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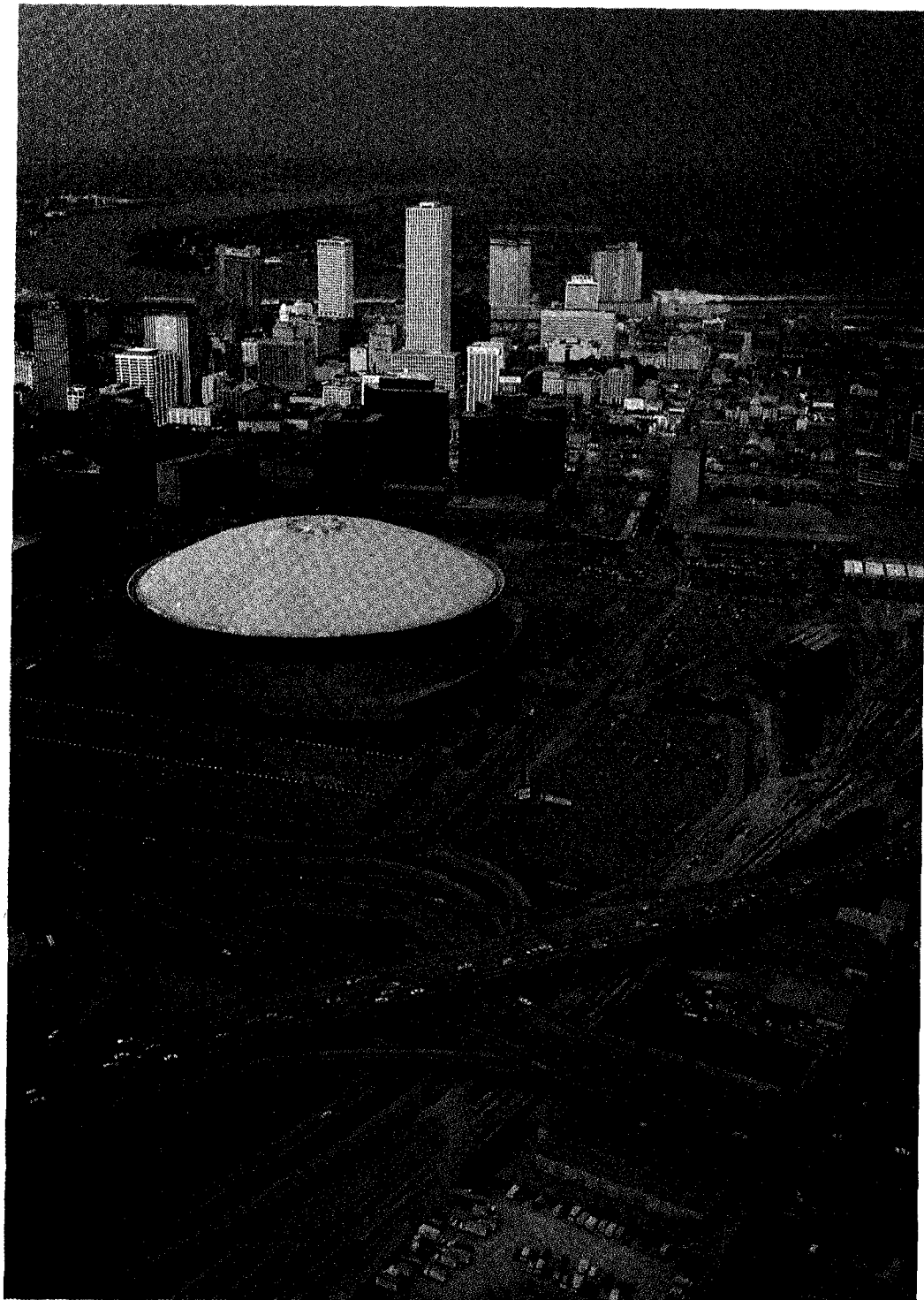
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The Louisiana Superdome, site of the fifty-fourth General Conference session, has a seating capacity of up to 100,000 people. This aerial view shows off the Superdome's 9.7-acre (four-hectare) roof.



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Welcome to New Orleans, Louisiana

I am pleased to extend a warm and heartfelt greeting to each one attending the fifty-fourth session of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. We welcome you to New Orleans, Louisiana, "the Paris of America."

Flags of four different nations—France, Spain, the Confederate States, and the United States—have flown over this historic and romantic city. With water frontage of 133 miles and 30 miles of wharves and warehouses, New Orleans has become America's second greatest port in value of foreign commerce.

Truly we can say that as we meet here in the Mississippi Delta, we are gathered at the river that flows from the heart of America. This great meeting presages the time soon to come when we shall "gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; . . . that flows from the throne of God."

Welcome to the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference. This thriving conference, with its 8,000 plus members, operates Ozark Academy and Camp Yorktown Bay. If you have ever seen either of these establishments, you have an idea of just how much the membership of this fine conference prizes their young people. The 15 Adventist churches of Greater New Orleans also invite you to be their guests.

Welcome also to the 50,000-member Southwestern Union Conference, a progressive union that has doubled its membership during the past 15 years and has had a strong part in the One Thousand Days of Reaping.

Southwestern Adventist College, our pride and joy, welcomes you. This vibrant school of higher learning, on a beautiful, friendly campus, offers academic excellence along with a work program second to none.

Huguley Memorial Hospital and seven other Sunbelt hospitals in the Southwestern Union welcome you. Adventist Health System/United States is also now headquartered right here in the Southwestern Union.

You are indeed welcome. Relax and enjoy your stay in old New Orleans and the Southwestern Union. We invite you to visit as many of our offices, institutions, or places of interest as you can while you are here. Within our boundaries are mountains, deserts, seaports, and prairies, some of America's largest cities, and some of its remotest areas. We think we have it all. This part of the world is as near to heaven as anything you will find on the face of the earth. Ask any Southwesterner.

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Southwestern Union Conference



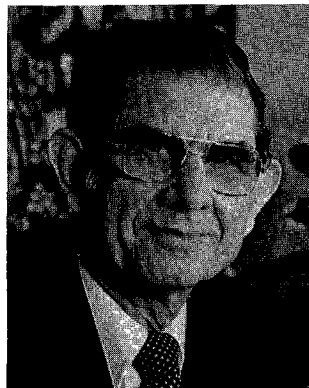
Chamber/New Orleans and the River Region photo

Typical of New Orleans' many architectural styles is St. Louis Cathedral at Jackson Square in the French Quarter.

“The 20th century book of Acts”

Condensation of the keynote address presented Thursday, June 27, 1985.

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General Conference*



This afternoon I stood on the corner of Poydras Street watching people come into the Superdome. I walked down the halls and looked into the faces of individuals and groups. I stopped briefly to take in some of the attractive exhibits, and within my soul I said to the Lord, “Lord, 140 years ago You called into existence a prophetic movement, a people to whom You gave a world mission. Is it possible that all that I behold in 1985 at this fifty-fourth General Conference session started from a small, insignificant group of men and women who had no bank accounts, no literature, no radio or television programs, no educational, medical, or publishing institutions, no headquarters, no church buildings, no international activities, and virtually no organization? To this little group You gave a special messenger, Ellen White; and, Lord, You gave to this unpromising body of feeble human beings an organizational philosophy and structure designed to carry out the mission and to teach and proclaim the message.”

Many scoffed, some mocked, and most observers predicted failure and declared that it would be impossible for this group to go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people and prepare a special called-out church to be ready for the second coming of our Lord and Saviour.

But, my fellow delegates and dear friends, this movement of prophecy was not of man's doing. It was God's plan, and it came in fulfillment of His timetable and as a part of the culmination of the final events in the great controversy between Christ and Satan. This drama of the ages will climax in the glorious second coming of Jesus and the triumph of God's love. I confirm to you this evening what I said to myself this afternoon: “This is all the fruitage of the work of the Holy Spirit, and it is all a result of the grace of our Lord and Saviour.”

Different people expect different things from the General Conference president at the opening meeting of a General Conference session. Some people have in mind a compre-

hensive report of progress and difficulties. Others feel that it should be a keynote that would sparkle with stories of God's miracle-working grace in the lives of men and women. Still others feel that it is a time to stir the lay and employed leadership of the church to greater action. And yet others feel that this is probably a time to sigh and cry for the abominations that exist within the church and within society, and to sound an alarm. Some have told me that everything is going fine, there is no need to worry, and the Lord will take care of His own work. Then I have received some critical communications offering all kinds of advice and interesting solutions to some of the problems and challenges that we face. These usually come from those who have no concept at all of what it means to keep a world spiritual family together in the kind of environment that we are faced with in 1985.

I must also acknowledge that I have received many words of genuine appeal and assurance of prayer. These I appreciate. They have brought great strength to my own soul as we enter into this session.

There are in our midst, unfortunately, those who are critics and rumormongers, those who circulate half-truths, and those who have categorized everyone as either conservatives—those who stand for historic Adventism—or liberals—those who have adopted neo-Adventism, or a new theology. This group circulates unauthorized magazines, journals, mimeographed materials, and cassettes, and many of our people who do not have the opportunity to hear the other side and to know all of the facts on a given subject become unsettled. These unscrupulous and uncaring people seem to be adept at spotting the splinter or the mote in the eyes of others, but are unaware of the beam that is in their own. Most of them have never had the responsibility of trying to maintain the focus on our mission, our message, and our organization. It seems that some feel they are called of God to precipitate the shaking.

Let the Holy Spirit do this work

But, my dear fellow delegates, let the Holy Spirit do this work, and let none of us become the cause of stumbling to another. Both in the Bible and in the writings of Ellen White I find much to condemn this kind of activity, and there are urgent appeals to such to change their course and to give constructive help to the church in its supreme task of preparing a people for the coming of the Lord.

We could spend all evening reviewing the past, and certainly things have happened during the past five years that we regret. Leadership at times has failed to realize its sacred responsibility. We perhaps have failed to give the right emphasis. We have failed to exhibit the faith that we should have in the promises of God. We may have failed in calling for repentance and revival. Certainly we wish we could do some things over again. On behalf of my fellow leaders, we seek your understanding and your forgiveness.

While all of this may be true, God's servant Ellen White makes it clear that we should not constantly dwell on mistakes and failures, but rather we should speak words of courage and joy in the Lord. We should claim His promises; we should look ahead with vision and with eyes that are set

upon our Lord and Saviour and the glorious culmination of the gospel.

I realize, my brothers and sisters, that even some here this evening entertain thoughts of uneasiness and suspicion. There is urgent need to restore trust, confidence, healing, and unity. To accomplish this it is essential that we follow the counsel and design of our Lord as found in 1 Corinthians 1:10: "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." Frankly, this is the whole purpose of the General Conference session.

This can be our experience while we are here together. We can put first things first. There can be within our midst a spirit of prayer, confession of sins and mistakes—both public and secret—a humbling of heart, and an appeal to our Lord to renew a right spirit within us. Many have been praying and fasting that this would be the result of the fifty-fourth General Conference session.

In looking ahead to the significant 1901 General Conference session (the thirty-fourth), Ellen White, who had just returned from spending nine years in Australia, had the following to say: "I feel an intense desire that this shall be a meeting where God can preside. This is an important time, a very important time. There is a great work to do. But whether the meeting shall be a success depends on us individually. . . . He [God] wants us to do a great deal more praying and a great deal less talking. He wants us to keep the windows of the soul opened heavenward. . . . Some have said that they thought that at this meeting several days ought to be spent in prayer to God for the Holy Spirit, as at the day of Pentecost. I wish to say to you that the business which may be carried on at this meeting is just as much a part of the service of God as is prayer. The business meeting is to be just as much under the dictation of the Spirit as the prayer meeting. . . . God wants you to stand in position where He can breathe upon you the Holy Spirit, where Christ can abide in the heart. He wants you at the beginning of this meeting to lay off whatever of controversy, of strife, of dissension, of murmuring, you have been carrying. What we need is a great deal more of Christ and none of self. The Saviour says, 'Without me ye can do nothing.' . . . We have come to the point where God is going to work for His people. . . . Do not disappoint the Lord."—*Selected Messages*, book 3, pp. 336, 337.

If this counsel was of such critical importance to the church in 1901, how much more so in 1985!

I fully understand that different people expect different things of the General Conference president tonight. The question that is uppermost in my mind and heart, however, is What does the Lord expect? He has commissioned us to be foremost in exalting Christ and the cross; to preach the everlasting gospel; to explain the mysteries of His love and the plan of salvation by using the unique message of the sanctuary services; to be faithful in placing the three angels' messages in the framework of the saving grace of Christ. We have also been commissioned to explain and to live the true message of righteousness by faith, including justification, sanctification, and glorification; and to declare the hour of God's judgment and His imminent and personal second coming.

As we review the past five years it is with a deep sense of gratitude that I acknowledge God's leading, blessing, and deliverance. Much has been done in the ten areas that I emphasized in my opening address at the 1980 General Conference session. There have been some disappointments, but many more encouraging experiences and thousands of remarkable victories and evidences of divine grace.

One of the targets that I emphasized at the last session had to do with appropriate church management principles that would guarantee that every hour worked and every dollar spent and every plan conceived would be cost effective. We have looked at the matter of the delegation of authority and requirements of accountability, and also have sought to streamline some of our decision-making processes.

You will hear more at this session about proposals that we believe will help to reduce overhead, increase efficiency, eliminate duplication and overlapping, and assure us of adherence to good fiscal policy.

Most of you have heard about a serious financial matter that the North American Division was forced to contend with—but the Lord has brought us through. We believe we have learned some valuable lessons. We have tightened up our procedures and believe that as a result we are stronger and better prepared to manage the assets and material blessings that God has given to this church. I should state that this situation has not seriously impacted on the world field.

You know we were challenged by the allegation that many of our theological and doctrinal positions were not Biblical. I am thankful to tell you this evening that as a result of the careful study and investigation done by many of our Biblical scholars, exegetes, and church historians, we have a number of documents that clearly and convincingly substantiate the fact that our message is based upon Scripture and is not the figment of someone's imagination.

I am thankful that our message has stood the scrutiny of the most intelligent minds. This whole situation has brought about a revival of personal Bible study and prayer, and as a result we are stronger spiritually and better prepared to carry out our mission.

12 stones from the Jordan

After 40 years of wandering in the desert, God's children reached the Promised Land. The Lord parted the river Jordan as a divine and spectacular indication of His continuing care and power. Repeatedly He had shown that the Exodus movement was called into existence to show forth His glory to the world.

To commemorate the great event of crossing the Jordan and to establish the fact that God had led every step of the way, Joshua set up 12 stones, taken from the Jordan (Joshua 4:20-24). They were to serve as reminders to each generation of God's mighty acts in the Exodus from Egypt—the parting of the Red Sea, the pillar of cloud by day, the column of fire by night, the crossing of the Red Sea, and the provision of manna that covered the earth every day except on the Sabbath.

We also need to remind our children and ourselves of the stones—the memorials, the indicators that have been erected in the travels of the Advent Movement to heavenly Canaan during the past 140 years, the great witnesses that the Lord has been leading a people and that all His promises are sure.



One of the French Quarter's horse-drawn carriages carries a load of sightseers past the Pontalba Building in Jackson Square.

I have just returned from spending 15 days in the South Pacific. The purpose of my trip was to participate in commemorating the hundredth anniversary of the beginning of our work in Australia, New Zealand, and the islands.

In June, 1885, exactly 100 years ago this month, Stephen Haskell and four young families who had sailed from San Francisco, arrived in Melbourne, Australia. No one was there to meet them; there was no organization, and they had very little money. They had no buildings, no institutions, no churches, and there were no fellow believers. From all human indications they had little hope of achieving their objective, which was to plant the seed of the Advent message throughout the South Pacific.

But they did have something more important than material assets. In their hearts burned the conviction and vision that the everlasting gospel as described in Revelation 14 must be preached to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. They had 4,000 pieces of literature. They began to faithfully sow the seed, and by faith they claimed God's promises.

As I visited in a number of places I saw the memorial stones, the monuments to God's glory. I found a devoted group of believers and workers, proud of their spiritual heritage and committed to a finished work. I found people who had a sense of mission to the great cities and to the remote islands. I found brothers and sisters who were engaged in Revelation Seminars and who were not afraid to identify themselves with historic Adventism. They have had some heartaches. Their faith has been tested, but they are coming out of these experiences stronger.

You will recall that when the Olympic games took place just one year ago in Los Angeles, the organizers took

noticeable pride in the fact that 140 nations were represented. But those who are here at this fifty-fourth General Conference session represent God's work that is being carried on in 190 countries! At this very time we are in the process of entering three new countries. This means that on an average, more than one new country has been added every year (actually, about four new countries have been added every three years) since the Seventh-day Adventist Church accepted our Lord's commission that this gospel of the kingdom should be preached to all the world, and unto all nations. Only a few more countries remain to be entered by the Advent Movement.

And speaking of anniversaries—did you know that Adventist nurses are commemorating their hundredth anniversary? What a debt of appreciation we owe to them for the worldwide reputation they have established owing to selfless loving service. We honor them for the influence they have earned.

Recently I was in one of the Socialist countries of Europe and was speaking with a high official. He indicated to me that the most recent census revealed 150,000 Seventh-day Adventist believers. I was overjoyed with this information, but I was also aware of the fact that our records show only about 12,000 members in that country. I conclude that in many countries of Europe and in other parts of the world there are many believers in this message who in God's own time will identify themselves with God's commandment-keeping people.

Let me tell you about some of the other stones that have been erected along the way during the past few years, all giving evidence of God's saving grace and power. I am so

anxious to tell you about the results of the One Thousand Days of Reaping, I can hardly restrain myself. Let me simply tell you here that there has been a 30 percent increase in our membership since we were together five years ago. Truly this is a marvelous indicator of answered prayer and diligent witnessing. God says, tell your children!

We have opened a new center of Christian higher education in Rwanda. This is a fulfillment of a dream to have a training center for our youth from countries in Africa that use French as their official language. The Adventist University of Central Africa has just completed its first year of instruction. Another marker, another monument, along the way!

When people ask if this church still has thrust and dynamism and whether God's power is being revealed through His people, tell them about these stones. Tell them about the condensed Conflict of the Ages books that are now on the market.

Tell them about the history and growth, the dynamism and loyalty among our black Seventh-day Adventists in North America. Tell them about the book *We Have Tomorrow*, the story of American Seventh-day Adventists with an African heritage, which we assigned to Louis B. Reynolds to write for the church. Time and time again, you will see in this book how God dried up the waters of the Jordan River to let our black brothers and sisters overcome obstacles and fulfill His commission.

Every member a literature evangelist

My appeal is that the whole church—every member, every young person, every denominational employee, and every leader—will become a literature evangelist. We must believe in the power of the print ministry—magazines, tracts, books. If a leader does not believe in literature as a mighty evangelizing agency, he or she should either be converted or removed. This is our day of opportunity. Let us break the bands that seem to bind and tie us to traditional approaches. Pray for our full-time and part-time literature evangelists, and pray that more will join these front-line troops who are armed only with faith and gospel literature. I appeal also that we all dedicate a pocket or purse to carry literature with us everywhere we go.

I thank God that every other month about 300,000 non-Adventist religious leaders are getting *Ministry* magazine. This outreach is having tremendous impact.

Since 1980 two world's fairs have been held, one in Knoxville, Tennessee, and the other in New Orleans. The Seventh-day Adventist exhibits left a lasting impression on the lives of many individuals. Two women—Mrs. Jane Sines for the Knoxville World's Fair and Dr. Marvel Sundin—organized these efforts. The theme of our exhibit at the New Orleans World's Fair was "The Water of Life."

If I could tell you, my brothers and sisters, how the Spanish telecast in New York has survived now for many years and the tremendous witness that it has been in that great city, you would again exclaim, "To God be the glory." Another stone, another indication of the mighty hand of the Master at work on human lives and homes.

I must briefly mention the work that has been done by a special committee to discover how best to reach the secular mind. The ideas that are incorporated in their report, which

was placed in our hands a few weeks ago, will certainly help us to reach out in a greater way in carrying the gospel more effectively to this massive and growing segment of society in all countries of the world.

I wish I could tell you about the tremendous prison ministry that is being carried on in scores of major cities, such as Manila in the Philippines. The correspondence that comes to our Voice of Prophecy office in Thousand Oaks, California, from prisoners scattered in many places tells of lives that have been changed, marvelously transformed by the grace of God right here in the United States.

All of these I say are the stones along the way to tell us how our Lord has dried up the waters so that His people can cross over.

From the Middle East comes a faith-strengthening story not from the Jordan River but from the banks of the Nile River, down in Juba, the southern part of Sudan. Gerry Karst, the union president, held a Field School of Evangelism there during March and April of this year. Twenty-one workers assisted—two paid workers and 19 unpaid lay workers. As a result, 29 people were baptized, and about 250 are receiving studies. We now have about 500 members in this area where none existed just a few years ago. It was declared a closed area. But God dried up the river; it has been crossed and a memorial of living stones raised up.

Yes, the Lord said that everyone on earth will know how great His power is, and in order to proclaim this everlasting gospel at this fifty-fourth General Conference session, you will hear and see child preachers from the Far East and elsewhere whom God has used to declare His soon coming, and to help gather in the harvest.

To our knowledge, a "first of its kind" in the Western Hemisphere took place in San Juan in the East Puerto Rico Conference in the Inter-American Division. Nearly 400 sisters were delegates to the Feminine Lay Council. They were motivated toward a deeper participation in preaching the everlasting gospel and now are ready to begin meetings in halls, churches, and schools.

The East African Union has held several such meetings, with excellent results.

Contributions of retired persons

I must not overlook the tremendous contribution that is being made by our retired persons. They are a blessing in their own communities and in their own churches. In addition, many of them have accepted SOS (Sustentation Overseas Service) calls and are making an invaluable contribution in many countries.

Not far from the banks of the Jordan River, where Joshua had a representative from each of the 12 tribes place a stone to build a monument to commemorate the deliverance and the power of God, another interesting stone was discovered about a year ago. On the site of Tell el-Umeiri an unusual discovery was made in the course of an archeological dig led by Dr. Larry Geraty, now president of Atlantic Union College. The stone that was uncovered gives irrefutable evidence of the authenticity of the Bible record. Jeremiah 40:14 mentions King Baalis, and you can imagine the excitement of this group of Seventh-day Adventists and other archeologists when they discovered this beautiful stone seal that clearly identified the Ammonite King Baalis.

King Hussein, king of Jordan, and his wife, who were entertaining the king of Greece and his wife, visited the site and expressed their appreciation for the careful, scholarly research that was being done.

Truly God has placed stones all along the way as memorials of His truth and power.

What a story we could tell about our health and temperance program and the unusual opportunities for witnessing to people whom we would never otherwise meet. So many health-care institutions—stones if you please—are telling of the Great Physician and His power to heal physically and spiritually. From the remote jungle reaches of the Upper Amazon in South America to Nepal, “the top of the world,” amid the eternal snows of the majestic Himalayas, lives have been influenced, hearts have been changed, and many have joined this spiritual family as a result of this kind of witness.

“Why don’t you double your efforts?”

One month ago, while traveling between Hong Kong and San Francisco, I sat next to an executive of one of the world’s best-known insurance firms. As soon as he learned who I was, he said, “I became acquainted with Seventh-day Adventists in Rio de Janeiro. You have the finest hospitals and the finest health message in the world. Why don’t you double your efforts?”

And then he said, “Now that I have you next to me, tell me what it is that makes Seventh-day Adventists different.”

What a privilege I had of unfolding the message and lifestyle that make the difference!

On May 10 the United Nations recognized the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists as a nongovernmental organization (NGO) in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. As the United Nations Security Council looks after matters of war and

peace, so ECOSOC deals with worldwide social, economic, humanitarian, and cultural questions, including human rights and religious liberty.

The General Conference now has the right to be represented at all ECOSOC meetings in New York and those of the Human Rights Commission in Geneva, Switzerland. This new NGO status includes the right to speak and submit written statements regarding issues of importance to the church.

We believe that the new status will provide the Seventh-day Adventist Church with another opportunity to establish a presence and exert a positive Christian outreach among civic, religious, and government leaders of all the nations of the world.

The last memorial—the last stone—I want you to notice this evening has to do with our outreach through the media of radio and television. We are painfully aware that although we are ministering in 190 countries there are still nearly 2.5 billion people in our world who know little or nothing about the gospel, the Bible, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, His love for them, and His soon coming.

We have explored possibilities of buying time on various radio stations that have a powerful signal and that cover the major population areas in the Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia, the Orient, and the Far East. We have been somewhat successful, but not nearly to the extent that we feel is important. We have been able to broadcast in the French language over a powerful radio station from the country of Gabon in West Africa, and through this means we have reached many thousands of people who understand French throughout Central and West Africa. We continue with limited broadcasts in Europe and are greatly cheered and encouraged by the kind of responses that continue to come in. But we have been concerned about Asia, the Orient, and the

Dear Advent Believers in Many Lands:

What a precious privilege to write another heart-to-heart message to God’s special people around the world! What can we say in this brief space. Considering the events transpiring in the world around us, and within the church we love, what could be more challenging than the words of Paul to the Hebrew Christians: “Cast not away therefore your confidence” (Heb. 10:35)?

Suspicion and mistrust are in the very air we breathe. Authority, unity, trust, and confidence are bad words in some minds. Satan is working as never before to cause men and women within the family of God to lose confidence—confidence in the whole Bible, in the real Christ of the Word, in the Advent message, in the gift of prophecy, in the church, in the church leaders, in one another.

The evil one knows that if he can sow seeds of doubt, mistrust, and suspicion he will cause many souls to be lost. In such a time our message to the thousands of Advent believers whom we have learned to love during more than half a century of labor among you is, “Cast now away therefore your confidence!”

Cling tenaciously to the Bible—the whole Bible, from the first chapter of Genesis to the last words in Revelation—for it is God’s Word! Do not allow anyone to weaken your faith in God’s special gift to His remnant church—the Spirit of Prophecy. Both

of these inspired sources will help you maintain your relationship with precious Jesus. *After all, this is what Seventh-day Adventism is all about—knowing, loving, and serving Jesus Christ with all our heart, with all our mind, and with all our strength.* This love will inspire and enable us to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Before Jesus returns, those who retain confidence and endure shall meet opposition, even persecution—and some, death. You may be ridiculed, labeled, and libeled. Don’t be surprised or fainthearted. Jesus Himself was called a devil, and His character was maligned. Through the centuries men and women of God have been falsely accused and demeaned. Do not retaliate in like manner. Be kind and compassionate to any who may mistrust you. Be the loving and lovable Christians God’s last-day people must be. In the end it will pay rich dividends.

“Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry” (Heb. 10:35-37).

God bless and keep every one of you!

In Christian love,
ROBERT and DOLLIS PIERSON

Far East—the most populous areas of our globe. As you know, one major country alone has 1 billion people.

For several years in different countries we tried to purchase land, but without success. Finally—we believe as a result of providence and by the direct intervention of our Lord—He dried up the waters, and we crossed over. We have been able to purchase about 25 acres of land on the island of Guam, two thirds of the way south, a couple of hundred feet above sea level, and on the west coast, giving us clear water channels to the west and to the south.

We have seen a series of events take place that convince us the Lord wants us there, and approves of a powerful radio station. As He kept opening the doors we kept going through. At the moment, our General Conference Department of Communication and the Adventist World Radio Board and Allen and Andrea Steele, who have been chosen to head up this new radio project, are all carefully working to acquire the best equipment that is obtainable. This in itself is a gigantic undertaking. It is probably the boldest and largest single evangelistic outreach that this church has ever attempted. We will have the potential of reaching about one half of the world's population by using about 20 different languages and broadcasting 24 hours a day.

Story of a station's establishment

This gives us another story to tell our children—how God dried up the waters and took us through on dry land and helped us to get this station established.

In the past three months God has also worked in a way that we have never seen before. I made several approaches to certain of our brothers and sisters to whom we knew God had entrusted material wealth and assets. We placed before them the need of an endowment of \$5 or 6 million so that the earnings of this dedicated sum of money would give us a financial base for the annual operating budget for this radio station.

The operation of a great station like this is costly. Just the energy, the electricity, needed for those great transmitters will cost us in the neighborhood of US\$400,000 per year. When you consider the importance of continuity and quality programming, it is a staggering responsibility.

But again God provided a way. We have approximately US\$4 million now committed toward this endowment fund from fewer than ten persons whose hearts have been touched by the Holy Spirit.

We find many similarities between the Exodus movement and the Advent Movement. Like the Exodus movement, the Advent Movement constantly faces barriers and obstacles that seem to block the road to successfully carrying out the mission given to us by Jesus. Financial, organizational, geographic, political, linguistic, cultural barriers—yes, they all exist. The opposition of Satan, enemies of the truth and gospel, critics, cynics, and the attractions and allurements of the world surround us on every hand. Often today it seems that Jordan is in flood and overflowing its banks—the streams and rivers are swollen from the winter rains and the melting snow in the mountains. It seems utterly impossible to stop the water and to cross.

But God has a thousand ways of controlling nature, human beings, and the forces of evil. I remind you that there is no situation for which He has not already made provision, nor is

there any emergency for which He does not already have a solution. We need to watch for God's providences every day—it makes such a difference!

Several months ago in the ADVENTIST REVIEW (and parenthetically may I say, Thank God for the ADVENTIST REVIEW and for Dr. Bill Johnsson and the REVIEW staff), the former editor, Kenneth Wood, wrote a two-part article on the 1909 General Conference session and how the delegates were challenged at that meeting.

The thing that particularly impressed me was the agenda Ellen White had for that meeting. The three agenda items that she shared in the 11 major meetings that she delivered at that meeting were:

Ellen White's agenda in 1909

First, a call for deeper spirituality and personal consecration and a belief that God gave Christ to the world to reveal that humanity united with divinity could overcome the temptations that are in this world through lust. This union, she said, we must experience.

Second, health reform and personal lifestyle. In earnest tones she developed the theme that obedience to health principles is a part of the sanctification process.

Third, the challenge of the cities. She said, "When I think of the many cities yet unwarned, I cannot rest. It is distressing to think that they have been neglected so long." She asked, "Where is your faith, my brethren? Where are the workmen? . . . Shall not the ministers of God go into these crowded centers and there lift up their voices in warning the multitudes? . . . O, that we might see the needs of these great cities as God sees them!"

My brothers and sisters, this would constitute a good agenda for the 1985 General Conference session. When Ellen White attended the 1909 General Conference session, there were fewer than 100,000 Adventists in all the world. Now, 75 years later, the church membership stands in excess of 4.5 million. In 1909 the tithe totaled approximately \$1 million. Today it exceeds \$400 million.

But the critical question is, Is the spiritual power of the church greater than it was in 1909? Have we been more faithful in addressing ourselves to the challenge of evangelizing the cities?

From night to night you will be hearing the expanded story. You will be reading chapters from the modern book of Chronicles and the twentieth-century book of Acts. When you hear these reports and see these stones, you should tell your children and everyone you meet how the Lord has led His people during these past five years, and how He has dried up turbulent waters and helped us to overcome the obstacles put in the way by Satan. The greatest days of soul winning are just ahead. I believe this fifth-fourth General Conference session will place us in a relationship with our Lord and with one another so that the Holy Spirit working through us can fill the earth with the glory of God.

My challenge, therefore, to you tonight is best expressed in the words of Joshua as he gave directions regarding the preparation needed for crossing the Jordan into the Promised Land: "And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves [Consecrate yourselves]: for to morrow [yes, tomorrow] the Lord will do wonders [will work miracles] among you" (Joshua 3:5). □

80-year-old musician writes theme song

By EUGENE F. DURAND



Brad Braley

Brad Braley, veteran Adventist organist, wrote the 1985 General Conference theme song, "Christ Our Hope Forever," in a short time, he says, because his inspiration came from the Lord. This piece by the well-known 80-year-old musician was chosen from among more than a dozen submissions. He has been invited to help introduce his song at this session.

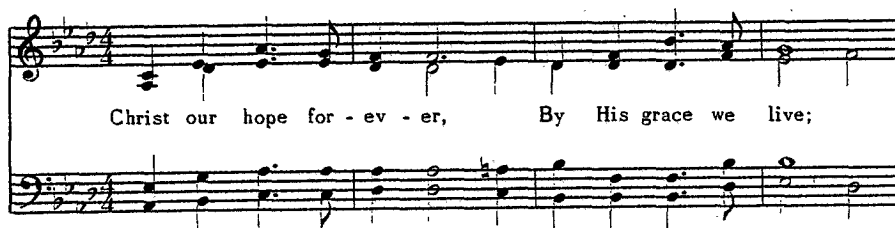
An organist for the Paramount Theater when he became an Adventist, Braley was offered Sabbaths off but decided to resign and go to Boston, where he played for evangelist John Ford. As an organ builder he installed organs at Oakwood College and Southern Missionary College. At the latter school he met Olive, a piano and voice teacher, who became his wife of 40 years.

Adventists worldwide became acquainted with Braley when he played at the 1947 Pan-American Youth Congress and at the eight General Conference sessions from 1950 to 1980. His stirring renditions of "The Captain Calls for You" and "Finlandia" are still remembered by those who heard him.

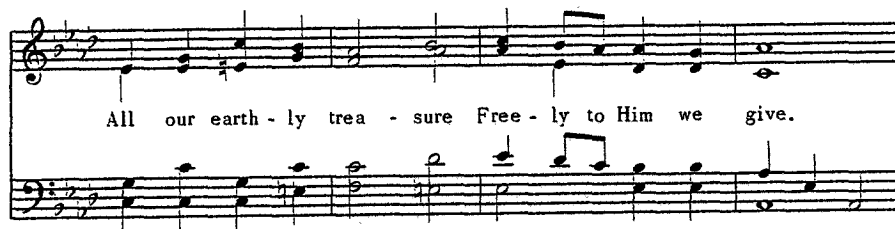
He has played also for the Voice of Prophecy radio program since 1955 and continues to record both English and Spanish broadcasts for them. He plays equally well in both

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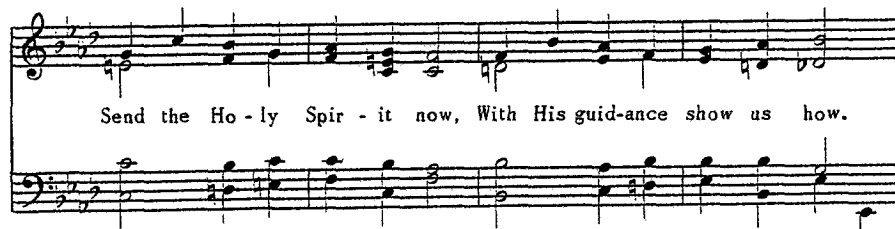
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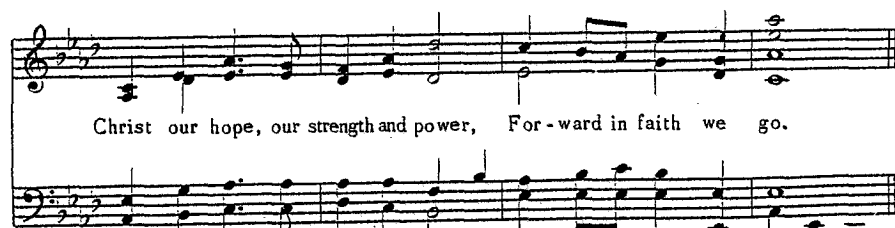
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All our earth - ly trea - sure Free - ly to Him we give.



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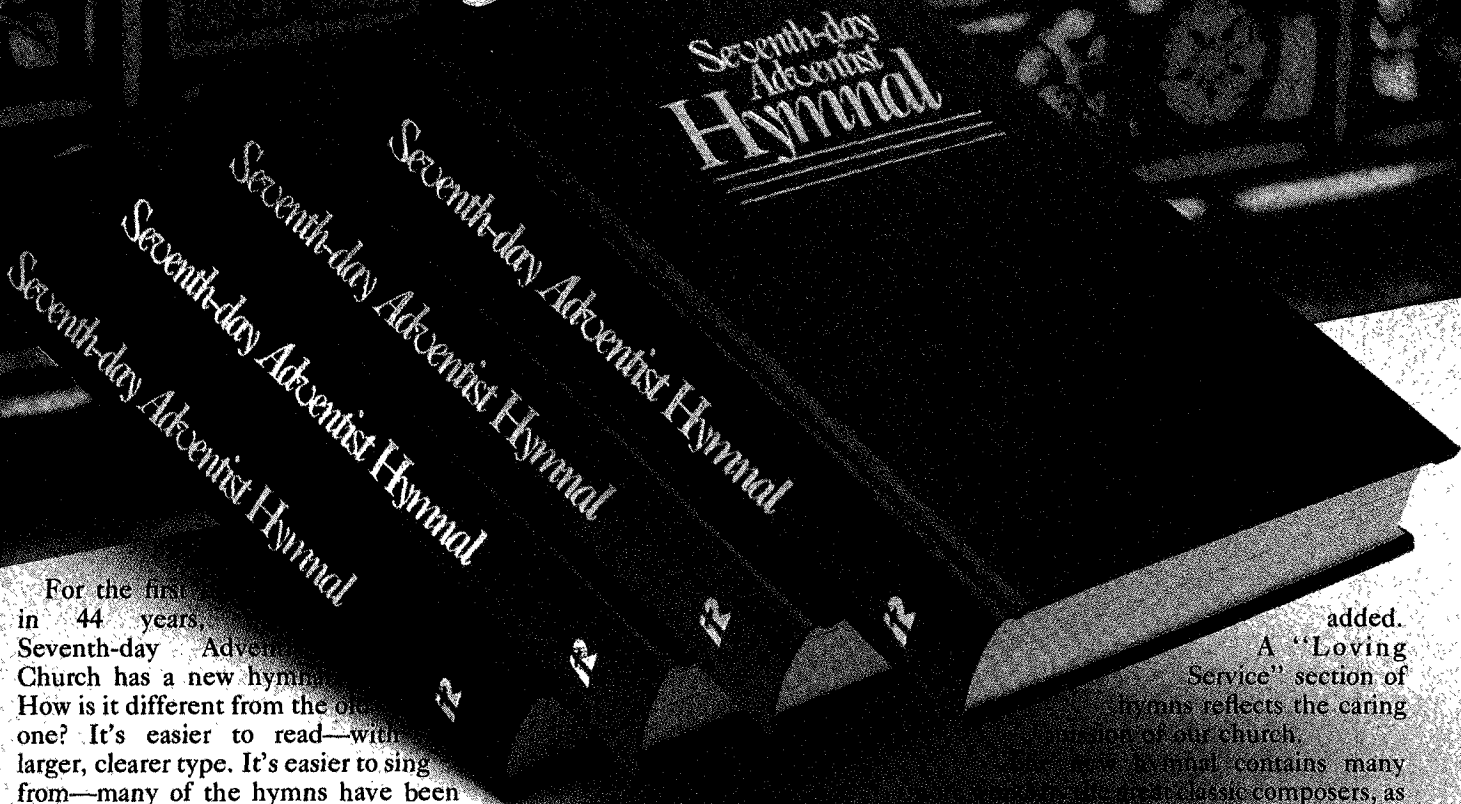
Christ our hope, our strength and power, For - ward in faith we go.

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languages and is known to Spanish-speaking audiences as Ernesto de Miranda, a name bestowed by Braulio Perez Marcio, former speaker for La Voz de la Esperanza.

Together Olive and Brad have made seven records of piano-organ solos and duets. They still give concerts and a favorite program titled "God's People Delivered," in which she recites that chapter from *The Great Controversy* while he provides appropriate background music. They have presented this program more than 300 times. □

The Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal



For the first time in 44 years, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has a new hymnal. How is it different from the old one? It's easier to read—with larger, clearer type. It's easier to sing from—many of the hymns have been pitched lower to suit more voices.

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A preview of the session's agenda

By MYRON K. WIDMER

Two elements this year have fostered even greater expectancy—several weighty issues and rescheduling.

An inimitable air of expectancy always pervades the weeks and months before a quinquennial session of the General Conference. It is the unknown, the unanswered questions, the element of surprise, that engenders the sense of expectancy. Who will be the new leaders of the General Conference? What will be the church's evangelistic thrust for the next five years? What triumphs will be shared? What concerns will be voiced? What significant issues will be discussed? What issues will be left unresolved, awaiting further study before coming to yet another quinquennial session?

Beyond the normal level of anticipation these questions raise, two elements this year have helped foster even greater expectancy: the inclusion of several very weighty issues on the agenda; and the rescheduling—three hours earlier—of the session's official opening to accommodate both the long agenda and the discussion expected on major items. Judging by the length of the discussions generated by the same items during the 1984 Annual Council, the extra time will be helpful.

An overall look at this year's agenda shows that most agenda items can be categorized into six distinct areas: session organization, election of leaders, general items and committee reports, church structure, constitution and bylaws revisions, and *Church Manual* changes.

After consulting with David H. Baasch, undersecretary of the General Conference, I expect the following agenda items to emerge as the most significant to ADVENTIST REVIEW readers.

Session organization

Most items included in this category are concerned with the operation of the session itself (official call, seating of delegates, standing committees); with the organizing, reorganizing, or dissolving of church administrative units (such as union conferences); and with session presentations—including the president's, secretary's, and treasurer's reports.

Election of leaders

All elected staff of the General Conference—officers, departmental directors and associates, and division staff—will be elected for five-year terms following nominations by the session's nominating committee.

General items and committee reports

■ **One Thousand Days of Reaping.** A final tally of the

successful soul-winning efforts during the 1,000 days preceding the session will be given, along with a recommended soul-winning thrust for the next five years.

■ **Sabbath Observance Study Report.** This document sets out principles for keeping the Sabbath day holy. They are being recommended only as a set of guidelines, not for inclusion in the *Church Manual*.

■ **Role of Women in the Church.** From the March 26-28, 1984, meeting of leaders and representatives from the world divisions, major recommendations have come forth concerning the inclusion of women in all areas of the church's ministry. Specific areas include ordination of women to the gospel ministry; women's participation in church work; ministerial ordination practices; and a clarification of ministerial functions in the North American Division.

Church structure

■ **Health-Temperance Department Merger.** After a five-year provisional merger (initiated by the 1980 General Conference session) of the GC Health and Temperance departments, formal merger is being recommended.

■ **Role and Function of Denominational Organizations Commission Report.** This report recommends major steps in the church's organizational structure to (1) preserve unity; (2) clarify administrative roles, functions, and the relationships of officers, departments, and the executive committee; (3) clarify the role and function of laypersons in church organization; and (4) specify reorganization of departments—their roles and functions. One of the major aspects of this report is the recommendation to create a Church Ministries Department to include the present separate departments of Lay Activities, Sabbath School, Stewardship and Development, and Youth. Another recommendation would add Home and Family Service to this new department.

■ **Union Conference Constitution and Bylaws Model.** A constitution has been drafted and is being recommended as a model for use by all union conferences, thus achieving certain uniformity in church governance throughout the world.

Constitution and bylaws revisions

As only General Conference sessions can revise the church's constitution and bylaws, recommendations have been collected over the past five years that will add, delete, or revise portions of the document. One key recommendation here would give the GC Executive Committee authority to elect or remove elected staff or committee members between sessions.

Church Manual changes

Additions, deletions, and revisions are being made, as, again, only the GC session is empowered to make such *Church Manual* changes. □

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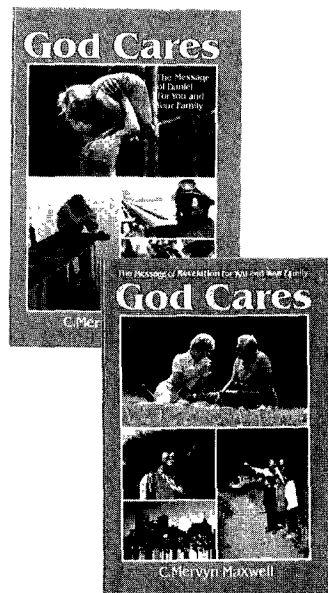
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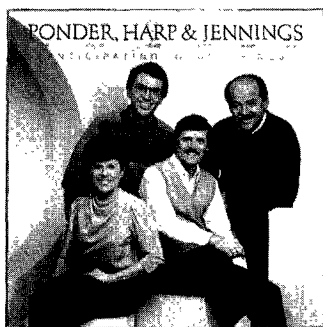
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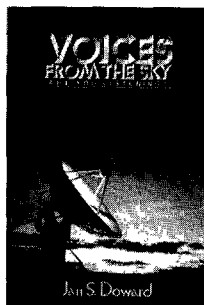
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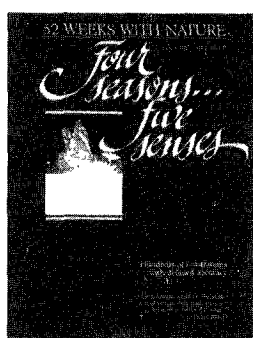
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Highlights from past General Conference sessions

- 1863 The General Conference organized in Battle Creek, Michigan, on May 20, with 20 delegates present representing seven States. The first officers elected were John Byington, president; Uriah Smith, secretary; and E. S. Walker, treasurer.
- 1863 Minutes of the first session were published in the *Review and Herald*. The ADVENTIST REVIEW bulletins reporting the current General Conference continue that tradition.
- 1866 A pamphlet containing a summary of the minutes of the 1863 to 1866 General Conference sessions was published, a forerunner of later *General Conference Bulletins*.
- 1870 James Ertzenberger, of Switzerland, became the first delegate from outside the United States.
- 1870 The treasurer indicated a deficit of \$272.90—the first time the General Conference showed a debt.
- 1874 John N. Andrews became the denomination's first authorized overseas missionary.
- 1876 The General Conference was held in Lansing, Michigan, the first time it met outside Battle Creek.
- 1878 J. N. Andrews attended the session and reported on his missionary activities in Europe, the first such report given by a credentialed Adventist missionary.
- 1882 Delegates gathered in Rome, New York, the first time they had met outside Michigan.
- 1887 This year saw the first *General Conference Bulletin* recording session proceedings.
- 1888 O. A. Olsen became president of the General Conference, the first person not born in the United States to hold that position.
- 1888- W. C. White served as acting president of the General Conference for six months until O. A. Olsen could return to the United States to assume the office.
- 1889 Delegates numbered 109, the first time more than 100 were present.
- 1901 This was the last General Conference session to meet in Battle Creek, Michigan.
- 1901 Dr. John Harvey Kellogg gave an illustrated lecture on health, the first use of glass stereopticon slides at a General Conference session.
- 1909 This gathering was the first to have official delegates from each of the world's major continents.
- 1909 Ellen White attended her last General Conference session.
- 1918 The General Conference met in the San Francisco Municipal Auditorium, the first time the session was not held in an Adventist facility.
- 1918 This became the first General Conference session to have departmental exhibits other than a publishing house display.
- 1922 The meeting welcomed 581 delegates, the first time more than 500 had been present.
- 1926 A public address system was used for the first time at this session, held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 1930 Mission reports employed motion pictures for the first time.
- 1936 The world globe with lights indicating the work of Adventists around the world, created for the Century of Progress Exposition of 1932 in Chicago, made its first appearance at a General Conference session.
- 1946 The General Conference met in the newly completed Sligo church, in Takoma Park, Maryland, the last session to convene in an Adventist church.
- 1946 A recording made of much of this session marked another first.
- 1950 The first mission pageant to be so designated was held the first Sabbath afternoon.
- 1954 A total of 1,109 delegates gathered, the first time more than 1,000 had been present.
- 1970 The session had 1,782 delegates in attendance, the first time more than 1,500 had come.
- 1975 Vienna, Austria, hosted the session, the first time it had met outside the United States.



Sasa Rore, a Solomon Islander, attended the 1950 General Conference. He is pictured in traditional island dress, speaking in Pidgin English as W. L. Pascoe translates.

Ministerial Association conducts pre-session

By JAMES COFFIN

As last-minute preparations were being made for the opening of the fifty-fourth General Conference session, what one minister described as a "symphony with three movements" was drawing to a close. And many participants wished they could have called for an encore.

The "symphony" was the General Conference pre-session, a four-day spiritual, educational, and motivational gathering sponsored by the General Conference Ministerial/Stewardship Association. The "three movements" were the gathering's emphases—The Minister: The Person; The Minister: The Message; and The Minister: The Mission.

According to association secretary J. R. Spangler, the primary objective of the gathering was to help ministers realize the need for, and develop, a deeper spiritual experience. "I know this has been said many times before," said Spangler, "but I firmly believe that unless the individual pastor, as a role model, has a vibrant relationship with Christ, his influence will be counterproductive to the church. The pastor is the single greatest factor in the attitude adopted by church members. He is closest to the sheep, and when the sheep look at the shepherd, they judge the whole church accordingly."

A second objective was to show the importance of, and to help ministers gain crystal-clear convictions regarding, the truths taught by Adventists. Morning presentations and panel discussions focused on "The Sanctuary and Adventism"; "The Certainty of the Advent: The Crisis of Delay"; "The Timeliness of the Three Angels' Messages"; "The Remnant Church in Prophecy"; and "The Seventh-day Sabbath: Origin and Eschatology."

Presenters for the late-morning sessions all came from the SDA Theological Seminary at Andrews University, and panel members represented a broad spectrum of Adventists from around the world.

36 seminars to choose from

A choice of 36 professional seminars (each participant could attend only four) kept participants busy each afternoon. Seminars were offered in five basic areas—evangelism, management and administration, pastoral, personal life, and theology—and all afforded continuing-education credit for those participating. "Undoubtedly," said Floyd Bresee, the association's coordinator of continuing education, "this gathering was the biggest and most dramatic continuing-education program the SDA Church has ever attempted. Being able to offer 36 seminars to thousands of ministers seeking to update their knowledge and skill and offering seminars specifically designed to include wives have put continuing education on the map."

Bresee said that seven of the courses had been planned with women in mind, and a discount was given to couples who registered together—which was a majority of those attending. He said the pre-session's planners also had tried to

make the courses more useful to those from overseas. This led to two of the seminars being offered in Spanish and another four translated. It also meant that it was more important to offer courses for administrators than for pastors, as relatively few overseas delegates to the GC session are pastors.

Still, according to Rex D. Edwards, coordinator of PREACH (Project to Reach Every Active Clergy person at Home), which involves sending a free bimonthly subscription of *Ministry* to more than 250,000 non-Adventist clergy, pastors from North America constituted a major contingent of those attending. "Many conferences sacrificed holding workers' meetings so they could send their pastors to the pre-session," Edwards said. "The conferences gave budgets to the workers and emphasized the pre-sessions strongly." In addition, 1500 non-SDA pastors in the Greater New Orleans area received invitations to attend, and more than 50 registered.

The evening meetings featured effective methods of outreach that are being employed successfully in various places around the world, presented under the title "Evangelism That Works." These presentations were not simply reports of what was being done, but provided the rationale behind—the what, the how, and the why.

For the GC Ministerial/Stewardship Association, the New Orleans pre-session was a landmark event. Although pre-sessions have been held for decades, never has anything been done on such a grand scale. "The Superdome and Hyatt Regency Hotel provided us with the most fantastic display of meeting rooms we've ever had," said W. B. Quigley, an associate secretary of the association, and the pre-session's chief organizer. "We had up to 40 meeting rooms available to us, allowing us to attract the largest attendance ever at such a council."

"Some people have criticized the General Conference for using the Superdome," added Bresee, "but it was the immense facility that made such a program viable." Because there were few space constraints, laypeople were invited to participate as well, although it was made clear that the seminars were geared for ministers.

Lining up lecturers, working out schedules, coordinating with General Conference session planners, and organizing the program in general had kept Quigley busy for months before the gathering. Since the Superdome was not available until the wee hours of the morning on Sunday, June 23, Quigley had to have everything poised and ready so that things could be set up in a matter of hours.

Having put so much work into the pre-session, the Ministerial/Stewardship Association is determined that it benefit as many ministers as possible. All seminars have been taped, and many will be made into continuing-education courses. In this way the strains of the "symphony" will linger long after the General Conference session is over. □



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A delegate's guide to New Orleans

By DEBORAH ANFENSON-VANCE

Before I write one word about New Orleans, conscience compels me to warn you that I have never been there. Not that I didn't ask to go. But in response, The Editor flashed an economical smile and handed me a Superdome article someone had clipped from a 1978 *Time*. So here I write, cloistered in my Washington, D.C., office, trusting Fodor's guide to *New Orleans*, encyclopedias, and the words of a few friends. If, on the authority of this article, you end up in a café that serves *alligator quiche*, just realize that in some small (albeit obscure) way, you have helped the church save some money.

During my lonely hours of research I entertained myself with this worst-case SDA-in-New-Orleans scenario. John and Mary Adventist faithfully attend meetings in the Superdome, filling spare minutes with old friends and GC exhibits. Then, all too soon, the fifty-fourth session ends, and Mr. and Mrs. A realize they have not seen New Orleans. So they head for the most famous attraction in the city—Bourbon Street.

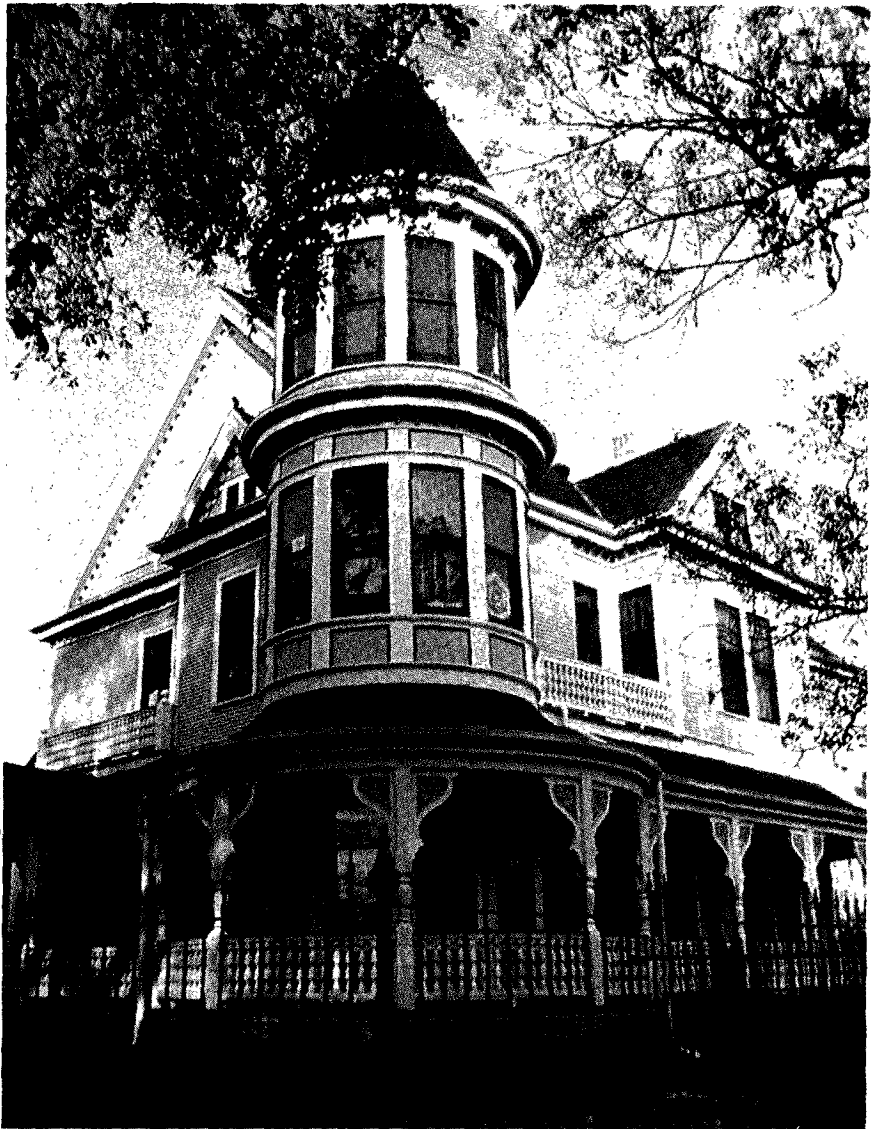
“What a trashy, wicked hotbed of decadence,” they exclaim after viewing 13 blocks of nightclubs, striptease joints, saloons, and streetwalkers. Gratefully they stomp the dust of the city from their shoes and fly away, nevermore to return.

But if we can forgive New Orleans its Bourbon Street (and a few other indiscretions), and if we don't leave our sightseeing to the last night, we may discover a city that will charm, delight, enrich, and educate. My only worry is that I won't get to see everything I want to.

First, a bit of background

The French founded New Orleans in 1718, and it remained under their control until 1762, when France ceded it to Spain. Soon after the French regained control in 1803, the United States acquired the city as part of the Louisiana Purchase. Situated on the Mississippi River about 110 miles (177 kilometers) northwest of its mouth on the Gulf of Mexico, New Orleans remains one of the world's great ports.

New Orleans' French and Spanish heritage is undeniable. You will see it in the architecture; you can taste it in the food. The word *Creole* (referring to a member of the city's old French-speaking community) has become synonymous with New Orleans, as has *Cajun*, a corruption of *Acadian*, referring to eighteenth-century settlers from the



Chamber/New Orleans and the River Region photo

Gracious elegance characterizes the architecture of New Orleans' Garden District.

region in Canada formerly called Acadia. But African and Caribbean influences texture the city's culture as well. And Germans, Italians, Latin Americans, and many other nationalities have also settled in this truly cosmopolitan American city.

The neighborhoods. Here is a short rundown:

■ **French Quarter.** Also known as the *Vieux Carré*, this area is the most famous (and oldest) part of the city, with hotels, shops, restaurants, historical architecture, museums, and yes, Bourbon Street.

■ **Uptown.** This area includes: (a) *Central Business District* (CBD), home of the Superdome (and more); (b) *Lower Garden District*, one of the finest pre-Civil War residential areas, now being revitalized; (c) *Garden District*, with its magnificent Victorian mansions; (d) *University Area* and *Carrollton*, which surround Tulane and Loyola universities and the Audubon Park and Zoo; and (e) *Irish Channel*, a working-class neighborhood known for the hundreds of antique shops on Magazine Street.

■ **Mid-city.** Features City Park, eigh-

teenth-century West Indies plantation homes, and Metairie Cemetery.

The climate. I have it on the authority of friends that New Orleans summer weather is insufferable. July's average daily temperature is 83 degrees Fahrenheit, with every degree underscored by the intense humidity. Whereas in the desert you might *bake* or *roast*, in New Orleans you will *stew* and *steam*. But you will survive. Because God gave man the ingenuity to invent air conditioning (9,000 tons in the Superdome alone), and because He Himself created evening and morning—cooler times of the day. Should you venture outdoors at midday, just remember that New Orleans accommodations are cheapest in summer. Truly the sweat of your brow will save the church all kinds of money.

Just a note about resources. If you really want to pursue New Orleans seriously, you will need much more than this article. I suggest (a) a good map of the city, (b) a travel book such as Fodor's *New Orleans*, and (c) a newspaper to inform you of daily events. Check the *Times-Picayune*, and also the current issue of *New Orleans Magazine*.

Things you should see

Art and music. New Orleans Museum of Art's collection is particularly strong in photography and primitive art, and also features traveling exhibitions. ■ On the fringes of the CBD is the Contemporary Arts Center, featuring the work of local artists, traveling exhibitions, concerts, and seminars. ■ Artists of varying talent display their work in the French Quarter's Jackson Square. The Quarter also has a number of commercial galleries.

New Orleans is home not only to jazz but to the New Orleans Philharmonic. And, of course, you'll hear plenty of inspiring religious music right in the Superdome.

Architecture, buildings, and museums. New Orleans, and the French Quarter in particular, is an architectural treasury. The Quarter features an eclectic style combining French, Colonial, Spanish, Greek Revival, and Victorian architecture. "More Spanish than French, and more American than either," says architectural expert Roulhac Toledano.

Areas and buildings to watch for: the Garden District, Lafayette Square, Gallier Hall, Board of Trade Plaza, St. Louis Cathedral, Piazza d'Italia, Rivergate, U.S. Custom House, Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop, Ursuline Convent, and Napoleon House, to name a few. The St. Charles Avenue streetcar gives you five miles of fine architectural views for a mere 60 cents. Don't forget the Superdome, in an architectural class by itself. And be sure to take a guided tour of the cemeteries. Everyone tells me it's well worth it.



H. Armstrong Roberts photo

The French Quarter, also known as Vieux Carré, is the most famous (and oldest) part of the city, with shops, hotels, restaurants, museums, and Bourbon Street.

As for museums, Louisiana State Museum—eight historical buildings in the French Quarter—is perhaps one of the largest and best historical museums in the United States. There's also The Historic New Orleans Collection (ten permanent galleries—excellent), Confederate Memorial Museum, Louisiana Maritime Museum, Pharmacy Museum, and Middle American Research Institute. That should keep you going for a while.

Parks, zoos, and gardens. Don't miss Audubon Park and Zoological Garden—400 acres in fashionable Uptown, across from Tulane and Loyola. The zoo features elephant rides for a dollar, and I'm trying to encourage the REVIEW staff to try it out. It also has a petting zoo, if you want hands-on experience. And if you're tired of conventional transportation, take a boat to the zoo.

Other parks and gardens: City Park, Longue Vue House and Gardens, and Louisiana Nature Center.

For children. Now a few suggestions for the young people in your life (or for yourself, depending on how young you feel). Mississippi boat rides, beignets at Café du Monde, Musée Conti Wax Museum, Historical Toy Exhibit (Presbytère, Louisiana State Museum), Mardi Gras Exhibit (Old U.S. Mint Building), Cabrini Doll Museum, Pontalba Historical Puppetorium, Audubon Park and Zoo, City Park (playgrounds, petting zoo, miniature train, canoe and paddleboat rides). Or you can watch ships go by on the Mississippi. That's free.

Speaking of freebies. Trying to make your per diem do it all? Then these activities are made for you, because they're free. New

Orleans architecture (outside only), street musicians, Jackson Square artists (looking only), browsing in the French Market, the New Orleans Museum of Art (free on Thursdays), antique browsing, Cabrini Doll Museum, Chalmette National Historical Park (includes Chalmette Battlefield).

Other things. Canal Place, one of the city's most impressive skyscrapers. ■

Trivial pursuits

Did you know?

■ At 24 miles (39 kilometers), Lake Pontchartrain's causeway is the longest "bridge" in the world. At its midpoint, land is not visible in either direction.

■ John Moisant, after whom New Orleans' Moisant Airport was named, died in 1910 when he was thrown from his plane. There's a story in there somewhere.

■ New Orleans possibly has more churches and barrooms per capita than any other U.S. city.

■ Early settlers often referred to the Isle of New Orleans, because the city was accessible only by boat.

■ The Superdome, with its 9.7-acre (four-hectare) roof and 88 restrooms, "could swallow Houston's Astrodome with hardly a burp" (*Time*, Jan. 16, 1978).

■ This may be the "lowest" General Conference ever. Part of the city of New Orleans is situated below sea level.

Lakefront Drive and West End Boulevard, along Lake Pontchartrain. ■ River Road. Take a guided tour of the plantations. ■ Walking tours of the French Quarter. Meet at Jackson Square's Presbytere at 9:30 A.M. or 1:30 P.M. any day but Sunday; \$5.00 per person. ■ You also might want to check into the French Quarter's mule-drawn surrey rides.

Dining and shopping suggestions

Food first. If New Orleans is a gourmet's delight, it is also a vegetarian's despair. Creole cooking and Cajun cuisine depend on meat and seafood for their substance, and sometimes the beasties tend toward the exotic—crayfish, turtle, and even alligator. So you can be mighty grateful for Adventist Health System's food service at the Superdome.

Nevertheless, a few appealing meatless dishes—many of them desserts—keep surfacing in the New Orleans literature. In addition to artichoke soup and fried, breaded vegetables, New Orleans specially features bread pudding, bananas Foster, pralines, and beignets (a special New Orleans doughnut). One local ice-cream parlor—featuring homemade, authentic Italian *gelato*—seems interesting: Angelo Brocato's, 214 N. Carrollton Avenue, Mid-City.

Now to the shops! The two major New Orleans department stores are D. H. Holmes and Maison Blanche. You can find Brooks Brothers and Saks Fifth Avenue if you want, but the discount and outlet stores merit investigation (see Fodor's *New Orleans*). The city abounds in antique shops—check Royal Street for the pricey treasures and Magazine Street for the bargains. And with regard to secondhand books, you might want to peruse A Collector's Book Shop, Beckham's Bookshop, Librarie Bookshop, and Old Books (the latter two are in the French Quarter).

Other stuff you ought to know

Tipping: Be a generous witness. I don't mean to sound like somebody's mother, but Adventists are famous for the way we hang on to our cash. We don't spend it on drinking, partying, carousing, or other vices; and that is admirable, if not a bit disappointing to the local entrepreneurs. But there's nothing wrong with spending a little to say Thank you—by leaving tips when tips are due. Some of the people who serve us don't make much apart from these tips. And when we fail to properly reward good service, people can conclude only that we are either rude, cheap, or ignorant.

Here's a list of whom you should tip in New Orleans and how much. ■ Restaurant waiter: 15-20 percent of amount before tax is added. ■ Bellboy: 50 cents per bag. Add an extra dollar if you load him with small

packages. ■ Hotel maid: \$1.00-\$1.50 per day, or \$5.00 per person per week. ■ Doorman: 50 cents-\$1.00 for taxi handling; 50 cents-\$1.00 for help with baggage. ■ Parking attendant: 50 cents-\$1.00. ■ Room service: 10-15 percent of bill. ■ Laundry or valet service: 15 percent. ■ Barber or hairdresser: 15 percent. ■ Shoeshine attendant: 50 cents. ■ Taxi driver: 15-20 percent. ■ Limousine service: 20 percent. ■ Bus porter: 25 cents per bag; driver nothing.

If the service is poor, you may leave a smaller tip, and if it is really bad or nonexistent (these are rare occasions), leave nothing.

Getting around. Transportation in New Orleans is good and varied. ■ *Bus.* Regional Transit Authority, busfare 60 cents, plus 5 cents for each transfer ticket. ■ *Streetcar.* St. Charles Avenue streetcar, 60 cents one way. ■ *Taxi.* Ninety cents per minute plus 80 cents per mile. ■ *On foot.* Travel in groups, be careful at night, and avoid certain areas. ■ *Car.* Parking in New Orleans is a pain, and so is rush-hour traffic. If you do rent a car, be sure you don't park it illegally. A parking ticket could cost you

\$20 to \$65, and if your car is towed, it could cost up to \$100 to bail it out. ■ *Boat.* The Canal Street Ferry leaves every 12 minutes, and the 24-minute trip is *free*. Longer boat trips are available (at a price) through other companies.

And a last word about speech. New Orleans accents range from soft Southern to something akin to a Brooklyn or New Jersey accent. Just so you don't miss anything, let me be the first to inform you that a *banquette* is a sidewalk; *bayou*, a stream; *cayouedel*, a mutt; and *choich* is a church.

Now if a Southern- or Brooklyn-esque-tongued individual approaches you on the banquette in front of a choich overlooking a bayou and says, "Where y'at!" he means only to greet you and not to pry.

So tell him, "Fine" or "Doing good," because he's asking *how* you are (believe me); or simply nod and smile. But whatever you do, don't answer, "New Or-l-e-e-n-s," because he isn't asking *where* you are—just *how*. Anyway, the proper pronunciation is "New Orleenz." Some Orleanians even say "N'awlins." Sure, it sounds different. But I have the feeling that almost any cayouedel would understand. □

No one wants to scare you, but . . .

A few rules about security and safety

New Orleans is a delightful city, but it's no angel. As in any other large city you'll have a much better time if you take a few sensible precautions.

1. There is safety in numbers. Go with friends.
2. Walk nowhere after dark except in the heart of the French Quarter. Otherwise take a cab or a bus.
3. Don't leave money or valuables (your passport, for instance) in your hotel room. *Always* lock doors, even if you are in the room. *Use traveler's checks.* Watch your purse or wallet, especially in large crowds and on public buses, where pickpockets abound.
4. Do your best *not* to look like a tourist. Don't wear your delegate badge on the street. Don't stand on a street corner studying your map; try to look as though you know where you're going (that may be difficult sometimes). Avoid carrying items that label you as a tourist, because tourists are just the people that thieves and pickpockets like to take advantage of.
5. Don't walk stairways or ride elevators alone.
6. Be observant. Don't walk down the street so absorbed in conversation that you don't notice the people in front of and behind you.
7. The French Quarter is generally safe in the daytime. At night stick to Bourbon, Royal and Chartres streets. Lots of other people stroll around there. Avoid alleys and the dark side of streets.
8. Never go to the cemeteries alone; go with a group, preferably a guided tour. Don't go there at night.
9. Avoid walking in the Central Business District at night, particularly the area near the Superdome, Union Passenger Terminal, and Hyatt Regency. Take a cab at night—don't walk.
10. Now that we've thoroughly frightened you, there's just one more thing: Have a good time! You can, you know. Just be wise.

We're a great family

By SHIRLEY BURTON

Excitement has been building 'round the world for this occasion. Anticipation, naturally, has been growing for a variety of reasons: a first trip to the United States, a first time at the General Conference session, another good look at the Adventist family worldwide.

Rather like our old family reunions, such sessions are. Growing up in Nebraska, I eagerly awaited those summer occasions held at some midpoint in the State. Not everybody could be there because most were involved in agricultural pursuits—farming, dairying, feeding, or teaching from the extension office. However, all delegated someone to represent each smaller family.

As a child I counted the days till the family reunion. It was the one time of the year, of course, to play with cousins. But there was more: marriages brought new faces; teens brought their guests; mothers brought new babies. There were recitals of acquisitions and successes and droughts and challenges . . . and deaths.

Almost always the Family Fathers and their spouses were there, for they were the organizers, the leaders of the clan, the keepers of the ideals, administering their fatherly advice.

How very like a General Conference session, I'm thinking. It's a joyful experience—getting the family together.

If we're official delegates and because of our great numbers and since we have to do some business besides learning more about one another, we're all wearing clip-on badges much like airport or plant employees. Such identification will admit us to the main arena and allow us to speak on issues which may come before the group.

If all who were eligible had come, there would be 2,359 of us—according to Roy F. Williams, an associate secretary of General Conference administration. However, travel restrictions in some areas and currency controls in others have made the total delegation 2,110—nine from Cuba.

Deciphering the legalese, I've discovered that while there are no real guidelines as to the variety of people who should represent the family, there are guidelines for numbering us.

Two classifications are given: delegate at large and regular delegate. The constitution stipulates that delegates at large shall be all members of the General Conference Executive Committee (which takes care of church business between the quinquennial world sessions); representatives of missions, institutions, and departments of work who are credentialed by the General Conference (although this number may not exceed 25 percent of the total); and then, each division may send four delegates plus one for each 200,000 or major fraction thereof in membership.

Regular delegates are accredited by unions on the basis of one person in addition to their presidents, an additional delegate for each local conference or organized mission in their territories, plus an additional person for each 4,300 members or major fraction of that figure. All calculations are made on the basis of membership on December 31 before each session.

Beyond the mechanics, though, it's the people I'm finding so interesting. Two countries, the Soviet Union and Japan, have sent their first laywomen delegates. Mrs. Galina Gritshuk is a former English teacher in a U.S.S.R. public school; Sonoko Mimura is a professional flutist in Tokyo. Ivan I. Kosovan, a professional singer before he joined the Adventist family, is the U.S.S.R.'s first layman to come as well.

The Rwanda Union appears to have the largest percentage of women in their delegation, though East Africa is close behind, and one U.S. union seems not to have any women at all.

Digressing from past patterns, most of the overseas delegates are nationals. "No longer do they send large numbers of furloughing missionaries to represent their countries," says Elder Williams. "Nationals are now given the preference."

Some American unions have sent youth observers; many brought a few guests.

Some of the delegates' names are spelled without vowels; others recognize apostrophes in their names with clacking noises of the tongue; still others always write their last names first.

We are factory superintendents and mission pilots; nurserymen and hospital presidents; publishing house managers and outback physicians; electricians and nurses; businessmen and secretaries.

We're dressed in bunads and barongs, kimonos and kebayas, sarongs and suits, au dais and cheong sams.

When we're at home we attend churches constructed of bamboo, thatch, and cement. We go by caribou or canoe, bicycle or dogsled, snow machine or subway. We sit on the ground or planks or pews and sing a cappella or with guitars and organs. We bring our gifts in dollars and drachmas, pounds and pesos, baht and birr, rupee and ringgit, kwacha and krona, and shilling and sucre. We print in 189 languages and use 428 orally, as many as eight in a single congregation, in our 184 countries.

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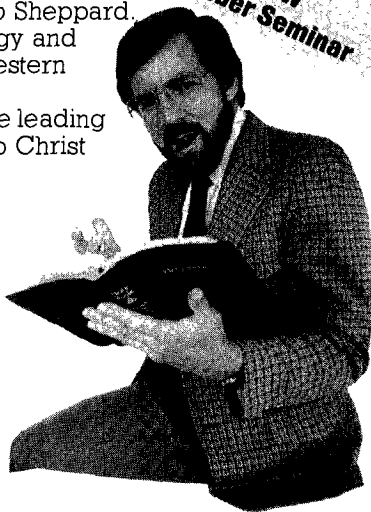
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Why New Orleans?

By JOCELYN R. FAY

It's hard to believe, but plans commenced for the fifty-fourth GC session shortly after the 1975 session in Vienna ended.

Kenneth Emmerson and R. M. Reinhard, at that time General Conference treasurer and assistant treasurer, respectively (both now are retired), first did some research at home and then visited ten cities in the United States in search of the best site for 1985. They were looking for:

1. A facility that would seat at least 30,000-35,000 people during weekend meetings.

2. Plenty of office space. Several stadiums in the country would be suitable for meetings, but the General Conference needs offices and meeting rooms for its technical staff and its various committees and gatherings.

Once they determined that the Superdome in New Orleans met these criteria, the treasurers considered other factors:

Would New Orleans be affordable? Elder Reinhard found the Superdome price "very, very reasonable," the lowest price the General Conference has paid for facilities "for many, many years."

Is hotel space adequate and reasonably priced? It was adequate even in the late seventies, when negotiations were taking place, and since then more hotels have been built. Hoteliers guaranteed a 30 percent discount to Adventists

occupying their rooms during their summer off-season in 1985.

How about transportation? Shuttle bus service in the city costs only 30 cents per ride. "I don't think you can find any other city with bus fare that low to all hotels where delegates will be located," said Elder Reinhard.

Will delegates melt in New Orleans' heat and humidity? Although daytime temperatures are likely to soar, evening and early morning should be fairly comfortable. In addition, the Superdome and hotels and buses are air-conditioned. The delegate who arrives at the Superdome in the morning and stays through the evening meeting shouldn't encounter any weather that's unbearable.

New Orleans as a tourist city has its seamy side. But decision makers felt that since the Superdome is situated several blocks from Bourbon Street and the French Quarter, delegates who wish to avoid the area should have no problem.

With so many factors indicating that New Orleans was "the place" for this session, Elder Emmerson, backed by a vote of the General Conference Committee on July 6, 1978, signed a contract with the Superdome on September 7, 1978.

It's hard to believe, but before long the cycle will begin all over again as a location is sought for the General Conference session of 1995.

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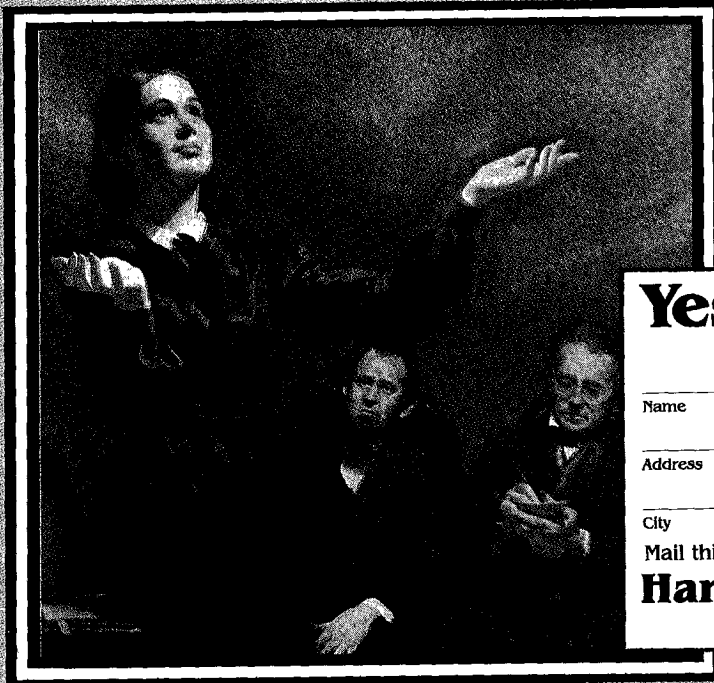
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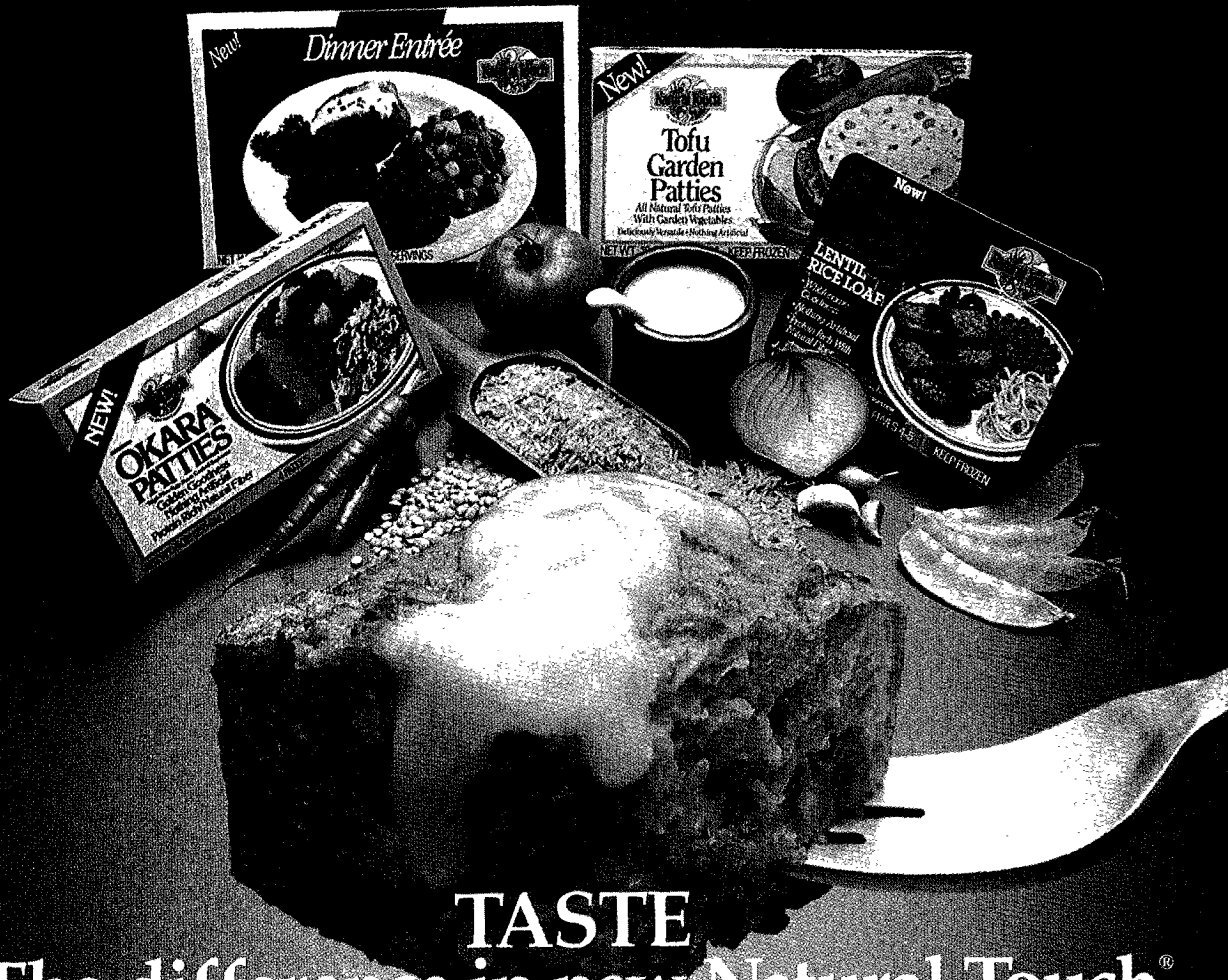
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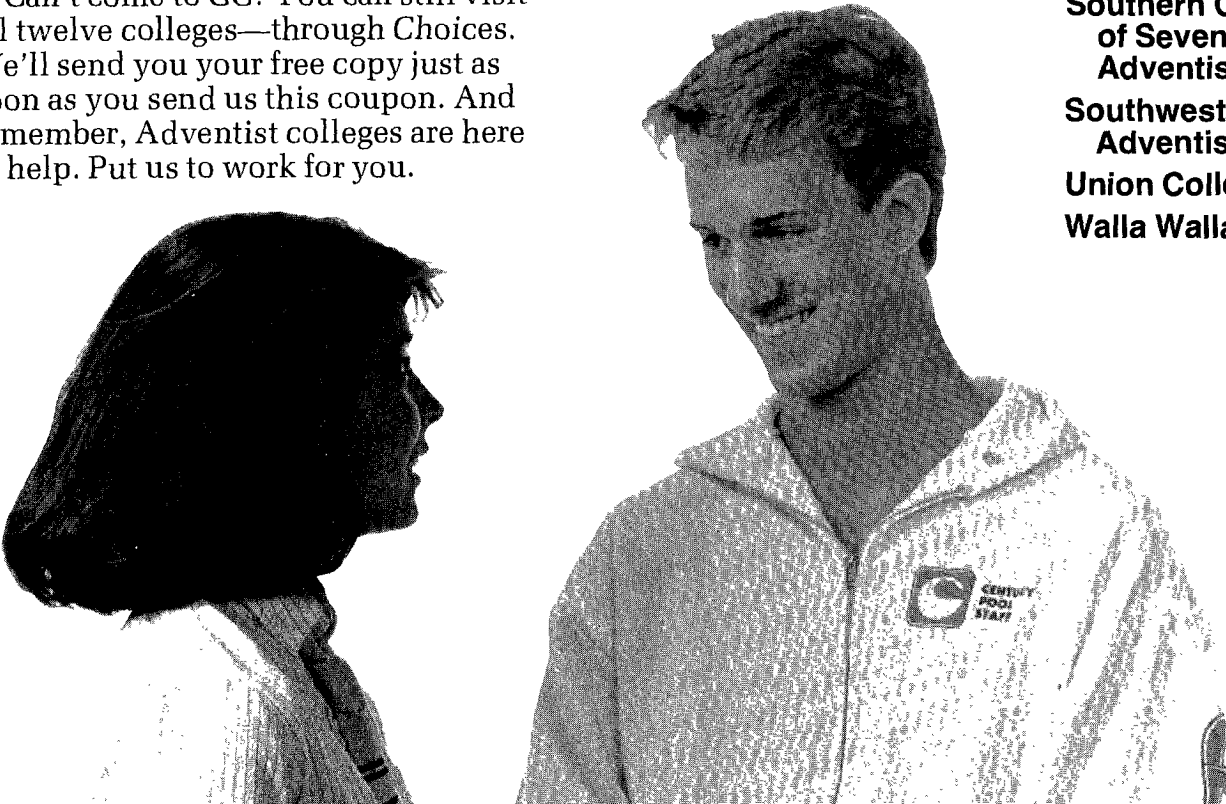
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THURSDAY, JUNE 27

- 3:00 P.M. First Business Session
- Hymn
 - Scripture Reading
 - Prayer
 - Remarks—Chairman
 - Official Call—Secretary
 - Organization of Session
 - Special Music
 - Introduction of Honored Guests and Officials
 - Session Theme Song
 - President's Address
 - Business
 - Benediction
 - Announcements

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

- 7:45- 8:00 Music
 8:00- 9:15 Devotional—G. J. Christo
 9:30-12:00 Business Session
 Secretary's Report
 Treasurer's Report
 Auditor's Report
- 2:00- 4:00 Business Session
 Reports From Standing Committees
- 6:45- 9:00 Junior and Earliteen
 (Meeting Rooms 19 and 20)
- 6:45- 7:00 Musical Prelude
 7:00- 7:25 Musical Program
 7:30- 9:00 Consecration Service—
 Morris L. Venden

SABBATH, JUNE 29

- 8:30- 9:00 Music
 9:00-10:15 Sabbath School
 Adult and Youth
 (Arena)
 Junior and Earliteen
 (Meeting Rooms 19 and 20)
 Primary—English
 (Meeting Rooms 7 and 8)
 Primary—Spanish
 (Meeting Room 9)
 Kindergarten—English
 (Meeting Rooms 2 and 3)
 Kindergarten—Spanish
 (Meeting Room 4)
 Cradle Roll—English
 (Meeting Room 5)
 Cradle Roll—Spanish
 (Meeting Room 6)
- 10:15-10:30 Missionary Service
 10:45-12:15 Divine Service
 Adult and Youth
 (Arena)—GC Secretary
 Junior and Earliteen
 (Meeting Rooms 19 and 20)
 Primary—English
 (Meeting Rooms 7 and 8)
 Primary—Spanish
 (Meeting Room 9)
- 2:00- 5:00 Festival of Praise
 Harvest '90
- 2:00- 5:00 Junior and Earliteen
 (Meeting Rooms 19 and 20)
- 6:45- 9:15 Junior and Earliteen
 Vespers and Social Hour
 6:45- 7:00 Musical Prelude

- 7:00- 7:25 Musical Program
 7:30- 9:15 International Festival
 of Mission

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

- 7:45- 8:00 Music
 8:00- 9:15 Devotional—Carlos
 Aeschlimann
- 9:30-12:00 Business Session
 Reports From Standing
 Committees
 Departmental Reports
- 1:30- 3:00 Session Committees
 1:30- 3:00 Window on the World
 (Arena)
 "The Ages of Man"
 "After Baby Fae"
- 3:15- 5:15 Business Session
 Reports From Standing
 Committees
 Reports From GC Insti-
 tutions
- 6:45- 7:00 Musical Prelude
 7:00- 7:25 Musical Program
 7:30- 9:15 International Festival
 of Mission
 Euro-Africa Division
 South American Divi-
 sion

MONDAY, JULY 1

- 7:45- 8:00 Music
 8:00- 9:15 Devotional—R. R.
 Ndhlovu
- 9:30-12:00 Business Session
 Reports From Standing
 Committees
 Departmental Reports
 Reports From GC Insti-
 tutions
- 1:00- 3:00 Parade, Superdome to
 Jackson Square
- 1:30- 3:00 Session Committees
 1:30- 3:00 Window on the World
 "On Spirit Wings"
 "Southern Tradition"
 "Beyond Tradition"
 "Metro Ministries"
 "Eat for Life"
- 3:15- 5:15 Business Session
 Reports From Standing
 Committees
 Reports From GC Insti-
 tutions
- 6:45- 7:00 Musical Prelude
 7:00- 7:25 Musical Program
 7:30- 9:15 International Festival
 of Mission
 Africa-Indian Ocean
 Division
 Far Eastern Division

TUESDAY, JULY 2

- 7:45- 8:00 Music
 8:00- 9:15 Devotional—F. W. Wer-
 nick
- 9:30-12:00 "Women for Christ and
 Humanity" (Hyatt
 Ballroom)
- 9:30-12:00 Business Session
 GC Legal Meetings
 American Bible Society
 Reports From Standing
 Committees
 Reports From GC Insti-
 tutions
- 1:30- 3:00 Session Committees
 1:30- 3:00 Window on the World

- Christian Lifestyle Mag-
 azine
 "Winning the Race"
 Adventist Historic Pro-
 perties
 "Union Focus"

- 3:15- 5:15 Business Session
 Reports From Standing
 Committees
 Reports From GC Insti-
 tutions
- 6:45- 7:00 Musical Prelude
 7:00- 7:25 Musical Program—Israel
 Leito
- 7:30- 9:15 International Festival
 of Mission
 Southern Asia Division
 Australasian Division

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

- 7:45- 8:00 Music
 8:00- 9:15 Devotional—Irene
 McCary
- 9:30-12:00 "Women for Christ
 and Humanity"
 (Hyatt Ballroom)
- 9:30-12:00 Business Session
 Reports From Standing
 Committees
 Departmental Reports
 Reports From GC Insti-
 tutions
- 1:30- 3:00 Session Committees
 1:30- 3:00 Window on The World
 "Forward in Faith"
 "To the World With
 Love"
 "New Horizons"
- 3:15- 5:15 Business Session
 Reports From Standing
 Committees
 Special Features
- 6:45- 7:00 Musical Prelude
 7:00- 7:25 Musical Program
 7:30- 9:15 International Festival
 of Mission
 China
 U. S. S. R.
 Eastern Africa Division

THURSDAY, JULY 4

- 7:45- 8:00 Music
 8:00- 9:15 Devotional—Jovan Loren-
 cin
- 9:30-12:00 "Women for Christ
 and Humanity" (Hyatt
 Ballroom)
- 9:30-12:00 Business Session
 Reports From Standing
 Committees
 Reports From GC Insti-
 tutions
 Special Features
- 1:30- 3:00 Session Committees
 1:30- 3:00 Window on the World
 "One Tiny Snowflake"
 "Adventist Heritage"
 Film From ASI
 Film From Inter-Ameri-
 can Division
 Film From Huguley
 Hospital
 "Garden Tomb"
- 3:15- 5:15 Business Session
 Reports From Standing
 Committees
 Reports From GC Insti-
 tutions
 Special Features

- 6:45- 7:00 Musical Prelude
 7:00- 7:25 Musical Program
 7:30- 9:15 International Festival
 of Mission
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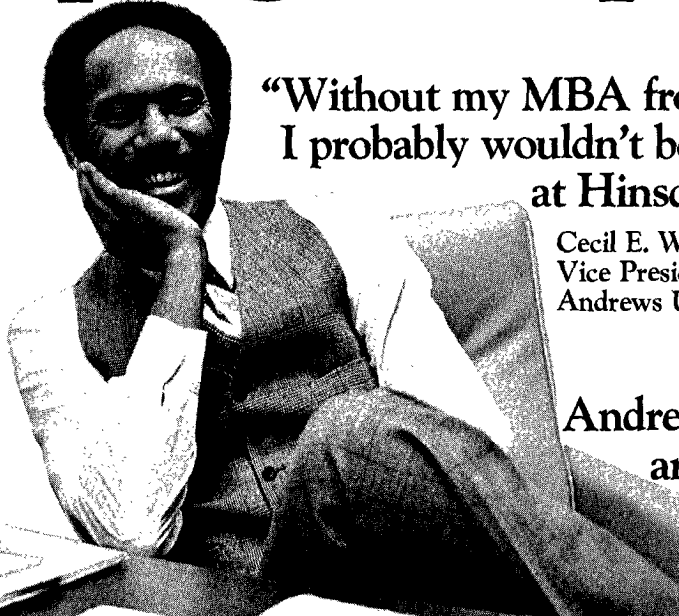
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- 7:45- 8:00 Music
 8:00- 9:15 Devotional—Henry M.
 Wright
- 9:30-12:00 Business Session
 Reports From Standing
 Committees
 Reports From GC Insti-
 tutions
 Special Features
- 12:20- 1:30 Window on the World
 "Festival of Hope"
- 1:30- 4:00 Business Session
 Reports From Standing
 Committees
 Special Features
 Close of Business Ses-
 sion
- 6:45- 9:00 Junior and Earliteen
 (Meeting Rooms 19
 and 20)
- 6:45- 7:00 Musical Prelude
 (Arena)
 7:00- 7:25 Musical Program
 7:30- 9:00 Consecration Service—
 C.D. Brooks

SABBATH, JULY 6

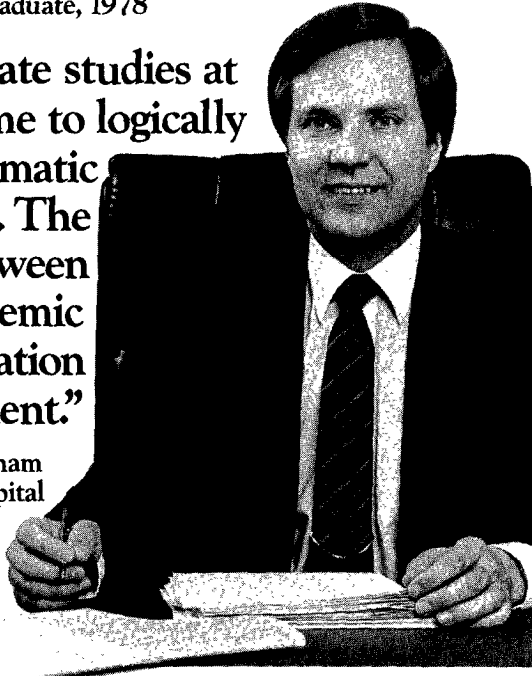
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 9:00-10:15 Sabbath School
 Adult and Youth (Arena)
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- 10:15-10:30 Missionary Service
 Lay Activities Depart-
 ment
- 10:45-12:15 Divine Service
 Adult and Youth
 (Arena)—GC Presi-
 dent
 Junior and Earliteen
 (Meeting Rooms 19
 and 20)
 Primary—English
 (Meeting Rooms 7
 and 8)
 Primary—Spanish
 (Meeting Room 9)
- 2:15- 3:45 Musical Special
 4:00- 5:30 Mission Pageant
 5:30- 7:30 Closing Service
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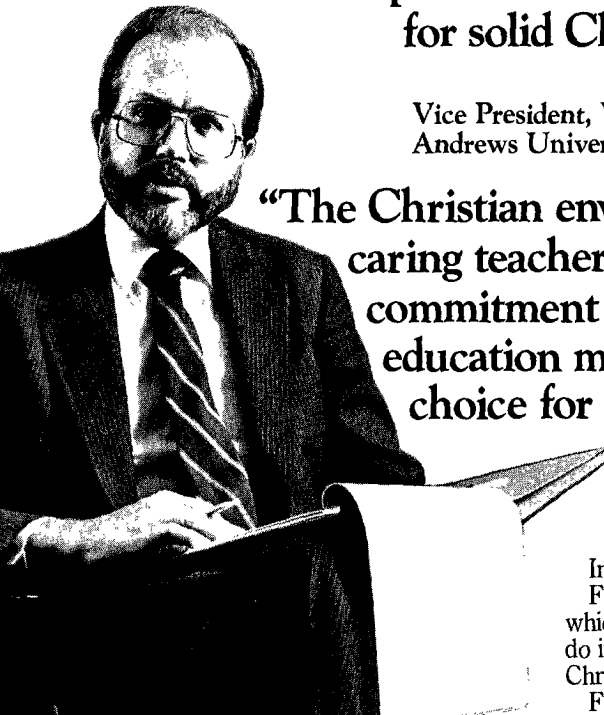
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