

# THE ADVENT **REVIEW** AND **HERALD** SABBATH

GENERAL CHURCH PAPER OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

## Greetings to the Delegates

FROM OUR THREE LIVING EX-PRESIDENTS

We can think of no more appropriate way to begin the record of the 1958 General Conference session than with a message of greeting from the three former presidents who are still living. We can find new strength and courage, new fervor to advance, new loyalty to the cause, from reading their words of greeting.

C. H. Watson, living in Australia, served as president from 1930 to 1936. J. L. McElhany, living in California, served

from 1936 to 1950. W. H. Branson, living in Florida, served from 1950 to 1954. The picture of each is one taken during his presidency.

We are sure that we speak for each delegate, and the whole Adventist membership, when we reciprocate these greetings and wish for each of these beloved former leaders the warmth of God's blessing, as they, with us, travel onward toward the day of our Lord's return.—F. D. N.

From

C. H. Watson



From

J. L. McElhany



From

W. H. Branson



With steadfast faith in the power of God and the certainty of the Second Advent message and Movement, and deeply impressed by present trends of life and events, and by conditions everywhere in this world, I pray God to be mightily with you in all your deliberations and determinations in this most important session.

Just now there does not appear to be anything anywhere but that testifies to the fact that the second coming of our Lord Jesus is right at hand. May the power of His presence be richly experienced by you all and, through you, by His people scattered in all parts of the world.

There are many thousands of God's dear people who, unable to be with you, are yearning for such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon you as shall influence the church everywhere to greater and more loyal devotion to our divine Master, to unwavering faith in the truth we proclaim, to unflagging zeal and deeper spirituality in private life and public labor, thus to hasten the coming of our Saviour and the home-going of His people.

God bless you all in your service at this session.

It is a thrilling and heart-warming privilege to send a message of greeting to all the delegates and the brethren and sisters who are now attending the session of the General Conference in Cleveland, and also to extend these greetings to all the members of the remnant church, who are living in almost all the countries of the earth.

We are a privileged people, called to preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus to the nations of earth, with special emphasis on the glad news of the soon coming of our blessed Lord.

I pray that God will greatly bless this Conference session with a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and that there may come into every life a new and deeper experience in full-hearted surrender to the Lord Jesus that will prepare each one personally for His soon coming in the clouds of heaven.

Multitudes are praying for the success of this session. The reports from the world leaders of this organization will bring courage and rejoicing to the hearts of all. But as we rejoice over the growth and development of the movement let us all here and now *renew fully* the dedication of ourselves to the finishing of God's saving work in all the earth.

What a time in which to hold a church council!

The nations are angry! Even now they hastily prepare the weapons for Armageddon. Hearts are failing everywhere. A time of trouble such as never was is overtaking us. Once again the leaders of Babylon search for a way of escape—and find none. But God has a way: Jesus is coming again! Once more the towers of Babel will crumble to the earth about our feet. The Lord will again prove that He is the hope of His people. He will lead them through.

And Jesus is coming *soon*. He has given His promise and He will not fail. *He will come* and save His people.

In the world situation we see clearly that *Jesus must come soon*; there is no other way. It could be during the new quadrennium. The time is at hand. It comes as a whirlwind.

It is with these considerations before us that this conference gathers.

We must prepare for the end. The harvest is ripe. We should plan at this session for the finishing of the work, and our task is urgent. Jesus expects every one of our million members to work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

# Daily Program of the General Conference Session

## THURSDAY, JUNE 19

P.M.

- 7:30 Songs of Praise
- 8:00 First Business Session
  1. The theme and song
  2. Scripture reading
  3. Hymn
  4. Prayer
  5. "Long Upon the Mountains, Weary"—Faith for Today Quartet
  6. Welcome by V. G. Anderson, president, Columbia Union Conference
  7. Welcome by D. W. Hunter, president, Ohio Conference
  8. "Spirit of God"—Charles Keymer
  9. Organization of Conference
  10. President's Address—R. R. Figuhr
  11. Adjournment to assigned rooms for selection of division appointments to nominating committee
  12. Benediction

## FRIDAY, JUNE 20

A.M.

- 8:30 Bible Study and Devotional—W. B. Ochs
- 10:00 Business Session

Secretary's Report—W. R. Beach  
Treasurer's Report—C. L. Torrey  
Auditor's Report—H. W. Barrows

P.M.

- 1:30 Committees
  - The World Work in Pictures (Australasian Division—45 minutes; Southern Asia Division—30 minutes)
- 3:00 Business Session
  - Statistical Report—H. W. Klaser
  - Home Missionary Dept. Report—T. L. Oswald
- Music and Story Hour—Jr. Youth  
Story Hour—Kindergarten  
Primary
- 5:00 Preparation for the Sabbath
- 8:00 Sermon—A. L. Ham

## SABBATH, JUNE 21

A.M.

- 9:30 Sabbath School
- 10:45 Missionary Service
- 11:00 Sermon Hour
  - Adult—R. R. Figuhr
  - Youth—F. W. Detamore
  - Junior
  - Primary

P.M.

- 1:30 Story Hour
  - Primary
  - Junior
- 2:00 Hour of Music
  - Adult
  - Youth
- 3:00 Our Mission to the World
  - MV's of the World in Action
- 8:00 Southern African Division—R. S. Watts  
South American Division—W. E. Murray

## SUNDAY, JUNE 22

A.M.

- 8:30 Bible Study and Devotional—L. K. Dickson
- 10:00 Business Session
  - American Bible Society—Dr. Robert T. Taylor
  - Dept. of Education Report—E. E. Cossentine

P.M.

- 1:30 Committees
  - The World Work in Pictures (College of Medical Evangelists—30 minutes; Southern Asia Division—30 minutes)
- 3:00 Business Session
  - International Temperance Assn.—W. A. Scharffenberg
  - Religious Liberty Dept. Report—A. W. Johnson

Music and Story Hour—Jr. Youth  
Story Hour—Kindergarten  
Primary

- 5:00 Departmental Meetings
  - Religious Liberty
  - Publishing
  - Treasurers
  - Home Missionary
  - Radio and TV

- 8:00 Sermon—H. M. S. Richards

## MONDAY, JUNE 23

A.M.

- 8:30 Bible Study and Devotional—F. D. Nichol
- 10:00 Business Session
  - Ministerial Assn. Report—R. A. Anderson
  - Regional Dept. Report—F. L. Peterson
  - Harris Pine Mills Statement—Chas. Nagele

P.M.

- 1:30 Committees
  - The World Work in Pictures (Middle East Division—45 minutes; Far Eastern Division—30 minutes)
- 3:00 Business Session
  - Sabbath School Dept. Report—L. L. Moffitt
  - Radio and TV Dept. Report—E. R. Walde
- Music and Story Hour—Jr. Youth  
Story Hour—Kindergarten  
Primary
- 5:00 Departmental Meetings
  - Civil Defense and Disaster Relief
  - Publishing Dept.
  - Bible Instructors
  - Sabbath School
  - Missionary Volunteer
  - Regional
- 8:00 Northern European Division—A. F. Tarr  
Inter-American Division—A. H. Roth

## TUESDAY, JUNE 24

A.M.

- 8:30 Bible Study and Devotional—H. L. Rudy
- 10:00 Business Session
  - Legal Meetings

P.M.

- 1:30 Committees
  - The World Work in Pictures (White Estate illustrated lecture—45 minutes; Religious Liberty Dept.—"Religious Town Hall of the Air"—30 minutes)
- 3:00 Business Session
  - MV Dept. Report—T. E. Lucas
  - Home Study Inst. Report—W. H. Teesdale
- Music and Story Hour—Jr. Youth  
Story Hour—Kindergarten  
Primary
- 5:00 Departmental Meetings
  - Parents' Meeting—H. M. S. Richards
  - Ministerial
  - Public Relations
  - Radio and TV
  - Education
  - N. American Missions Workers
- 8:00 Middle East Division—G. J. Appel  
Australasian Division—F. G. Clifford

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

A.M.

- 8:30 Bible Study and Devotional—A. V. Olson
- 10:00 Business Session
  - Potomac University Report—E. D. Dick
  - Nat'l. Service Organization Report—G. W. Chambers

P.M.

- 1:30 Committees
  - The World Work in Pictures (Southern Asia Division—30 minutes; Temperance Department—"Cancer by the Carton"—30 minutes)

- 3:00 Business Session
  - Medical Dept. Report—T. R. Flaiz
  - College of Medical Evangelists—G. T. Anderson
  - Music and Story Hour—Jr. Youth
  - Story Hour—Kindergarten  
Primary
- 5:00 Departmental Meetings
  - Regional
  - Temperance
  - Public Relations
  - Religious Liberty
  - Home Missionary
  - Education
- 8:00 Southern European Division—M. V. Campbell  
Southern Asia Division—O. O. Mattison

## THURSDAY, JUNE 26

A.M.

- 8:30 Bible Study and Devotional—W. Duncan Eva
- 10:00 Business Session
  - Publishing Dept. Report—G. A. Huse
  - Association of Self-supporting Institutions—Wesley Amundsen

P.M.

- 1:30 Committees
  - The World Work in Pictures (Public Relations Dept.—"Ye Are My Witnesses"—30 minutes; Faith for Today—30 minutes; War Service Com.—Medical Cadet Corps film—15 minutes)
- 3:00 Business Session
  - E. G. White Publications Report—A. L. White
  - Bureau of Public Relations Report—H. B. Weeks
- Music and Story Hour—Jr. Youth  
Story Hour—Kindergarten  
Primary
- 5:00 Departmental Meetings
  - Parents' Meeting—F. W. Detamore
  - Ministerial
  - Medical
  - Sabbath School
  - Missionary Volunteer
  - North American Missions
- 8:00 Central European Division—Wilhelm Mueller  
Far Eastern Division—F. A. Mote

## FRIDAY, JUNE 27

A.M.

- 8:30 Bible Study and Devotional—F. L. Peterson
- 10:00 Business Session
  - North American Division Report—W. B. Ochs
  - International Insurance Co. and Insurance Agency Statement—J. W. Peeke

P.M.

- 1:30 Committees
  - The World Work in Pictures (Publishing Dept.—"Summons at Midnight"—25 minutes; Sabbath School Dept.—"Africa"—18 minutes; Medical Dept.—"This My Life"—30 minutes)
- 3:00 Business Session
  - SDA Welfare Service, Inc.—C. W. Bozarth
  - Jewish Work Report—W. E. Read
  - Presentation of Division Presidents
- Music and Story Hour—Jr. Youth  
Story Hour—Kindergarten  
Primary
- 5:00 Preparation for the Sabbath
- 8:00 Sermon—L. C. Naden

## SABBATH, JUNE 28

A.M.

- 8:00 Voice of Prophecy Broadcast—H. M. S. Richards
- 9:30 Sabbath School
- 10:45 Missionary Service
- 11:00 Sermon Hour
  - Adult—Sec'y of the General Conference
  - Youth—A. L. Bietz
  - Junior
  - Primary

P.M.

- 1:30 Story Hour—Primary  
Junior
- 2:00 Hour of Music—Adult  
Youth
- 3:00 The Living Church
  - Moving the World Godward
  - Our Mission to the World (Youth)
- 9:15 Potomac University Constituency Meeting

REVIEW AND HERALD

# A Preview of the General Conference Session

By H. M. TIPPETT, *Review Reporter*

The Public Square of Cleveland, the lake-port metropolis of Ohio, is stirring with the quick steps of hundreds of Seventh-day Adventist delegates to the forty-eighth session of the General Conference, which begins as this first issue of the bulletin goes to press. Not many days ago some of these men and women were walking the streets of Bangkok, and others were going about their business in the bazaars of Beirut. Some will be missing the Mohammedan muezzin's familiar call to prayer, and others, the voodoo drums of Haiti that serenade the night. From tropical Bandung, Java, they have come, and from the edge of the Arctic at Anchorage, Alaska. Representatives from the grassy plains of Nyasaland and from the

scraggy steeps of Bolivia fellowship together. Australia has sent its quota, and the cathedral cities of Europe. The happy faces of nationals from the Philippines, from Jamaica, from South America and other countries—many in the States for the first time—accent the assemblies of the presession meetings. Unique among them all is Parkin Christian, descendant of the *Bounty* mutineers, from tiny Pitcairn Island.

"See you in Cleveland!" The farewell words of workers as they left the shadows of Chinese pagodas or Kali temples of India or boarded steamers and planes in remote parts and isolated portions of the world to come by diverse routes to this great council of the church have literally

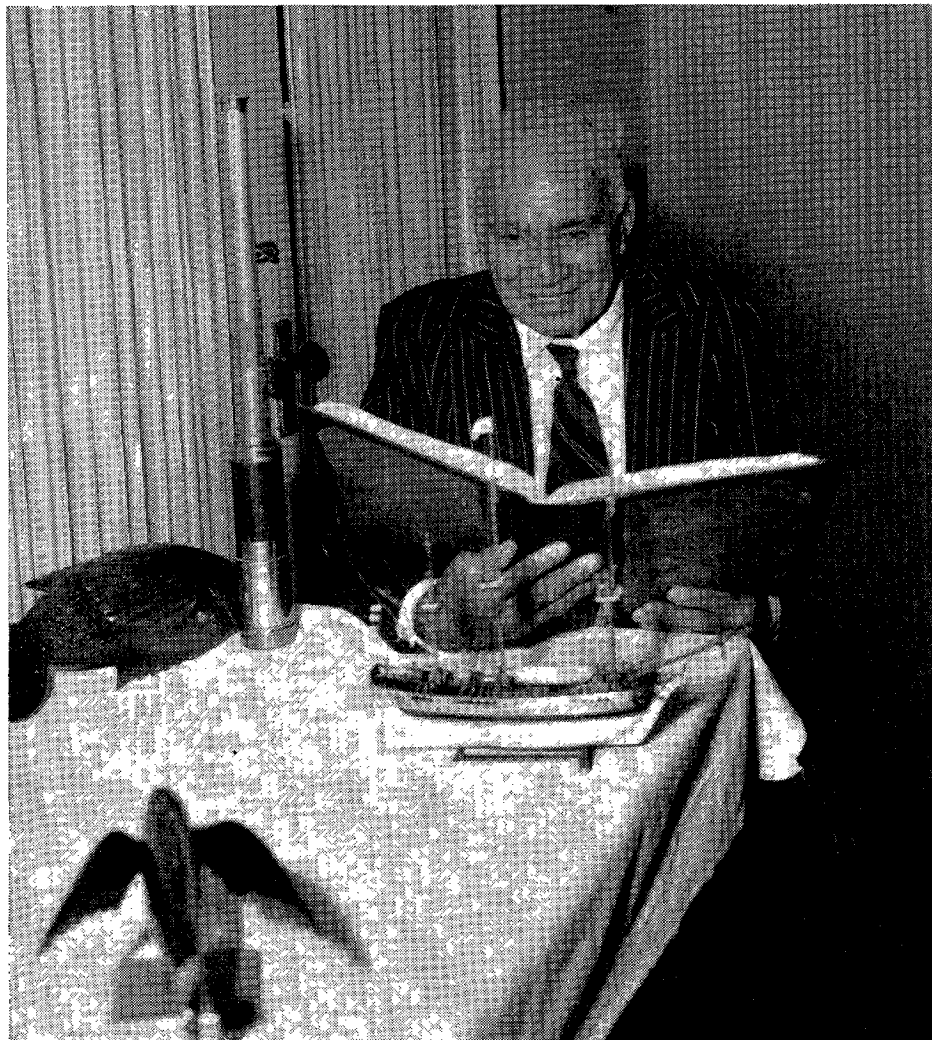
come to pass. And Cleveland sees them and marvels—Cleveland, Midwest center of industry and patron of culture, surveyed and laid out in its splendid spaciousness more than 150 years ago, when Public Square was a five-acre tract of stumps edged with forest, and bustling Euclid Avenue, a sketchy path through the woods.

This is indeed a historic spot, for the city is situated in an area which once was the home of the Mound Builders, the Indian burial ground of a vanished civilization. The Cuyahoga River, which the city enfolds, once divided the Iroquois and Huron Indian tribes. Having grown from a population of 57 in 1810 to its present metropolitan census of a million inhabitants, the city justifies the observation of an early eminent economist, "Cleveland was born great." Of special interest to us as a denomination dedicated to the sending out of the gospel to all lands and peoples is the fact that it was here in 1863, the very year of our organization as a church, that free city delivery of mail was first inaugurated, and in six years it spread to all parts of America, a forecast of the many means of rapid communication the Lord would use in finishing the work.

Cleveland's Public Auditorium, seating 10,000, and its Music Hall, seating 3,200, will be the scene of all the public assemblies of the conference. During the early part of the week preceding the opening meeting on Thursday night, dozens of workmen were busily engaged arranging the halls in preparation for the conference session June 19 to 28. Although this great civic auditorium has been the scene of many memorable gatherings, such as the World Eucharistic Congress of 1935, which brought 125,000 visitors to the city, and the Seventh World Poultry Congress with delegates from 45 nations, never has there been a more international group than these more than 1,000 delegates to the 1958 General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists representing 90 countries. The first delegate to report at the registration desk, which opened on Tuesday, was Kila Galama, a New Guinea native, whose head-hunting grandfather practiced cannibalism. Every overseas contingent will find a welcome in the Public Auditorium in the form of its familiar flag extending from the balustrade of the balcony. These flags of all nations are grouped in clusters of three, separated by plaques of the world banded with the insigne "SDA," against a festooned background of gold cloth.

"Not Far From the Kingdom." This stirring sermon preached in the Sligo church at Takoma Park by L. C. Naden, secretary of the Australasian Division, on the Sabbath before the opening of the conference, sounded a note that will reverberate and become emphasized throughout these meetings. That note will find symbolic expression in the huge map of the world down at the right side of the auditorium platform, on which in varicolored lights all the centers of our missionary and institutional work will be represented. It will be mutely appealing to the attendants at every meeting in the huge motto in silver foam letters

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Descendant of Mutiny Leader Attends Conference

Parkin Christian, great-great grandson of Fletcher Christian, leader of the hardy group of mutineers from H.M.S. *Bounty* who settled on Pitcairn Island in 1789, here examines one of the few existing original copies of the diary of Captain William Bligh of the *Bounty*. The diary, this copy of which was presented to the Review and Herald Publishing Association by Mrs. Kathryn Greenwood of Oakland, California, contains Captain Bligh's own account of the mutiny. On the table before Parkin Christian is a model of the *Bounty*, and to his right a mariner's telescope formerly used on the Seventh-day Adventist missionary ship *Pitcairn*. The model fish were carved by Pitcairn islanders out of miro wood from nearby Henderson Island.

# The President's Address

JUNE 19, 1958, 8 P.M.

By R. R. FIGUHR

We open this forty-eighth General Conference session on a note of confidence and courage. There is every reason for God's people to feel confident and to be courageous, for we can say, as the prophet of old said, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" (1 Sam. 7:12), and "We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history."—*Life Sketches*, p. 196. There is an awareness generally that perilous times have come and hearts are failing for fear. But our invincible Leader has said, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." In the full assurance of His abiding presence, we open this meeting of worldwide importance and undertake to attend to the business of His church.

We extend a warm welcome to all delegates. Many have come from the ends of the earth. It is with special feelings of satisfaction that we welcome the delegates from countries that have been cut off from us for a period of years. We also extend greetings to all in attendance—our workers and church members, and especially to our beloved veterans, whom we feel privileged to have with us. On this occasion we send greetings to our believers in every land where the three angels' messages have reached. Were it possible to speak to each Seventh-day Adventist in his own tongue tonight, it would be necessary to employ some 787 different languages. How graphically we see Revelation 14 fulfilled before our eyes! The proclamation of the three angels' messages began in one language. It was to go to "every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." How marvelously this prophecy has been fulfilled!

We are happy to be in Cleveland for this world conference. This is the first time a General Conference session has been held this far east since 1946, when a limited session, necessitated by unsettled world conditions, was held in Washington, D.C. It is interesting to note that, with but five exceptions, our first 36 General Conference sessions were held in Battle Creek, Michigan. The next seven sessions were held in various places—only one at Battle Creek—until in 1918 San Francisco was discovered. Since then, with but two exceptions, the following nine were held there. So we believed it was time to come to a new place such as Cleveland. We cannot but speak with warm appreciation of the helpfulness of the city of Cleveland, its officials and citizens, the Convention Bureau and other organizations, all of whom have done so much to make us feel welcome and to make our stay here pleasant.

The General Conference session is always an important gathering. This one doubtless is our most important to date. With the end of all things at hand, and recognizing ourselves as a people to whom there has been committed the message, "Prepare to meet thy God," the significance of this gathering cannot be over-emphasized. While we meet in an atmosphere of courage and confidence, it must



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also be in one of solemnity and seriousness. We cannot but be solemn, understanding the great issues before us.

Looking back over the four-year period since we last met in a General Conference session, we see many things that encourage. The period has been one of material progress and general prosperity. The prosperous times have been reflected in our church income. As our treasurer will report, members have paid in the largest amount of tithes and offerings in the history of our cause. An expanding work has demanded this. It is with deep appreciation that we recognize this loyalty to God's cause on the part of our church members. In addition to the regular contributions for the carrying on of our world work, a large sum has been given for the erection of church buildings, schools, medical institutions, and other needed facilities. The wonderful participation of our membership in the annual Ingathering has meant so much to our movement. The scripture, "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power," has found remarkable fulfill-

ment in the loyal participation of our people. The plan of united giving to support this great, worldwide, unified program, we believe is of God. Such a united and sustained effort makes possible the carrying forward of an evenly balanced and growing work, and results in solid building and steady advance. Let us make no mistake about it—our plan of financing this world work is safe and efficient. Experience has taught us the value of united effort.

In this connection may we say that earnest effort has been made to effect economies wherever possible in the operation of the work. In this our leaders and workers have loyally cooperated. A minimum of large gatherings has been planned. Wherever these have been necessary, the endeavor has been to do so under the most practical conditions. Emphasis has been put upon more of the smaller gatherings, feeling that a larger number of our church members would thus be directly benefited. Larger representative meetings, however, at times must be held. Certain councils must be called. There is no other people that carries forward its work so unitedly as does this people. First we plan together. Then we move together. And finally we rejoice together over the fruitage of our united labors under God. Unity is one of our watchwords. It must continue to be so; hence the need for frequent counseling together. No group must go off on a tangent by itself. Divided activity would result in weakening the work and making ineffective our organization. We must move forward with ranks unbroken until final victory is attained.

We are a universal church. We could not be otherwise. The divine mandate, to proclaim the gospel to every nation and people, makes us such. Consistent with this fact, we believe, is the universal brotherhood of man and that God "hath made of one blood all nations . . . to dwell on all the face of the earth," as the Scriptures say. We therefore deplore, as contrary to the spirit of the gospel, any effort to depreciate as inferior any nation or people, believing that all alike are precious in God's sight. We believe in the oneness that there is in Christ and as set forth by the apostle Paul, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:28).

## A Quadrennium of Progress

We shall not take time here to present many statistics of membership, finances, or departmental activities. These will all be brought forward in later meetings. Suffice it to say only that the statistics and the reports are encouraging. They represent faithful and dedicated efforts on the part of many workers, and indicate God's blessing upon His cause. While the numbering of Israel may not always be an accurate measure of Israel's strength and attainment, yet we do believe that as we look back over the four-year period, the reports clearly indicate unmistakable evi-

dence of God's guidance and of His blessing upon His work and people. It was in 1863 that our first General Conference session was held. We were but a little handful then of 3,500 members, with 19 attending that first session. In the quadrennium under review the largest number yet won in any four-year period—314,439 new members—were baptized and received into our churches. This is 90 times more than our entire membership 94 years ago. In one year now we baptize in excess of 22 times more than those 3,500 who constituted the Seventh-day Adventist Church membership in 1863. When we think what it has cost hundreds and thousands to take their stand for the truth, these are more than figures. They bring to us pictures of faith, of sacrifice, and of love for God and His truth far greater than all the world offers. Typical of so many is that little woman in a faraway land who was coming out of great tribulation as she took her stand for this truth. Her testimony was, "I have found this religion the religion of peace."

### Our Present Membership

Our church membership today stands at 1,102,910. Recently it has been possible to obtain more accurate membership figures of certain countries from which we were largely cut off. This has made necessary some revision in our membership figures. But we return to 1863 and that little Gideonlike band of 3,500. We think of their unshakable conviction that they were divinely called and commissioned to carry God's message to the entire world. Resolutely they moved into action, committing their all to the undertaking. Today the message they proclaimed out of their humbleness and poverty has encircled the globe. They had the most meager facilities. The messengers traveled on foot, on horseback, and by horse-drawn carriage. They utilized the painfully slow and comfortless sailing ships. Laboriously they spelled out the message in printed form, and undertook to scatter the precious pages like the leaves of autumn. What a faith was theirs! The largeness of the world, the multitude of earth's inhabitants, the prejudice and unfriendliness they encountered on every hand, in no way discouraged them. Their faith overcame the world. They loved not the world, neither the things that are in the world, recognizing that if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. So they had set their affections on things above. We must not forget that the work begun in such faith and sacrifice is to be finished in the same way. Faith must never languish, and sacrifice never be permitted to die. The total of all our giving has risen to a large figure today, but gifts and efforts are still measured by self-denial and given value in proportion to the sacrifice that they represent. The words of our Master are as true today as when first spoken, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matt. 16: 24).

Today through the miracle of modern science every important part of the world can readily be reached within a matter of hours. Through the development of effi-

cient machinery large amounts of literature are produced in an incredibly short time. The voice of the preacher is now carried to thousands—yes, to millions—over the radio. By means of television the preacher and his associates enter the very homes of other millions who not only hear but see the earnest messengers of God. These effective means of proclaiming the three angels' messages are utilized in carrying forward to completion the work begun by our humble forebears. The stage is set for a grand consummation of God's work in the earth. The lack now is not primarily in facilities. These are available. There is a lack, however, that money cannot provide, that inventions cannot supply. It is the development, on the part of every member, of a Christlike character through which God can manifest Himself to the world. "Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 69. Events are rapidly moving toward that mighty climax. May there be a spiritual stirring in our churches and in the hearts of all our members. We must be ready for the great and final movements, which will be rapid ones. In this momentous time we must measure up to God's expectation.

It has been most cheering to re-establish contacts, though limited, with members who, for years, have been cut off from us. Word coming out of these areas indicates that our people have been remarkably faithful to the truth. Many have passed through fiery trials, but they have remained loyal. With a larger measure of freedom in these lands, our work is moving forward at a more rapid pace.

For a long time there has been a recognition of the need of a Seventh-day Adventist school of graduate studies. Seventh-day Adventist teachers can be satisfactorily prepared for their work only in our own schools under our own teachers. Our distinctive philosophy of education must be preserved at all costs. About a year ago a humble beginning was made in this direction. In the already overcrowded Seminary building advanced work is now being offered. This is being done under great handicaps. But plans are being developed to provide more adequate facilities on an ample tract of land not far from Takoma Park. The move is being made in cooperation with the Columbia Union Conference, which recognizes the imperative necessity of removing Washington Missionary College, with its enrollment of 784, to more spacious quarters. These moves will result in greatly relieving the congestion that has developed in the Takoma Park area. We believe that such a move, as well as the establishing of a school for advanced work, is long overdue, and that it will be a strong stabilizing factor in these days of confused thinking and liberalizing tendencies.

### Faithful Workers Laid to Rest

During the four-year period a number of our faithful retired workers have been laid to rest. Among these are M. N. Camp-

bell, a former vice-president of the General Conference; T. E. Bowen, at one time secretary of the Foreign Missions Board, and editor of the *Church Officers' Gazette*; E. E. Franklin and W. W. Eastman, associate secretaries of the Publishing Department; Dr. E. A. Sutherland, for a time head of the Association of Self-supporting Institutions; C. B. Haynes, who rendered outstanding service as writer, evangelist, overseas-division president, and head of the War Service Commission; D. E. Robinson, a foreign missionary and associate secretary of the Ellen G. White Publications; and S. E. McNeill, who for long years served faithfully in the treasury department of the General Conference as cashier. It is with sadness that we see these links with the past breaking one by one. But the faith they loved and to which they had dedicated their lives, lives on. We also note with sadness the passing of workers while active in the cause. J. F. Cummins, an assistant General Conference treasurer, was suddenly stricken down. Donn H. Thomas came to Washington four years ago as secretary of the Bureau of Public Relations, but soon thereafter was called to his rest. While we sorrow over the loss of all these, we do not sorrow as those who have no hope. We cherish the promise, "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him" (1 Thess. 4:14).

### Evangelism Our Chief Task

Evangelism remains our chief task. Our leaders continue to place first emphasis upon this all-important work. Evangelists today are meeting new problems. There is an increasing bid for the interest and the attention of people that did not exist in former years. Consequently these men must experiment and try new methods to awaken interests and bring people to meetings and to decisions. We believe that experimentation is justified. The truth must be proclaimed in a challenging manner to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people quickly. Public evangelism today is more costly in terms of money and effort than in former years. Where once a few dollars would rent an ample meeting place, today hundreds and even thousands of dollars are required. This is particularly true in great centers of population. Time on the radio and on the TV is costly, but these means of communication have proved effective. These and every other legitimate agency must be utilized in the carrying forward of our task until it is completed.

We have an army of devoted and faithful workers. They are found in nearly all the lands of earth. Their loyalty to this cause, their cooperation, and their earnest efforts to do all possible to finish the task committed to us, deserve words of highest commendation. In the General Conference there is a dedicated group of men and women. They love the Lord, they love this cause, and willingly make whatever sacrifice is necessary so that the work may go forward. It has been a privilege to work with our General Conference staff.

Seventh-day Adventists have many institutions scattered over the face of the earth. These have all, without exception,



been established for just one purpose—to occupy an important role in proclaiming the truth of God to the world. This was the purpose in the founding of every single one. “Every institution established by Seventh-day Adventists is to be to the world what Joseph was in Egypt and what Daniel and his fellows were in Babylon. . . . They were never to compromise with idolaters; their religious faith and their name as worshipers of the living God they were to bear as a special honor.”—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 219.

We thank God for these centers of Christian influence and for the devoted men and women serving in them. Their importance to God's cause is growing continually.

Important items of business are to be transacted at this session, not the least of which is the election of the General Conference officers, staff and committee members. Our method of carrying on the work of our church is a democratic one. It is one that has been tested and found efficient. Speaking of our denominational elections, the messenger of the Lord says:

“Every member of the church has a voice in choosing officers of the church. The church chooses the officers of the state conferences. Delegates chosen by the state conferences choose the officers of the union conferences, and delegates chosen by the union conferences choose the officers of the General Conference. By this arrangement every conference, every institution, every church, and every individual, either directly or through representatives, has a voice in the election of the men who bear the chief responsibilities in the General Conference.”—*Testimonies*, vol. 8, pp. 236, 237.

#### Nearing the Borders of Canaan

We are grateful for the development, under God's guidance, of an organization so simple, effective, and enduring, that is to function effectively to the end of time. Let us remind ourselves that the strength of this organization is found in the loyalty of its members. It may appear to the wondering onlooker that there are wheels within wheels. But they are all moving with precision and performing important functions. Some thirty years ago a disgruntled former Adventist made the pessimistic observation, referring to our church organization, “The old machine is about run down.” Others had made similar observations before, and still others have made them since. In our statistics I notice that about thirty years ago our world membership was considerably less than a third of what it is today. Amazing results are coming from a machine that is said to be running down. Our membership, the force of workers, institutions, all have greatly increased since that rather doleful prognostication. It must be that the Spirit of God moves within the wheels. This is no conjecture. It is a fact. It has not been by human might or power that God's work has gone forward, but by His Spirit. It has not been because of human ability or appeal that men and women took up their crosses, denied themselves, and set out to follow their Lord by obeying His truth. God is in this movement. His Spirit directs and controls. Our part is to be loyal and remain dedicated.

It is through such dedicated men and women that God works and keeps the wheels turning.

We fully believe that the greatest days of accomplishment are still before us. We shall see an increasing acceleration of the work in the days to come. As a people we have never been in such a favorable position to witness for the truth. The name Seventh-day Adventist has gained a larger measure of respect than ever before. The publicity that has been given to Seventh-day Adventist worldwide activity has led many to inquire what Adventists stand for. There has been a new willingness to listen to an exposition of our teachings.

It is for us a day of opportunity. The seed sowing of many years is bearing fruit. This should not lead us into an attitude of self-complacency and contentment. We must be more alert and active than ever, recognizing that with the opportunity also comes a great responsibility. “Let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch.”

We stand near the borders of the Promised Land. World conditions clearly indicate that Christ's coming is near. “When ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors” (Matt. 24:33). The longing and prayer of every Seventh-day Adventist today should be, “Thy kingdom come.”

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## Proceedings of the General Conference

Forty-eighth Session, June 19-28, 1958

### First Meeting

Convened in the Cleveland Public Auditorium, Cleveland, Ohio

8:00 P. M., June 19, 1958

L. K. DICKSON: Let us worship God at the opening of this meeting by singing hymn number one in the songbook: "The Lord in Zion Reigneth."

A. V. OLSON: [Read Revelation 14:6-16.] May God bless the reading of His Word.

C. L. TORREY: Our kind and gracious and loving heavenly Father, as we stand here with our hearts and our heads bowed before Thee we are reminded of Thy

goodness and of Thy love to us since we met four years ago in the General Conference session. Many things have transpired since that time. We think of the hundreds of thousands of people who have become acquainted with the message, so many of whom have accepted Thee and have been baptized and are looking longingly for the coming of Jesus. And, O Father, we pray tonight that we may remember that Jesus is coming soon, that He is even at the door. We thank Thee, O Lord, that we have a part in the finishing of the great task that Thou hast given to each of us—some little talent that we can use for the finishing of the work. And we pray Thee that Thou wilt help each one of us so to live and order our

lives that when Jesus does come we shall be ready to meet Him. We pray, O Lord, for this great congregation. We thank Thee for each one, dear Lord, and we pray as we listen to the messages that will come to us tonight that they may stir our hearts and that we shall love Thee more for having been here at this great meeting.

We thank Thee, dear Lord, for these who have come so far from distant lands across the earth. We thank Thee for the brethren and sisters who have given their lives in sacrifice for the cause they love. O Lord, we pray that Thou wilt place Thy loving arms around them and wilt place Thy hands upon their heads and bless them tonight, and in the days to come, and give them health and every blessing.

Now, Lord, we do ask Thy rich blessing tonight upon this service and upon all who have any part in it. We pray, O Lord, as we stand here before Thee that Thou wilt give us a new vision of the great task before us and help us finish it quickly. And as we get the vision and the inspiration of these meetings during these next few days, may we take that vision home with us that the work will go even faster and the finishing of the work will soon be accomplished.

O Lord, we pray tonight that Thou wilt come into our midst here with Thy Holy Spirit. We long to come to that place in our experience when every sin will have been eradicated and we will stand before Thee pure and holy and upright, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. We believe that unless we have this experience we shall dismally fail. Lord, we desire to have that experience of full consecration and dedication to Thy work, so that when Thou dost come Thou canst look into our eyes and say we have done well.

Now take this meeting into Thy care, lead us gently along the way until the work is finished. And then in that glad and happy day, save us, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

[Song by Faith for Today quartet entitled "Long Upon the Mountains, Weary."]

R. R. FIGUHR: We are met in the territory of the Columbia Union, one of our strong unions. We wish to express appreciation for the helpful and cooperative spirit that we have found. The brethren of the Columbia Union have done all they can to help make this meeting a success, in planning for it and in making preparations for it. We are glad to have the president of the union, V. G. Anderson, with us tonight. And we are in the Ohio Conference of the Columbia Union. The Ohio Conference brethren have been most cooperative and most helpful in preparing for this General Conference, and we are glad to have with us the president of that conference, Elder Hunter. Both of these brethren will speak to us a few words. First Elder Anderson and then Elder Hunter.

V. G. ANDERSON: President Figuhr, delegates to the forty-eighth General Conference, and friends: The Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is proud and privileged to welcome you to Cleveland for this significant convocation.

We hope that the traditional hospitality of this beautiful and prosperous city will reach out to each of you and that you will find it to be truly representative of this Union Conference on whose behalf I have the honor to bring to you these greetings.

Within the territory of the Columbia Union reside almost one fifth of the population of the United States—approximately 38 million people. One person in every thousand in the Columbia Union is a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We have 400 congregations, making up 8 conferences.

Since 1905 there have been five General Conference sessions in the Columbia Union—four of them in Washington, D.C., and now this one in Cleveland, Ohio. The world headquarters of the General Conference are housed in our territory, as is our parent publishing house, the Review and Herald. We like to think that the good-neighbor policy of fraternal and brotherly love that has characterized our relationships in the past, and which we hope was one of the dominant factors in bringing this great conference to Cleveland, will make your stay and travels in the Columbia Union an inspiring and pleasant one.

We recognize that many of you are a long way from home. And for those of you who have come from beyond the sea we want to assure you of our friendship and good will.

We have tried to cooperate fully with the General Conference officers in making certain that as far as it is humanly possible, every physical comfort conducive to the efficient dispatch of business sessions will be yours for the asking.

Just across the lake is our good neighbor, Canada, with all its commonwealth and overseas traditions and heritage. Nearby you will find many points of historical and denominational significance.

We have approached this historic moment in a state of expectant and prayerful anticipation. Our people, the hundreds of thousands that you represent from every corner of the globe, have felt that this session represents one of the pivotal points in the history of our denomination. All the eyes of Seventh-day Adventists are focused like a great TV camera on this auditorium.

The image that we project through our church journals—such as the REVIEW AND HERALD—the public press, radio and TV, and live mass communications media well convey a vision of hope, of achievement, of serenity, and of confident assurance in the will and purposes of God.

We say to you, Elder Figuhr, and to every delegate, may God bless you, sustain you, and guide you in the conduct of the King's business. May the actions taken here, the decisions made, the plans laid, merit Heaven's benediction and the ultimate home-coming to which we have all set our faces when the welcome we all seek will be spoken by our Lord and Saviour to His beloved church.

D. W. HUNTER: President Figuhr, delegates, and friends here assembled, we, the more than 9 million citizens of Ohio, are justly proud of our beautiful State. Here in greater Cleveland we have more than two and a half million people. You will

hear more about the city and the State from the mayor's representative who will be with us tomorrow, and Governor O'Neill, who will address us tomorrow afternoon. In Ohio we have 7,500 baptized members in 88 churches. The Lord has greatly blessed us so that within the last 18 months we have added 1,000 members by baptism. We stand ready, both laity and ministers, to assist in every possible way to make your stay comfortable and happy. We will do everything we possibly can. If it is impossible for us to secure that which you desire, we will do our very best to tell you how to get along without it. We pray that God will richly bless this particular session held here in Cleveland, that it may be the beginning of the loud cry, and that the Spirit of God may be present in might and in power.

[Charles Keymer sang "Spirit of God."]

R. R. FIGUHR: How wonderful is the ministry of song. We thank these brethren for these beautiful selections and we wish to thank the brethren of the Columbia Union and the Ohio Conference for their words of welcome. Now we have considerable work to do tonight and we must hasten on with our business.

I may say that we are pleasantly surprised to see such a large attendance here tonight. We expected the lower section to be pretty well filled, but we see the balconies are at least half filled and maybe more. It is a wonderful beginning of our meeting, and an omen that is encouraging of the success that we feel sure will attend our gathering here.

We shall proceed now with the seating of our delegates to ascertain whether a quorum is present for the conduct of business. The secretary will lead us into this.

W. R. BEACH: Article 3, sections 2-15, of our constitution provides for regular, and delegates at large. We would like to suggest that the delegates manifest their presence by standing by divisions as we proceed:

North American Division: 280 delegates.

Australasian Division: 16.

Central European Division: 27.

Far Eastern Division: 57.

Inter-American Division: 103.

Middle East Division: 9.

Northern European Division: 73.

South American Division: 77.

South African Division: 79.

Southern Asia Division: 28.

Southern European Division: 66.

Brother Chairman, in addition to this there are 101 members of the General Conference Committee who are delegates at large resident in North America. This brings the total to 916 regular delegates and the delegates at large.

R. R. FIGUHR: We have many more than a quorum present, and we can declare the session open for business and proceed with the items before us. The first item of business will be that of the seating of special delegates as provided in our constitution.

W. R. BEACH: Brother chairman, Article 3, section 3, provides for the appointment of additional delegates at large and their seating by the session to represent general institutions and general interests of the work. The General Confer-

ence Committee is authorized to make recommendations, and we have a list of names to present at this time. The secretary will read them.

F. L. PETERSON: [He then read the list of general and institutional delegates as found on page 9 of this issue.]

W. R. BEACH: Brother Chairman, this list comprises 161 names. I would like to move seating of these 161 delegates.

R. R. FIGUHR: It is moved and seconded that these delegates be seated in harmony with the provision made in the working policy.

It was voted.

W. R. BEACH: Brother Chairman, we have tonight 1,077 delegates appointed to this session. Others may be coming in. These delegates come from 99 countries.

R. R. FIGUHR: As our work spreads out over the world it grows. Little groups develop into mission fields, into conferences, and then into unions, and we receive the new union fields and certain local fields into the fellowship of union conferences. There are some new fields to present tonight. The secretary will present the requests.

W. R. BEACH: Brother Chairman, the Southern Asia Division has a request for admission of a union into the sisterhood of the General Conference. Brother Mattison will present the request.

O. O. MATTISON: Brother Chairman, I have the pleasure of presenting the name of the Western India Union for acceptance into the Southern Asia Division as one of our union missions. It has a very interesting history. It was organized first as the Bombay Union Mission in 1929 with A. W. Cormack as president and C. L. Torrey as secretary-treasurer.

In 1932 it became the Bombay Presidency Mission. In 1933 it was reorganized into the Western India Union. Since then it has passed through various organizational plans, and recently it was again organized into the Western India Union. Brother Chairman, I move that this field be accepted into the fellowship of union missions as a part of the Southern Asia Division field.

R. R. FIGUHR: It is moved and seconded that this union be received into the sisterhood of our unions. Are there any remarks?

It was voted.

W. R. BEACH: Brother Chairman, the Inter-American Division has a request.

ARTHUR ROTH: Brother Chairman, the Inter-American Division has 4,500,000 people whose official language is French. Among these are 16,000 Seventh-day Adventist church members and in addition 8,500 Sabbath school members—24,500 souls for whom the church is responsible. To care for these French-speaking Seventh-day Adventists and effectively to direct the evangelization of the people of the Republic of Haiti and the Western Hemisphere Department of France—Guadeloupe, Martinique, and French Guiana—the Franco-Haitian Union was organized August 13, 1957. Brother Chairman, I move that this new union be admitted to the sisterhood of unions that form the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

R. R. FIGUHR: It is moved and supported that this union be accepted.

It was voted.

W. R. BEACH: Brother Chairman, at a recent General Conference session provision was made in the constitution for the admission of local fields, local conferences, or local missions which were not attached to any union but which were attached directly to a division. The time has come that these detached local fields be attached directly to the divisions and be admitted as members of the General Conference. Several divisions have such local fields. Southern Europe is one of them, and Brother Campbell will present the request regarding his field.

M. V. CAMPBELL: We have six detached missions we would like to recommend for membership. Three of them are in Europe, two in Africa, and one in Asia. Those in Europe are the Bulgarian Mission, the Greek Mission, and the Spanish Mission. In Africa, French West Africa and Mozambique. In Asia, the Israel Mission. These six missions have a membership of 5,000. They are duly organized in harmony with the constitution of the General Conference, and the General Conference Committee has recommended their acceptance. Brother Chairman, I move it.

R. R. FIGUHR: It has been moved that these six fields be received.

It was seconded and voted.

W. R. BEACH: Brother Chairman, the Northern European Division has a request regarding a local conference. Brother Tarr will present the request of this division.

A. F. TARR: Brother Chairman, our work in Iceland was organized into a conference with the concurrence of the General Conference some years ago. It is now a conference directly attached to the Northern European Division. They have 375 wonderful believers there in Iceland and the adjoining island of Westman Island. I move that the Iceland Mission be accepted as a member of the General Conference.

R. R. FIGUHR: It is moved and seconded that the field of Iceland be accepted.

It was voted.

W. R. BEACH: Brother Chairman, the Middle East Division has a request regarding the Iran Mission. Brother Appel is presenting the request.

G. J. APPEL: Brother Chairman, the Iran field, one of the oldest fields in the Middle East Division, was duly organized into an attached mission of the Middle East Division. I take pleasure this evening in recommending that this mission be accepted by the General Conference.

R. R. FIGUHR: It is moved and seconded that the Iranian field be received.

It was voted.

W. R. BEACH: Brother Chairman, F. A. Mote will make a request for the Far Eastern Division.

F. A. MOTE: Brother Chairman, during recent years we have organized the Far Eastern Island Mission. The Far Eastern Island Mission territory includes Guam, Saipan, and Palau in the Caroline Islands and other islands in the mid-Pacific. We have also organized the West New Guinea Mission. These two missions are detached missions of the Far Eastern Division. I have pleasure in moving that these two detached missions be received into the fellowship of the General Conference.

R. R. FIGUHR: It is moved and seconded that these fields be accepted. [It was voted.] Now we would like to ask that the delegates stand who were presented from the fields just voted in. [Delegates stood and were welcomed by the chairman.]

Now we have a number of greetings that we should receive here and acknowledge. The secretary will present them.

W. R. BEACH: [The greetings as received will appear in a later issue of the REVIEW.]

R. R. FIGUHR: [The president then presented his presidential address, which appears on pages 4 to 6 of this issue.]

W. R. BEACH: You will find in your program a group of 12 organizational committees of the session which have been suggested by the General Conference Committee.

[Standing committees were voted: See pages 9 and 10 of this issue.]

R. R. FIGUHR: There is a special provision for the appointment of a nominating committee. At the last General Conference it was voted to ask the biennial Fall Council to give study to this matter. The council recommended the following, which W. P. Bradley will read:

#### Nominating Committee Procedure, 1958 Session

WHEREAS, The 1954 General Conference session provided that the 1956 Biennial Council should determine the size and the procedure of selecting the Nominating Committee to serve at the 1958 General Conference session,

*We recommend, 1.* That the membership of the Nominating Committee consist of one member for each 12,000 church members or major fraction thereof, computed by divisions on the basis of the membership at the close of 1957; provided, however, that no division have less than two members on the Nominating Committee.

2. That the members of the Nominating Committee be chosen as follows:

a. Each division delegation, including the North American Division, shall act as a unit in selecting the members to which it is entitled on the basis of church membership. Delegates at large will join the delegations from the divisions in which they are or were last employed, or now reside.

b. That the election of division representatives on the Nominating Committee be by the method of voting considered by the division to be the most convenient and efficient, taking into consideration the size of the delegation and other circumstances.

3. That each division delegation in selecting its representatives on the Nominating Committee take into account the following points:

a. The division's representation on the Nominating Committee should as far as possible represent the various geographical areas, organizational segments, and types of activity of the division.

b. Those chosen as members of the Nominating Committee must be duly accredited delegates in attendance at the 1958 General Conference session.

c. Members of the General Conference Committee whose term of service is expiring at the session and who therefore stand

for re-election shall not be members of the Nominating Committee.

d. No delegate shall nominate more than one person for election to the Nominating Committee.

4. That the Nominating Committee elect its own chairman and secretary under the temporary chairmanship of the president of the General Conference.

W. P. BRADLEY: I move the adoption of this series of recommendations.

It was voted.

[The division delegations were then assigned places of meeting for the selection of their representatives on the Nominating Committee.]

Meeting adjourned.

Closing prayer by H. L. Rudy.

R. R. FIGUHR, *Chairman*.

W. R. BEACH, W. P. BRADLEY, F. L. PETERSON, *Secretaries*.

## A Preview of the General Conference Session

(Continued from page 3)

against the blue backdrop of the platform—"THY KINGDOM COME." It will be speaking to the hearts of the delegates from the poem in their printed program and written for this occasion by Jessie Wilmore Murton of Battle Creek.

"The midnight hour of history hastens on,  
And weary pilgrims wait the golden dawn;

Arise, arise, O Morning Star so bright!  
'Thy kingdom come,' O Prince of love and light.

"The nations muster for that last great strife;

And cheap the price of virtue, and of life;

The winds of wrath are struggling for release;

'Thy kingdom come,' O Prince of joy and peace.

" 'Thy kingdom come!' O hasten that glad hour

When we shall meet Thee clothed in light and power,

While halleluias through creation ring;

'Thy kingdom come!' O Mighty God, and King!"

L. R. Mansell, chairman of the music committee of the conference, has promised a unique program by vocal and instrumental organizations throughout the meeting. These special programs will present what the committee has designated "A Commemorative Album." Songs that have been sung and music presented at special occasions in our historic church past will be featured now and then by designated groups. The opening meeting,

for instance, will present the Faith for Today Quartet singing that old Advent hymn sung at the first General Conference ever held:

"Long upon the mountains, weary,  
Have the scattered flock been torn;  
Dark the desert paths, and dreary;  
Grievous trials have they borne."

At each successive General Conference one is impressed by the ever-widening advance of the work in all the world. In Exhibition Hall of the auditorium, evidence of this expansion is to be noted in the creation of new booths to represent new work. Among the nearly 40 booths appointed at headquarters for divisions, institutions, and General Conference departments there appears one for the newly created Potomac University that grew out of the SDA Theological Seminary, which is comprised now within its organization. Then there is a booth for the Jewish work and the distribution of Hebrew literature. The American Bible Society, with whom we have always had the friendliest relations, is setting up a booth. Those in charge of these appointed places are putting on the last touches of appeal and decoration.

Two huge enclosed counters, one for books and one for periodicals, occupy the center of Exhibition Hall. J. D. Snider, manager of the Review and Herald book department, is in charge of the book counter, and periodical-department manager, R. J. Christian, the periodical counter. They will be assisted by representatives from the Review and Herald, Pacific Press, and Southern publishing associations. About eleven and one-half tons of

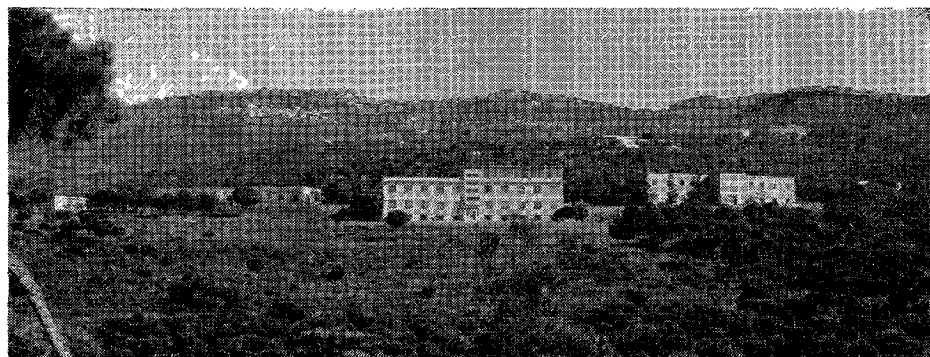
books from the various publishers were shipped to Cleveland along with two and a half tons of periodicals. Every book and periodical published will be on display. Camp-meeting prices will prevail during the session, and no doubt this exhibit and sales counter will be thronged with visitors and purchasers each day.

With full credit to our Public Relations Bureau for arranging it, the favorable publicity given to Seventh-day Adventists in the current issue of *Look* magazine has coincided with the General Conference session, to our favor. According to C. H. Kelly, chairman of the Housing Committee, this published article has won favor for Seventh-day Adventists among the citizens of Cleveland, for more than 1,600 homes have voluntarily offered accommodations for guests who are attending the Conference session. One remarkable incident reveals the sincerity of these invitations. The proprietor of an elite housing unit that normally charges guests \$25 a day asked that a half-dozen session visitors be sent over at a nominal charge of a dollar or two a day. He wanted to fellowship with Seventh-day Adventists because of what he had learned about them.

From June 2 to 13 General Conference Officers council meetings, with home and overseas leaders in attendance, were held in Takoma Park, the world headquarters, and out of their study of the problems of the world field came many items for the agenda of the proceedings of the Cleveland World Conference. From a dozen or more departmental presession meetings will also come resolutions and recommendations for discussion and appropriate action by the General Conference.

It is difficult to report on the dozen or more departmental presession meetings of the conference with due appreciation of the spirit of hope and faith that motivated them and of the tremendous spiritual uplift they provided for the delegates in the area of their respective interests. With a half-dozen devotional meetings going on each morning in as many halls and rooms of the auditorium, opportunity was afforded for visiting different groups and catching something of the fervor of their worship and their dedication to the program of a world task. The international aspect of this great delegation to Cleveland was again highlighted by the prayers of some of our overseas leaders who understand English, but feel more comfortable expressing themselves in their mother tongue. And so it was that a meeting might be opened by a brother praying earnestly in German, and closed with a benediction in Spanish or Portuguese.

The meetings of the Ministerial Association have drawn the sustained interest of both delegates and early visitors to the conference. Stirring messages on a new experimental note in evangelism in all the world have been made by such speakers as H. M. S. Richards, Fordyce Detamore, A. L. Bietz, E. E. Cleveland, R. A. Anderson, and others. The motto over the rostrum of the little theater where the ministerial meetings are held reads: "FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS." One of the most startling messages was given on Wednesday evening when E. J. Folken-



Our Middle East College, nestled against a hillside in Beirut, Lebanon.



berg, of London, presented an illustrated lecture on "Spiritualism's 'New Look.'" As the preparations move on in the main hall, Leston Post, acoustical expert of the Pacific Union Conference, took time out to tell of the two-year-long negotiations that have been going on with the city of Cleveland to bring the acoustics and public-address system of the auditorium up to date. The results have been gratifying beyond our earlier hopes, for the city has responded, at great expense, with a complete overhaul of the acoustic properties of the assembly hall, and installed the latest public-address system, at a cost of \$20,000. There will be no difficulty hearing, even to the farthest reaches of the lofty balcony. The city has also improved the lighting system and has thoroughly air-conditioned the building with the most modern equipment. J. A. Stevens, formerly secretary of the Sabbath School Department, recalled the conference of 1918, in San Francisco, when he taught the huge Sabbath school without any sound amplification whatever. One of the groups unconcerned is the deaf-mute section in the right balcony, where the addresses and proceedings of the conference will be relayed to those needing this service by an expert in sign language. Next to this section is one where those from Spanish-speaking countries can hear the proceedings in their own tongue.

Downstairs in Exhibition Hall the booths occupied by the divisions and departments are getting their final touches. As one views the wonderful exhibits arranged by those in charge of each section, the Biblical phrase "the feast of tabernacles" comes to mind. For here, indeed, one feels the pulse of every phase of interest represented by our worldwide work. To describe a few of the most colorful, we might begin with the Central European Division, which was one of the first to complete its display. It features a dozen groups of doll-sized people dressed in the attractive attire of their respective areas. Next to it an orange-colored sign reading "El Mirador" invites the passer-by—Take a look at the Inter-American Division. A huge relief map of the oceans, lakes, rivers, mountains, and cities of Central America occupies the floor of the booth.

A model in true scale of the huge Skodsborg Sanitarium is the feature of the Northern European Division; while its sister division, the Southern European field, displays marvelous carvings and basketware from its great mission enterprises in Equatorial West Africa. The South African brethren have one of the most striking backgrounds for their booth—a great mural painting of a typical African village, so realistic that one can imagine himself walking between the thatched huts. Across the hall are other division booths, one being that of Southern Asia, showing a selection of hideous devil masks, beautifully painted vases, and carved figurines of its native people against a brilliant map of their field portrayed in black light.

The Far Eastern Division makes a striking appeal with its large map pin-pointed with colored electric lights showing the locations of its many mission interests.

The Middle East Division, where so much political turmoil has made the headlines in recent days, presents a symbolic portrayal of Abraham heeding the call to leave the land of Ur and to go out to witness to the true God. Miniature camels and a typical company of people are seen wending their way to the Holy Land. Then comes a diorama of the birth of Jesus, and beyond that the fruitage of the gospel in the form of Arab and Mos-

## Death of J. H. Cochran

The following telegram was received from R. P. Rowe, treasurer of the Pacific Press at Mountain View, California, too late to be published in a regular issue of the REVIEW just preceding the General Conference:

**BROTHER J. H. COCHRAN FORMER GENERAL MANAGER OF THE PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION WITH 68 YEARS OF PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT SERVICE PASSED AWAY JUNE 12 AT 5 PM. FUNERAL SERVICE WILL BE MONDAY AFTERNOON JUNE 16.**

We regret the passing of this veteran of the publishing work and extend to his widow our sincerest sympathy. A life sketch will appear later.

lem Christians dressed in typical costumes. The great island field of the Australasian Division displays trophies from the South Pacific, from carved wooden tortoises and flying fish to alligators and a stuffed kangaroo.

Special mention should be made of the Ellen G. White Publications booth. For here in illuminated transparencies are portrayed great enterprises of the church that were inaugurated by direct visions from heaven and counsel through God's messenger for these days. The institutions and movements within the organization here find symbolic expression of their divine origin.

Some things are in prospect for the delegates and visitors to this great meeting as they may be worked in wherever opportunity is afforded for them. For example: A demonstration by A. M. Moyer, of Africa, of the famous talking drums of the native tribes. It is hoped that Nurse Beryl Turtill, of Nigeria, will be able to tell of the life of women in Ile-Ife. Elfa Luukkanen, of Helsinki, Finland, successful woman evangelist of that field, expects to tell in the ministerial meetings of her work as a preacher in Finland. E. G. Ross is here from Nicaragua, and probably is our only worker who knows the difficult language of the Guatemala Indians. J. B. Keith, president of the Coral Sea Union Mission, is an authority on the head-hunters and cannibals of his ocean domain. From O. B. McCutcheon, of New Hebrides, we should hear of the Big Nambus, the world's most savage people. From the North Bantu country of South Africa, comes W. V. Norcott, who lost three children in the Ituri Forest, where the Pygmies live. He is a friend of high South African officials. Dr. E. M. Berger, of Brazil, tells of some special problems in

our medical work, such as the Strange Fire disease of the Amazon country. L. B. Halliwell, who has made Adventist mission history with his famous medical launch, and is known through all the river area, will tell of his nearly 40 years of high adventure in God's service. From these men and women and others equally informed in their respective places of labor will be gleaned the impressions that will fill out the picture of Adventist advance in all the world provided by the formal reports from all the divisions.

By plane, and bus, and train, and private conveyance they come to this great global conference—delegates and believers from every land, their hearts still aglow with faith in the coming of the Lord that stirred the pioneers of the Advent Movement. Great expectations move their hearts as they take their places in the great auditorium, where each delegation has its assigned place. Streaming into the galleries are thousands of visitors to the conference and not a few townspeople. Bradford Braley is at the Conn organ, playing harmonies that will soon burst into full-throated song. The twinkling lights of Terminal Tower on Public Square, 700 feet above the pavement, look down in benignant benediction on the lines of people wending their way to this first meeting of the session. The baton is raised, and the great throng that fills the auditorium rises and sings "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." The 48th session of the General Conference has begun.

We are to look upon every duty, however humble, as sacred because it is a part of God's service.—*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 474.

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# Reporting the General Conference

As has been its custom for many years, the Review and Herald will publish a full report of the General Conference session. From June 20 to June 29, except Sabbaths, we will publish the REVIEW as a daily paper. After the close of the session the issues of July 3 and 10 will also contain session material. An index will appear in the final issue. If you save all ten numbers, you will have a complete and official report of what took place in Cleveland. The REVIEW, as formerly, is the official organ for the presentation of the minutes of the session.

The main editorial office of the REVIEW is presently in the auditorium at Cleveland and is connected with Takoma Park by long-distance telephone. All news telephoned in is taken down on Ediphone records, from which a transcription is made. This ensures prompt transmission. The editorial staff at Cleveland includes, besides the editor, Kenneth H. Wood, Jr. (first half of conference), R. F. Cottrell (second half), M. R. Thurber, H. M. Tippet, D. E. Neufeld, Lawrence Maxwell, Promise Sherman, Virginia Holyoke, and Vada Gentry. The official photographer of the Conference is the head of the art department of the Review and Herald, T. K. Martin. He will be assisted by William Clendaniel. We hope to have in the special Conference issues of the REVIEW a sparkling array of news pictures.

At the publishing house those most directly responsible from an editorial standpoint will be R. F. Cottrell (first half of Conference), Kenneth H. Wood, Jr. (last half), Robert Cunningham, Nathaniel Krum, Idamae Melendy, and Alma Lou Harlan.

In naming these so directly involved editorially, we would not be forgetful of a whole army of efficient men and women at the publishing house who will be working around the clock in order to ensure that the full story of this great and inspiring Conference may most quickly be sent out to all our subscribers everywhere. Not by accident, but by the efficient interlocking of many departments and many hands and minds and hearts, the task of producing a daily journal is made possible.

To the delegates attending the session

we would say: It is our goal to place in your hands each day an issue of the REVIEW containing the principal features of the preceding day.

The REVIEW, which from the beginning of the Advent Movement has sought to bind together the hearts of the believers, by keeping them informed of the major plans and purposes of the Movement, is happy again for the privilege of reporting a world session. The cost is great, very great, but we look upon it as one of those eminently worth-while contributions that the Review and Herald, oldest of all Adventist publishing houses, can make toward maintaining and enhancing the spirit of unity among the Advent people.

F. D. N.

## A Message From the President

June 19, 1958

Dear Fellow Believers:

The General Conference is in session in Cleveland. This great gathering has been in our thought for many months, and now we are happy to greet our church members in all parts of the world through this note to you in the first issue of the General Conference Bulletin. You will find much of interest and profit in the daily reports of the session, which will be published in the Bulletin, and sent out to all REVIEW readers in all lands.

The daily Bulletin—special issues of *The Review and Herald*—will be the only official record of the session, and our efficient corps of editors and secretaries are putting forth the utmost care to give you an accurate account of the proceedings

of the session day by day. They will present a full account of the sermons, reports, and items of interest.

These official reports will form the permanent record of the forty-eighth General Conference session. You will, without doubt, come in contact with hearsay reports or unofficial accounts of what happened at the session. Such reports, however, will not come from the official records, and may be disregarded.

Continue to pray earnestly that God will richly bless His people who are gathered here in Cleveland to seek His face and to do the business of the church during the days to come.

With Christian greetings,

Your brother in Christ,

R. R. FIGUHR



J. BYRON LOGAN

The recently completed addition to the Review and Herald Publishing Association stands in the center foreground, with older portions of the plant visible on the right. To the left, beyond the Review, are the General Conference offices, and to the far left, the Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist church.