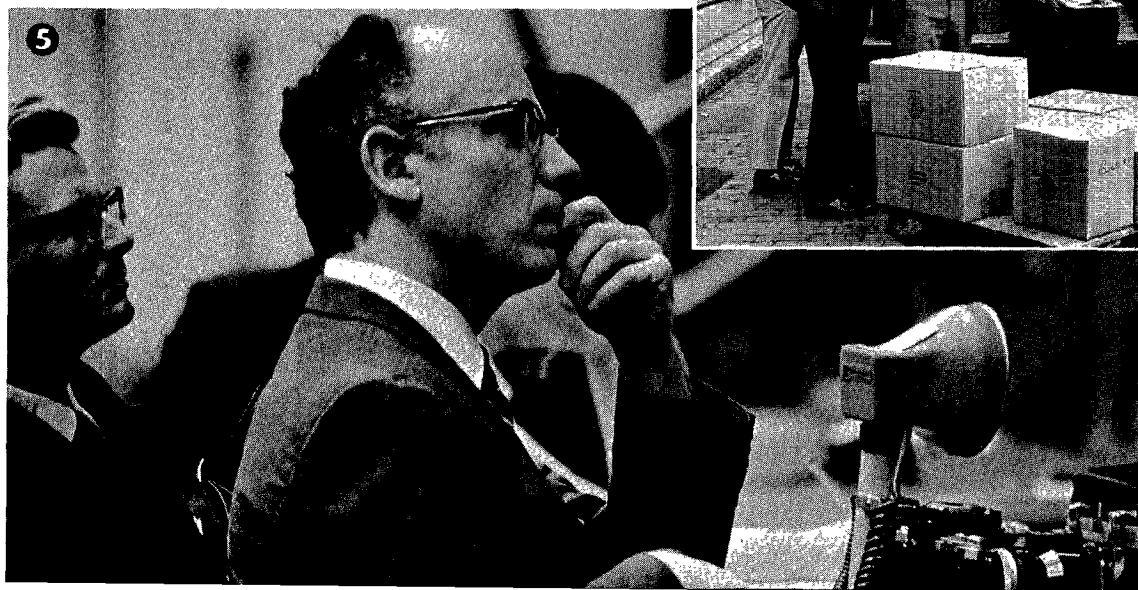
5. William Clendaniel (center) and Gert Busch, REVIEW photographers, at their table immediately in front of the main platform. They are ready instantly to record on film those special moments in a convention that come and go in an instant.

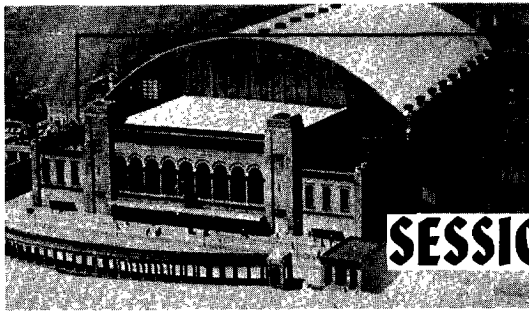
6. On the side street at the north side of Convention Hall, workmen unload a truck bringing in Bulletin No. 4 and other material from Washington. On most mornings the 2,000 Bulletins arrived in Atlantic City at 9:30 a.m., in plenty of time for distribution at the morning business session. Hermon Woodall (at right with glasses) supervised many of the physical arrangements connected with the REVIEW booth and the REVIEW editorial procedures.



7. Secretaries receive the Bulletins in Room B and arrange them for quick distribution to the delegates.

8. When copy of a forthcoming Bulletin is ready to be transmitted to Washington, one of the secretaries working with the REVIEW staff cuts paper tape (bottom center), which later can be transmitted at a faster speed over the leased telephone lines. Here Corinne Wilkinson, REVIEW editorial secretary, works in a third corner of the large REVIEW editorial office in Convention Hall.





## A REPORTER'S STORY OF SABBATH'S HAPPENINGS

# SESSION HIGH LIGHTS

By RAYMOND COTTRELL



And the Sabbath drew on—the last Sabbath of the fifty-first session of the General Conference. The eight days' labor of creating the shape of things to come during the next five years, the shape of God's last message to the world during the

seventies, was done. And as the 1,782 delegates reflected on their work of the past days they earnestly prayed that it might also be the work of the Holy Spirit and that God could say as He did at the close of Creation, "It is very good."

With the coming of the Sabbath hours a peace not of this world settled over Convention Hall, the Adventist house by the side of Atlantic City's famed Boardwalk where the race of men had been going by—men as good and men as bad as you and I, men who need to know of a soon-coming Saviour. Unwitting representatives they were, of the world's 3.5 billion people in need of our concern and care. But before the delegates returned to the 168 countries from which they had come, they spent the Sabbath together.

The ceaseless roar of the breakers, by night and day, was a constant reminder of lands beyond the sea. By faith I could see the mighty angel of Revelation 18, standing with one foot on the beach and the other on the restless waters of the Atlantic. I could see him raise his right hand heavenward and hear him solemnly swear by Him who lives for ever and ever, that there should be time no longer and that the mystery of God will soon be finished—as the prophets of old and God's messenger to the remnant church said it should be.

At 7:00 Friday evening, session music committee chairman Charles Keymer built a bridge of sacred music to the Sabbath, with Donald Vaughn, of Loma Linda University, at the seven-manual organ and P. Stevens at the piano. Participating groups were the General Conference orchestra under the direction of Alfred Walters, of Loma Linda University; the Columbia Union College choir, directed by Paul Hill; the General Conference collegiate choir, directed by Paul Hill; the Southern California ministers' chorus of 60 voices, under the direction of Lorne Jones; and the Royal Ambassadors, a Spanish quartet from New York City. There were vocal solos by Elizabeth Vaughn and Jacquelin Ross, and a violin solo by Virginia Rittenhouse.

Enoch Oliveira, newly elected secretary of the South American Division, presented the Friday night message. As division evangelist he has won thousands to Christ. During a 1969 evangelistic crusade in San Luis, Argentina, God blessed his ministry with 376 baptisms, and at Porto Alegre, Brazil, earlier this year, with 200.

"Tonight I will give you an opportunity to check your personal relationship to Revelation 14:6-12," he told the 10,100 present. He mentioned a well-known prediction made in 1907 by an outstanding medical doctor, that the Seventh-day Adventist Church would soon go to pieces. But the intervening 63 years have proved that doctor a poor prophet, in fact, a false prophet. During these years membership in the South American Division has grown from 2,000 to more than 225,000, and in all the world from 80,000 to 2 million. No, by God's grace, this church is on the threshold of a glorious triumph, and the only question is Will we triumph with it?

### Is Your All on the Altar?

Sunny Liu joined Elder Oliveira's stirring appeal with the song "Is Your All on the Altar?" and Roy Allan Anderson offered a special prayer of dedication.

By 6:30 Sabbath morning people were already arriving at Convention Hall, and when the church service began there must have been 24,500 in the various rooms. Overhead was a blue sky, though I had felt a few drops of rain out on the boardwalk at six o'clock.

During the half hour before Sabbath school I visited the children's divisions. I found 500 junior voices ringing out, "No, No, No." The primaries were listening to the Venden family bells, and 150 kindergartners were singing. More of them kept arriving by the minute. At 9:30 I entered the ballroom, where 1,200 young people were singing with Wayne Griffith, who had been in my Bible classes at Pacific Union College more than 20 years ago. Ted Wilson, of Columbia Union College, emceed the youth Sabbath school, in which Del Delker and the King's Heralds participated.

We were all startled as an African witch doctor in full regalia came dancing and shouting onto the platform—in the person of Ron Jacobs, whose father, Robert Jacobs, related the story of a witch doctor's conversion and baptism. Present in person for the Front Line Report was Watusi Pastor Manase Kamanzi, who seven times had been lined up to be shot for his faith, and who saw his wife beaten so violently that one of her eyes fell from

its socket, and his teen-age daughter dragged off into the forest. In the lesson study Earl E. Cleveland, of the General Conference Ministerial Association, appealed to the young people to follow the example of the Good Samaritan.

Tom Davis, associate editor of the REVIEW, was eyes and ears for me in the senior division of the Sabbath school, where Fernon Retzer, newly elected secretary of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, was in charge. S. D. Meyers, a minister in Southern California Conference, led out in the study of the Sabbath school lesson. "Our religion," he said, "should not simply be that of conformity. It must come from the inside, from genuine love for others." "Some Christians talk sweet cream, but live skim milk," he lamented. Another quotable quote from the lesson study was "Compromise is the graveyard of the fearful." Think that one over next time you are tempted to compromise principle.

### Welfare Workers Featured

During the Lay Activities program Maybelle Vandermark, of the General Conference, interviewed Mrs. Elisa Medina, of the Philippines, whom the President of the Philippine Islands had awarded a medal for Adventist welfare work following an earthquake two years or so ago. On stage were 275 SDA welfare workers in uniform.

In the second interview Perry Pedersen, lay activities secretary of the Central Union Conference, interviewed Mrs. Mary Alice Hicks. As an orphan at five years of age she found, and learned to appreciate, the love and care of foster parents. Today, as president of the Central States Conference Health and Welfare program, she is a friend to others in need of love and care and help. The St. Louis Welfare Center, in addition to the usual services, has a model inner-city program in operation. One of its projects is a service station, in cooperation with Standard Oil, where unemployed young men are given a nine-week course in all aspects of service station operation, and then helped to set up businesses of their own. Currently the center is sponsoring a city-wide five-day moratorium on smoking, with generous cooperation by the news media.

C. E. Guenther, of the General Conference Lay Activities Department, reported the general secretary of the World Council of Churches as noting three things for which Adventists are known everywhere—giving, missions, and welfare. In 1969, he said, Adventist Welfare Services helped 9 million persons and gave 10 million hours of volunteer service. At present 1,016 welfare centers are in operation.

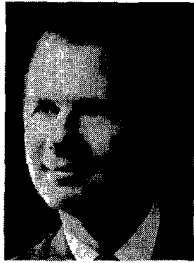
Separate Sabbath morning worship services were conducted for all divisions except kindergarten. Thomas Davis attended the youth service in the ballroom, where Glynn Greenwald, of Walla Walla College, a youth observer invited to the session, expressed appreciation for the understanding and cooperation shown the

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# The Certainty of the Blessed Hope

Message at Bible Study Hour, June 19, 10:45 a.m.

By A. GRAHAM MAXWELL



"In the last days there will come men who scoff at religion and live self-indulgent lives, and they will say: 'Where now is the promise of his coming? Our fathers have been laid to their rest, but still everything continues exactly as it has

always been since the world began.' . . . "It is not that the Lord is slow in fulfilling his promise, as some suppose, but that he is very patient with you, because it is not his will for any to be lost, but for all to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:4-9, N.E.B.).\*

When I was a boy I used to accompany my father as he traveled around England to preach in the different churches. Almost always he would preach about the nearness of the end. And he would do this with such characteristic fervor and conviction that I grew up with a vivid sense of the imminence of the return of Christ.

But here we are in 1970, and if anything we speak less now of the nearness of the end than we did when I was a boy.

Two years ago the members of my college graduating class met at Pacific Union College to celebrate our twenty-fifth anniversary, and we shared the sobering thought that we are now closer to sustentation than graduation. Is there still a chance the Lord will come before we retire?

My Bible teachers always spoke of the end as if it were just around the corner. I shall never forget my class in Daniel and Revelation more than thirty years ago. We had just come to Revelation sixteen and the subject of Armageddon. War was soon to break out over in Europe, and I can still hear the earnest words of our respected teacher: "Young people, if war should come, it will be Armageddon. We've had our little time of peace. The next war will be the end." We walked very solemnly from the room that day.

But here we are in Atlantic City all these years later. Soon it will be time for the children to go back to school; then another Christmas; then perhaps another trip to the moon; and before you know it, it will be 1980, then 1990, then that morning when we write the date January 1, 2000.

Of course, by then my generation will have retired, and we shall be listening to our grandchildren discussing how we used to tell them that the end was near.

Or do you think the Lord will have come by then? Do you really expect to see the end within the next few years?

The men and women who founded this denomination to which we proudly belong believed with all their hearts that the second coming was very near. How this conviction motivated those young people to accomplish the things we now so wonder at and admire!

In fact, they were so sure that the Lord was coming soon that they put their conviction in our denominational name—Seventh-day Adventist. Every time we post this name outside our churches we are publicly declaring our continuing conviction that Jesus is coming soon.

Or must we concede now that perhaps we've been wrong? Were the pioneers wrong? Have our parents been wrong? When today Adventist preachers venture to announce that the end is near, are they telling the truth? When as faithful Adventists we say, "Oh, yes, we still believe that the end is near," what do we mean by "near"? If near can mean a hundred years, could it mean a hundred more? Actually, how near is near?

When Jesus was on this earth, His disciples asked Him how they could tell when the end was near. You remember His reply. But by now those signs are very old. The sun was darkened in 1780—190 years ago. The stars fell in 1833—137 years ago. The people who saw these signs have long since gone. Was Jesus wrong?

There is another sign we like to use, the one in Daniel 12:4. In the time of the end, "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Sometimes we interpret this verse as referring to improving transportation and the increase in general knowledge. Continuing progress in these regards makes it possible to keep this apparently flexible sign always up to date. But both the Hebrew and the content indicate that Daniel is speaking rather of an urgent going to and fro, as if looking for something, and a resultant increase in the understanding of the prophecies that have been sealed until the time of the end. In *The Great Controversy*, page 356, Ellen G. White gives this specific interpretation: "That part of his prophecy which related to the last days, Daniel was bidden to close up and seal 'to the time of the end.' . . . Since 1798 the book of Daniel has been unsealed, knowledge of the prophecies has been increased."

One hundred and seventy-two years have passed since this sign was fulfilled. Was Daniel wrong?

If Jesus was right, and Daniel was right, the end was near almost two hundred years ago. Then our pioneers were right when they believed and announced that the end was near a century ago, for the end has been near all these years.

The meaning of the signs is not, Look out, the end is getting near! The message

of the signs is rather, The end has been near for more than a hundred years. Why has the Lord not yet come?

There is only one reason I find in Scripture, and it makes life very serious for us all. Revelation seven pictures the four angels about to release the four winds that represent the closing events of human history. But another angel comes with the urgent message, "Hold, God's people have not yet been sealed."

What does it mean to be sealed? Ellen White explained that it does not mean to receive "any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved."—*The SDA Bible Commentary*, Ellen G. White Comments, on Eze. 9:2-4, p. 1161.

How can people be settled into a truth they have never heard? This is why the gospel, the good news about God, must go to all the world before the end can come.

We could have predicted that God would wait for this to happen. Our gracious God would never expect anyone to pass through the dreadful events at the end without first providing sufficient evidence upon which to base a decision for or against Him. As Peter explained, God does not want any to be lost but that all should come to repentance. God's patience is our salvation. (See 2 Peter 3:9-15.)

More than a hundred years ago Ellen White gave this explanation for God's gracious delay: "The long night of gloom is trying; but the morning is deferred in mercy, because if the Master should come, so many would be found unready. God's unwillingness to have His people perish has been the reason for so long delay."—*Testimonies*, vol. 2, p. 194.

Sometimes we Adventists are embarrassed that Jesus has not come as soon as we said He would. But the longer God waits, the more gracious He proves Himself to be. The delay does not speak well of us, but each additional day points to the infinite goodness and mercy of our heavenly Father.

How could it be said that Seventh-day Adventists are not yet settled into the truth? If we were to read together our published Statement of Beliefs, all of us here, along with our 2 million fellow believers around the world, would be in agreement that this is the truth. Then why any further delay? What still remains to be done?

Back in eternity, when the great controversy began, there was only one issue, only one question—What kind of person is our God?

The loyal angels maintained that he is infinitely gracious, perfectly fair and reasonable. Everything God asks us to do makes good sense, they urged. He is utterly worthy of our love and faith.

The disloyal angels denied this. God is a harsh, demanding tyrant, who lays arbitrary requirements on His people just to show His authority. He is not worthy of our faith.

The controversy will end, just as it began, on this one central issue—the truth about God. Through the years the adversary has enjoyed incredible success

in blackening the reputation of our God before the human race, and much of his support has come from the pulpit—perhaps sometimes even from ours. “When we consider in what false colors Satan has painted the character of God, can we wonder that our merciful Creator is feared, dreaded, and even hated? The appalling views of God which have spread over the world from the teachings of the pulpit have made thousands, yes, millions, of skeptics and infidels.”—*The Great Controversy*, p. 536.

In 1844 the Advent Movement began. Its distinctive mission was to speak to the issue in the great controversy, to bear witness to the truth about God, to point to the winsome and convincing evidence recorded in Scripture that God is indeed worthy of our love and faith. We have been told that we could have completed our mission in a few short years. What has gone wrong?

Is it possible that we have failed to speak specifically to the issue? Is it even possible that we have been misrepresenting our God? In 1970 are Adventists noted for the quality of their witness about God, or for certain peculiarities of belief and practice that sometimes leave the impression that we worship an arbitrary, fussy God? If so, we are giving our support to the enemy.

When we decline certain items of food or drink, do we blame the church? Do we blame God? Or are we careful to see to it that in our explanation God is always pictured as infinitely wise and admirable?

When explaining our inability to attend some Saturday function, do we again blame the church? Do we blame God? Or do we take advantage of the opportunity to give the real reason for our observance of the Sabbath, our public acknowledgment of our recognition and worship of Jesus of Nazareth as our Creator and our God?

We speak confidently of the coming of the latter rain. But will the Holy Spirit give us energy and influence to misrepresent God?

At the Minneapolis Conference in 1888 there was presented a clearer, more gra-

cious picture of our God. It was made plain from such passages as Galatians, chapter 3, that God does not desire a legalistic relationship, but one of love, trust, and admiration—because we have found Him to be worthy of such regard. Ellen White described this message as the beginning of the loud cry of the third angel’s message to be attended with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. (See *Review and Herald*, Nov. 22, 1892.)

Incredibly there was considerable opposition to this picture of God. Some seemed to prefer a more arbitrary, vindictive Deity. Later Ellen White described the sad but understandable results: “An unwillingness to yield up preconceived opinions, and to accept this truth, lay at the foundation of a large share of the opposition manifested at Minneapolis against the Lord’s message through Brethren [E. J.] Waggoner and [A. T.] Jones. By exciting that opposition Satan succeeded in shutting away from our people, in a great measure, the special power of the Holy Spirit that God longed to impart to them. . . . The light that is to lighten the whole earth with its glory was resisted, and by the action of our own brethren has been in a great degree kept away from the world.”—*Selected Messages*, book 1, pp. 234, 235.

Ellen White even went so far as to say of some of the delegates to that General Conference, “The same spirit that actuated the rejectors of Christ, rankles in their hearts, and had they lived in the days of Christ, they would have acted toward Him in a manner similar to that of the Godless and unbelieving Jews.”—Letter to O. A. Olsen, May 31, 1896.

How could Seventh-day Sabbathkeeping, tithes-paying, health-reforming Adventists be found in such opposition to Christ and His picture of God?

Which side would you have taken at the Minneapolis Conference? Which side would you have taken up in heaven when the great controversy first began? What picture do you have of God? Do you agree with the loyal angels that God is an infinitely powerful but infinitely gracious Person who values nothing higher than



**Josue Medjo, Cameroun delegate, gives the offertory prayer on Wednesday evening.**

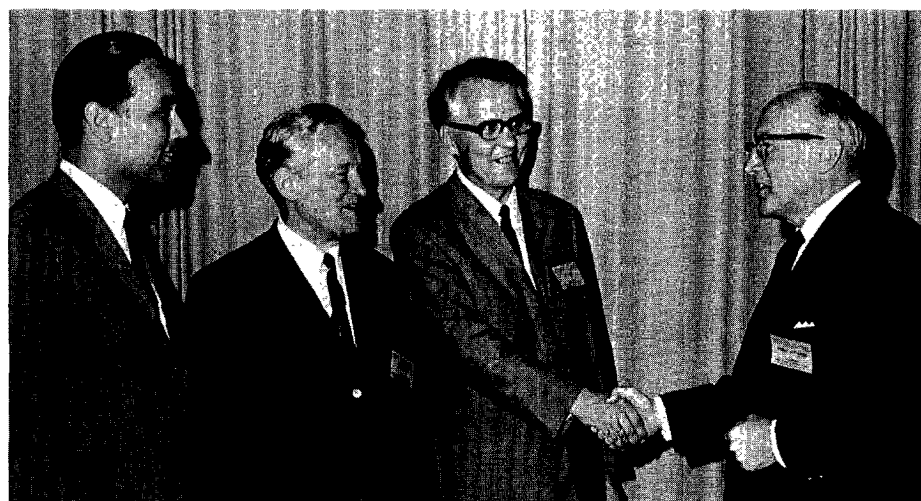
the freedom and individuality of His intelligent creatures, that their love, obedience, and faith may be freely given?

Do you admire God for His wise and orderly ways? Do you find it a joy to obey Him because you have found that His laws make good sense and were given only for your best good? Are you able and willing to speak well of God in any company, to defend His reputation against the accusations and misrepresentations of His enemies? If you should be called upon to stand singly and alone to give a reason for such faith, could you do it well? Are you so settled into the truth about God that you could say with Paul, If even an angel from heaven should bring some different description of God, that angel is wrong? (See Galatians 1:8.)

Just as soon as God’s people are so settled into the truth, He will empower them to give this same message to the rest of the world. Then there will be no more delay, and Jesus will come.

Only God knows when His people—His real people—are ready. I believe it could be very soon. Surely then, there is nothing more important in all the world than for us to see to it that as quickly as possible we are ready for Jesus to come.

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**Robert H. Pierson greets the newly elected officers of the Central European Division. Left to right: E. Amelung, treasurer; O. Bremer, secretary; and H. Vogel, president.**



# Partial Report of the Plans Committee

[At the thirteenth business meeting, 3:00 P.M., June 18, the following recommendations were submitted to the delegates and approved.]

[Additions in italics; deletions in parentheses.]

25. That the following statement be included following the section under the heading, "Public Relations" recorded on page 169:

## Radio and Television Department

In the local church the interests of the radio and television department are cared for by a secretary elected by the church at the annual election of officers. *The radio-television secretary is a member of the lay activities council.* The following suggested outline of duties is given for the guidance of the local church radio and television secretary:

1. In cooperation with the *lay activities council* (church missionary committee) to plan a strong, well-organized program for the year that will include:

a. The planning and direction of at least one annual enrollment field day for distribution of television and radio logs and the securing of Bible correspondence school enrollments. In *local fields* (con-

ferences) conducting their own Bible correspondence schools their enrollment cards would be distributed with the special logs.

b. The arranging of other field days for the distribution of radio and television material.

c. The placing of radio and television materials of denominational programs in the hands of church members for regular distribution.

d. The encouragement of good station relationships.

2. To assist in the promotion of the annual radio and television offerings.

3. To cooperate with the press secretary of the church in arranging for public service features on radio and/or television featuring Adventists and their work.

4. To assist the pastor and local field radio and television secretary in planning, organizing, and conducting at least one television and/or radio rally during the year.

5. To cooperate with the local field radio and television secretary in carrying out the plans of the conference.

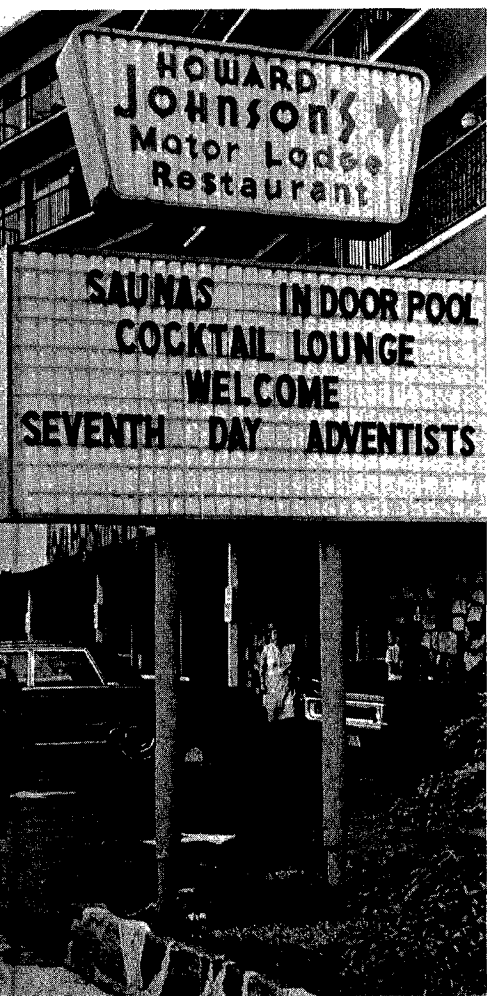
6. To report to local field radio and television secretary as requested.



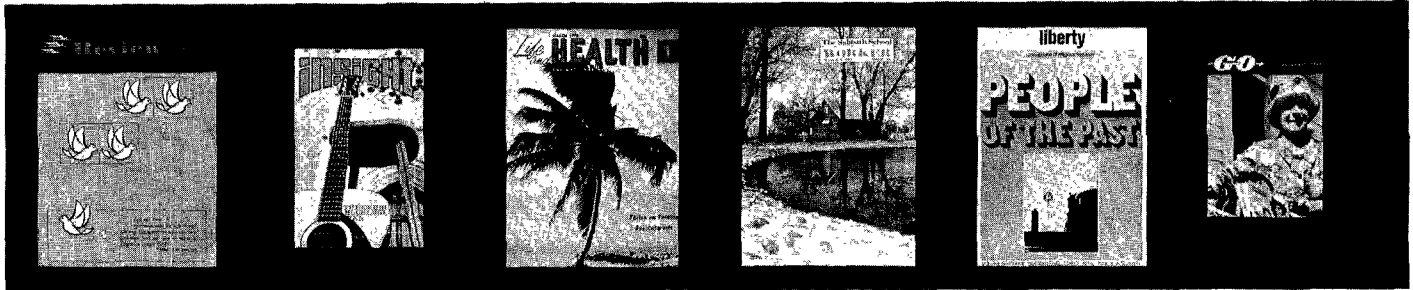
Upper right, Sunny Liu, tenor, sang several times during the session. Right, a young German watches session proceedings.



Left, Atlantic City citizens openheartedly welcomed the Adventists for the session. Some welcome signs caused smiles. Below, Mr. Cushman helps non-English-speaking delegates with their translation transistor receivers.



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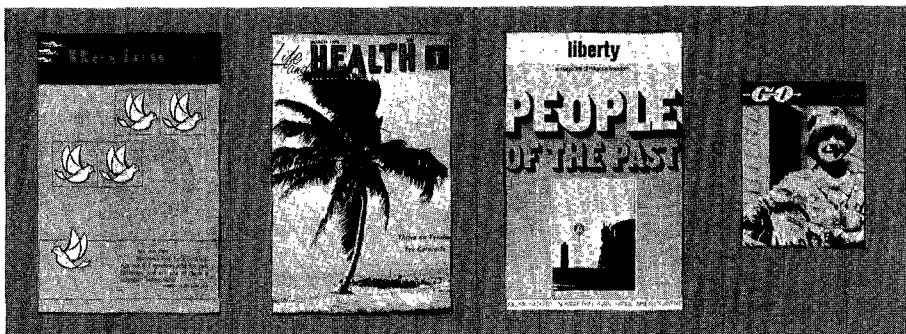


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## Fourteenth Business Meeting

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and then they went to Spain, where he and his wife served six years in evangelism. Following this were six years of editorial work with the Pacific Press in the Canal Zone. Next were four years as book and magazine editor for the Southern Publishing Association, and six years as editor of Philippine Publishing House. Then one year's evangelistic work in Texas and then to the General Conference for six and a half years as editor and compiler of the *Spirit of Prophecy Index*, and eight years as editor of the *Israelite* magazine.

These two couples have served a total of 89 years. God's blessings be upon them and their families, as they enjoy the years of retirement and the continued blessings of God.

**THEODORE CARCICH:** I count it a privilege to call to the desk three leaders of contemporary Adventism: Elder and Mrs. Theodore Lucas, Elder and Mrs. J. E. Edwards, and Elder and Mrs. Adlai Esteb. [Mrs. Carcich pinned orchids on the ladies.]

Who has not been stirred by the voice of Elder Theodore Lucas? Forty-six years of service for the youth of this church—24 years in the General Conference—rallying them to the standards of service and devotion to the cause of God.

We watched him at the great youth congress in Zurich last year. What a magnificent way to finish his long years of service! Surely the youth of the church look with affection upon one whose dedicated and devoted life set a worthy example for young men and women today. We honor Elder and Sister Theodore Lucas.

And we think of Elder J. E. Edwards. Where would this church be today were it not for his encouraging leadership among the laity and all of us as we engage in the raising of funds for missions? Often, when the outlook seemed dark and dismal, it was his vibrant voice that stirred us to press on. Elder Edwards, schools, hospitals, and publishing houses stand as memorials to your courageous and devoted leadership in raising millions of Ingathering dollars. God bless you, Elder and Sister Edwards. He has spent 39 years in service—24 years in the General Conference. May God richly bless all that he has encouraged us to do.

And then we come to a name that is known well among all of us. What would these meetings be when the sermons get long and the reports get tiring and the brethren start to doze and sleep, without one who rises up and says, "Let me give it to you in a poem"! And everybody wakes up.

I refer to Elder Adlai Esteb. Fifty-one years of service. Ordained at 21, missionary to China, known not only in Adventist circles but in the cultural and political circles of that great oriental country. Twenty-one years of service in the General Conference. Elder Esteb, you may go, but your poems will remain. And how about a poem now? Do you have one?

**ADLAI ESTEB:** Elder Carcich, with your kind permission I am going to read a

poem. [The poem appears on page 8 of this Bulletin.]

**R. R. BIETZ:** If I could really believe that the men and the ladies that I am about to introduce are going to retire, it would be a rather sad occasion. But knowing them as I do, I don't think they have any intention of retiring. They are just going to be paid from a different fund, that's all.

I would like to call to this platform Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Rice, Dr. and Mrs. H. M. S. Richards, Sr., Dr. A. S. Maxwell, and Dr. and Mrs. Philip Nelson.

[Corsages were pinned on wives by Mrs. R. R. Bietz.]

I said to Brother Maxwell this morning, "Your companion has been laid to rest. We are going to give corsages to the ladies. What shall we do with yours?" He said, "Why don't you give me a corsage, and when I get home, I will lay it on the grave of my dear companion." And so we are giving Dr. Maxwell a corsage.

Now the dean of the hospital administrators of this church, Harley E. Rice. I don't believe I will be contradicted when I say that Harley Rice is one of the best-informed hospital administrators this denomination has. He has been in hospital work for 47 consecutive years. I think this is a tremendous contribution. He started his work with Elder J. A. Burden.

In 1928 Dr. Rice was assistant patient manager of the Paradise Valley Hospital and Sanitarium. There was a patient in that hospital by the name of Porter. For some reason someone in the office made a little mistake of 45 cents, and Harley, being a man of integrity, wrote a letter to Mr. Porter saying there was a mistake—"We are sending you 45 cents."

This made a tremendous impression upon Mr. Porter, and—to make a long story short—he contributed \$4 million to the denomination, and as a result today we have one of the finest hospitals in the city of Denver, the Porter Sanitarium and Hospital.

Brother Rice is recognized as one of the outstanding leaders by hospital authorities in this country. We appreciate very much the wonderful contribution he and his good wife have made to this church.

And now I would like to speak about Elder H. M. S. Richards, Sr. I would like to call him the dean of the preachers in this church. Elder Richards has given 40 years of continuous broadcasting service. He has preached continuously to this church and to a large number of non-Adventists for 56 years. He started his broadcasting in a converted chicken coop, with \$200. But if you go to the Voice of Prophecy headquarters today you will find 166 people employed there. And it costs \$50,000 every working week to operate the Voice of Prophecy.

Elder Richards' voice is being heard on 642 stations in this country, and of course there are about 700 Voice of Prophecy radio programs being heard in countries outside of the United States.

Now, if you think this man is about to retire, you have another guess coming. Within the past few weeks he turned out three to five radio scripts daily, for a period of about a month. We would look a long time to find a young man who

could do the same amount of work. So don't ever say this man is retiring. We appreciate you, Elder Richards, for what you are doing, what you have done, and for what you are going to continue to do for the Voice of Prophecy.

And now we come to another dean—the dean of editors, Arthur S. Maxwell. Fifty-five years of continuous editing for this church—21 years in England, and 34 as editor of the *Signs of the Times*. He has written 110 books, 50 million of which have been distributed throughout the world.

I'm wondering how many here have been reared with the *Bedtime Stories*? [Many hands were raised.] Look at that. I guess we're all *Bedtime Story* folks. What a wonderful privilege to introduce men like this. It makes me very, very humble.

I really should say something about the Maxwell family. Six children, four of them have their Ph.D.'s, another is working on his. A daughter and one of the young men are at Loma Linda University, another is at Andrews, still another is at Walla Walla, and the fifth was elected editor of the *Signs of the Times* last night.

I said to one of the boys yesterday, "You must have had a wonderful mother." He said, "We did. She was a wonderful counselor, and she was always with us in the home. Never worked outside of the home. My mother was my counselor, and my father was my inspiration." I thought that was a good compliment.

Now we have one other. Dr. Philip Nelson is here with his wife. Dr. Nelson was in departmental work for about eight years, then he studied medicine and decided to go to the mission field. I think most of us know that he gave dedicated service in the mission field for about eight years, and there his former companion made the supreme sacrifice. She's resting in Poona, India, today.

Dr. Nelson has had only 19 years of service, but you know the good Lord rewards not according to the years, not even according to the amount of work that we do, but according to the motive in the heart. And I'm sure that Dr. Nelson will have his great reward in the kingdom to come. We're very glad, Dr. and Mrs. Nelson, that you are with us today, and we appreciate the wonderful service that you have rendered to the cause.

**W. J. HACKETT:** I now call on H. L. Rudy, representative of many people who have served in the General Conference but who have retired from some other organization, to come to the podium and offer a special word of prayer for these and other retired workers all around the world.

**H. L. RUDY:** Our loving and gracious heavenly Father, this morning we have recognized those who have served in Thy cause for many years. We thank Thee for Thy loving kindness and for Thy leadership in their lives. We thank Thee for the precious fellowship that we have enjoyed with them through the years. We thank Thee for their noble examples, for their loyalty, for their faithfulness, for their strength of leadership, and for their spirit of ministry. O Lord, as we

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GENERAL CONFERENCE OF CORPORATION SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Comparative Balance Sheet  
For Years 1966 to 1969

ASSETS	1966	1967	1968	1969
<b>Current Assets:</b>				
Cash and Banks	14,414.64	30,085.48	121,198.88	19,485.49
Bonds and Securities (Net)	4,428,821.39	4,831,871.43	4,280,800.53	4,371,783.14
Accounts Receivable	81,138.91	151,944.17	127,906.80	72,444.45
Notes and Loans Receivable	51,963.59	41,368.19	34,489.19	30,533.21
Inventories	44,310.24	44,190.12	53,118.50	58,112.49
Prepaid Expense	1,463.44	1,723.57	1,636.78	2,426.84
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>4,622,112.21</b>	<b>5,101,182.96</b>	<b>4,619,150.68</b>	<b>4,554,785.62</b>
<b>Other Assets:</b>				
Long Term Receivables	—	50,000.00	50,000.00	85,000.00
Real Estate Investments	42,796.18	42,796.18	42,796.18	799,842.28
Other Assets	375,000.00	375,000.00	906,000.00	906,000.00
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>417,796.18</b>	<b>467,796.18</b>	<b>998,796.18</b>	<b>1,790,842.28</b>
<b>Fixed Assets:</b>				
Land	344,596.32	409,672.65	409,672.65	507,666.34
Land Improvements (Net)	18,206.86	17,370.69	15,096.49	10,454.49
Buildings (Net)	1,572,458.82	1,985,556.46	2,068,117.70	2,252,354.68
Equipment (Net)	388,500.65	445,826.63	490,144.20	502,962.44
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>2,323,762.65</b>	<b>2,858,426.43</b>	<b>2,983,031.04</b>	<b>3,273,437.95</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>7,363,671.04</b>	<b>8,427,405.57</b>	<b>8,600,977.90</b>	<b>9,619,065.85</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>				
Accounts Payable	362,820.28	358,606.99	415,234.90	514,075.14
Notes Payable	—	—	—	35,000.00
Trust Funds	157,608.01	165,185.52	53,973.17	45,293.04
Deferred Income	—	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>520,428.29</b>	<b>573,792.51</b>	<b>519,208.07</b>	<b>644,368.18</b>
<b>Long-Term Liabilities</b>				
Notes and Loans Payable	147,500.00	117,500.00	87,500.00	62,500.00
Annuities and Irrevocable Trusts	1,715,588.10	1,718,070.01	1,743,383.28	2,506,735.35
<b>Total Long-Term Liabilities</b>	<b>1,863,088.10</b>	<b>1,835,570.01</b>	<b>1,830,883.28</b>	<b>2,569,235.35</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,383,516.39</b>	<b>2,409,362.52</b>	<b>2,350,091.35</b>	<b>3,213,603.53</b>
<b>NET WORTH</b>				
<b>Regular Net Worth:</b>				
Balance, January 1	3,722,078.54	3,944,897.29	4,258,233.40	4,491,076.90
Increase (Decrease) during year	222,818.75	313,336.11	232,843.50	1,292,926.07
Balance, December 31	3,944,897.29	4,258,233.40	4,491,076.90	5,784,002.97
<b>Net Worth Reserves:</b>				
Balance, January 1	1,271,531.37	1,035,257.36	1,759,809.65	1,759,809.65
Increase (Decrease) during year	(236,274.01)	724,552.29	—	(1,138,350.30)
Balance, December 31	1,035,257.36	1,759,809.65	1,759,809.65	621,459.35
<b>TOTAL NET WORTH</b>	<b>4,980,154.65</b>	<b>6,018,043.05</b>	<b>6,250,886.55</b>	<b>6,405,462.32</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH</b>	<b>7,363,671.04</b>	<b>8,427,405.57</b>	<b>8,600,977.90</b>	<b>9,619,065.85</b>

Notes:

- Securities in the amount of \$300,000.00 have been designated as "Funds-Functioning-as Endowment" for Oakwood College, the earned income from which is assigned to and becomes a part of the operating subsidy of Oakwood College.
- The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, cosignatory of an agreement for financing of the Loma Linda University Medical Center, is contingently liable to the New York Life Insurance Company as of December 31, 1969, in an amount of \$9,251,607.36 and to the Security First National Bank of Loma Linda, California, in an amount of \$1,828,139.39.

GENERAL CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Comparative Statement of Operations and Retained Net Worth  
For Years 1966 to 1969

	1966	1967	1968	1969	Total
<b>INCOME</b>					
Rent	122,115.95	123,305.01	130,760.12	171,506.64	547,687.72
Interest and Dividends	222,428.43	175,461.17	162,189.22	150,578.22	710,657.04
Miscellaneous	22,354.67	7,400.00	5,400.00	18,050.98	53,205.65
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>366,899.05</b>	<b>306,166.18</b>	<b>298,349.34</b>	<b>340,135.84</b>	<b>1,311,550.41</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>					
Apartments Expense	9,334.80	18,975.61	6,874.98	16,775.99	51,961.38
Depreciation on Buildings, Equipment, and Land Improvements	95,427.91	109,943.58	137,727.75	144,550.41	487,649.65
Repairs on Buildings and Equipment	30,207.14	59,298.74	38,760.65	51,060.69	179,327.22
Insurance and Taxes	9,985.68	10,671.90	12,576.34	17,073.59	50,307.51
Salary	1,564.60	1,669.26	1,803.60	4,831.25	9,868.71
Miscellaneous	11,208.57	10,971.25	8,543.39	21,803.65	52,526.86
Annuity and Interest Payments	68,443.77	39,545.87	40,570.20	40,166.89	188,726.73
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>226,172.47</b>	<b>251,076.21</b>	<b>246,856.91</b>	<b>296,262.47</b>	<b>1,020,368.06</b>
<b>NET OPERATING GAIN</b>	<b>140,726.58</b>	<b>55,089.97</b>	<b>51,492.43</b>	<b>43,873.37</b>	<b>291,182.35</b>
<b>NON-OPERATING</b>					
Income	82,224.29	706,675.97	198,466.84	583,703.04	1,571,070.14
Expense	132.12	—	17,115.77	473,000.64	490,248.53
<b>Net Non-Operating Gain (Loss)</b>	<b>82,092.17</b>	<b>706,675.97</b>	<b>181,351.07</b>	<b>110,702.40</b>	<b>1,080,821.61</b>
<b>TRANSFERS</b>					
Transfers In	—	—	—	1,138,350.30	1,138,350.30
Transfers Out	—	448,429.83	—	—	448,429.83
<b>Net Transfers In (Out)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(448,429.83)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,138,350.30</b>	<b>689,920.47</b>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) TO NET WORTH</b>	<b>222,818.75</b>	<b>313,336.11</b>	<b>232,843.50</b>	<b>1,292,926.07</b>	<b>2,061,924.43</b>

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

To the Constituency of the General Conference  
Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists

The Auditing Department staff of the General Conference has examined the balance sheets of the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists at the close of the calendar years 1966, 1967, 1968, and 1969, and the related statements of income and expense and retained net worth for the four years mentioned. Our annual audits were conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records, and such other recognized auditing procedures as we deemed necessary in the circumstances.

The annual financial reports for the four years referred to above were presented to the Board of Trustees of the General Conference Corporation at its annual Spring Meetings, with the unqualified statement of the General Conference auditors appended in each case. Each of these annual audited reports was formally accepted by the Board of Trustees.

In our opinion the accompanying balance sheet and notes appended thereto showing a total net worth of \$6,405,462.32, and the comparative balance sheets and comparative statements of income and expense for the quadrennium 1966-1969, present fairly the financial condition of the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists as of December 31, 1969, and the results of its operation for the four years then ended.

R. M. REINHARD  
Acting Auditor  
General Conference of  
Seventh-day Adventists

Takoma Park  
Washington, D. C.  
March 6, 1970

[The tables appearing on pages 20  
to 22 were read at the second business  
meeting, June 12, 1970, at 9:15 A.M.]

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

SUSTENTATION AND RETIREMENT FUNDS

Comparative Balance Sheet  
For Years 1966 to 1969

ASSETS	1966	1967	1968	1969
<i>Current Assets:</i>				
Cash and Banks	74,453.97	104,955.19	79,794.46	151,473.45
Investments (Net)	12,604,003.33	14,739,124.96	16,571,691.97	16,528,905.76
Accounts Receivable	1,355,433.46	976,814.98	1,165,515.92	1,432,984.72
Total Current Assets	<u>14,033,890.76</u>	<u>15,820,895.13</u>	<u>17,817,002.35</u>	<u>18,113,363.93</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
<i>Current Liabilities:</i>				
Accounts Payable	—	517.25	209.81	20,009.14
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
<i>Regular:</i>				
Balance, January 1	12,849,736.47	14,008,890.76	15,795,377.88	17,791,792.54
Increase (Decrease) during year	<u>1,159,154.29</u>	<u>1,786,487.12</u>	<u>1,996,414.66</u>	<u>301,562.25</u>
Balance, December 31	<u>14,008,890.76</u>	<u>15,795,377.88</u>	<u>17,791,792.54</u>	<u>18,093,354.79</u>
<i>Fund Reserve:</i>				
Balance, January 1	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Increase (Decrease) during year	—	—	—	(25,000.00)
Balance, December 31	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>—</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>14,033,890.76</u>	<u>15,820,377.88</u>	<u>17,816,792.54</u>	<u>18,093,354.79</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	<u>14,033,890.76</u>	<u>15,820,895.13</u>	<u>17,817,002.35</u>	<u>18,113,363.93</u>

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

SUSTENTATION AND RETIREMENT FUNDS

Statement of Operations and Retained Net Worth  
For Years 1966 to 1969

	1966	1967	1968	1969	Total
<b>INCOME</b>					
Sustentation Receipts	7,897,131.27	7,900,135.45	8,743,343.80	9,540,847.64	34,081,458.16
Earned Income from Investments	429,789.93	445,849.63	659,145.63	749,051.83	2,283,837.02
Miscellaneous	—	—	—	672.25	672.25
Total Income	<u>8,326,921.20</u>	<u>8,345,985.08</u>	<u>9,402,489.43</u>	<u>10,290,571.72</u>	<u>36,365,967.43</u>
<b>EXPENSE</b>					
Sustentee Payments	6,323,251.70	6,558,656.94	7,617,356.06	8,576,499.91	29,075,764.61
Administrative and Office	5,628.51	7,830.58	62,553.11	67,446.73	143,458.93
Total Expense	<u>6,328,880.21</u>	<u>6,566,487.52</u>	<u>7,679,909.17</u>	<u>8,643,946.64</u>	<u>29,219,223.54</u>
Operating Gain (Loss)	<u>1,998,040.99</u>	<u>1,779,497.56</u>	<u>1,722,580.26</u>	<u>1,646,625.08</u>	<u>7,146,743.89</u>
<b>NON-OPERATING</b>					
Income	2,028.05	6,989.56	284,834.40	236,414.82	530,266.83
Expense	998,857.38	—	11,000.00	1,606,477.65	2,616,335.03
Net Non-Operating Gain (Loss)	<u>(996,829.33)</u>	<u>6,989.56</u>	<u>273,834.40</u>	<u>(1,370,062.83)</u>	<u>(2,086,068.20)</u>
<b>TRANSFERS</b>					
Transfers In	157,942.63	—	—	25,000.00	182,942.63
Transfers Out	—	—	—	—	—
Net Transfers In (Out)	<u>157,942.63</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>182,942.63</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) to Fund Balances	<u>1,159,154.29</u>	<u>1,786,487.12</u>	<u>1,996,414.66</u>	<u>301,562.25</u>	<u>5,243,618.32</u>

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

To the Constituency of the General Conference  
of Seventh-day Adventists

The Auditing Department staff of the General Conference has examined the balance sheets of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Sustentation and Retirement Funds at the close of the calendar years 1966, 1967, 1968, and 1969, and the related statements of operations and retained net worth for the four years mentioned. Our annual audits were conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records, and such other recognized auditing procedures, as we deemed necessary in the circumstances.

The annual financial reports for the four years referred to above were presented to the Executive Committee of the General Conference at its annual Spring Meetings, with the unqualified statement of the General Conference auditors appended in each case. Each of these annual audited reports was formally accepted by the Executive Committee.

In our opinion the accompanying balance sheet and notes appended thereto, showing a total fund balance of \$18,093,354.79 and the comparative operating statements and comparative balance sheets for the quadrennium 1966-1969, present fairly the financial condition of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Sustentation and Retirement Funds as of December 31, 1969, and the results of its operation for the four years then ended.

R. M. REINHARD  
Acting Auditor  
General Conference of  
Seventh-day Adventists

Takoma Park  
Washington, D. C.  
March 6, 1970

**GENERAL CONFERENCE  
ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS**

**Comparative Balance Sheet  
For Years 1966 to 1969**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>1966</b>	<b>1967</b>	<b>1968</b>	<b>1969</b>
<i>Current Assets:</i>				
Investments	30,000.00	-----	----	-----
Accounts Receivable	<u>26,977.30</u>	<u>58,397.30</u>	<u>58,036.05</u>	<u>58,026.05</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>56,977.30</u>	<u>58,397.30</u>	<u>58,036.05</u>	<u>58,026.05</u>
<i>Fixed Assets:</i>				
Real Estate	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Less: Reserve	<u>200.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
Total Fixed Assets	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>56,977.30</u></u>	<u><u>58,397.30</u></u>	<u><u>58,036.05</u></u>	<u><u>58,026.05</u></u>
 <b>LIABILITIES</b>				
None	-----	-----	-----	-----
 <b>NET WORTH</b>				
<i>Regular Net Worth:</i>				
Balance, January 1	55,557.30	56,977.30	58,397.30	58,036.05
Increase (Decrease) during year	<u>1,420.00</u>	<u>1,420.00</u>	<u>(361.25)</u>	<u>(10.00)</u>
Balance, December 31	<u><u>56,977.30</u></u>	<u><u>58,397.30</u></u>	<u><u>58,036.05</u></u>	<u><u>58,026.05</u></u>

**GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS**

**Comparative Statement of Operations and Retained Net Worth  
For Years 1966 to 1969**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>1966</b>	<b>1967</b>	<b>1968</b>	<b>1969</b>	<b>Total</b>
Interest and Dividends	<u>1,425.00</u>	<u>1,425.00</u>	---	---	<u>2,850.00</u>
 <b>EXPENSE</b>					
Filing Fee	5.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	25.00
Accrued Interest Write-off	---	---	<u>356.25</u>	---	<u>356.25</u>
Total Expense	<u>5.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>	<u>361.25</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>381.25</u>
 Net Increase (Decrease) to Net Worth	<u><u>1,420.00</u></u>	<u><u>1,420.00</u></u>	<u><u>(361.25)</u></u>	<u><u>(10.00)</u></u>	<u><u>2,468.75</u></u>

**AUDITOR'S STATEMENT**

To the Constituency of the General Conference  
Association of Seventh-day Adventists

I have examined the balance sheet of the General Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists as of December 31, 1969, and the related statement of income and expense for the year then ended. My examination included a review of all transactions for the year, and a verification of balance sheet values.

Similar audits were performed annually by members of the General Conference Auditing Department staff, and the annual audited financial reports, with unqualified statement of the auditor appended, were presented to the Board of Trustees of the General Conference Corporation and accepted by them.

In my opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and notes appended thereto showing a net worth of \$58,026.05, and the related statement of income and expense, present fairly the financial condition of the General Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists as of December 31, 1969, and the results of its operation for the year then ended.

R. M. REINHARD  
Acting Auditor  
General Conference of  
Seventh-day Adventists

Takoma Park  
Washington, D. C.  
March 6, 1970

**NORTH AMERICAN  
CORPORATION OF  
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS**

To Whom It May Concern:

The North American Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists, organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, has no known assets or liabilities. The corporation is being continued in order to care for wills, legacies, or bequests which may have been written in favor of this organization; and to adjust property interests which may still exist in the name of the North American Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists.

K. H. EMMERSON, Treasurer

K. F. AMBS, Secretary

Washington, D. C.  
December 31, 1969

Attested by:

R. M. REINHARD, Acting Auditor  
General Conference of  
Seventh-day Adventists

# Session High Lights

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youth by the leaders. Featured were the Dupont Choir from Washington, D.C., directed by Alma Blackmon, and Edwina Humphrey, who touched everyone's heart as she sang, "Cleanse this life for Thine own, to be Yours, my Saviour—every moment for Thee."

John Loor, pastor of the Southern Missionary College church, addressed the youth on "Blueprint for Victory," in which he drew from the experience of the apostolic church lessons that will help us give the gospel to the world in our generation as they did in theirs. Four specific things are necessary for us as they were in apostolic times: the power of the Holy Spirit, crucifixion of self, exaltation of Jesus, and willingness to spend and be spent for Christ.

During the brief interval preceding the church worship service Organist Van Knauss set the mood for worship. The officers of the General Conference, the division vice-presidents, the departmental secretaries, and certain others came to the platform. There must have been 21,000 voices that repeated in unison the promise of John 14:1-3. Just before the offering appeal General Conference Treasurer Kenneth Emmerson made an unscheduled appearance at the microphone. He announced that this morning a member of the Convention Hall staff had handed him a check for \$50, in appreciation for what Adventists are doing for people around the world. He also held in his hand an unopened envelope containing a gift from another member of Convention Hall staff.

## General Conference Secretary Speaks

The man with the message this Sabbath morning was Clyde O. Franz, newly elected secretary of the General Conference. Elder Franz is a third-generation Seventh-day Adventist, his grandparents having accepted the Advent message in Battle Creek.

In his sermon Elder Franz read from a letter written by A. G. Daniells, as president of the General Conference, in 1909. Then the entire General Conference staff consisted of only eight members. In his letter Elder Daniells wrote: "Our treasury is empty. For weeks and weeks the General Conference and mission board have not had so much as \$1,000 in the bank and its tills. We are greatly behind with our foreign work, and we are remitting to these workers only enough to keep them from serious want. This condition cannot long continue."

About that same time Elder Daniells remarked at a camp meeting that the time would come when our people would give \$1,000 a day to missions. One brother arose and said, "Elder Daniells, we believe in missions, but do not discourage us. The time will never come when our people will give \$1,000 a day to missions." And to think, Elder Franz said, that our world mission budget now approximates \$136,000 a day! The Adventist family is a liberal family. He then quoted from *Testimonies*, volume 3, page 404: "It is not our numbers nor our wealth that will

give us a signal victory; but it is devotion to the work, moral courage, ardent love for souls, and untiring, unflagging zeal."

## Superb Food Service

Almost every day of the session I have paused in amazement at the efficient service and superb quality of the food prepared by Clinton Wall, director of Food Services at Andrews University, who operated the General Conference cafeteria. With tickets purchased Friday afternoon, we enjoyed a Sabbath dinner any housewife could be proud of. Brother Wall told me that he and his staff of about 50 served 2,385 complete meals within about two hours following the church service. Try to beat that record if you think you can!

Moments after three o'clock the theme program—"That the World May Know"—got under way. R. S. Watts, retiring vice-president of the General Conference, was master of ceremonies. Lowell Litten, of the General Conference MV Department, had written the script. Centerpiece on the stage was a large pyramid, on and around which the activities clustered. Intermittently between other parts of the program three narrators read parts from John 17, on which the session theme song—"That the World May Know"—was based.

## Three Vignettes

The program featured three vignettes, in the first of which Don Stevens, a student from Southwestern Union College, told of a recent experience as a student literature evangelist in Houston, Texas. As the result of a call at the wrong address, four have already been baptized and 15 others are studying the Advent message. The second vignette told the story of Sam DeShay, a young man whose educational career was interrupted by cancer, but who finally graduated from both theology and medicine, now serving as a medical missionary in Nigeria. The final vignette presented Ruthita Jensen, a student missionary from Union College to Vietnam who was later featured on Walter Cronkite's telecast; and Urbano Castillo, a lay preacher from the Philippines who has raised up 26 churches in the past 27 years and won more than 1,200 to Christ. He manufactures dentures for a living, but says his main business is winning souls. And he is a shining success at winning his fellow countrymen to Christ.

## Repeat Performance

Six o'clock brought a repeat performance of the North American Division's nine-screen multivision spectacular, "Adventists Across America," originally shown on Sunday night. It was the dream of Gordon Engen, public relations secretary of the Lake Union Conference, and was produced in close cooperation with Neal Wilson, vice-president of the General Conference for North America, and Oscar Heinrich, public relations secretary of the Southern Union Conference. Within the hour's program more than 2,100 pictures were flashed on the nine rear-projection screens by 26 projectors operated by a computer. Elder Engen spent a major part of his time for more than a year

bringing the program together, during the course of which he suffered a plane crash near Holbrook, Arizona. "Adventists Across America"—those who saw it agree—ought to go on tour.

At 7:30 the president of the General Conference and the presidents of the 11 world divisions appeared on stage for the closing hour of the fifty-first session of the General Conference. Elder Pierson took his text from Exodus 14:15: "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward"—words spoken in an hour of supreme crisis. This, said Elder Pierson, is God's message to the Advent people today. God expects, and the 70's demand, full commitment on the part of every Seventh-day Adventist, leaders and church members alike. He repeated his earnest call sounded earlier in the session, to repentance, revival, and reformation in this crisis hour.

"Brethren and sisters," he appealed, "this is the hour. You are God's men and women. You have the message and the promise of power. All heaven is astir with anticipation as we move into the narrows to final victory. With God's help let us move forward to the kingdom during this decade of decision!"

## A Million New Members

With church membership now at the 2-million mark, Elder Pierson announced that the leaders of the church have accepted the goal of a million new members before the next General Conference session, scheduled for 1975. Those with whom I have conversed about this challenging goal are agreed that it is truly within reach if we bring to the task the personal dedication to which Christ summons the church at this time. Each of the division presidents in turn responded to Elder Pierson's challenge.

Every morning at 6:30 the president and vice-presidents had been meeting in the penthouse atop the Shelburne Hotel for a special prayer session, earnestly seeking divine guidance in the tasks to which the church has called them. During the past few days I have conversed with each of these men, about their hopes and aspirations for the next five years. I am convinced that they are all God's men, dedicated men, men of hope and faith and vision. I am convinced that God has

## Review and Herald

In 1869 a company of Sabbathkeeping Adventists began to publish a paper called *The Present Truth*. In 1890 they also published five issues of *The Advent Review*. Later that year in November, these two papers merged under the name *Second Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, now filled entirely by Review and Herald. Its editorial objective remains unchanged—in preach "the everlasting gospel" in the context of the Sabbath, the Second Advent, and other truths distinctive of the Advent Movement.

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called them to lead the church on to triumph in the 70's. Together with Elder Pierson, they represent a total of 410 years of service to the church, or an average of more than 37 years each.

Tomorrow the 1,782 delegates will re-

## Fourteenth Business Meeting

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near the end of time, and the end of these great days of earth, we pray for a double portion of Thy Spirit, that we may go forward ever growing, ever advancing, ever maturing in the things of God, hastening the kingdom of Jesus. Keep us all faithful and true and loyal, carrying the banner of truth, and finally in Thy kingdom remember us, with all the redeemed of all time. We pray in the name of Jesus, our precious Lord. Amen.

G. C. DART: As the son of one of these men retiring, I would like to say I consider it a great privilege to be a P.K. (a preacher's kid). I'd like to let you in on a family secret. I've been telling my father, A. O. Dart, that any success he has had in giving counsel in child training and home problems, he owes me 50 per cent of the credit, for I tested fully every theory he ever had in that area!

We're going into our business session, but I would like to introduce to you the man who offered our prayer at the beginning of this business session, Dr. A. W. Truman. Dr. Truman began his work in our church in 1909. He is now living in Loma Linda. His last service was in a union with which I am well acquainted, the Southwestern Union. He was the founder of the Ardmore, Oklahoma, Hospital, where he served eight years. Thank you, Dr. Truman.

[At this point the nominating committee brought in its final report, which was voted. It appears on page 7 of this Bulletin.]

[Further *Church Manual* amendments were considered and voted. These appear on page 17 of this Bulletin.]

Benediction: S. M. UTTLEY.

ROBERT H. PIERSON, *Chairman*.

DAVID H. BAASCH, *Secretary*.

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## Fifteenth Business Meeting

June 19, 1970, 3:00 P.M.

HYMN: "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

SCRIPTURE READING: Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14.

PRAYER: Tomas Luna, Monterey, Mexico.

THEODORE CARCICH: Our secretary, Elder Hunter, will present a further report from the plans committee.

[The report from the plans committee was adopted and appears on page 17 of this Bulletin.]

[During the discussion regarding the number of delegates to the General Conference session and the nominating committee, Neal C. Wilson made the following observation:]

turn to their fields of labor, convinced of the leading of the Holy Spirit in the work of the fifty-first session of the General Conference, and that the hour has come in which God will set His hand to finish the task.

NEAL C. WILSON: I think we recognize that we are living in a world where the trend is for greater representation and not less. We ought to be reasonable on this, and we don't want our meetings to become so large that they become unmanageable. We are thinking today of representing many different groups, nations, ethnic backgrounds, various areas of our denominational endeavor. In order to get a balanced position, I think we ought not to go too far in the direction of limiting delegations to the General Conference session.

[The following observations regarding "Sabbath School Objectives for the En-suing Quadrennium," were made subsequent to the reading of the resolution:]

THEODORE CARCICH: This is an excellent recommendation. It deals with an organization that on a worldwide basis brings more Seventh-day Adventists together in one place at one time than any other organization among us. Every president, every pastor, every evangelist, every educator, every layman, should support this organization and also this recommendation.

N. GERMANIS: Mr. Chairman, there is one particular point that concerns a number of us who are serving overseas. I refer to the line beginning "The preparation of Sabbath school lesson materials that are relevant, stimulating, inspiring . . ." One great need is that they also be brief. We are not able to keep up with the translation and printing of some of the Sabbath school lessons that have been issued lately, and this has become a real problem. I wonder if study has been given to this. We really do not know how to handle all the material.

THEODORE CARCICH: Thank you, Brother Germanis, I think that Brother Barger may possibly endeavor to help you.

R. C. BARGER: We recognize that the introduction of the new format that is primarily geared to the needs of North America, has posed a problem for some of our overseas fields. The department has made an effort in the short time that we have been operating under the new format to provide condensed or abridged versions of the lessons for the overseas fields. Now we have tried to indicate this to the various fields. Many of them are using the abridged version and have found that it meets their need, a satisfactory alternative.

W. R. BEACH: Brother Chairman, I would like to move that we place on the record of this session an action referring to the General Conference Executive Committee all unfinished business. [Voted.]

B. B. ALSAYBAR: This General Conference has been a very educational experience for me, and I'm sure for each one here. Whatever we have learned here and what we have said here we shall take to

our people. I would like to move that we greet President Nixon and tell him we're praying for him.

THEODORE CARCICH: This is an excellent suggestion from our brother from the Philippines. When we go to other countries, we do this very thing to the host country and to the host ruler. Are you ready to vote on this? [Voted.]

B. B. ALSAYBAR: All of our biennial sessions in the Philippines close with a resolution of thanks. Now is this resolution of thanks referred to the General Conference Committee?

W. R. BEACH: A resolution on gratitude to God for the blessings we have received and repentance for what we have not done was brought to us from the plans committee. If one wishes to express gratitude in a special way, that certainly is never out of place.

[A resolution of thanks to God, to Mayor Somers of Atlantic City, and all others who had part in the session was voted.]

R. R. BIETZ: It was voted by this assembly to refer the name of the new division to the General Conference Committee for final determination. I am told that the division committee met last night and voted unanimously and enthusiastically that the name for this new division should be Afro-Mideast Division. I thought we would announce this and state to you that this will be referred to the General Conference Committee on Sunday. No doubt they will vote that it will be given the name of Afro-Mideast Division.

[The referral was recorded.]

The closing song was announced by Barnabas Malingkas, the lay activities and Young People's Missionary Volunteer secretary of West Indonesia.

HYMN: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

BENEDICTION: M. Clavaria, president, South Philippine Union Mission.

THEODORE CARCICH, *Chairman*.

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