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GENERAL CONFERENCE

R. R. Figuhr, president of the General Conference since 1954. After having served in the denomination's top administrative post for 12 years, he announced his retirement at the first meeting of the 1966 General Conference session. See page 16 for his statement.

Program of the Session

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

7:30 P.M. Songs of Praise

- 8:00 First Business Session
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 1. Hymn
 2. Scripture Reading
 3. Prayer
 4. Message in Song-General Conference Laymen's Choir, "A Mighty Fortress"
 5. Welcome by Jere D. Smith, President, Lake Union Conference
 6. Welcome by N. C. Wilson, President, Michigan Conference
 7. Mayor of Detroit
 8. General Conference Theme Song "We Have This Hope"-Southern California Ministers' Chorus and General Confer-ence Laymen's Choir
 9. Organization of Conference
 10. President's Address
 11. Adjournment to assigned rooms for selec-tion of division appointments to nomi-mating committee
 12. Benediction

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

- 8:15 A.M. Song Service 8:30 Sermon-W. E. Murray 8:30 Sermon-w. E. Mutray
 10:00 Business Session Secretary's Report-W. R. Beach Treasurer's Report-C. L. Torrey Auditor's Report-R. J. Radcliffe 11:50 Devotional-E. L. Minchin 1:30 p.m. Committees World Work in Pictures Behold the Dreamer (Africa) Whatever Happened to Brown? 3:00 Business Session Statistical Report—R. J. Radcliffe Ministerial Assn. Report—R. A. Anderson 3:30 Junior Meeting Primary Meeting Kindergarten 5:00 Departmental Meetings Home Missionary Temperance Preparation for the Sabbath
- 7:00 Songs of Praise
- 8:00 Sermon-George Burnside

SABBATH, JUNE 18

- 9:00 A.M. Song Service 9:00 A.M. Jong Berrice
 9:30 Sabbath School Adult, Junior, Primary, Kindergarten
 10:40 Missionary Service—V. W. Schoen, F. C. Webster, Jr. 11:00 Sermon Hour Adult—R. R. Figuhr Overflow with closed-circuit TV Junior—Lawrence Maxwell Primary Senior Youth 9:15 Song Service 9:30 Sabbath School 10:50 Sermon Hour-C. D. Martin 9:30 Foreign-Language Services German Portuguese Slavic Spanish 1:30 P.M. Music 3:00 "Behold His Messengers" Overflow with closed-circuit TV 7:30 Songs of Praise
- 8:00 Northern European Division-E. E. Roenfelt Inter-American Division-C. L. Powers

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

- 8:15 A.M. Song Service
- 8:30 Sermon-Richard Hammill
- 10:00 Business Session Publishing Dept. Report—G. A. Huse Dept. of Education Report—E. E. Cossentine
- 11:50 Devotional-W. B. Ochs
- 1:30 p.m. Committees World Work in Pictures Stress (Première showing of new series "It Is Written") A Faith for These Times (Australia)
- 3:00 Business Session Medical Department Report-T. R. Flaiz Loma Linda University-G. T. Anderson
- 3:30 Junior Meeting Primary Meeting Kindergarten

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- 5:00 Departmental Meetings Medical Missionary Volunteer Parents' Meeting—H. M. S. Richards Publishing Radio-TV Regional Religious Liberty Sabbath School Temperance 7:30 Songs of Praise
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- 8:00 Central European Division—Otto Gmehling Trans-Africa Division—R. H. Pierson

MONDAY, JUNE 20

8:15 A.M. Song Service

- 8:30 Sermon-F. L. Peterson
- 9:30 Junior Meeting
- 9:30 Junor Recently
 10:00 Business Session
 Home Missionary Dept. Report—J. E. Edwards
 SDA Welfare Service, Inc.—W. E. Phillips
- 11:50 Devotional-Walter A. Nelson
- 1:30 P.M. Committees World Work in Pictures Wings Over Central Europe Branch Sabbath School of the Air (Canada)
- 3:00 Business Session
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 Billen G. White Publications Report—A. L.
 White
 Spirit of Prophecy Committee Report—W. E.
 Murray
 North American Missions—Wesley Amundsen
- 3:30 Junior Meeting Primary Meeting Kindergarten
- 5:00 Departmental Meetings Educational Home Missionary Public Relations Publishing Radio-TV Temperance
- 7:30 Songs of Praise
- 8:00 Middle East Division-R. A. Wilcox South American Division-J. J. Aitken

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

- 8:15 A.M. Song Service 8:30 Sermon-Varner Johns, Jr.
- 9:30 Junior Meeting
- 10:00 Business Session American Bible Society—Dr. Robert T. Tay-
 - Legal Meetings
- 11:50 Devotional-W. C. Webb
- 1:30 P.M. Committees World Work in Pictures With the Pioneers in Historic Michigan
- 3:00 Business Session Missionary Volunteer Department Report-Theodore Lucas Regional Department Report-H. D. Single-
- ton Harris Pine Mills Statement-C. J. Nagele
- 3:30 Junior Meeting Primary Meeting Kindergarten

- Kindergarten 5:00 Departmental Meetings Educational Medical Missionary Volunteer Parents' Meeting—Theodore Carcich Public Relations Publishing Radio-TV Baricoal

 - Regional Religious Liberty Sabbath School Temperance
- 7:30 Songs of Praise
- 8:00 Southern European Division-Marius Fridlin Australasian Division-L. C. Naden

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

- 8:15 A.M. Song Service
- 8:30 Sermon-R. S. Watts
- 9:30 Junior Meeting
- 9:30 Junior Account 10:00 Business Session Andrews University—Richard Hammill Sabbath School Dept. Report—G. R. Nash 11:50 Devotional-Don Gray
- 1:30 P.M. Committees World Work in Pictures Gospel Exploits in Ethiopia

- No Time to Tarry (Association of Self-Sup-porting Institutions) 3:00 Business Session Association of Self-Supporting Institutions-Wesley Amundsen Home Study Institute Report-Delmer W. Holbrook
- 3:30 Junior Meeting Primary Meeting Kindergarten
- 5:00 Departmental Meetings Educational Home Missionary Publishing Radio-TV
- Temperance 7:30 Songs of Praise

8:15 A.M. Song Service 8:30 Sermon—A. W. Staples 9:30 Junior Meeting

11:50 Devotional-S. P. Vitrano

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Primary Senior Youth

9:15 Song Service 9:30 Sabbath School

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8:30 Sermon-M. V. Campbell

11:50 Devotional-Percy W. Manuel

P.M. Committees World Work in Pictures Fabulous Far East

3:30 Junior Meeting Primary Meeting Kindergarten Preparation for the Sabbath

8:00 Sermon-E. E. Cleveland

7:00 Japan College Choir-Sacred Concert 8:00 North American Division-Theodore Carcich

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

10:00 Business Session Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty-M. E. Loewen

SABBATH, JUNE 25

10:40 Missionary Service-A. A. Esteb, L. A. Shipo-

2:00 P.M. Sacred Music Concert "Behold His Glory" (Repeat Performances) One-hour intermission for audiences to inter-change.

7:30 Special Program—General Conference President with Division Presidents

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9:30 Sabbath School Adult, Junior, Primary, Kindergarten

11:00 Sermon Hour Adult—W. R. Beach Overflow with closed-circuit TV Junior—John Hancoek Primary

10:50 Sermon Hour-H. M. S. Richards, Jr.

9:30 Foreign-Language Services

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7:00 Music

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 1:30 р.м. Committees World Work in Pictures Gospel Outreach in Brazil Narcotics: The Decision

8:00 Southern Asia Division—R. S. Lowry Far Eastern Division—C. P. Sorensen

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

10:00 Business Session Radio-Television Dept. Report-J. O. Iversen Temperance Dept. Report-E. J. Folkenberg

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The Background of and Hopes for

Our Fiftieth Session

By ARTHUR H. ROTH Secretary to the President of the General Conference

Seventh-day Adventists from around the world are meeting in Detroit, Michigan, for the fiftieth session of the General Conference. Detroit, the capital of the automotive industry, where the session is being held, is about 100 miles from Battle Creek, where the pioneers of the Advent Movement held the first General Conference session one hundred and three years ago. In our day General Conference sessions are held every four years, in accordance with the General Conference sessions the movement sessions were yearly days of the movement sessions were yearly gatherings.

Those attending this session are the representatives of the 1,578,000 Seventhday Adventists scattered throughout the 14,650 churches from Caracas to Calcutta, from Brisbane to Berlin. They represent the men and women and children who await the coming of Jesus in Argentina, in Rhodesia, in Norway, and all the 200 countries of the world where the Advent message is preached. This gathering of Adventists from all the world is a convincing indication that one of the great signs of our Lord's return mentioned by Matthew is being fulfilled: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matt. 24: 14). Those present at the session are eloquent evidence of the way people have responded to the preaching of the gospel in "every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people" (Rev. 14:6).

We can't help asking ourselves, Did this merely happen or come about by itself? Is it the result of wise human planning? Indeed not! It is the fulfillment of prophecy. God had a hand in this. More than that, this is His program. God raised up the Advent Movement. He has guided and led the movement from the beginning. He will continue to lead it until that "great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations" will stand "before the throne, and before the Lamb" (Rev. 7:9).

Our pioneers, meeting at the first General Conference session in 1863, as the representatives of the Advent faith in six States of the new American nation, hardly could have envisioned the worldwide mission to which God was calling them. They felt so insignificant. They had no influence. They had no power. But they did have the Word of God. They did have conviction about God's last message for mankind. They did have the Lord's counsel in the Spirit of Prophecy. They did have devotion. They did have faith. So, like the early Christians, though few, they preached wherever they went. Under God's blessing the Advent message and movement spread. The remnant church began to grow. It grew in the land where it took root. It expanded into one country after another. As the work expanded and grew, the world mission and obligation of the Advent Movement came into sharper focus.

In the Scriptures our pioneers read ever more clearly and decisively: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). "God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints" (1 Cor. 14:33). "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Eph. 4:4, 5).

The Lord's messenger to the church spoke: "God calls for men, volunteers, to carry the truth to other nations and tongues and people."—*Testimonies*, vol. 3, p. 404. "Press together, press together, press together."—*Testimonies to Minis*- ters, p. 56. "Never, never will these heavenly messengers [the cooperating angels] place their endorsement upon irregularity, disorganization and disorder."—*Testimonies*, vol. 1, pp. 649, 650.

With these guiding principles and many more of like kind from Sacred Scriptures and the Spirit of Prophecy writings, a compelling imperative and organizational foundation was laid for the church. These were strengthened and became more clear during the last decades of the nineteenth century and the first two decades of the twentieth century.

Not all were convinced that the church should go into other lands, or even labor in unity and concerted action. Shortly after the denomination's first foreign missionary went abroad, Uriah Smith, one of the leaders of the Advent people, wrote this about the need for "concerted action":

"We profess to believe that the burden of the work of proclaiming to the world the last message of mercy is committed to our hands. How much is involved in this? This world, though small in comparison with other worlds, is nevertheless to human beings quite a large place. Though three-fourths of it is under water, there is still a vast expanse of territory left. Its inhabitants are numbered by the hundreds of millions. How much labor will it

A Message From the President

As we meet in this fiftieth session of the General Conference in Detroit, our thoughts go out to our one and one-half million members around the world who are not privileged to be in this great world gathering. There are here in attendance some 1,400 chosen delegates appointed to transact the business of the church. Besides these, there are several thousand more who have come for the inspiration and information to be obtained in such a gathering. This is a most important meeting. It will doubtless prove to be the largest gathering of this nature in our history. May it be the best.

The past four years have witnessed encouraging growth in our work, often under trying circumstances. As the leaders from the various areas of earth render their reports, we shall see again how our Lord leads in the proclamation of this message to the nations and peoples of earth. The reports will reveal that this quadrennium has been the richest in our history in soul winning.

It is especially fortunate that the entire proceedings of the session will be fully reported each day by our church paper, the <u>Review and Herald</u>. Those, therefore, who have not the opportunity of being present will be able to receive full reports of the ten days. Capable and dedicated reporters will carefully bring to us the daily proceedings and all other relevant and interesting reports and talks. We want our people to know what actually goes on in this cause for which they so fervently pray, and which they so loyally support with their tithes and offerings. In this critical hour Adventist believers around the world must keep in step with the movement as it steadily goes forward.

May this world gathering of Adventists prove to be a foretaste of that glorious one before the throne of God, when that "great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands" (Rev. 7:9).

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President, General Conference

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take to convey instruction on the present truth to all of these who are entitled to receive it? How many men will be wanted? What kind of men? The world's talent will be arrayed against the truth. Someone must be prepared to meet it. How many books will be required? How many thousand tons of periodicals? How much means to carry on the work? . . .

much means to carry on the work? . . . "What more will be needed, we per-haps do not now clearly see. We only know that this work is the cause of God, and it will be accomplished. It cannot go back. The omnipotent hand of the God and Christ of our blessed hope is behind it. We know that that cause which represents in the earth the closing truths of the Word of God, and the finishing of the work of salvation among men, is no sham and slipshod affair, and will not be done in a corner. There are thousands of localities to be lightened with its presence which do not yet so much as know of its existence. There are thousands of men to be raised up for the work of the harvest. There are tons of books to be produced. There are hundreds of thousands of dollars to be expended. Perhaps our present facilities must be doubled or quadrupled."-Review and Herald, Dec. 15, 1874.

We who today are ever nearer to the climax of the work of the church on earth, believe as firmly as did our predecessors that the church must in all lands move unitedly toward the kingdom. We cannot, in these times of Satan's final vicious attacks on the church, afford the luxury of independent and separate action. We need to close ranks with our comrades in the faith behind the Captain of our salvation.

Does someone ask, Where does the individual stand in the church? The individual is important in God's program. There is room and need for individual responsibility and commitment. God's interest in the individual as a vital factor in the life and activity of the church is exceeded only by His interest in him as a child in need of redemption.

Who is better qualified to speak about the role of the individual in the remnant church than the messenger God gave His people? "We should all feel our individual responsibility as members of the visible church and workers in the vineyard of the Lord."—*Testimonies*, vol. 4, p. 16. "Every believer should be wholehearted in his attachment to the church."—*Ibid.*, p. 18. "Every soul that believes the truth is to stand in his lot and place, saying, 'Here am I; send me.' "—*Ibid.*, vol. 6, p. 49.

Seventh-day Adventists regulate themselves in church matters according to the representative form of church government, which recognizes that authority in the church rests in the church membership.

Five steps lead from the individual believer to the worldwide organization of the church, the General Conference. First is the church, the body, in which the individual believers are united. Second is the local conference or local mission, the united body of churches in a local territory. Third is the union conference or union mission, the united body of conferences and missions in a larger territory. Fourth is the division, a section of the General Conference, comprised of union conferences and union missions in large areas of the world. Fifth is the General Conference, the worldwide general body embracing the church in all parts of the world.

The General Conference is the highest voice of church authority among Seventhday Adventists, and operates by direction of the General Conference Executive Committee. This Executive Committee, with its committee members and officers, is elected to serve the church for four years at the time of world sessions such as the one now convening in Detroit. Throughout its term of service the committee with its officers looks after the spiritual welfare of the world church, fosters evangelism, concerns itself with the missions program of the church, and counsels on general problems of church administration. The work of the administrative departments and committees is reviewed annually at Autumn Council meetings of the committee, when reports are received, suggestions and recommendations are considered, and general plans are laid. In an even wider aspect, reports of the worldwide work and world church plans are considered at quadrennial sessessions such as the present fiftieth session.

The number of delegates seated and accredited to do business at this session is about 1,400, at the present count. The total number of delegates can be classified as follows: Delegates at large (General Conference Committee members, and others as recommended by the Executive Committee representing general institutions and church interests, not to exceed 25 per cent of the total delegates in attendance at the session); regular delegates (on the basis of one delegate for each union organization, one for each local conference or mission organization, and one additional delegate for each 1,650 members or major fraction thereof). From this truly representative total of delegates various committees are created, such as nominations, plans, constitution and bylaws, et cetera. The reports of these committees finally come to the whole body of delegates for action—a truly democratic procedure.

What does the church around the world expect from this session? What do the delegates prayerfully hope for from this gathering? These are soul-searching considerations. The church in all parts of the world has been praying for this holy convocation. It is an important gathering. These are things longed for:

That the church, though composed of "many nations, tongues, and peoples," shall be "one," as was prayed for by our Lord.

That the blessed hope of our Lord's return will hold the pre-eminent place in the message the church announces to the world.

That the pure Word of God will be re-emphasized as the only basis for what the church preaches.

That its chosen leaders will be men and women directed by the Holy Spirit.

That the finishing of God's work on earth will be the clear purpose in the planning of every organization, department, and committee of the church.

These longings cannot be satisfied by any one man or group of men. They can be satisfied only by praying sons and daughters of God, consecrated to Him and blessed by Him. In this we all share privilege and duty.

The faithful in all the world are longing and praying for the latter rain.

Are they longing and praying for too much? No!

The saints are expecting the fulfillment of God's promises.

Are their expectations too high? Not Such are the longings of the church. May God grant visible results of His visitation upon the fiftieth session of the General Conference.

Veterans, Retired Workers, and Missionaries

Invited to 1966 General Conference Session in Detroit, Michigan

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The President's Report

JUNE 16, 1966, 8:00 P.M.

By R. R. FIGUHR

We meet tonight in the fiftieth session of the General Conference. We welcome to this great gathering all delegates and visitors. This is an important meeting. We appreciate your interest in it and solicit your prayers for its success.

The first meeting such as this was held 103 years ago. The number of delegates attending was 20. They represented 3,500 Adventists, our entire membership then. At that session the first General Conference officers and the first General Conference Committee were elected. The committee consisted of three members.

At this fiftieth session we estimate that the total number of delegates will be over 1,400. They will represent our church membership of approximately 1.6 million. That first General Conference Committee of three has grown into some 280 members, representing our world work carried on in some 200 countries and 928 languages, including the printed and oral work.

Since we met four years ago, the world has seen great changes in both the political and the religious world. Events long foretold in prophecy are today taking place with startling rapidity. The significance of these times must not be lost upon us, for we are told that the final movements will be rapid ones.

In the conduct of our work, new and major problems are encountered. They have brought added perplexity, but neither the problems nor the divisive forces prevalent in the world have weakened the structure of our organization or kept the work of God from its steady forward movement. For the success that has attended our efforts, we thank God.

It is heartening to announce that the last four years have been the best soulwinning years in our history. Through baptism and profession of faith, 469,048 new members have been added to the church during the quadrennium. This puts our world membership at the close of 1965 at 1,575,158. These new members have been won through various evangelistic agencies, such as radio-TV, Bible schools, literature, our institutions, and dedicated laymen. Evangelists and pastors have demonstrated that the day of public evangelism is not past. Last but not least, the most effective agency has been, as always, the godly example of loyal church members, living out, by God's grace, the truth before neighbors and friends.

Financial

More than 100 years ago the servant of the Lord urged upon this people the plan of systematic giving for the support of God's work. About 1857, Sister White wrote, "God is leading His people in the plan of systematic benevolence."—Testimonies, vol. 1, p. 191. She often urged the advantages and the effectiveness of this plan. It is this united and systematic way of giving, under the blessing of God, that has made it possible to extend our work literally unto the ends of the earth.

Not only have we been able to steadily press on into new territories but we have been able to build solidly as we have moved forward. Sporadic, scattered, and irregular giving would never have accomplished what we see today. God's plan of bringing the tithes and offerings into His treasury and from there disbursing the funds equitably, has proved a successful and financially sound plan. Our financial strength as a church is unique.

Departments

Our organization provides for departments. Much of our work is carried on through them. These departments are



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staffed by active and dedicated men and women. They are specialists in their particular lines. That their work is appreciated and effective is often attested to by the letters of appreciation we receive when the fields are visited by our departmental workers. They play a large and important part in keeping our people active in Christian work, as well as in step with our world movement.

We have time to refer but briefly to a few of the activities of the various departments. Each will render its report during this session.

Educational. From our earliest days we have believed in and generously supported Christian education. Had we not years ago heeded the divine admonition that came to us, and established our own schools, the denominational picture of Seventh-day Adventists would today be vastly different. With few exceptions, the leaders of our work today are the product of our own schools. As the demand for better-trained workers has grown, our educational facilities have been expanded in an effort to meet the demand. Seventh-day Adventists are firm in their determination to continue educating their children in their own schools.

Seventeen thousand one hundred and fifty-three Seventh-day Adventist teachers have enrolled under them 368,264 students. Approximately 48,000 students attending our schools have been baptized during the quadrennium, an eloquent testimonial to the effectiveness of these schools as direct evangelistic agencies.

Graduate Work. It was an undertaking of faith to launch out into providing graduate work. If we are to maintain a true Christian atmosphere in our schools we must have teachers prepared and trained in our own Seventh-day Adventist educational institutions. Master's work is now offered both at Loma Linda University and at Andrews. It is hoped that soon doctorate work can be offered in theology and in education. This seems urgent.

We are glad that the consolidation of our medical school on one campus has been successfully achieved. This had been a problem perplexing our denomination for nearly half a century. As we review our experiences in finally bringing this about we see the evident leadings of God. A combination of happy circumstances at just the right time made it possible to bring about the union of the two divisions of our medical school on one campus.

Early next year a commodious and modern building will be completed to house this school on the Loma Linda campus. The uniting of the two divisions of the medical school and the providing of needed, up-to-date facilities is the largest single project ever undertaken by this denomination. It is marvelous to see how God has moved upon hearts to turn funds and holdings over toward this large, needed project.

needed project. Integration. We are a world church made up of different nationalities, races, and languages. Seventh-day Adventists are a striking fulfillment of Revelation 12:6-12, where it is indicated that this message is to go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. The purpose in the plan of God is to bring out of all these diverse people a united and harmonious group constituting His church. It is a testimony to the power of God that such unity as we see today among us can be brought out of worldwide diversity. The very factors that divide the peoples of the message is greater than the barriers of nationality, race, and language.

We have long been on record believing that God "hath made of one blood all nations of men" (Acts 17:26). While the full realization of the divine ideal has not always been immediately obtainable, we have moved toward it as rapidly as circumstances permitted. During the quadrennium under review remarkable progress has been made in removing ageold barriers of prejudice without shattering the unity of our church. Steady progress is better than sporadic moves that leave broken pieces in their wake. The human relations committees in North America on various levels, provided for some years back, have functioned and have been an important factor in clearing up problems, as well as encouraging a consistent, steady forward movement. There are no human relations problems that Christians meeting in a Christian spirit cannot solve.

While we still have a Regional Department in the General Conference and Regional conferences in the field, we look upon these as temporary expedients to be dissolved when our Regional brethren feel the time has come to do so.

Home Missionary. The Home Missionary Department organizes, inspires, and leads our church members in service. Comparing the present quadrennium with the preceding four years, we see an impressive increase in membership involvement. One million tracts a week were distributed, an increase of 28 per cent; 11 Bible studies were given every minute around the clock; 32 million peo-ple were helped through our welfare service (an increase of 5.5 million); \$32 million was raised through Ingathering, a gain of 1 million for each of the past four years over the preceding quadrennium; and the implementation in six divisions of the new concept, training laymen as instructors in Bible evangelism classes. What a fine record of achievement!

Sabbath School. There are enrolled in our 26,342 Sabbath schools, 2,248,955 students. Here is a school of virtually 2.25 million, all studying the Word of God. But this school does more than study. It reaches out. Branch Sabbath schools numbering 63,786 have been established, an increase over the preceding quadrennium of more than 100 per cent. It also conducted 9,976 Vacation Bible Schools, in which were enrolled nearly 1 million children. The total giving of the Sabbath school during the last four years amounted to the magnificent sum of \$38,-917,000.92. What an achievement for the cause of missions!

Publishing. From 44 publishing houses flows a steady stream of Adventist literature in more than 200 languages, to the value, in 1965 alone, of \$33,567,-248.15, a gain over 1964 of \$2,241,000. In 1965, there were 6,116 colporteur evangelists, giving their time and talent to the circulation of our books and magazines. During this same year, 1965, these devoted workers gave away more than 2.5 million pieces of our literature, enrolled more than one third of a million in Bible schools, offered prayer in nearly half a million homes, and had a part in winning to church membership 5,206 people. During the four-year period, our worldwide literature sales amounted to \$121,046,812.23, a gain over the preceding similar period of \$29,769,800.76.

Religious Liberty. Through the years Seventh-day Adventists have been dedicated to the cause of religious liberty. We have consistently maintained that the best safeguard of freedom of conscience and worship is the separation of church and state. When Jesus pointed to the Roman coin and the emperor's superscription on it, and made His clear, farreaching declaration, "Render . . . unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's," He defined the jurisdiction of the two empires of heaven and earth, as well as establishing the limits and the rights of each.

The coin bore the image of the tem-

poral ruler; the soul of the Christian bears the stamp of the heavenly Ruler. The two jurisdictions should never be confused. The servant of the Lord says: "The union of the church with the state, be the degree never so slight, while it may appear to bring the world nearer to the church, does in reality but bring the church nearer to the world."—The Great Controversy, p. 297.

The Liberty magazine, dedicated to the defense of religious liberty, enjoys a wide circulation today—more than 400,-000 copies each issue. The purpose is to present the great truth of religious liberty so that all, irrespective of denominational affiliation or of no church affiliation, shall read it.

Radio-TV. The proclamation of the message over the air continues to be an effective evangelistic agency. Nearly 2,000 radio and television stations broadcast Adventist programs in 33 languages in 70 countries. Many today trace their first acquaintance with Adventists to these programs. There are 129 Bible schools closely associated with these broadcasts, in which nearly 2 million new students were enrolled during the quadrennium. This means of reaching the millions of earth is bound to become increasingly effective and fruitful.

Missionary Volunteer. The army of Seventh-day Adventist youth has grown to 540,000. At this session it will have a thrilling report to render. This active, vibrant host has been organized and directed in service with remarkable results. We have no time to mention the many varying activities carried on, except to say that through the earnest work of the leaders of the Missionary Volunteer Department our young people are trained and inspired to seek for and appreciate the things that are most excellent in life, and to witness for their Lord wherever they are and whatever they are doing, be it in school, at play, at work, or in the armed services of their country. This army is on the march.

Medical. The Medical Department plays an important part in upgrading the professional services and guiding in the selection of qualified staffs for our medical institutions. It has also endeavored to



By EUNICE COLLINS

When the days of work are over And we set aside our care, When the pearly gates are opened, Meet me there.

When our tired hearts and bodies Are relieved of wear and tear And we taste of life eternal, Meet me there.

When our hopes and dreams and motives Face the city pure and fair, And we greet the lovely Jesus, Meet me there.

When our tears and heartaches vanish Into sunshine fresh and rare, With the joy of Jesus' blessing,

Meet me there.

help keep before the 3,961 nurses and 18,651 employees the chief objective of the work. Every physician's office, every dentist's chair, is part of the medical work of the church. Each Seventh-day Adventist nurse, technician, and paramedical worker is counted as a part of the medical activity of the church. Thirty-five schools of nursing are offering Christian training and of these, 23 are overseas. We thank God for the large number of dedicated medical workers who in their ministry to the sick and suffering are earnestly striving to walk in the footsteps of the Great Physician.

Temperance. "Of all who claim to be numbered among the friends of temperance, Seventh-day Adventists should stand in the front ranks."—Gospel Workers, p. 384. Seventh-day Adventists are today recognized as being in the forefront in the cause of temperance. Through institutes and clinics under the leadership of the Temperance Department, the evil effects of the use of alcohol and tobacco are exposed, and many are being helped to freedom from addiction. The literature the department puts out, including the attractive Listen magazine, is of the highest quality and is proving very effective. The leaders of this department, past and present, together with their associates, are due much credit for their large vision and their unceasing and dedicated efforts in behalf of temperance.

Ministerial Association. The Ministerial Association continues to serve the world field effectively through assisting in the training of pastors and evangelists in a very practical way. During the quadrennium, a number of important evangelistic efforts were held under the leadership of men from the Association. These were more than ordinary evangelistic efforts. They were schools in practical evangelism. Not only did those participating see public evangelism demonstrated, they also attended classes and participated in discussions during the efforts that resulted in receiving very practical help. The Ministerial Association has done much to stimulate and to guide in the important work of proclaiming our message to the world.

Bureau of Public Relations. It is important that the image the world has of Seventh-day Adventists and their work be accurate and as complete as possible. We have suffered much from being misunderstood and inaccurately portrayed. This situation has been greatly bettered in recent years through the tireless efforts of our Public Relations Bureau. We are fortunate in having qualified, able, and alert individuals in this Bureau. Not only do they do their utmost in correctly portraying Adventists and their work, they also assist our workers in the fields and institutions to do a similar work in their areas. This is a service organization of the denomination. It serves efficiently and well.

Conclusion

When our pioneers, 103 years ago, organized the General Conference they had no thought that such an organization would be meeting a century later—at least, not on this earth. They expected the Lord's return ere now. But we are still here. Our Lord has delayed His coming. Surely the time cannot be much longer. We are entering such days as the world has never before seen.

These are days not only of peril, they are also days of unprecedented opportunity for the church. Despite the indifference to spiritual matters on the part of so many, doors long closed because of prejudice, are now opening. We have access today to thousands who formerly were beyond our reach.

We confidently believe that great days of advance and triumph are before us. The quadrennium into which we now enter should see greater and more glorious triumphs for this cause. Our faith must be commensurate with the challenge.

This will probably prove to be the largest gathering of Seventh-day Advent-

ists in our denominational history. Many thousands will attend from many lands and from many walks of life. May this great gathering prove to be a true symbol of that greater and large gathering before the throne of God so graphically portrayed for us by the pen of faithful John on Patmos:

"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.... Saying,... Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen" (Rev. 7:9-12).



A Reporter Previews the Conference

By MERWIN R. THURBER

The 1966 world conference of Seventhday Adventists and Detroit! These words have been on the lips of church members around the world for many months. For me personally this is something of a special occasion, for it is my sixth General Conference as an editor-reporter. But back of these last 20 years to 1926 my memory stretches to the time I spent here in Detroit as a young man not yet through college, working and saving so I could go back to school.

Like many another delegate (and certainly I am only one among many) I registered last Sunday, June 12, at a hotel in Detroit where a reservation had been made for me by an efficient committee. This is a simple thing, but the more I thought about it, the more it came to symbolize the preparations made for a great General Conference. Every delegate will discover that he has been thought of and planned for in advance.

Preparations for the 1966 General Conference actually began soon after the close of the General Conference four years ago, and the Autumn Council of 1962 voted to hold the 1966 General Conference session in Detroit, Michigan.

Detroit is best known today as the automotive capital of the world. It is situated on the Detroit River, which connects Lake St. Claire and Lake Erie. This river, or strait (*Le Droit*, the French explorers called it), is part of an inland waterway that connects the ocean with all the Great Lakes ports of the Middle West. It carries more tonnage than any other waterway in the world. Founded in 1701 by the French as a fort, Detroit today has a population of 1,670,000, but this figure fails utterly to give you any idea of the metropolitan area-which includes such communities as Highland Park and Hamtramck, entirely surrounded by Detroit; Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Oak Park, Royal Oak, St. Claire Shores, River Rouge, and Lincoln Park, to mention some of the largest -with its population of 3,915,000.

But the locating committee did not recommend Detroit because of its standing as fifth city in the United States, or because of its pleasant location; they picked it because it has a satisfactory convention center for holding a General Conference session. The word "satisfactory" is—in the opinion of the chamber of commerce—a masterpiece of understatement. They claim, and we can agree with them, that it is the finest convention facility in the world. Certainly it is the most convenient, in almost every respect, that Seventh-day Adventists have ever used.

The Arena

The arena is to us the most interesting, for here about 11,000 people will be able to see and hear the proceedings of the 1966 General Conference. In the shape of an elongated horseshoe, it contains three banks of balconies, reaching from the arena floor literally to the ceiling, which are furnished with 9,561 permanent seats. I climbed to the top row just to see how some visitors will be viewing the proceedings. The arena floor is, for the General Conference session, seated with about 1,800 movable chairs, which on the sides and back are placed on temporary risers giving the appearance of another balcony. This provides those seated in the rear on the main floor a very good view of the stage.

All the seats on the main floor and some of the seats in the lowest side balconies (2,700 in all) are reserved for delegates and their wives and children, the General Conference staff, and veteran workers who are guests of the conference.

Cobo Hall is a rectangular structure of three levels connected by ramps, elevators, and escalators, with a 1,200-car parking lot on the roof and an interstate freeway running through the lowest level. So extensive is the building—2,220,490 square feet of usable floor space—that Brother Clayton D. Forshee, session manager for the General Conference, has been provided a Cushman scooter for getting around. In fact, scooters and small power trucks are seen everywhere in the building.

The hall has an exhibit area on the first floor with approximately 104,000 square feet of floor space. When I first walked into the cavernous interior of this room, the exhibit booths for the various departments and divisions were only beginning to take shape, and the enormous space seemed almost overwhelming. Large truck entrances allow material and exhibits to be brought into position, and several loaded trucks were standing about. As the hours of these early days have sped by, this space in its immensity has been carved into graspable units by steel and wooden framework and large panels of plywood, with curtains and pictures. Busy workers are setting up the exhibits that will charm and instruct, entertain and inspire, the visitors and delegates.

On the floors above are three exhibit halls with a combined area of 300,000 square feet of space, a ballroom seating 3,700, and 41 other meeting rooms ranging in seating capacity from 25 to 2,600. A cafeteria, with four lines of service and a seating capacity of 1,500, provides convenient eating facilities for several thousand guests during the usual lunch or dinner period. Diners may look through the floor-to-ceiling glass wall at the Detroit River and its busy traffic or beyond to the city of Windsor, Ontario. Adventist patrons will find their familiar foods being served, and welcome signs on every table.

Yes, this is the finest spot for a General Conference session that we have yet seen. Early-arriving delegates who have attended presession councils and departmental meetings, worked on the displays, or helped with preconference planning and organization, all testify that they like this place. It is convenient, well appointed, and adequate to all our needs except one --a meeting place big enough to hold all the Seventh-day Adventists who wish to attend meetings on Sabbath.

Departmental Meetings

For most of the delegates who come early to General Conference, the days from Monday to Thursday are taken up with departmental meetings planned so that overseas personnel can have the privilege of meeting with the world leaders and North American specialists. As a worker in the publishing house, my first interest was in my own department, and I spent more time there than elsewhere. But I dropped into the Sabbath school room where G. R. Nash, world Sabbath school leader, was hanging a banner on the wall behind the platform. In the Educational Department room, E. E. Cossentine was addressing the audience. In the room set apart for medical workers, M. V. Campbell led out in the devotional hour. And so it went from room to room-earnest people, workers in a common specialty, counseling, learning, listening to reports of progress, making plans, and encouraging their hearts at the evidence of God's providential leading.

The Ministerial Association held the largest meetings, in the ballroom, with hundreds in attendance, the majority of the seats being filled. As my time and obviously scattered interests—the writing of this first article—permitted, I slipped into the meetings for high points and personal inspiration: G. M. Mathews, and his account of the new multi-ethnic readers, with repeated miracles of divine influence which opened the way for important assistance by businessmen in the publishing world; Howard Weeks and his study of Adventist evangelism from 1900 to 1966; the Temperance Department discussing the overseas influence of *Listen* and *Alert*, to mention only a few.

Every so often during these four days I have toured (that's the right word) the exhibition hall to see how construction is coming along on the exhibits. One of the early units to set up for business was the information and registration booth, which opened about noon Tuesday. The first delegate to register was Wilbert Ross Foulston, of 4843 Haley Drive, Castro Valley, California. Elder Foulston thereby achieves a certain high distinction among his some 1,500 fellow delegates.

By 7:30 in the evening 655 delegates had registered and 339 visitors. The names of all the delegates appear elsewhere in this bulletin. But a casual visit to the booth is likely to turn up some well-known denominational worker in the act of registering—Sunny Liu, well-known singer and pastor from the North Pacific Union, was No. 868, about 1:30 Wednesday afternoon.

General Conference Session on FM Radio Network

The Christian Radio Network will cover activities of the General Conference session for nine days, beginning June 17, on the following schedule:

Station Location	Frequency	Broadcast Time
WGTS WASHINGTON KSDA LA SIERRA	91.9 Mc. 89.7 Mc.	9:00 р.м. EST 6:00 and 9:30 р.м. PDT
KEMR LOMA LINDA KUSC LOS ANGELES	88.3 Mc. 91.5 Mc.	6:00 р.м. PDT 8:30 р.м. PDT (taped delay)
KANG ANGWIN KGTS WALLA WALLA	88.1 Mc. 91.3 Mc.	6:00 р.м. РDT 6:00 р.м. РDT

Dr. Don Dick, manager of KSDA, is network coordinator. Gabe Romero and Joe Spicer are producers, with Laban Quimby serving as financial assistant. Elder Joe Crews is continuity writer and coordinator.

The staff is composed of college students, and retired and active workers of the church. GABE ROMERO

Delegate No. 1,000 was Miss Hilary Cooper, missionary nurse from India with one term of service, who registered at 9:00 A.M. Thursday, just as I was stepping up to the counter to check on progress. This is her second General Conference.

Other reporters will describe the overseas division booths in later articles, but I cannot refrain from telling you about the publishing house book sales exhibit. The workers there with modest boastfulness tell me that this is the largest booth of any sort ever erected by Seventh-day Adventists. It is 100 feet long and 40 feet wide, with a continuous three-foot counter of book displays. Stock is stored underneath the counter and in a central bay behind curtains, ready to keep the displays full at all times. Overhead a sign pro-claims "SDA Publishers" followed by the symbols of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, the Southern Publishing Association, and the Pacific Press Publishing Association. The Review and Herald is host house, and workers from all three houses are staffing the booth. The background curtains are beautified by original paintings specially commissioned to illustrate the books we publish.

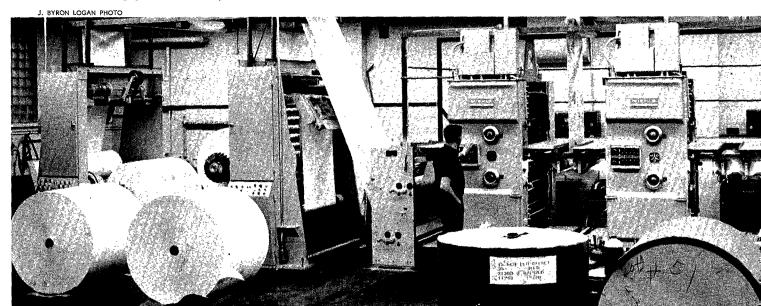
But above everything else a convention is people-names and personalities, one of my assistants persists in calling them. And I meet them wherever I go about this vast and beautiful building. Many of them are personal friends of long standing. For instance, L. A. Hansen, of Florida, now in his ninety-fifth year, at first sight greeted my wife by her first name. He edited Life and Health for 24 years, and served as assistant, associate, and chief secretary of the General Conference Medical Department for a total of 28 years. He has attended every Gen-eral Conference session since 1909. Then R. H. Pierson, president of the Trans-Africa Division, introduced me to Elder and Mrs. F. H. Thomas, who have given 51 years of service, 42 in African missions.

On another trip through the halls I met a group of leaders from Indonesia, J. B. Th. Umboh, president of East Java Mission, J. Raranta, president of North Celebes Mission, S. Ritonga, president of North Sumatra Mission, and E. L. Tambunan, secretary-treasurer of East Indonesian Union. This is their first General Conference.

And I'll not forget the constant broad smile of Pastor Paul Piari, of the highlands of New Guinea, as he was introduced by Flying Pastor Len H. Barnard. With them was Dr. Taoi Joeli, national Fijian physician who serves as medical director of the New Hebrides Mission.

Before coming here to Detroit I had the privilege of meeting R. H. Adair, long-time assistant treasurer of the General Conference, and his wife at the airport as they flew in from Australia to attend this General Conference. From another part of the world came David Langhof, circulation manager of the Hamburg Publishing House, and with him was Franz Hasel, top literature evangelist of his field. Into our editorial office came Pastor Fleck, of Central Europe, whom I had met in the pressroom at the Review and Herald, to introduce to me the oldest delegate in their group, Sister Feess Lina

This giant web press, on which the REVIEW AND HERALD Bulletins are being run, is a denominational first. Put into operation less than one month ago, it can print up to four colors on both sides of the paper at one time, at a speed of 1,200 feet per minute (20 feet per second)! Each large roll of paper weighs nearly 1,300 pounds. The press weighs 75 tons. For further details read "The Day in Detroit" in this issue.



Johanna, of Wuerzburg, Germany, a nurse for 50 years—and still working.

But not all the excitement of the General Conference is concentrated in Detroit. There is one part of the program that does not take place here-the production of a report to the world membership of what happens when the church meets in highest conclave. This task is assigned to the REview AND HERALD, the official weekly church paper. For nearly a generation this task has been carried by the staff and facilities of the Review and Herald Publishing Association. The organizational arrangements and planning for such an unusual accomplishment have been developed through the years by Francis D. Nichol. By the time you read this Bulletin, you will have heard that Elder Nichol died on Friday, June 3. We miss him, but his efficient plans and organization will be carried out by fellow workers who have shared the responsibility in years past.

Bulletin on New Offset Press

As the General Conference approached, the production facilities of the publishing house were being expanded. Many months ago the decision was reached to purchase a high-speed four-color web-fed offset press for our periodicals. Everyone involved in this decision and in its fulfillment hoped and prayed that the press would be ready to print the General Conference Bulletins in June. The press was delivered in good time; but organizational adjustments in the manufacturing firm complicated the erection of the mammoth machine. Days and nights sped by as the date for General Conference neared, and the progress seemed agonizingly slow as one delay followed another.

But only two weeks ago, the great rolls of paper were placed in position, the ink was adjusted, and the first printed copies of the first job came through the folder. No, the machine was not really working yet-more adjustments were needed, and there were frequent stops. But just a week ago, on Wednesday night, the first run was successfully completed-68,500 copies of the Sabbath School Worker had been printed. The next job was being readied, and when I left Washington two addi-tional runs were planned before the first General Conference Bulletins begin to roll.

On Wednesday afternoon, a week ago, I stood in the pressroom and watched the



Four Secretaries Slated for Mission Service

To be featured at the General Conference session, four secretaries from the General Conference office staff will be leaving for mission service immediately following the session. In the picture W. R. Beach, secretary of the General Conference, extends official good wishes to the four. Left to right: Martha Lunt, Beverly Tiberghien, Meri Blost, and Dorothy Rifkin.

Martha Lunt is a native of Lone Jack, Missouri, and has served in the Sabbath School Department for ten months. She goes to Montevideo, Uruguay, to be secretary to the South American Division treasurer. Beverly Tiberghien, also going to the South American Division office, will be secretary to the president. Beverly is from Wichita, Kansas, and has been a secretary in the ASI department for the past four years. Martha and Beverly sail for Montevideo the middle of August.

Dorothy Rifkin and Meri Blost are slated for work in the Far Eastern Division office in Singapore. Dorothy names Olean, New York, as her home. She has been a secretary in the Ministerial Association office for one year. Meri will be secretary to the treasurer of the division. Meri's home is Pine City, Minnesota. For the past two years she has been a secretary in the Bureau of Public Relations. Both Dorothy and Meri will leave by airplane for Singapore, July 31.

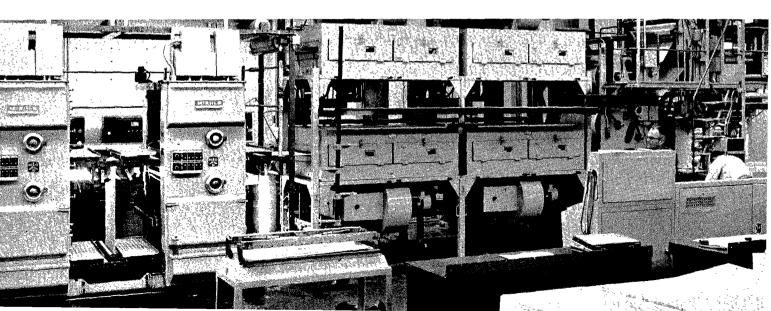
These four young secretaries reflect something of the missionary spirit that permeates the General Conference offices.

MARVIN H. REEDER, Associate Secretary GC Bureau of Public Relations

paper flying through the printing units, listened to the high-pitched hum of good machinery functioning smoothly, noted the clattering beat of the folder, which flicked out the 32-page sections at the rate of 18,000 to 20,000 an hour, and I thought of many things-most of all, that man may plan and labor, but God must bring to fruition. The men of the Miehle Company believe that they built the machine-and who will deny them that

satisfaction? But we know that the prayers and devotion of consecrated men got it ready in time.

This press will print on an average 15,-000 completed copies an hour-8-page, 16-page, 24-page, or 32-page. As indicated above, it has a top speed of 25,000 an hour, but as the pressmen told me, you don't run a machine at top speed, and some stopping time must be allowed for. The (Continued on page 15)



Delegates to the 1966 Session

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

Atlantic Union Conference

Delegate at Large.—F. R. Millard. Regular Delegates.—F. R. Aldridge, C. P. Anderson, G. E. Anderson, R. H. Carter, L. H. Davis, H. E. Douglass, C. W. Griffith, A. E. Harms, J. R. Hoffman, R. T. Hudson, W. W. Menshausen, M. L. Mills, A. J. Patzer, R. L. Pelton, H. W. Peterson, G. H. Rainey, L. L. Reile, G. S. Remick, R. L. Reynolds, W. E. Roberson, L. E. Smart, S. W. Stovall, E. L. Taylor, K. W. Tilghman, R. H. Wentland.

Canadian Union Conference

Delegate at Large .-- J. W. Bothe.

Regular Delegates.—G. O. Adams, P. G. Biy, L. L. Bock, O. A. Botimer, A. G. Choban, E. A. Crawford, R. M. Devins, R. A. Figuhr, A. N. How, A. W. Kaytor, Carl Klam, P. W. Manuel, D. L. Michael, P. Moores, A. G. Rodgers, W. G. Soloniuk, D. E. Tinkler, F. B. Wells.

Central Union Conference

Delegate at Large.—R. H. Nightingale. Regular Delegates. — L. G. Barker, B. Y. Baughman, N. L. Beebe, C. V. Brauer, J. L. Butler, Don Cantrell, Lee Carter, Warren Clark, Paul DeBooy, W. W. Fordham, G. T. Gott, W. J. Griffin, E. E. Hagen, I. E. Hamilton, J. F. Kent, A. V. McClure, E. L. Moore, H. V. Reed, F. O. Sanders, R. E. Spangle, Paul Turpel, L. F. Webb, S. S. Will, C. G. Yurth.

Columbia Union Conference

Delegate at Large .-- Neal C. Wilson.

Regular Delegates.—W. H. Beaven, A. N. Brogden, A. B. Butler, W. L. Cheatham, C. C. Cleveland, Leon G. Cox, W. L. DeShay, T. R. Gardner, D. W. Hunter, C. R. Jepson, Morten Juberg, L. F. Kagels, W. J. Keith, Arthur Kiesz, Obed Klein, C. H. Lauda, J. H. Lester, William Loveless, Ned Maletin, Cyril Miller, R. W. Moore, G. B. Nelson, H. S. Nelson, E. M. Peterson, J. L. Ray, H. C. Reading, Jose Rivera, E. A. Robertson, H. A. Rudisaile, E. W. Snow, S. J. Steiner, Donald Stutler, C. C. Weis, F. W. Wernick, E. F. Willett, R. H. Wood, G. M. Woodruff, W. L. Woodruff, I. W. Young.

Lake Union Conference

Delegate at Large .-- Jere D. Smith.

Regular Delegates. — R. W. Bates, A. W. Bauer, Fred Beavon, R. L. Boothby, C. E. Bradford, E. S. Cubley, J. S. Damazo, Elton Dessain, Gorden Engen, R. E. Finney, Jr., G. E. Hutches, R. S. Joyce, L. A. Kraner, S. K. Lehnhoff, R. E. Macdonald, L. J. Marsa, W. E. McClure, W. F. Miller, R. D. Moon, D. B. Myers, W. A. Nelson, H. F. Otis, J. M. Phipps, J. W. Proctor, W. B. Quigley, T. I. Rush, M. C. Van Putten, Steven Vitrano, L. G. Wartzok, N. C. Wilson, W. H. Wilson, J. P. Winston.

Northern Union Conference

Delegate at Large.—J. L. Dittberner. Regular Delegates.—C. M. Barnes, F. W. Bieber, A. H. Gerst, H. E. Haas, Allen Iseminger, K. D. Johnson, Charles Lickey, W. K. Mansker, J. O. McLeod, L. H. Netteburg, P. F. Pedersen, Ben Trout, G. C. Williamson.

North Pacific Union Conference

Delegate at Large.-W. J. Hackett.

Regular Delegates.--D. H. Anderson, R. L. Badgley, L. E. Biggs, D. E. Caslow, L. W. Crooker, Harold Dawson, N. R. Dower, P. W. Dunham, R. D. Fearing, F. S. Fowler, A. J. Gordon, J. C. Hansen, G. E. Hochstetter, E. S. Humann, Richard Knapp, G. E. Knowles, C. P. Lampson, G. W. Liscombe, A. M. Matar, K. J. Mittleider, Glenn E. Patterson, J. T. Porter, B. M. Preston, M. E. Rees, R. C. Remboldt, E. D. C. Richardson, H. L. Rudy, Harry Sharp, C. A. Shepherd, T. W. Walters, E. H. Webb, E. E. Wellman.

Pacific Union Conference

Delegate at Large .- R. R. Bietz.

Regular Delegates.—J. W. Allison, J. H. Apigian, G. N. Banks, D. J. Bieber, A. L. Bietz, W. J. Blacker, W. D. Blehm, Miller Brockett, D. C. Butherus, M. O. Chang, Wilbur Chapman, James E. Chase, Charles Cook, D. E. Dirksen, R. W. Engstrom, A. J. Escobar, Herbert Ford, W. R. Foulston, Fenton Froom, Harold Graham, Don Gray, W. E. Guthrie, A. W. Hamra, Gerald Hardy, Paul C. Heubach.

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Manuel Lopez, C. P. Miles, Alvin G.
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L. E. Ortner, John W. Osborn, L. R.
Rasmussen, Walter Rea, R. J. Reiber, E. J.
Remboldt, H. C. Retzer, Don Reynolds,
Frank E. Rice, F. O. Rittenhouse, Cree
Sandefur, E. R. Sanders, E. A. Schmidt,
H. E. Schneider, Warren Schultz, Frank
Spangler, A. G. Streifling, R. L. Stretter,
A. G. Sutton, John Todorovich, H. R.
Trout, J. K. Umeda, E. W. Voyles, E. R.
Walde, W. D. Walton, W. C. Webb, Samuel Weiss, Robert Whitsett, J. W. Wood.

Southern Union Conference

Delegate at Large.-H. H. Schmidt.

Regular Delegates.—W. M. Abbott, Jr., L. E. Aldrich, W. S. Banfield, E. J. Barnes, R. A. Bata, R. K. Cemer, W. O. Coe, Everett Cumbo, Desmond Cummings, S. L. Dombrosky, C. E. Dudley, E. E. Duncan, Glenn Fillman, L. E. Ford, O. O. Graham, R. B. Hairston, A. J. Hess, T. P. Ipes, I. J. Johnson, W. B. Johnson, F. L. Jones, Clarence M. Laue, Hugh Leggett, E. L. Marley, Harold E. Metcalf, L. G. Rahming, O. H. Rausch, H. F. Roll, C. H. Turner, W. D. Wampler, Donald W. Welch, R. L. Woodfork.

Southwestern Union Conference

Delegate at Large .--- L. C. Evans.

Regular Delegates.—K. C. Beem, H. D. Burbank, A. R. Carethers, B. L. Cook, K. O. Cox, Charles Dart, W. A. Dessain, Lee Hadley, B. E. Leach, J. N. Morgan, R. A. Nesmith, C. F. O'Dell, V. L. Roberts, G. H. Rustad, G. M. Schram, Glenn Sharman, E. F. Sherrill, J. T. Welch, E. C. Wines, O. D. Wright.

AUSTRALASIAN

Division

Delegates at Large.—George Burnside, R. R. Frame, E. J. Johanson, L. C. Naden, H. F. Rampton, W. E. Zeunert.

Bismarck-Solomons Union Mission

Delegate at Large .-- A. R. Mitchell.

Central Pacific Union Mission

Delegate at Large.—R. W. Taylor. Regular Delegate.—Joeli Taoi.

Coral Sea Union Mission

Regular Delegates.—L. H. Barnard, Paul Piari.

Trans-Commonwealth Union Conference

Delegate at Large.-J. B. Keith. Regular Delegates.-H. C. Barritt, C. D. Judd, F. T. Maberly, R. E. Pengilley.

Trans-Tasman Union Conference

Delegate at Large.—David Sibley. Regular Delegates.—C. V. Christian, K. S. Parmenter, F. L. Stokes, W. R. L. Scragg.

CENTRAL EUROPEAN

Division

Delegates at Large.—Erwin Berner, Oswald Bremer, Otto Brozio, Gerhard R. Fenner, Eberhard Fischdick, Karl Fleck, Otto Gmehling, Franz Hasel, Wilhelm Mueller.

East German Union Conference

Regular Delegates.—Heinz Vogel, Kurt Pruefer, Erhard Weisser.

South German Union Conference

Delegate at Large.-Karl F. Noltze.

Regular Delegates.—Ernst Adolph, Gertrud Boeckenhaupt, Otto Elssmann, Helmut Erbenich, Ernst Flammer, Hans Goettfert, Kurt Hasel, Martin Kobialka, Wilhelm Lorenz, Emanuel Mayer, Heinz Morenings, Ernst Simon, Stephan Woysch.

West German Union Conference

Delegate at Large.—Ernst Denkert.

Regular Delegates. — Wilhelm Begemann, Ingolf Boex, Rudolf Eichwald, Erwin Kilian, Johannes Klingeberg, David

Langholf, Wilhelm Meier, Helmut E. Morenings, Gottfried Ottschoffsky, Mrs. Erna Prieser, Hans Stern, Maria Tig-mann, Karl Wloka, Wilhelm Wutzke.

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When worn with toil and weighted down with care, With burdens that seem more than you can bear; When everything throughout the livelong day Goes wrong, and you feel almost too tired to pray; When you would flee the busy, noisy throng, And be alone with God, and feel His strong, His mighty arm that rules eternity Give you sweet rest from all anxiety; Then step into the night and lift your eyes Unto the glory of the starry skies. Somehow your aches and pains will fade away, And you will be refreshed and made whole,

For stars are medicine unto the soul.

Stars Are Medicine the Soul By CLIFFORD B. HOWE

The Day in Detroit

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machine will print from one roll of paper, or two. It will print four colors on both sides of one web, which will produce a 16-page signature. Since each one of the eight printing cylinders prints the equiva-lent of an 8-page sheet, and each sheet printed on one side constitutes an "impression," it can be said that this press will print on an average 120,000 impressions an hour-or at top speed 160,000 impressions an hour.

The editorial and reporting procedure for the General Conference requires a staff at both Detroit and Washington. Communication between the two offices is maintained by telephone, airmail, and the latest developments in teletype. In recent General Conferences we have depended upon telephone plus dictating machines for transmitting the daily reports. But this session we are using teletype. Stories and messages typed in Detroit will be received as typed manuscript in Washington, requiring only a minimum of editorial scanning to prepare for the typesetters. This will save more than half an hour of time between message transmittal and the linotype. The teletyped stories can actually be accumulated on perforated tape ahead of transmittal time, and can be sent over the wire at 100 words a minute.

Our staff writers are ready for the opening of the conference. You will meet them day by day in the pages of this Bulletin. They will have a preferred seat right

below the platform, where every event of the session will be in full view, and close up. You may not be able to be here in person, but I invite you to take a seat in spirit with each writer and look through his eyes and hear through his ears as he unfolds the dramatic story of the 1966 General Conference. You may see and hear more than if you were here in the flesh.

And so the city of Detroit and the world church of Seventh-day Adventists meet at the 1966 General Conference. They both look back on a long history of growth and success. Detroit uses such slogans as "From Swamp to Superhighway," "From Paddles to Jet Propulsion," and "From Frontier Outpost to Ocean Seaport" to illustrate its development and vigorous spirit of ad-vance. The church's view of its past and its future is often symbolized in the well-known statement, "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.'

God has led us; and what a revelation would come to those who had a part in the beginning if they could see the extent of our work today. As I write these lines the footsteps of the pioneers still seem to echo through the halls of our progress. And God will lead us-into heaven at last. This hope and conviction is crystallized for this conference by the words of Holy Writ inscribed high above the platform in the main auditorium, "BEHOLD HE COM-ETH.'

The 1966 General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is about to begin!

NOTICE

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R. G. CAMPBELL

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One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary P	rogram
-American Bible Society	June 25
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	0
(Middle East)	June 25
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Pioneer Evangelism (Unentered Coun	ties) August 6
Church Missionary Offering	August 6
Dakwood College Offering	August 13
Educational Day	
and Elementary School Offering iterature Evangelists' Rally Day	August 20
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Church Missionary Offering	September 3
Missions Extension Day and Offering	September 10
Review and Herald Campaign	Sept. 10-Oct. 8
MV Pathfinder Day	September 17
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	0
(Trans-Africa)	September 24
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Church Missionary Offering	October 1
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lealth Emphasis Week	October 8-14
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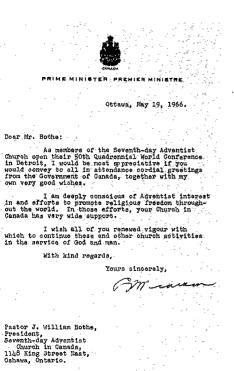
This is the first of ten numbers of the REVIEW that will present the full official report of the General Conference session. We anticipate that these ten Bulletins will contain a total of 232 pages, but the figure may vary a little, one way or the other. We are happy to provide this comprehensive, factual, and complete report, which, incidentally, is the only such report being published. For a century now the church paper has provided, in a greater or less fullness, such a report of General Conference sessions.

This service to our readers is in addition to all the regular issues of the REVIEW. Though you will miss the inspiration of being in personal attendance, we hope we can bring to you through the pages of the REVIEW not only official minutes but vivid stories by special reporters and pictures by our photographic team from the Review that will make the session in Detroit come alive for each of you. This 1966 session is the largest of all the sessions that have been held since the creation of the General Conference in 1863.

For the period of the session our main

Greetings From Canada

[Just across the river from Detroit is Windsor, Ontario. Thus the present General Conference session is being held closer to Canada than any previous session. Recognizing this fact, and as a gesture of good will from the Canadian Government, Prime Minister Lester Pearson sent greetings to the delegates, through J. W. Bothe, president of the Canadian Union Conference.—Editors.]



editorial office has been moved to rooms 1259 and 1264 in Detroit's Arena, where the daily meetings are being held. Here the staff is composed of R. F. Cottrell (first half of the session), Kenneth H. Wood (last half of session), M. R. Thurber, H. M. Tippett, D. F. Neufeld, Lawrence Maxwell, D. E. Mansell, Promise Sherman, Vada Gentry, and Areta Perkins. Our Review and Herald photographers are T. K. Martin, art director, Byron Logan, and William Clendaniel who are also the official photographers for the session. All business matters for the editorial office are in the hands of Hermon Woodall.

In Washington are Kenneth H. Wood (first half), R. F. Cottrell (last half), Robert Cunningham, Nathaniel Krum, Idamae Melendy, and Esther Adels.

But much more than editorial personnel is involved. Temporarily coordinating all the factory aspects for plant superintendent Virgil Clymer is Harold Aplin. Then there is Gert Busch, foreman of the art department, George Tatum, foreman of the typeroom, Truman Hen-dryx, foreman of the engraving department, Roland Dower, foreman of the pressroom, Melvin Abrams, foreman of the periodical bindery, and Edgar Leister, supervisor of the mailing room. Making the fast journey to the airport early every morning with the delegates' copies is El Pester. We need hardly add that, in addition to those named, there is a great company of highly efficient publishing house personnel who are working around the clock to bring out a daily paper. The lights burn all night every night-except Friday night. Only at the time of the General Conference session does the Advent Movement publish a daily paper.

Latest News Transmission Equipment Being Used

We are employing the latest and best news-transmission equipment so that the report of all the proceedings up to six o'clock each day will be found in the issue that comes from the press early the next morning. Copies of this issue are distributed to the delegates at Detroit later that morning. Three years ago the American Telephone and Telegraph Company brought out a great improvement in the teletype machine that has been in use for many years. One of these machines is in the editorial office in Detroit and another at the Review office in Washington. Thus typed messages can be exchanged instantly at high speed.

As we stated in an earlier issue, we regret that we shall not be able to employ the same speed in delivering copies of the Bulletin to all of you who live hundreds and thousands of miles away. We must use second-class mail delivery, and that means sometimes a whole week for a copy to go across the continent. We hope you haven't felt too fretful because this first issue reached you a number of days after the event. Cheer up, beloved, the days that follow will bring you a copy day by day —if the mail service is good—and you'll soon have more than you can read for some time to come. Be sure ultimately to read it all. It is good. It is dependable. It is most interesting. You will be a more intelligent and more ardent Adventist when you have finished your reading.

R. R. Figuhr Announces His Retirement

[At the conclusion of his address opening the Fiftieth Session of the General Conference on Thursday evening, June 16, R. R. Figuhr announced his retirement as president of the General Conference, with the following statement.—EDITORS.]

Twelve years ago we were asked to assume the leadership of this denomination. We were elected to the presidency of the General Conference. Twice since then we have been re-elected. These twelve years have been good years—due to the blessing of God and to the fine spirit of cooperation among our workers. As we look back they seem like brief years.

The time has come when the burden of leadership of the denomination should be laid upon other shoulders. When one stands in the shadow of threescore years and ten he begins to feel the weight of the years, and these times demand a man of activity as well as of strength and courage. I am glad to say that we have a fine group of experienced and dedicated men of demonstrated loyalty, any one of whom could capably lead our denomination as president of the General Conference,

Referring to the brief remarks we made twelve years ago, we said something about desiring to remain in the middle of the road. We still recommend that place to our leaders and to our people. One of the former Presidents of the United States said that the middle of the road is the place where constructive work is done, not on the side of extremism or of liberalism, but in the middle of the road.

As I bid farewell to my associates as leader, I do so with profound gratitude for their loyal support and for their wonderful assistance in carrying forward the program of God. We are moving into an era of more problems and more complexities, but we have faith to believe that He who has led us in the past will continue to lead us in the future. May the Lord bless us and keep us faithful. I am sure He will be with us as we continue the work of this great conference.



In 1849 a company of Sabbathkeeping Adventists whose background was the Millerite movement began to publish a paper called *The Present Truth*. In 1850 they also published five issues of *The Advent Review*. In November, 1850, these two papers merged under the name, *Second Advent Review and Sabbath Herida*, now titled simply Review and Sabbath Hereverlasting gospel" in the context of the Sabbath, the second Advent, and other truths distinctive of the Advent Movement.

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