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[Elder Watson, who served as General Conference president from 1930 to 1936, is our only surviving ex-president. He is now living in retirement in his homeland, Australia. The picture of Elder Watson was taken during his presidency.—EDITORS.]

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS:

In sending these few words of love and greeting to this session, Mrs. Watson's heart and mine are warm to all our people everywhere. The years spent in General Conference service remain precious memories to us both. We feel that we were greatly privileged to associate with our leaders at world headquarters and to participate in what has been accomplished under the blessing of God. We rejoice that a vast number of races and peoples are now being reached by our movement.

The whole world membership of our church is looking to this session and, perhaps as never before, anticipating an outpouring of unusual blessing in every part of the earth. Most certainly we are expecting great things from God at this gathering. Never have the hearts of men been so seriously moved in looking for the soon coming of Christ. This truth is wonderfully influencing our membership, and thousands are continually being added to those already preparing to meet the Lord. Look where we will just now, we see the signs of the times rapidly fulfilling.

About 50 years ago the ninth volume of the *Testimonies for the Church* was published and widely circulated. This gave to us an alarming array of prophetic statements. Sister White warned us:

"We are living in the time of the end. The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude.

"The agencies of evil are combining their forces and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones.

"The condition of things in the world shows that troublous times are right upon us. The daily papers are full of indications of a terrible conflict in the near future. Bold robberies are of frequent occurrence. Strikes are common. Thefts and murders are committed on every hand. Men possessed of demons

A Message To the Conference

From Former President C. H. WATSON



C. H. Watson

are taking the lives of men, women, and little children. Men have become infatuated with vice, and every species of evil prevails."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9., p. 11.

Again the messenger of the Lord declared: "We are living in the last days. The end of all things is at hand. The signs foretold by Christ are fast fulfilling. There are stormy times before us, but let us not utter one word of unbelief or discouragement."—*Ibid.*, p. 167.

"Time is short, and our forces must be organized to do a larger work. Laborers are needed who comprehend the greatness of the work and who will engage in it, not for the wages they receive, but from a realization of the nearness of the end. The time demands greater efficiency and deeper consecration."—*Ibid.*, p. 27.

Our hearts are stirred by these timely and solemn warnings. And so through

the years the messages of warning and entreaty have been coming to the Advent people. The burden of these messages has been the nearness of the coming of Christ. In 1890 such messages appeared in the *Signs of the Times*. On April 21, Sister White wrote in that journal: "The tempest is coming, and we must get ready for its fury, by having repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord will arise to shake terribly the earth. We shall see troubles on all sides. Thousands of ships will be hurled into the depths of the sea. Navies will go down, and human lives will be sacrificed by millions. Fires will break out unexpectedly, and no human effort will be able to quench them. The palaces of earth will be swept away in the fury of the flames. Disasters by rail will become more and more frequent; confusion, collision, and death without a moment's warning will occur on the great lines of travel. The end is near, probation is closing. Oh, let us seek God while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near! The prophet says: 'Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness; it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger.'"

A rather lengthy list of events soon to take place in our world is given. We now read that list and find that the years of this present century have witnessed almost its complete fulfillment. Events in this present hour crowd one another; and we are convinced that the statement made by Sister White when she wrote, "The final movements will be rapid ones," will soon find ultimate fulfillment in the glorious appearing of our Lord.

May God richly bless this session in all its deliberations and enable it to lay effective plans for speedily finishing God's work in all the world.

Yours sincerely,

C. H. WATSON

Daily Program of the General Conference Session

THURSDAY, JULY 26

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. Message in song—Symphonic Choir
6. Welcome by R. R. Bietz, president, Pacific Union Conference
7. Welcome by D. E. Vanden, president, Central California Conference
8. General Conference Theme Song "We Have This Hope"—Symphonic Choir and Southern California Conference Ministers' Chorus
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, JULY 27

A.M.

- 8:15 Song Service
8:30 Sermon—W. E. Murray
10:00 Business Session
Secretary's Report—W. R. Beach
Treasurer's Report—C. L. Torrey
Auditor's Report—E. L. Becker
P.M.
1:30 Committees
The World Work in Pictures
(Radio-TV Department, 30 minutes; Australasian Division, 30 minutes)
3:00 Business Session
Statistical Report—E. L. Becker
Home Missionary Dept. Report—J. E. Edwards
Junior Meeting
Primary Meeting
Kindergarten
5:00 Departmental Meetings
Missionary Volunteer
Home Missionary
Preparation for the Sabbath
7:30 Songs of Praise
8:00 Sermon—F. D. Nichol

SABBATH, JULY 28

A.M.

- 9:15 Song Service
9:30 Sabbath School
Adult, Junior, Primary, Kindergarten
10:45 Missionary Service—V. W. Schoen
W. A. Townend
10:50 Senior Youth—R. A. Vince
11:00 Sermon Hour
Adult—R. R. Figuhr
Junior—Lawrence Maxwell
Primary

P.M.

- 1:30 Music
3:00 They March On
7:30 Songs of Praise
8:00 Middle East Division—R. A. Wilcox
Australasian Division—F. G. Clifford

SUNDAY, JULY 29

A.M.

- 8:15 Song Service
8:30 Sermon—W. B. Ochs
10:00 Business Session
Dept. of Education Report—E. E. Cossentine
P.M.

1:30 Committees

The World Work in Pictures
(Sabbath School Department, 28 minutes;
Southern African Division, 42 minutes)

3:00 Business Session

Temperance Department—W. A. Scharffenberg
Public Affairs—M. E. Loewen
Junior Meeting

Primary Meeting
Kindergarten

5:00 Departmental Meetings
Educational
Sabbath School
Parents' Meeting—W. A. Fagal
Regional
Temperance

7:30 Songs of Praise

8:00 Southern African Division—R. H. Pierson
South American Division—J. J. Aitken

MONDAY, JULY 30

A.M.

- 8:15 Song Service
8:30 Sermon—M. V. Campbell
10:00 Business Session
Ministerial Association—R. A. Anderson
Regional Department—F. L. Peterson
Harris Pine Mills—C. J. Nagele

P.M.

- 1:30 Committees
The World Work in Pictures
(Home Missionary Department, 23 minutes;
South American Division, 45 minutes)
3:00 Business Session
Sabbath School Department—G. R. Nash
Radio and TV Department—E. R. Walde
Junior Meeting
Primary Meeting
Kindergarten
5:00 Departmental Meetings
Missionary Volunteer
Ministerial
Home Missionary
Publishing
Regional
Radio-TV
Temperance
Medical (Special)
7:30 Songs of Praise
8:00 Southern European Division—M. Fridlin
Southern Asia Division—O. O. Mattison

TUESDAY, JULY 31

A.M.

- 8:15 Song Service
8:30 Sermon—F. L. Peterson
10:00 Business Session
Legal Meetings

P.M.

- 1:30 Committees
The World Work in Pictures
(Temperance Department, 22 minutes; Christian Record, 25 minutes; Sabbath School, 28 minutes)
3:00 Business Session
Association of Self-supporting Institutions—Wesley Amundsen
Home Study Institute—W. H. Teesdale
Junior Meeting
Primary Meeting
Kindergarten
5:00 Departmental Meetings
Parents' Meeting—A. C. Fearing
Educational
Sabbath School
Publishing
Regional
Radio-TV
Temperance
Medical
7:30 Songs of Praise
8:00 Central European Division—W. Mueller
Inter-American Division—A. H. Roth

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

A.M.

- 8:15 Song Service
8:30 Sermon—W. G. C. Murdoch
10:00 Business Session
American Bible Society
Andrews University—F. O. Rittenhouse

P.M.

- 1:30 Committees
The World Work in Pictures
(Educational Department, 30 minutes; Northern European Division, 40 minutes)
3:00 Business Session
Medical Department—T. R. Flaiz, M.D.
Loma Linda University—G. T. Anderson
Junior Meeting
Primary Meeting
Kindergarten
5:00 Departmental Meetings
Missionary Volunteer
Home Missionary
Publishing
Regional
Radio-TV
Temperance
Medical (Special)
7:30 Songs of Praise
8:00 North American Division—W. B. Ochs

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

A.M.

- 8:15 Song Service
8:30 Sermon—R. A. Anderson
10:00 Business Session
Publishing Department—G. A. Huse
Missionary Volunteer Department and War Service Commission—Theodore Lucas

P.M.

- 1:30 Committees
The World Work in Pictures
(Publishing Department, 30 minutes; Far Eastern Division, 40 minutes)
3:00 Business Session
Ellen G. White Publications—A. L. White
Church Development Service—W. J. Hubert
Junior Meeting
Primary Meeting
Kindergarten
5:00 Departmental Meetings
Educational
Publishing
Sabbath School
Regional
Radio-TV
Temperance
Medical
7:30 Songs of Praise
8:00 Northern European Division—A. F. Tarr
Far Eastern Division—C. P. Sorensen

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

A.M.

- 8:15 Song Service
8:30 Sermon—A. Graham Maxwell
10:00 Business Session
Hebrew Scripture Association—F. A. Mote
International Insurance Company and Insurance Agency—J. W. Peeke

P.M.

- 1:30 Committees
The World Work in Pictures
(MV Department, 22 minutes; Home Missionary Department, 39 minutes)
3:00 Business Session
SDA Welfare Service, Inc.—C. W. Bozarth
Junior Meeting
Primary Meeting
Kindergarten
5:00 Departmental Meetings
Home Missionary
Missionary Volunteer
Preparation for the Sabbath
7:00 Songs of Praise
8:00 Sermon—H. M. S. Richards

SABBATH, AUGUST 4

A.M.

- 9:15 Song Service
9:30 Sabbath School
Adult, Junior, Primary, Kindergarten
10:45 Missionary Service—Juan Riffel
M. T. Battle
10:50 Senior Youth—A. Graham Maxwell
11:00 Sermon Hour
Adult—W. R. Beach
Junior—C. D. Martin
Primary
P.M.
1:30 Music
3:00 This Hope We Share
..... Vesper Service and Presentation of the New Division Presidents

Why We Have a General Conference Session

By W. R. BEACH, *Secretary*

Today the ends of the earth are meeting in this city beside the Golden Gate. Representatives of the world church open the forty-ninth quadrennial session in harmony with the Constitution and Bylaws of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

The importance of the quadrennial session is evident. This is the time when the highest organization in the administration of a worldwide work convenes to express the collective thinking and planning of the church. The final authority of this body is accepted by all subordinate organizations and interests in the various sections of the world. In a word, the General Conference session synthesizes and implements church organization on a world scale.

This form of church government recognizes that authority rests in the church membership. Executive responsibility is delegated to representative bodies and officers for the governing of the church and the promotion of church interests. These basic principles of authority and representation characterize the four steps in Seventh-day Adventist organization, leading from the individual believer to the world church. Within the framework

of local responsibility and organization, believers meet personally or through personal representation to ensure a united body and a united action. On the conference or local field level the united body of churches in a State, province, or local territory organizes and directs the work of the Lord. These local fields affiliate within a larger territory to form unions. The union organizations likewise convene in statutory sessions and appoint responsible representatives to prosecute the work within their territories. Then, finally, these union groupings unite in the General Conference as a body embracing the church in all the earth.

The General Conference organization operates in the world field through divisional sections. During the interim between quadrennial sessions the General Conference Executive Committee, elected at the session, constitutes the body of final authority for the church. This Executive Committee, with officers and committee members, including those for the 11 world divisions, currently has 262 members. Month after month and year after year, problems of church administration, evangelism, and spiritual life are handled

under the general supervision of the headquarters organization. The work of administrators and committees is reviewed at the yearly Autumn Councils of the Executive Committee in the form of reports, resolutions, and general planning. They are reviewed quadrennially in the same way, with the addition of elections, at the General Conference session. It is such a session that convenes today in San Francisco.

Growth in Delegates Over 99 Years

The quadrennial session operates on the basis of duly accredited delegates. At this forty-ninth quadrennial session, 1,215 delegates are in attendance. Contrast this great assembly, if you will, with the first General Conference session held in Battle Creek, Michigan, 99 years ago. That was May 20-23, 1863. Nineteen delegates were in attendance—four from the State of New York, one from Ohio, eight ministers and two laymen from Michigan, one from Wisconsin, two from Iowa, and one from Minnesota. The list of delegates in this first Bulletin of the 49th session that you are reading reveals that 74 unions and 356 local fields will be represented.

The delegates to the session are able to bring to the officers in charge that which they feel is worthy of attention. The assembly sets up a number of standing committees to prepare the regular business of the session and to process items or suggestions that are to come before the assembly. Possibly special groups will be appointed to deal with specific matters. Then again, technical committees have been preparing material on certain aspects of the General Conference operation. The work of these committees

SAN FRANCISCO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PHOTO

The heart of San Francisco, looking in a general north-northeasterly direction toward San Francisco Bay and the famed Embarcadero in the background. In the foreground are the impressive buildings of the Civic Center. The arrow indicates the Civic Auditorium, where the 1962 session of the General Conference is being held.



will come to the session likewise through regular channels.

The above considerations certainly point up the essential role of the General Conference session. This role is enhanced by the fact that the General Conference session symbolizes in our midst the importance of organization in God's work. This church believes that organization is of God and is based on divine principles. Indeed, system and order are manifest in all the works of God. This is apparent in the perfect order of the stars that speed through space along the paths of divine bidding. In the operation of what man has come to call natural laws, in the structure of every living thing, there is a marvelous demonstration of order and harmony. The angels of God show order and harmony in all their movements. Wrote the messenger of the Lord, "Order is the law of heaven, and it should be the law of God's people on the earth."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 26.

A look at history makes clear that order always has been the law of God's people. In Old Testament times, when the children of Israel were called out of Egypt, God chose them as His peculiar people and provided for them an impressive organization. This organization was to govern their conduct in both civil and religious matters, and promote the interests of His cause. A general leadership was set up from the elders of the tribes, known as the Council of Seventy. Priests officiated in the sanctuary, while chiefs or princes ruled over the tribes. Under these were "captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens." Other officers were employed for special duties.

New Testament Order

Nor did the New Testament church fall behind in organization. There we find the same organizational genius. It could not be otherwise in God's church. Christ Himself "set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him" (1 Cor. 12:18). He endowed the church with gifts and talents adequate for the functions devolving upon them, and organized the members into a living, working body of which He is the head. The work of the gospel extended to lands afar; thus congregations grew up, not only in Asia, but also in Europe and as far afield as India. This called for further steps in the matter of organization. It seems clear from the Divine Record that the expansion of the Christian cause throughout the various provinces of the Roman Empire called for the organization of churches into what might be thought of as conferences. These, it seems, included the churches in a specific province, such as "the churches of Galatia" (Gal. 1:2).

Thus, step by step, the early church was organized. As needs arose, God guided and directed the leaders of His work so that in counsel with the church a form of organization developed to safeguard the interests of God's work and

to ensure its triumph in every land. General church councils, following the pattern of that held in Jerusalem (Acts 15), became a vital factor in church government. Thus was every part of the world field to be tied to every other part in an organization capable of representing the whole body of Christ on earth and of coordinating its functions with supreme ecclesiastical authority.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has a profound conviction that these principles of divine organization are to be followed today. From the very beginning of our experience the messenger of the Lord emphasized the fact that effective organization was indispensable to the success of the work. Only through such an organization could the Advent Movement hope to achieve a mission to the world. Collective, united effort was essential. This was to be accomplished through the integration of the church on every level, from the individual member to the world association of believers.

Mistaken Ideas of Order

In our early days some advanced the thought that as we near the close of time general organization could and would be set aside; that individual initiative would take precedence. The instruction of the Lord was that as time passed, "and in order that the Lord's work may advance healthfully and solidly, His people must draw together." "How Satan would rejoice," Ellen G. White added, "to get in among this people and disorganize the work at a time when thorough organization is essential."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, pp. 489, 228. Certainly, there must ever remain a place for personal initiative. No heavy hand of super-organization must rest its stifling weight upon us; but the basic principles of organization must remain.

We believe that it is well at the start of another quadrennial session to recall these principles, and to think of the marvelous way the Lord has led His people along paths of a divinely inspired organization. Fundamental principles of organization are found in God's Word. Through the ministration of the messenger of the Lord these principles were understood and accepted as the foundations were laid for God's church of the remnant. The Advent believers first organized themselves in local congregations. Then a number of State conferences were organized. It soon became evident that the total church should be organized. Very soon after the organization of the General Conference in 1863, as recorded above, the church was blessed with a world vision. Plans were laid to send workers across the sea, to Europe, then out to the Pacific. Ere long these apostles of God's last cause were marching to the east, to the west, to the north, and to the south, out to the ends of the earth. The result today is a truly world work, organized officially in 189 countries. Thus the delegates at this session will speak many languages and will differ greatly in race and nationality; yet, they will be one in a

General Conference session to express the supreme authority of God's church on earth.

A Further Look at the Delegates

It might be of interest to take a closer look at the 1,215 delegates seated at the session. This number will be made up as follows: delegates at large, 354 (including all members of the General Conference Committee and such other delegates as are recommended by the General Conference Committee for seating at the session to represent general institutions and church interests, the number of these not to exceed 25 per cent of the total number of delegates in attendance otherwise provided for). Then, there will be the regular delegates on the basis of one for each union organization, one for each local conference or organized mission, and one additional delegate for each 1,500 members and a major fraction thereof. Total regular delegates, 861.

Leading delegates will furnish reports on every line of activity and in every section of the world field. These men and women will recount the triumphs of the cause in hearts as well as throughout the world. Such is true progress. Then leadership for the General Conference and its 11 divisions will be invested with the confidence of more than 1,307,000 baptized members.

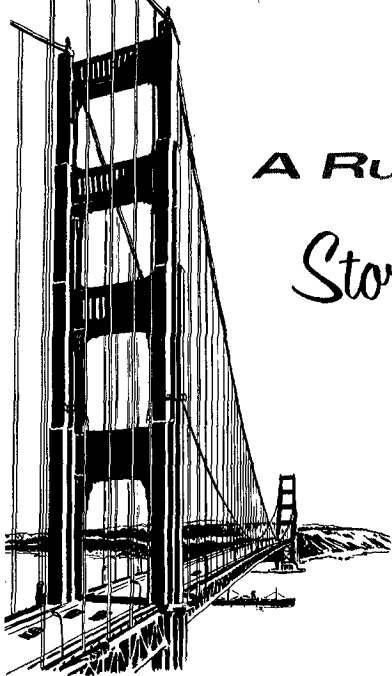
The situation of the world church will be considered carefully. Through much prayer and effort, plans will be formulated to ensure the triumph of God's cause. Where needful, adjustments will be made and vision clarified. The experiences of the past four years will be assembled. Needs and opportunities will be brought into focus, and on adjournment, *sine die*, the church will set its face again, and with renewed consecration and power, to the finishing of the world task.

A Call to Prayer

One further thought: this forty-ninth session of the General Conference has been approached in a spirit of prayer and with a deep sense of responsibility. Since the May 26 call to prayer, the world church has spent much time in earnest supplication that wisdom might be given to the delegates to guide them and to preserve that spirit of unity, consecration, and sacrifice essential to the triumph of God's cause.

This call to prayer was brought to the attention of the church through the columns of the REVIEW.

Let us recognize again today the awesome responsibility that rests upon the church in these critical times. Certainly the coming of the Lord is near and hasteneth greatly. May this session be a call to action. Unparalleled opportunities clamor for attention. The church expects, and rightly, that the 1962 session will bring renewed impetus, spiritually and materially, in every phase of church life and experience. Let us continue, therefore, to pray and to work that total reconsecration and dedication, new vision, and success may be the lot of God's church.



A Running

Story of the Conference

By a Special Review Reporter

Kenneth H. Wood

Thursday, July 26

Come with me to San Francisco, the city by the Golden Gate; but bring your top-coat—it's cold here! The day that I arrived the highest temperature was 60°; the low, 48. That same day it was 95 in Washington, D.C. I reflect for a moment on the perverseness of human nature—when I was in Washington a week ago I was complaining about the heat; now, in San Francisco, I was thinking about it almost tenderly, and shivering in the cold. Human beings are hard to please!

After placing my luggage in my room I headed for Clinton's Cafeteria on Market Street. If you've ever attended a General Conference session in San Francisco, you'll know why I started for Clinton's—it not only serves good food, it's also about the best place to find delegates at mealtime. As I walked the four blocks to this eatery, a biting westerly wind was blowing at 10 to 20 miles per hour.

I noticed that representatives from the Loma Linda Food Company had been on the job selling their products to the restaurant. Several window signs welcomed

the delegates with the reassuring statement "We serve Loma Linda foods."

I was not disappointed at Clinton's. From a small table on the mezzanine overlooking the main floor, I spotted, among other delegates, Pastor Vula of Fiji, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Dawson of the Review and Herald, Elder and Mrs. T. E. Unruh of the Indiana Conference, Elder and Mrs. J. M. Hnatyshyn of the Canadian Union. A group of men were just sitting down at a table. I didn't know who they were; when they bowed their heads to say grace silently I felt sure they were Adventists.

Fog had settled down over the city as I emerged onto the sidewalk after greeting a number of old friends. San Francisco averages about 153 hours of fog a year, according to one authority, but in addition the clouds come down so low almost every night (and frequently during the day) that the tops of the higher buildings on the numerous hills of the city cannot be seen. This is true also of the Golden Gate Bridge that spans the mile-wide entrance to the harbor. The tops of the tall towers are often wreathed in fog, and for extended periods.

In the days that have intervened since I arrived here, I have attended an endless round of meetings. These meetings are not part of the regular session of the General Conference, but are councils called by various departments and administrative groups to take advantage of the presence

of the many leaders gathered from all over the world. The plan is a good one, for it capitalizes on the investment in transportation required to bring delegates to general sessions. Moreover, it provides opportunity to share ideas regarding methods of conducting the Lord's work. This exchange of information is a wonderful aid in maintaining the unity that is so characteristic of the denomination.

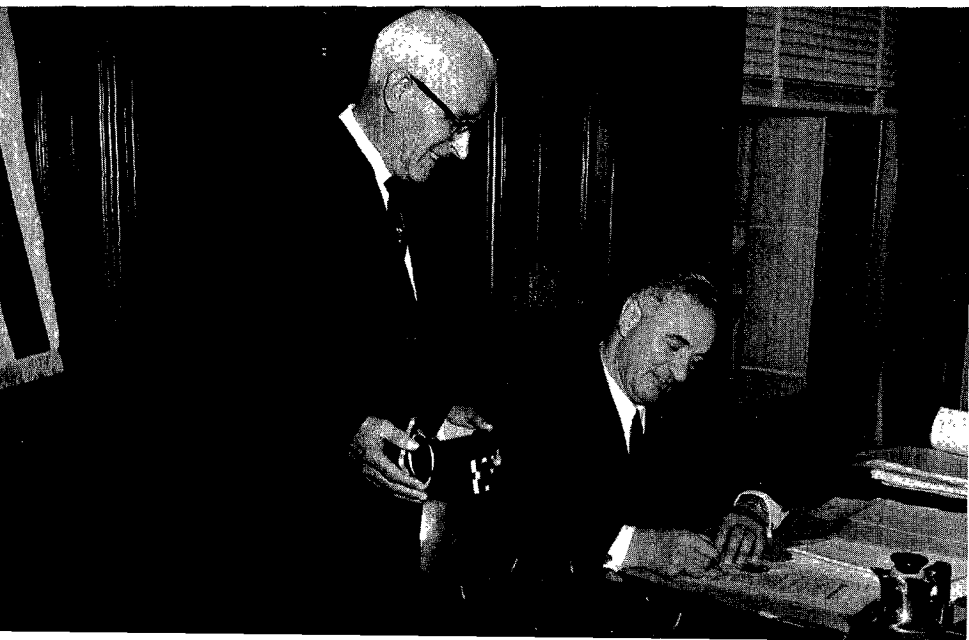
One of the first meetings that I sampled was being conducted by the General Conference Home Missionary Department. More than 100 representatives were present. R. H. Hartwell, of the Middle East Division, was telling of layman soul-winning activities in his part of the world field. I was particularly interested in his account of two faithful Adventist women. One was blind and the other on crutches, but so zealous were they to help advance the three angels' messages, that they went together from door to door distributing literature—the lady on crutches guiding her sightless friend! How quickly might God's work be finished if every church member were as determined to aid in spreading the gospel!

R. E. Adams, of the South Brazil Union, told of two men—brothers—in his field who started out to hold meetings. All went well until one evening the pastor appeared, looked over the audience, and scolded the people for attending. "Now," he said, "when I go out the door, all of you follow me." He started for the door and went out.

But no one moved. He reappeared and tried again. Still nobody arose to follow. So he came to the front and demanded that our Seventh-day Adventist brothers follow him out. Wishing to avoid violence, they started to go. But before they reached the door, a giant of a man stopped them and ordered them back to the front to continue the meeting. At the same time he told the intruding pastor to depart and let the people hear what our brethren were teaching about the Bible. The meetings continued without further interruption. Today we have a baptized membership of 125 in that city. The large man who defended our brethren was unknown to anyone before the incident and has not been seen since. "Do you wonder that we think an angel of the Lord interfered on behalf of his servants that night?" asked Elder Adams.

Leaving the home missionary council, which incidentally, was held in Room 301 of the Civic Auditorium, I walked down a flight of stairs to the mezzanine level. Here I found a veritable frenzy of activity. The reason was apparent: This was the part of the building devoted to exhibits. On the Polk Street side, delegates from our 11 world divisions were preparing their booths, while on the Grove Street side (the street that runs in front of the Auditorium) and on the Larkin Street side representatives from the various General Conference departments and institutions and other organizations were working feverishly. Crates, curios, lights, maps, projectors, charts, and mottoes provided the raw material from which the exhibits were being created. The confusion was monumental, but it was organized confusion, and sure to result in a spectacular array of exhibits.

July 27 is Seventh-day Adventist Day in San Francisco. It was declared so by the city's mayor, George Christopher. Here Mayor Christopher, at his desk in city hall, signs the official proclamation. R. R. Figuhr, president of the General Conference, looks on, holding the key to the city, which the mayor had presented a few moments earlier as a symbol of San Francisco's good will toward the Adventists.



Proclamation by Mayor of San Francisco

[See accompanying story by Kenneth H. Wood, Jr., for details.—EDITORS.]

WHEREAS, July 26 to August 4, 1962, has been designated as the time for the Quadrennial World Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; and

WHEREAS, The city of San Francisco will again have the privilege of being host to this world religious communion; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco recognizes and appreciates the great contribution of the Seventh-day Adventists to a better way of life through a Christian faith:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George Christopher, Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, do hereby proclaim July 27, 1962, as "Seventh-day Adventist Day" in San Francisco, and do urge the citizens of this City to join with me in honoring the Seventh-day Adventist world organization as it meets in session in our City by the Golden Gate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City and County of San Francisco to be affixed this twenty-fifth day of July, nineteen hundred and sixty-two.

[Signed] GEORGE CHRISTOPHER
Mayor

A moment later I was climbing the stairs to the fourth floor to look in on the publishing convention in Room 403. A recruiting film for literature evangelists was being shown. The narrator remarked that 5,000 literature evangelists around the world are helping to reach earth's millions with the light of present truth. The narrator also pointed out that many countries were first entered with the Advent message through the work of pioneering, faithful colporteurs.

Books are powerful agencies for soul winning, even many years after they are sold—this was one point made by the film. To support this it recounted the story of a book that was sold to a man in Australia. The man showed little interest in the volume and put it on a shelf, but 40 years later his daughter read it and became an Adventist. Today this woman's son is an Adventist minister.

Coming down from the fourth floor, I noticed two tables in the hallway of the third floor. Behind one was a woman who suggested that I might help with the survey that was being taken. The pile of large yellow cards on the table led me to think that this must be a home missionary survey, for the cards looked like those distributed each Sabbath to report missionary work.

I learned better, however. This was a survey on cholesterol in the blood, and was being sponsored by the International Nutrition Research Foundation of Arlington, California. When I showed a cooperative spirit, the lady suggested that I step over to the next table where the technician would take a blood sample. I doubted that I could spare any blood, but not wishing to retreat ignominiously, I submitted to a needle prick on the third finger of my left hand. (As I sit here typing with a tender finger, I almost regret being so cooperative!) Like many others here at the conference, I am eagerly awaiting the result of the test.

In order to keep this story within the circumference of the space available, I must skip over most of what happened at the pre-session councils. General reports of these meetings will appear later

in the REVIEW. Most of the councils lasted for a day. Some lasted longer. I missed some entirely. Considering the number being held and the fact that many were being conducted simultaneously, this is not surprising.

Perhaps at no other time is one so impressed with the complexity of the denominational structure, with all its masterful organization, as at a General Conference session. As I passed from meeting to meeting, and listened to the various leaders giving earnest study to problems that confront them, and to more effective plans, I found myself thanking God for the intricate yet simple organization that God has given to this people. The fluid way in which each department cooperates with all other departments is a mighty evidence that God's Holy Spirit is working throughout the church body. Like the wheels within wheels that were seen by Ezekiel in vision, so the various parts of the remnant church are synchronized for effective movement and advance.

One morning I decided to sample the food in a restaurant that advertised: "Wel-

come, Seventh-day Adventists. Special Adventist Menu." The food was all right, but the music—it was anything but Adventist!

For a while I listened to proceedings in the MV Council. The dynamic secretary of the department, T. E. Lucas, gave the keynote address, then asked for reports from G. E. Maxson of Inter-America. Elder Maxson described in glowing terms the soul-winning activities of youth "south of the border." Perhaps most outstanding was his report that the church in Tijuana, Mexico, of about 200 members, is conducting 80 branch Sabbath schools. Of these, 60 are being led by MV's!

In the main auditorium, at the right end of the platform, not far from our REVIEW office, I came upon Harry M. Lodge of the Illinois Conference, hard at work on the large world map that has been a feature of General Conference sessions for about 26 years. With him was a hard-working group of assistants.

"How many lights are there on the map?" I asked Elder Lodge. He figured for a moment, then replied, "Sixteen hundred." I asked how many of these were new. He answered, "Seventy-two." I learned that 6,400 electrical connections were necessary to make the lights show the denominational growth by decades. Various colored lights indicate the locations of church institutions and headquarters. Usually during a General Conference session the map operates each evening before the meeting begins. It tells an impressive story of God's blessing upon the remnant church.

One of the exciting statistics given by E. B. Hare in his presentation at the pre-session Sabbath School Department council is the world Sabbath school membership at the end of the first quarter of this year—1,833,071! Few people a generation ago—even those with great foresight—envisioned so large a body of Sabbathkeepers within the framework of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Elder Hare reported also that during the past four years the Investment Fund has shown an increase of 51.5 per cent. The total mission-offering goal of \$30 million set at the last General Conference session has been both reached and exceeded.

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A beautiful floral display in honor of the General Conference session brightens a grassy slope in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. The background flowers are pale, grayish green, with the lettering in vivid red.



The President's Report

July 26, 1962, 8:00 P.M.

By R. R. FIGUHR

This is the forty-ninth session of the General Conference. We believe it to be the most important in our history. Far-reaching decisions will here be made. Broad plans, broader than any of the past, must be laid. We therefore heartily welcome the delegates who have come, many from the ends of the earth, to participate in the activities of this session. We are glad for the others who are present. Especially do we welcome our retired, veteran workers. They too will rejoice to hear of the growth of the work to which they, long ago, dedicated their lives.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a democratic organization. All members, through their representatives, have a voice in the affairs of the church. The servant of the Lord outlined with approval this plan of representation.

"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.

Unity must ever be the watchword of God's people as they come together in meetings such as this. "It is the purpose of God that His children shall blend in unity. . . . Those who refuse to work in harmony greatly dishonor God."—*Ibid.*, p. 240.

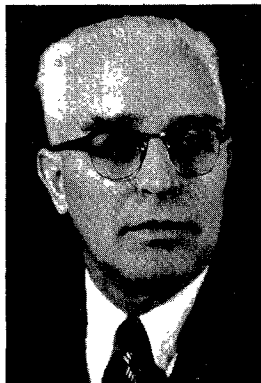
It is our confident expectation that this session shall be marked by a spirit of complete unity and confidence. We have not come so far and at such expense for any other purpose than to work together constructively for the advancement of God's cause.

Next year will be the one-hundredth anniversary of the formal organization of the General Conference. But 1863 was not the actual beginning of this movement—certainly not of the faith we profess. The great principles of this faith we trace back to the prophets, the apostles, to Christ Himself. But 1863 was the formal launching of the organization known as the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. It was a modest beginning, undertaken in faith. The purpose was to unite the Advent believers into one harmonious body, and proclaim unitedly, to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, the message due the world now. The task was larger and more time-consuming than the pioneers thought. Their

vision and faith have been amply rewarded. The message that Adventists proclaim has encircled the globe. Around the earth, memorials have been erected to the name of the Lord. One never ceases to marvel at how this movement, born in obscurity and nourished in poverty, has prospered and grown so steadily through the ensuing years until at the end of 1961 our baptized members numbered 1,307,892. Those who weekly worship with us and keep the Sabbath are more than 1,800,000.

Best Evangelistic Years

The last four years have been the best evangelistic years in our history. During this period a total of 355,436 were won. That is approximately the equal of the entire church membership of our largest



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division—North America. It is like adding another North American Division to the church in four years. Last year, 1961, a total of 22,668 were received into the church in North America alone, a gain of 3,704 over the previous year. The world figures for 1961 are 101,675. The division, union, and local field leaders are giving continual emphasis to evangelism, the chief work of the church. Mention must be made of the important part that our institutions are playing in evangelism. They too win souls.

A noteworthy joint undertaking of the Pacific Press and the General Conference has been consummated during this quadrennium—the completion of the *Index* to all the published works of Sister White. These two organizations have invested heavily in this project. Honorable mention should be made of Elder Odom, who labored so devotedly and unceasingly at this great task. The entire *Index*, consisting of three volumes, will soon be off the press and available.

Elder Froom was requested to prepare a manuscript setting forth the reasons for our historic position on the subject "The Nature of Man." This work is now nearing completion, and the two volumes will soon make their appearance under the name, "*The Conflict of the Centuries Over Life, Death, and Destiny.*" Great credit is due Elder Froom for his earnest scholarship and unflagging zeal in the production of this monumental work. In pursuing this task, he has also been successful in gathering, for the General Conference library, material on this subject probably without equal anywhere else in the world. With this material at hand, we shall be well entrenched in our position on this subject that is bound to grow in importance as the end approaches.

The need for an up-to-date and authoritative volume on the Sabbath has long been felt. Elder Odom was requested to prepare a manuscript for such a volume, and he has been earnestly laboring on the assignment. It will give added strength and clarity to the preaching of the Sabbath.

There is not time to name all the other excellent and attractive books that have come from our presses in this land and others during the past four years. We thank God for the abundance of truth-filled literature constantly flowing from our publishing houses.

Our University Work

For years there has been a growing need to provide Seventh-day Adventist graduate work for various groups of workers, especially for our teachers. To send our youth to non-Adventist schools in these days of increasing modernism and skepticism is not the program we should follow. In a modest and careful manner therefore, provision has been made to offer a limited amount of advanced work, with the expectation that it will grow as developments indicate. Some of the work is offered at Andrews University at Berrien Springs. On the West Coast it is offered at what we now call Loma Linda University. Recognizing the financial implications of such an undertaking, the plan is to avoid, as far as possible, the duplication of subjects. In the West, the program of training medical workers is now affiliated with Pacific Union College and La Sierra College under the name of Loma Linda University. Science subjects largely will be offered there. Andrews University will offer work in the liberal arts field and will be the training center for ministers and Bible teachers. Thus the two university organizations will complement each other rather than compete. We thank God for His leadings in the development of this program, and for the wonderful support of our people. We believe such a program is overdue.

Financial

The plan we follow of unitedly supporting our world program is proving to be one of increasing strength and stability. Consistent and solid building, as well as steady expansion, can thus be carried forward. It is God's plan that we bring into the treasury our funds, and that

from this center, appropriations be made to all the fields as needed. The loyalty and faithfulness of our church members in their support of the work is deeply appreciated. It is gratifying to see how the tithes and offerings have increased year by year, as the General Conference treasurer will show us in his reports.

Departments

The different departments will all report covering their four years of activities. Mention will be made only of some outstanding accomplishments.

Home Missionary

During the four years under review, it is estimated that laymen participated in winning to this faith 151,553 persons. During the same period \$28,529,556.60 was raised in Ingathering, and 186.5 million pieces of literature were distributed. What a tremendous force our laymen are in assisting to bring the work of the Lord to a speedy conclusion.

Sabbath School

The largest and most influential school we have is the Sabbath school, with 1,814,719 students enrolled. It gave for the world work during the quadrennium the impressive sum of \$25,340,586.02. In the recently launched plan of Vacation Bible Schools 130,319 children attended. The average number of branch Sabbath schools yearly runs between 8,000 and 9,000. Constantly, new churches are being raised up that had their beginning in Vacation Bible Schools. The Sabbath school is a mighty factor, not only in establishing our people in the faith but also in active evangelism.

Education

Wherever Seventh-day Adventists go, they establish schools. They believe in Christian education. More than 296,000 children and young people were enrolled in our schools during the year that has just closed. To establish and maintain these schools is a costly undertaking. But it is worth the cost.

Publishing

Seventh-day Adventists produce a large amount of literature. They believe that the pen is a mighty weapon and should be employed in behalf of truth. During the quadrennium, denominational publishing houses produced a stream of literature amounting, in value, to more than \$90 million.

Missionary Volunteer

In a thrilling fulfillment of the prophetic "army" of young people, Missionary Volunteering around the world today claims nearly half a million. Statistically, much of their record of accomplishment is hidden within the totals that represent the complete activity of the church.

In the past four years the young people contributed nearly two-and-three-quarters million dollars to the Ingathering drive. They led out in 5 million Bible studies and meetings, and distributed 33 million pieces of literature. Only the heavenly records contain the full story of MV Community Service—the visits to shut-ins, the bereaved, the handicapped;

the special services to the aged, the blind, the deaf; the distribution of food and clothing; the Friendship Teams.

Public Affairs

The religious liberty and the public relations activities have been brought together into one department, called the Public Affairs Department. They have been operating thus. We see advantages to such an arrangement. Our concept of the religious liberty assignment is one largely of informing and enlightening the public on the great and noble issue of religious freedom. Much has been done by the Public Affairs Department to meet issues in the fields of religious liberty and to enlighten the public on the principles and work of Seventh-day Adventists.

Radio-TV

Radio and television are effective means of bringing before the public, the beliefs and teachings of Adventists. Weekly programs are now aired over 1,575 stations in 24 languages. Bible correspondence lessons are available in 70 languages. Since the Bible school plan was initiated, 4,965,883 have enrolled in courses; 1,532,996 have graduated; 118,464 of these students have been baptized.

Medical

Seventh-day Adventist medical institutions now number 107. They are centers of effective witness for the truth. We have been granted entrance into some countries with medical work from which every other phase of our activities has been excluded. Not only is medical treatment afforded to the sick through our units but a program of training is also offered in many of them that provides national trained personnel. The long and diversified list of treatments given the sick would be impressive, but it would tell only a portion of the story. The full story of Christlike medical ministry to broken hearts and spirits must be reserved for that great day of complete reporting.

It Is Written

An additional evangelistic tool has been in effective use now for several years. Combining carefully prepared television programs with short, well-planned reaping efforts, has made a real impact, especially in large centers. Pastor Vandeman is dedicating his entire time to producing these films and in assisting as far as possible in public efforts following the showing of the films. We have been gratified to see the large interests that have been awakened through this means, and the encouraging results achieved.

Temperance

As a people, we have always believed strongly in temperance. From our earliest days, we have endeavored to promote it. Sister White often gave lectures on the subject. The excellent literature and plans we produce on the subject, the institutes we conduct, and the promotion we give to the cause of temperance, are having a telling effect. It deserves all the support we can give it.

Regional

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is international in character, with its members scattered among all peoples of earth.

They are bound together by enduring spiritual ties that in this age of divisions and growing nationalism must not weaken, but rather grow stronger.

The area of nationalism and race is an extremely sensitive one, and the problems that develop in it often call for much patience, understanding, and calmness. We believe, however, that all problems can be resolved among Christians. Seventh-day Adventists have not waited until the very present day to set forth the basic principles that they believe should govern the Christian in this sometimes perplexing area. For long years we have had these principles on record to enlighten our thinking and to govern our actions. Let me quote some representative statements from the pen of Sister White, whose words we unflinchingly accept and whose counsel we seek ever to follow:

"Christ came to this earth with a message of mercy and forgiveness. He laid the foundation for a religion by which Jew and Gentile, black and white, free and bond, are linked together in one common brotherhood, recognized as equal in the sight of God. The Saviour has a boundless love for every human being. In each one He sees capacity for improvement. With divine energy and hope He greets those for whom He has given His life. In His strength they can live a life rich in good works, filled with the power of the Spirit."—*Testimonies*, vol. 7, p. 225.

"The religion of the Bible recognizes no caste or color. It ignores rank, wealth, worldly honor. God estimates men as men. With Him, character decides their worth. And we are to recognize the Spirit of Christ in whomsoever it is revealed."—*Ibid.*, vol. 9, p. 223.

We have this further word of guidance from the Spirit of Prophecy:

"We cannot lay down a definite line to be followed in dealing with this subject. In different places and under varying circumstances, the subject will need to be handled differently."—*Ibid.*, p. 213.

"Let us follow the course of wisdom. Let us do nothing that will unnecessarily arouse opposition—nothing that will hinder the proclamation of the gospel message."—*Ibid.*, p. 208.

This, we believe, is all good counsel for us and points the way through the critical problems of relationships that today perplex the world.

To implement this counsel, we have set up, at the General Conference level, a committee on human relations. This committee meets from time to time to review and discuss international and race problems that arise within our work and to give constructive guidance. These meetings are productive of much good. Where deemed helpful, other organizations are encouraged to follow a similar plan.

Ministerial

The members of the Ministerial Association during the four-year period have been fully engaged in holding ministerial and workers' meetings, leading out and assisting in evangelistic efforts, counseling with fields over church problems, and providing stimulating and helpful reading for workers through *The Ministry*.

Members of the association have also participated in the Seminary Field Schools conducted by Andrews University. The association has given valuable help to our workers generally, and to pastors and evangelists in particular.

In a world headquarters such as the General Conference, there is a constant urge for enlargement, to add more machinery, more men. This is natural in a growing work. But headquarters is not where the greatest need exists. The need for more men and more means is chiefly on the local conference and church level. The effort, therefore, has been to keep the General Conference organization as simple as possible, and to move slowly in enlarging the staff. Good and wonderful plans made at the top lose their value unless they can be implemented on the local levels. A standing committee on organizational simplification was appointed by request of the conference presidents of

North America. This committee has been giving careful study to simplifying denominational organization, where possible. We believe the work of such a group is timely and should be continued. This committee may have some recommendations to present at this session.

In the midst of all our many lines of activity, we must remember that our chief assignment is that of proclaiming God's message to the entire world. This we must do with all earnestness and with all the force at our command. We have no other reason for existing as an organization. Every institution and every agency under our direction must recognize this as its prime objective.

"We are homeward bound. . . . The New Jerusalem is our place of rest. . . . It will not be long till we shall see Him in whom our hopes of eternal life are centered."—*Ibid.*, p. 287.

We have this glorious hope.

H. L. Rudy, C. A. Shepherd, W. J. Siegenthaler, D. H. Spillman, A. W. Spoo, G. E. Taylor, J. D. Trude.

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Korean Union Mission

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South Philippine Union Mission

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Story of the Conference

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During one of the meetings I noticed W. A. Fagal of Faith for Today sitting with his brother, Harold E. Fagal of the Miami (Florida) Temple church. This started me to wondering how many minister-brothers might be present here in San Francisco. No doubt the list that I compiled quickly is far from complete, but I jotted down these names: E. E. Cleveland and H. L. Cleveland; S. K. Lehnhoff and E. H. Lehnhoff; R. R. Bietz and A. L. Bietz; D. S. Johnson and K. D. Johnson; D. E. Venden and M. L. Venden; E. L. Minchin and G. H. Minchin; E. J. Folkenberg and S. L. Folkenberg; A. C. Fearing and R. D. Fearing; O. O. Mattison and H. H. Mattison; L. C. Evans and I. M. Evans; A. R. Mazat and W. L. Mazat.

This piqued my interest in father-son minister combinations. Without too much effort I listed these: H. M. S. Richards and H. M. S. Richards, Jr.; L. E. Froom and Fenton E. Froom; W. I. Hilliard and Warren Hilliard; N. C. Wilson and Neal C. Wilson; R. H. Wentland and R. H. Wentland, Jr.; W. R. Beach and B. B. Beach; A. S. Maxwell and Lawrence Maxwell. How wonderful it is for the generations to unite their efforts in the work of God! May the generation now laboring be the one that shall see the culmination of our hopes and prayers!

On Tuesday evening the Ministerial Association began its two-day convention in the Congregational church, situated at the corner of Post and Mason streets, perhaps a mile from the Civic Auditorium. A helpful friend supplied me with misleading information as to how to get

there, consequently I walked at least two miles before I reached the church. It was nearly seven-fifteen, the scheduled hour to begin, when I arrived, and the church was almost full. Within a few minutes every seat was taken. Even the balcony was crowded, with standees. I estimated that there were about 1,000 people present.

An air of expectancy pervaded the assembly as R. R. Figuhr, the General Conference president, presented a brief message. Everyone was pleased to hear him say: "Nineteen sixty-one was the best year for soul winning in the history of the denomination." He went on to challenge the ministry to do greater exploits for God.

R. A. Anderson, secretary of the Ministerial Association, presented the keynote address. In it he called upon the workers to seek the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The second part of the meeting was devoted to a presentation entitled "A New Approach." Three brethren from the Atlantic Union participated—W. J. Hackett, E. J. Folkenberg, and J. W. McFarland, M.D. One after another, they described the tremendous response from the public that has greeted their "five-day plan" to stop smoking. They also told of the phenomenal results that are being obtained. In place after place, 50 per cent of the audience have lost all craving for cigarettes after three days; 70 per cent after five days. [A detailed story on this plan will appear later.—EDITORS.]

Wednesday was a big day—especially the morning and evening. At eleven o'clock the mayor of San Francisco, the

Honorable George Christopher, received Elder Figuhr at City Hall, and presented to him the key of the city. He also signed and sealed a proclamation making Friday, July 27, "Seventh-day Adventist Day" in San Francisco. The text of the proclamation appears on page 6. The mayor was most cordial and commented that he was looking forward to being present in person to welcome the delegates at the Civic Auditorium on the first night of the General Conference session.

I said that Wednesday night was important. It was indeed. About 5,000 people gathered in the bunting-draped Civic Auditorium for a rally sponsored by the International Temperance Association. Three addresses were given on various aspects of the theme of the evening—"Why All This Fuss About Smoking?" The first address was by Dr. Harold Shryock, of Loma Linda University; the second was by James P. Mc Ardle, director of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and one of the attorneys in the famed Otto Pritchard lung cancer suit against Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company; the third was by Dr. Alton Ochsner of New Orleans, an international authority on smoking and lung cancer.

A question period followed the addresses. One of the interesting bits of information that came to light during this period was that all seven United States astronauts were heavy smokers when they began their training. But all seven soon found out that they could not endure the rigorous program while smoking. All seven quit the habit. "So," commented one of the distinguished panelists, "at least we won't be subjected to tobacco advertising and speeches of astronauts saying, 'Try my brand.'"

And now we come to the opening day of the conference. As I hurried along Market Street about six-thirty in the morning, groups of men with special assignments were already making their way toward the Auditorium. I paused for a moment at a vacant store front to note the figure of Christ that had been sculptured in sand by Howard T. Conibear, one of our Adventist brethren whose brother, incidentally, is a pressman at the Review and Herald in Washington, D.C. The figure had been fashioned with great skill. I noticed that even so early in the morning passersby stopped to gaze reverently at the scene and take some of the literature from the rack.

At the book stand and lounge, situated in Larkin Hall, which is the large room on the left side of the Auditorium as one enters from the front, several people were at work putting the finishing touches on the book display. The area devoted to book and magazine sales is sponsored jointly by the three publishing houses in the United States, but each has its own assigned portion of counter space. Atop the largest display near the center of the room stood the world globe, symbol of the scope of Adventist publishing interests.

Throughout the day people have been milling about in Larkin Hall and in the corridors of the Auditorium. At meal-times, the knots of people have been particularly large around the Loma Linda Food Company's snack bar in a corridor

adjoining Larkin Hall. Other people have been clustered around the post office windows in the front hall, inquiring for mail from dear ones back home. Here is an aspect of a great meeting like this that is sometimes forgotten—separation from families, even for a short time, brings pangs. I talked with one young mother from Australia who had been visiting camp meetings with her husband for several months here in the United States. She was eagerly devouring the latest word from her children "down under." Homecoming day can't be too soon for her!

A sense of solemnity rested on the delegates as they gathered for the opening meeting. Catching everyone's attention was the conference theme, "We Have This Hope," hanging in four-foot-high

Telegram From President Kennedy to Elder Figuhr

The White House
Washington, D.C.
July 25, 1962.

Reuben R. Figuhr, President, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Whitcomb Hotel, San Francisco.

It is a pleasure to extend greetings to the delegates attending the Quadrennial World Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and a special welcome to the delegates from other countries. Through your many activities in the field of education and medicine, you are making an outstanding contribution to the nation and to the world. I especially commend you for your good-neighbor and medical-missionary program and wish you continued success and growth in these tasks. With very best wishes,

JOHN F. KENNEDY

letters of blue, high over the 72-foot-long platform against a white spun-glass drape 60 feet in height. As a part of the opening exercises, Central California Conference President D. E. Venden and Pacific Union Conference President R. R. Bietz, in whose territory San Francisco is situated, offered words of welcome, as did Mayor George Christopher. In his message the mayor said that he was particularly pleased to have the General Conference in San Francisco, because of his deep personal appreciation and admiration for the work of Seventh-day Adventists. "You have brought both physical and spiritual comfort to people in all parts of the world," said the mayor. He then referred to the strong spiritual heritage bequeathed to Americans by the founding fathers. "It is particularly significant," he continued, "that when the Pilgrims arrived at Plymouth Rock 342 years ago, after being on the high seas for 13 weeks, they stayed aboard ship 42 hours for prayer, thanking God for a safe voyage and asking His continued blessing."

The delegates were pleased to receive greetings from the President of the United States, John F. Kennedy (the President's telegraphed message appears in a box with this story).

From England, from Rwanda, Burundi, Central Africa, from New Guinea, from Salvador, from Brazil, from India, from Singapore, from the Philippines, from Greenland, from Indonesia, and from the countries of southern Europe, among others, came greetings to the conference. How our brethren all around the circle of the world would love to be here in San Francisco! They cannot, but their prayers are with us, and they, like us, are asking that God will pour out His Spirit abundantly on this great meeting.

The music of the opening session defies description. No one can ever forget the great symphonic choir—hundreds of voices singing the conference theme song, "We Have This Hope." Our reporters who provide later stories on the conference will, no doubt, make further reference to the various musical organizations, so I will say no more about this aspect here. George Greer deserves much credit for the large choir, as does the entire music committee, headed by Charles Keymer. Elder Keymer led the vast audience in congregational singing the first night.

The routine business of organizing the conference occupied part of the evening program. Then Elder Figuhr presented his report. (Report appears on page 7.) He announced advances on all fronts. Especially gratifying was his statement: "The last four years have been the best evangelistic years in our history. During this period a total of 355,436 were won. . . . Last year, 1961, a total of 22,668 were received into the church in North America alone, a gain of 3,704 over the previous year. The world figures are 101,675." The church is organized for soul winning, and this objective takes precedence over everything else.

Elder Figuhr closed his report with this brief quotation, which appears also on page 3 of the program booklet for the session, directly across from the theme song written by Wayne Hooper:

"We are homeward bound. . . . The New Jerusalem is our place of rest. . . .

"It will not be long till we shall see Him in whom our hopes of eternal life are centered."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 287. We have this glorious hope."

After the address the delegates scattered to specified locations to select representatives to serve on the Nominating Committee.

As the concluding words of the benediction died away, in every heart was the earnest prayer that this great General Conference session, now begun, might be marked by unusual evidences of God's presence. We believe that this prayer will be answered.

Christian life is more than many take it to be. It does not consist wholly in gentleness, patience, meekness, and kindness. These graces are essential; but there is need also of courage, force, energy, and perseverance.—*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 497.

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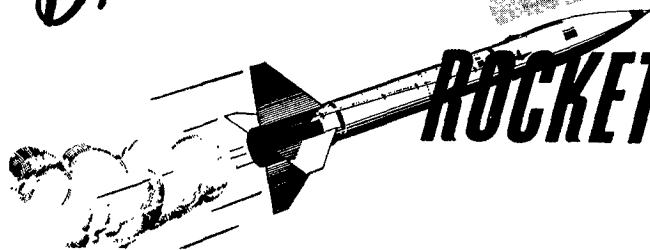
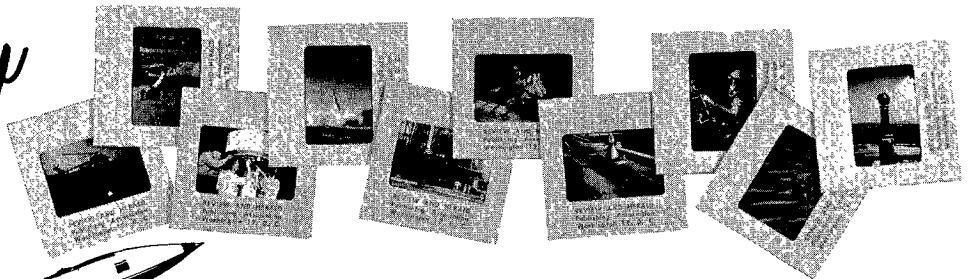
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The main REVIEW editorial office is located, for the period of the session, in a room a little to the rear of the platform in the main pavilion at the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco. Associated with me is an able group who have been brought in from Washington, D.C. They are: Kenneth H. Wood, Jr. (first half of conference), R. F. Cottrell (second half), M. R. Thurber, H. M. Tippett, Lawrence Maxwell, Promise Sherman, Vada Gentry, and Areta Perkins. A key person closely tied in with this editorial group is T. K. Martin, art director of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, who is official photographer of the session. Associated with him is Byron Logan. They will catch the story of the session in pictures.

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We wish we could provide you, the multitude of REVIEW subscribers at home, the same speed service, but that is impossible. Second-class mail, by which journals must be sent, takes a week to cross the continent. Add to that the time for printing and shipping, and you can see why this first issue reaches you later than you would wish. But be of good cheer, nine more will follow in quick succession with all the good story. We are happy to provide this service to you, and without extra charge. It is one of the most costly things we ever do—and one that we like most to do. Let us rejoice together in the story of the great session, the greatest yet in our history.

F. D. N.

A Message From the President

July 26, 1962

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS:

Again we meet in another world gathering of Seventh-day Adventists. Leaders and other representatives of our work from the world field are in attendance. They have come with stirring accounts of what God is doing in their lands. During these days of meetings our thoughts are often upon the many thousands of our people who cannot attend this session but who nevertheless are as deeply interested in the Lord's work as are those in attendance.

For those who cannot attend, we are happy to announce that the reports of the General Conference session will be published by the Review and Herald in the form of ten special issues. These will

give the only full, official record of the proceedings of this forty-ninth General Conference session. We deem it indeed fortunate that those who cannot be present may thus be put in close touch with the progress of God's work in the earth and what is happening at this session. The leadership of the Advent Movement greatly desires that our people everywhere be kept well informed of what has been taking place in the world field and all the major plans being laid for advancement in the future. A well-informed membership is a cooperative membership. And today, cooperation and unity are more vital than ever before. We invite you to read the reports of this great session. They will bring to you fresh inspiration and renewed courage.

R. R. FIGUHR

The Civic Auditorium in San Francisco, where the 1962 session of the General Conference is being held. The Auditorium faces Civic Center Plaza. Its main arena seats more than 9,000.

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