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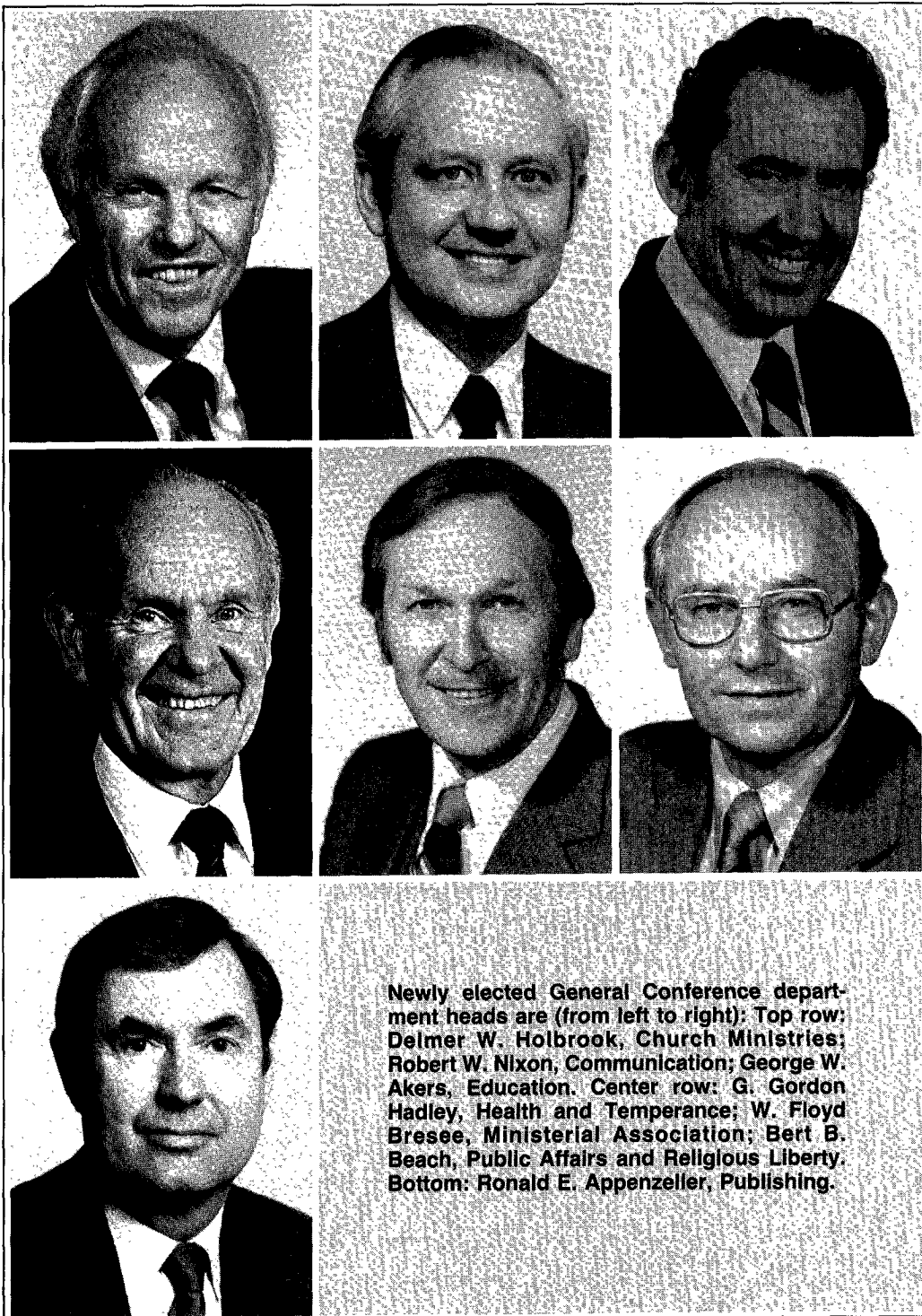
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# “Christ Our Hope”

Condensation of the  
Sabbath sermon  
July 6, 1985.

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In our devotionals this past week we have reviewed the message that God has so graciously given to us. We have been reminded of the mission for which Christ came to this world, and the privilege and responsibility we have of completing that mission. It has been pointed out that we were brought into existence as a prophetic movement, designed by God to complete the work of reformation and to prepare the way for His coming.

With this marvelous heritage, it is almost incomprehensible that we have continued to wander in the wilderness for so many years. We have allowed the glamour of sin and selfishness to keep us in this world long after the Lord was anxious and willing to take us into the Promised Land.

What will we do about the counsel and the appeals that have been brought to us in our devotionals and vesper services? Will we listen to and accept the voice of God in Scripture? Will we give heed to the special messages that our Lord has sent to us through His servant Ellen White?

Or will we persist in showing stubbornness, rejection, and pride and refuse to repent, thus being prevented from that close relationship with our Lord and Saviour? Speaking through the prophet Jeremiah, God said, “I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye hearkened not unto me. I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers” (Jer. 35:14, 15).

God pleaded with His people then as He does now. We react now very much as they did then. We have had great privileges as a people chosen to carry the everlasting gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. But it is now as it was in the days of Jeremiah. Those who have had the greatest light and privileges have become contaminated by the miasma of sin, and many even of those who profess the truth have grown cold.

In the days of Samuel, God’s people thought that the presence of the ark containing the commandments of God would gain them the victory over the Philistines, whether or not they repented of their wicked works. Just so, in Jeremiah’s time the people believed that the strict observance

of the divinely appointed services of the Temple would preserve them from the just punishment of their evil course. It is not strange, then, that in commenting upon the experience of God’s people in the past, the Lord’s servant says, “The same danger exists today among the people who profess to be the depositaries of God’s law. They are too apt to flatter themselves that the regard in which they hold the commandments will preserve them from the power of divine justice. They refuse to be reprov’d for evil.”—*Testimonies*, vol. 4, p. 166.

Our Scripture lesson this morning is taken from Acts 4. It tells us of the aftermath of Peter’s sermon, where in deep earnestness he called upon the religious leaders and the people, “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19). Thousands, under the conviction of the Holy Spirit, were deeply impressed that Jesus truly was the Son of God. Many among those who listened were waiting for this positive testimony, and when they heard it they believed it.

Added to this was the story of the healing and restoration of the man who had been lame from birth. The news spread throughout the city! Hitherto the priests had avoided mentioning the crucifixion or the resurrection of Jesus. But now they were forced to inquire of the disciples as to how the cure of the impotent man had been accomplished. “By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?” they asked (verse 7).

With holy boldness Peter fearlessly declared, “Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole” (verse 10). And then he added that marvelous statement: “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (verse 12).

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This, my brothers and sisters, focuses upon the theme of this entire General Conference session—“Christ Our Hope.” There is no other name under heaven. He came to save, and it is far more important for us to understand *why* He came than *how* He came. We may not be able to understand fully *how* He came—all the mysteries of the Incarnation and the virgin birth and how He could be fully divine and fully human—but we do know *why* He came, and that is the message that the world needs today. We can never give too much emphasis to the theme “Christ Our Hope.”

We have reviewed God’s providence. We have counted our blessings. We have listed the triumphs of the gospel. We have told the marvelous stories of soul winning, of institutional growth, of deliverance. We celebrated the 1000 Days of Reaping and the 1,170,390 new brothers and sisters who have joined the Advent family. We have set some new

goals, which we hope to achieve through the power of the Holy Spirit.

But, my friends, this is *not* the good news. The good news is *not* about us. It is about Jesus Christ. The message of the early apostles was "Christ Our Hope." That was the good news.

As I visit with our people all over the world, they tell me that there has been too much problem-oriented preaching; too much rehearsal of human experience; too much pious inspiration. People are tired of dissertations on problems. They are not interested in our views and arguments. They want to know what God has said. From despairing hearts everywhere comes the cry "What is God saying to this generation?"

But let us go back to Acts 4. "When they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus" (verse 13).

My fellow leaders, brothers and sisters, when people become personally acquainted with us after we have preached the message, and as we mingle with the secular minds of contemporary society, are they forced to admit that we enjoy a close daily relationship with Jesus Christ?

Verse 32 tells us that "the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul. Neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own: but they had all things common." They experienced victories over selfishness. And then comes a verse with urgent meaning—one that deserves constant emphasis. Verse 33: "And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all."

How did this power come? How was it the early disciples

gained such boldness and courage? Verse 31 says, "When they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness."

My brothers and sisters, do you agree that this is our need today? Do you agree that we need to humble our hearts, get rid of self, and make room for the Holy Spirit? The power does not come from organization, from plans or policies, or finance or institutions. The power comes from the Holy Spirit. "And great grace was upon them all."

What is grace? In the New Testament the word *grace* appears 150 times. Almost one hundred of these are in the writings of the apostle Paul. There are many definitions, but I would like to suggest to you that grace is the abundant saving agape love of God toward sinners as revealed in Jesus Christ. Grace is an active, energizing, transforming power to save. It is unlimited, all-inclusive, transforming love.

Nearly all religions are based on the idea of God's being as elusive as a cure for cancer. People imagine that God is playing hide-and-seek and has withdrawn Himself from human beings. Only special ones are wise or clever enough to discover where He is hiding. Millions go on long journeys to Mecca, Rome, Jerusalem, or other shrines, searching for Him.

But God is just the opposite. It is not humans seeking after God, but God seeking after man: "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). The shepherd left his 99 sheep that were safe and risked his life to find the one that was lost.

Now let us consider briefly what God says about the Holy Spirit. We are told that near the close of earth's harvest there will be a special bestowal of the Holy Spirit. Again we learn that Christ had a variety of subjects from which to choose,



**Representatives of the 184 countries in which the Adventist Church is established carried the countries' flags in the march of the nations during the Sabbath mission pageant, creating a spectacular display of color and eliciting enthusiastic audience response.**

but the one upon which He dwelt most largely was the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Satan is conquered only through the power of the Holy Spirit. Sin is resisted and overcome only through the workings of the Holy Spirit. We become partakers of the divine nature and receive a new birth and a new life through the Holy Spirit. God's image is restored in man only through the Holy Spirit. We can reach those around us only as the Holy Spirit ministers through us. Preaching is of no avail without the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Why do we neglect to claim this promised blessing that brings all other blessings in its train? Why do we give so little thought to the ministry of the Holy Spirit and as a result have so little power? Rarely do we hear messages presented to God's people about the need of the Holy Spirit. We are urged to pray as never before for the presence and the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our meetings. Are we doing this, or are we too self-satisfied?

At this fifty-fourth General Conference session we need a Pentecost experience.

That wonderful book, *The Acts of the Apostles*, by Ellen White, tells us more about the disciples' experience.

In obedience to Christ's command the disciples waited in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. What were they doing during this time of waiting? Certainly they did not wait in idleness. The record

says that they "were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God." Higher and still higher they extended the hand of faith with the mighty argument that Jesus, who is at the right hand of God, was there making intercession in our behalf.

As the disciples waited for the fulfillment of the promise, they humbled their hearts in true repentance and confessed their unbelief. If only they could have the past three years to live over, they thought, how differently they would act. They sorrowed for ever having grieved the Master by word or act of unbelief. On the other hand, they were comforted by the thought that they were forgiven. Putting away all differences, all desire for supremacy, they came close together in Christian fellowship. These days of waiting were days of deep heart searching.

The disciples felt their spiritual need and cried to the Lord for holy unction to fit them for the work of soul saving. They were weighted down with a burden for the salvation of souls.

In response to their obedience to the commands of Christ, the Holy Spirit came upon the waiting, praying disciples with a fullness that reached every heart. And what were the results? The sword of the Spirit, newly edged with power and bathed in the lightnings of heaven, cut its way through unbelief. Thousands were converted in a day. Under this heavenly conviction, no longer were their hopes set on worldly greatness. They were of one accord, of one heart and



Although they arrived only the day before the session ended, the Cuban delegates marched in the Sabbath parade of nations.



During Sabbath's mission pageant Maurice T. Battle, left, a General Conference associate secretary, interviewed Dr. and Mrs. V. Hogganvik, longtime missionaries to Ethiopia.

of one soul. All men "took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13).

The glad tidings of a risen Saviour were carried to the uttermost parts of the inhabited world.

Having pledged ourselves to the great objectives of Harvest '90, what a consolation it is that the promise of the Holy Spirit is not limited to any age or to any race. Christ declared that the divine influence of the Holy Spirit was to be with His followers until the end. Since this is the means by which we are to receive power, why do we not hunger and thirst for the gift of the Holy Spirit? Why do we not talk about this gift? Why do we not pray for it, preach concerning it?

In summation, the disciples needed then what we need now, today, this morning.

*First* of all they were praying and praising God in the Temple.

*Second*, they were humbling their hearts and repenting and confessing their unbelief and putting away differences between themselves.

*Third*, they were witnessing about the resurrection and grace of Christ. They testified of His saving power to those whom they met in the streets, in the Temple area, in the marketplace, and to everyone who would listen. Should we be doing the same today? Are you with me?

On my recent trip to the Australasian Division, now soon to become the South Pacific Division, we were commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the beginning of our work in that part of the world. One of the places where we had a commemoration service was in a little town called Bunbury, about 93 miles (150 kilometers) south of Perth, the beautiful capital city of Western Australia.

A bright young newspaper reporter asked Elder Scragg and me several probing questions in his efforts to write a story about Seventh-day Adventists. "Most churches," he said, "have changed or altered their beliefs during the course of 100 years. What about Seventh-day Adventists? Have they modernized their theology? Has their lifestyle remained much the same? Do Adventist youth have vision, commitment, and an interest in the church and its spiritual values and mission?"

For a moment I hesitated. I thought to myself, Are we really what we profess to be? Are we different from others? Is this visible in our lifestyle, our character, our dress? Are we

*Adventists* or not, or are we conformed to the world like everyone else?

I assured the reporter that the pillars of our message remain unmoved.

There have been attempts to dilute our message, to introduce pluralism of doctrine and theology, to suggest a congregational type of church government. But we have resisted these things, and God has helped us to preserve our message as it was revealed to us in the beginning. We as a people have been admonished to stand firm on the platform of eternal truth that has withstood test and trial. We are to hold to the sure pillars of our faith. These pillars have made us what we are, and the lapse of time has not lessened their value.

Our commission is to preach the everlasting gospel to all that dwell upon the earth—to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. We understand that this includes a clear understanding of salvation by grace through faith in Christ; the message of the investigative judgment beginning in 1844; the distinctive nature of our mission in this world as compared to other Christian bodies; the sanctuary message and all that it involves in capsulizing the whole plan of salvation and the gospel; obedience to the ten-commandment law; emphasis upon the Sabbath as the seal of God; and the soon coming of Jesus and His plan to restore this earth to its original Edenic condition.

I assured this young reporter that "the leadings of the Lord were marked, and most wonderful were His revelations of what is truth. Point after point was established by the Lord God of heaven. That which was truth *then* is truth today."—*Selected Messages*, book 2, p. 104.

It is important to remember that "the strongest witness that God has sent His Son into the world is the existence of harmony and union among men of varied dispositions who form His church . . . In the church of God today brotherly love is sadly lacking. Many who profess to love the Saviour do not love one another."—*The Acts of the Apostles*, pp. 549, 550.

What about the standards of our church? Do we preach one thing and practice something else? My heart is made sad by reports that some of our professed Seventh-day Adventists in some places find no problem in drinking a little wine at social gatherings or on airplanes. They seem to have no particular

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conviction about diet and clean and unclean foods. They have come under the intoxicating influence of worldly customs when it comes to dress, entertainment, and amusements, attending dance halls, drinking coffee and tea, adorning themselves with jewelry such as earrings and necklaces. In a few places carelessness has developed in the matter of Sabbathkeeping.

Before me this morning is a good cross section of the lay and employed leadership of our world church, the men and women who above all others shape and mold this movement. Will we resolutely stand for the faith once delivered to the saints? Will we faithfully oppose the inroads of worldliness and unbelief and apostasy? Will we walk in the old paths of Christian faith and experience?

It is abundantly clear in the counsel that God has given to us that leaders have a great influence, positively or negatively, upon the church. When leaders go wrong, everything seems to be wrong. When there is mismanagement of our fiduciary or administrative responsibilities, the confidence of our people is shaken. When indifference is shown toward health reform and a healthful way of life by leaders, many of our people are caused to stumble.

Carelessness, childishness, boasting, complaining, envy, false dignity, flippant words, sarcasm, laziness, sour spirit, temper, neglect of little courtesies, involvement in business enterprises for personal benefit—all these tend to destroy the effectiveness of leadership. God tells us that these are undesirable and defective characteristics and practices in the life of spiritual leaders.

We have come to a time as never before in the history of our world when we must be alert to the devices and traps of

the enemy. The influence of Satan in our world is seen on every hand. For instance, there is a tragic disintegration of the family. I have a deep concern for our homes, and I believe that family life constitutes one of the great tests of true religion. Certainly that man who is not a Christian in his home is not a Christian at all. It really does not make much difference as to how exalted a profession a person may make, or what official position he may occupy in the church or in the

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conference, or how active he is in missionary work, or how liberal he is in tithes and offerings, or even how kind and courteous he is to his neighbors. Unless there is true religion, Christian love, and courtesy in the home, we have little to say to others about the changing power of the gospel.

We are menaced on every hand today by materialism. We must be careful of the houses we live in and of the buildings we construct. We must refrain from building up modern Jerusalems. In the complex world in which we live we must distribute responsibility, decentralize administration, and delegate authority. But at the same time we must be very careful that we do not encourage independent movements, congregationalism, or lack of unified policy and action. While there is danger in centralization of authority, there is greater danger in independent movements or irresponsible action.

“Oh, how Satan would rejoice if he could succeed in his efforts to get in among this people and disorganize the work at a time when thorough organization is essential and will be the greatest power to keep out spurious uprisings and to refute claims not endorsed by the Word of God!”—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 489.

In these days in which we live God expects us to stand free from every entangling alliance, free from any national spirit that would provoke racial jealousy or animosity on the part of others, free from political agitation or discussion that would create prejudice against the gospel message that we bear to the world.

First of all, we must be Christians. Christ recognized no national lines, no social caste, no political parties. He was the ambassador of heaven to a fallen race. He labored for the high and the low, the rich and the poor. We still occasionally see vestiges of racial, color, language, and national discrimination, and by God's grace every evil root of this kind must be pulled out.

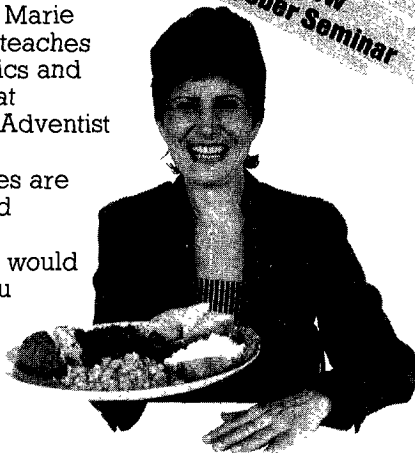
We must be on guard against the efforts to make our institutions so much like the institutions of the world that they lose their distinctiveness and their real reason for existence. We are facing new demands in the field of education and health care. We certainly must learn from the experience of others and know that unless there is a determined and unified effort to safeguard the spiritual integrity of these institutions, they will go the way that others have gone—compromise and loss of distinctive mission.

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*Compromise* is a common word today, and it seems that to be successful, one must be willing to negotiate and to compromise. I have great regard for those who have accepted the responsibility of giving leadership to our educational and health programs today. I appeal to them not to form worldly alliances or to accept theories and philosophies that would lead us to compromise the message, principles, or witness that God has commissioned us to give to the world.

While we must see ourselves as the Lord sees us in our self-righteousness—lukewarm, in need of nothing, enamored by materialism, self-satisfied, poor, wretched, and naked—we must also realize He wants to change us and place His robe of righteousness around us. With Christ it is not negative; it is all positive.

In spite of weaknesses and failings, our Lord has not abandoned us. He is still the Master Potter, and we are the clay. He is still experimenting on human lives, and if we are willing, the end product will be a living monument to the glory of His name. The question is Are we willing to place all that we are and have and hope to be into His nail-pierced hands?

In 1 Corinthians 15, the apostle Paul speaks of the life, ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ, and then he moves on to the glorious theme of the Second Coming. He states that the resurrection and Second Coming must have priority in our preaching and witnessing. "Tell it everywhere," he says.

This chapter shows the theme and the object of all of the books of the Bible, namely, that the restoration of man to favor with God and God's promise to man of freedom from

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all the effects of sin is brought about only by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

"Christ gave His life to make it possible for man to be restored to the image of God. It is the power of His grace that draws men together in obedience to the truth."—*Counsels to Parents and Teachers*, p. 249.

The chapter culminates in the last two verses: "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (verses 57, 58).

The apostle is saying: "You and I are debtors! If we accept Christ as Lord and Saviour, we must love one another and be willing to suffer for and with one another. We must resist Satan and his agents and his deceptive philosophies. We must be ready to stand like a rock. Witnessing is not optional—it is a necessity; and the love of Christ compels us to abound in fruits of the Spirit."

I quote an illustration from the Spirit of Prophecy: "At a certain battle, when one of the regiments of the attacking force was being beaten back by the hordes of the enemy, the ensign in front stood his ground as the troops retreated. The captain shouted to him to bring back the colors, but the reply

of the ensign was: 'Bring the men up to the colors!' This is the work that devolves upon every faithful standard-bearer—to bring the men [and the women and the youth] up to the colors. The Lord calls for wholeheartedness. We all know that the sin of many professing Christians is that they lack the courage and energy to bring themselves and those connected with them up to the standard."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 46.

Are you willing to march under the banner of Prince Emmanuel? Are you willing to dedicate your all to Jesus Christ today? Are you willing to pay the price of self-surrender and to follow Him and to claim Him as Saviour and Lord? □

## ADVENTIST SCRAPBOOK

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## Our first overseas delegate

The 1870 General Conference session was the first to have an official delegate from outside the United States—James Ertzenberger, a young man from Switzerland. The session resolved: "That we set him apart to the work of the Christian ministry, that he may return to Switzerland to preach the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

This took place four years before J. N. Andrews went to Europe as the church's first official missionary. Ertzenberger had become an Adventist indirectly through the efforts of M. B. Czechowski, a former Polish priest, who had gone to Europe in 1864 without our denomination's backing. Czechowski went as a Advent Christian missionary, even though he had become a Seventh-day Adventist in 1857. While in Europe he taught our beliefs without mentioning either Seventh-day Adventists or Advent Christians. One of Czechowski's converts in Switzerland discovered a copy of the *Review and Herald* in a room where Czechowski had been staying. This led to contact between the small group of Sabbathkeepers in Switzerland and the General Conference in Battle Creek, Michigan.

These Swiss Sabbathkeepers sent James Ertzenberger to the United States in 1869 to appeal for a minister to come to Europe. He arrived too late for the General Conference session, but remained 15 months, living most of the time in the home of James and Ellen White. While there he not only perfected his knowledge of English but also learned about all phases of our work.

During his visit Ertzenberger became the first official delegate from overseas to a General Conference session. In September of 1870 he returned to Switzerland. Later, after J. N. Andrews arrived in Europe, Elder Ertzenberger translated for him. For 50 years our first overseas delegate worked in various countries of Europe until his death in 1920.

# New Orleans: A watershed in Adventism

The editor analyzes the fifty-fourth  
General Conference session

By WILLIAM G. JOHNSON

The children have grown up, come of age.

But can the parents find the grace to acknowledge them as adults? And can the children find the maturity to accept the responsibilities and privileges that adulthood confers?

So the fifty-fourth General Conference session, which began with a recognition, closed with a question for the future.

In retrospect, the winds of change were blowing from the first business sessions. For days consideration of the first major item of the agenda, the Role and Function of Denominational Organizations, proceeded at a laborious pace as delegates spoke to point after point. By Tuesday morning, July 2, the winds became a gale. The Nominating Committee's recommendations for general vice presidents of the General Conference were challenged from the floor and adopted only after nearly two hours of lively, at times fractious, debate. At issue was not the individuals proposed but the heavily North American composition of the slate.

By now it was evident: The fifty-fourth session would not be "business as usual."

The fifty-fourth session would bring to an end an era—the era of Western, mainly American, control of the church, the

era of ready acceptance of what "the brethren" had decided.

The fifty-fourth session would show, for the first time, Adventism of the Third World stretching its limbs and standing erect to full height, exercising the force that its numerical strength already had given it.

The fifty-fourth session would be a convention of mutual recognition that the children have grown up. For years Adventism has exulted in the growth of the church and applauded the statistics, even though the Western church's share of the numbers has shrunk progressively (in the North American Division, now less than 17 percent of world membership). At New Orleans we would recognize the implications of these numbers. For some the recognition would be painful; for others it would be heady and tempting.

No, the delegates from Africa (1 million members), Inter-America (900,000), and South America (700,000) did not wrest control of the session. No, they did not attempt to do so. No, the fifty-fourth session did not develop into a political power struggle.

But the delegates from the world church were heard—how they were heard! They came into their own, assuming their rightful place as equals in the Seventh-day Adventist family.

I expect some delegates from the West left New Orleans troubled, apprehensive about the future of the church.

I did not. The genius of Adventism is its gathering together of people from every nation, kindred, tongue, and people; a people one in faith, one in doctrine, one in hope, one in lifestyle, one in mission. Like the early Christian church, it signifies the new humanity in Jesus Christ, the universal Man. The parade through the streets of New Orleans—oh, that parade of happy, smiling faces!—epitomized it. The missions pageant of the final Sabbath afternoon, with its spectacular trooping of 184 flags, embodied it.

But can we live with the implications—the full implications—of that pageant? I think we can. All of us will have to learn and grow a little; some of us will have to learn and grow a lot. We have to resist the tendency, on one hand, to retreat into an isolationist, self-protective cocoon; and on the other, to identify ourselves *first* by nationality or color or race and only second by our Adventism.





As I see it, while dangers of a new kind lie ahead, the possibilities for enrichment of the church are enormous. I lived long enough in the East to know that not all wisdom resides in the West, that spiritual life and growth can be nurtured by contact with other races and cultures.

Two years ago I observed, as a member of the press contingent, the deliberations of the Sixth Assembly of the World Council of Churches. I saw that body, tossed about by conflicting pressure groups, unable to chart its course for the future. I saw the committee on nominations, hamstrung by formulas mandating proportional representation, stymied in its efforts. I saw one group stage a demonstration on the floor of the convention as its members demanded greater representation. I saw another large bloc threaten to walk out and go home if its representation was reduced.

It will be a sorry day in Adventism if a future General Conference session falls into such disarray. We cannot—we must not—let that happen.

To guide the Adventist ship of state during the years ahead will call for unusual skills and insight. Platitudes about

levels—local church, conference/mission, union, and General Conference/division. The division is not a separate level but an administrative unit of the General Conference.

In view of the development of the church worldwide, the concept can be vital for the years ahead. However, as with all statements of relationship, the test will come in the practice rather than in the assent to the idea.

North America presents a specific and urgent situation. Because of its geographical location as the host region for the General Conference and also its financial role in Adventism, the North American Division has had a “special relationship” with the General Conference. The relationship, however, shows signs of strain; increasingly it will demand adroit handling for smooth operation of the church.

If the former “mission lands” of the church came into their own at the fifty-fourth session, another element, without fuss or agitation, stood waiting to be recognized—the women of the church. Very few of the more than 2,000 delegates were women, and since only delegates could address the session at business meetings, women’s voices were all but silent on the floor of the session. But the women demonstrated their deep concern and hunger by packing the “Women for Christ and Humanity” meetings convened for them. With more than 3,000 turning out, these meetings had a larger attendance than the concurrent business sessions.

Regardless of the direction the church takes on the ordination of women to the gospel ministry, it will have to give its women a greater role. They are the gentle wave of its future.

In a further respect the fifty-fourth session showed the Seventh-day Adventist Church coming of age. Instead of merely arriving in New Orleans and going about its Adventist business, the church made conscious efforts to reach out to the people of the host city. The exhibition of Adventist art from around the world—a “first”—and public concerts showed that Adventism, centered in the hope of the second coming of Jesus, also has the time to appreciate the lovely and the creative.

Neal C. Wilson, reelected to lead the world family, is an activist president. That is good: the fast-changing face of the

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## Delegates from the world church came into their own, assuming their rightful place in the SDA family.

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“equality” or exhortations for “unity” will not suffice. For us to live and grow together as the family of nations described in Revelation 14 requires respect, concern, tolerance, and participation at all levels of the church.

At Dallas in 1980 the major issue was doctrine: the 27 Fundamentals of Belief dominated the agenda. At New Orleans questions of church structure and organization commanded the floor. In these discussions the document on the role and function of denominational organization and the constitution and bylaws of the church were the focus of attention.

The deliberations confirmed the concept that the Seventh-day Adventist Church has four, rather than five, constituent



church calls for leadership that can adapt, that can take the long view, that isn't afraid to break with the status quo.

Elder Wilson assumed office in 1978. During the past seven years he has addressed major areas:

- Doctrine: the first major reconsideration of Adventist fundamental beliefs in 50 years.
- World division alignments: Africa, Europe, Asia—all have been changed, six divisions in all. Only the Americas and Australia have the same configuration as in 1978.
- Denominational structure and organization.
- The departments: the new Church Ministries Department, combining five previous departments and services, is the most sweeping departmental change in 80 years. It offers the hope of revitalizing departmental services.
- Outreach: The 1000 Days of Reaping campaign was the most fruitful evangelistic thrust in our history; the Guam-AWR project is the single most ambitious evangelistic project we have undertaken.

Now, a final word. Some readers may be disappointed that my analysis has not addressed the spiritual dimension of the fifty-fourth session. They may wonder if business swallowed up concern for revival and reformation.

I invite them to peruse the devotional messages and sermons of the session. The *Review Bulletins* carry them all. Readers will find, I think, messages of deep spiritual thrust and power.

But there is more to be said. In Christianity the life of

prayer is not to be separated from the life of work; spirituality and business go hand in hand. In fact, our spirituality is best revealed by the way we run the church and deal with one another.

### A thousand sights and sounds

So the fifty-fourth session is history. I have put a chain on my hand as I have been writing this analysis, disciplining myself to keep to the business side, holding back from expressing a thousand sights and sounds and unforgettable moments that I live again as I recall New Orleans. I will let the chain slip for three seconds.

The "Ages of Man," with music, readings, and sculptor Alan Collins—infinately sad, then infinitely glad. Never have I seen an audience *leap* to its feet in such excitement.

Marching through the streets of New Orleans, singing "Jerusalem, Jerusalem" with the Maranatha Steel Orchestra from Trinidad.

When the Superdome lights—all of them—came on, for the first time, to mark the close of the mission pageant.

Thousands will recall these moments with me. But the fifty-fourth session will be remembered for far more. Inevitably it invites comparison with 1901. Then the Seventh-day Adventist Church reviewed and changed structure and set up an organization that would lead to a family of nations.

In New Orleans, a watershed for Adventism, the promise of 1901—with its joys, its challenges, its tensions—was fulfilled. □

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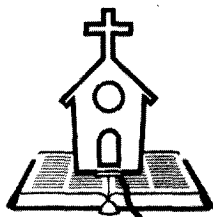
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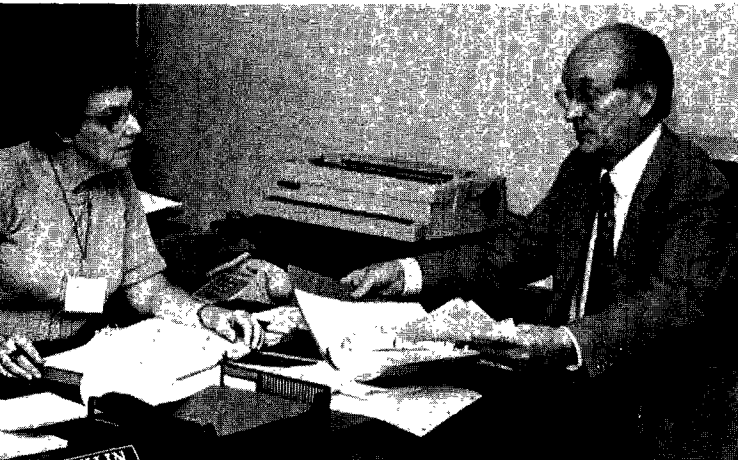
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## Unsung heroes

The people on the platform are but a small part of a GC session.

By PAUL RICHARDSON

Operations for the fifty-fourth session of the General Conference would not have run as smoothly had it not been for many talented and dedicated people behind the scenes.

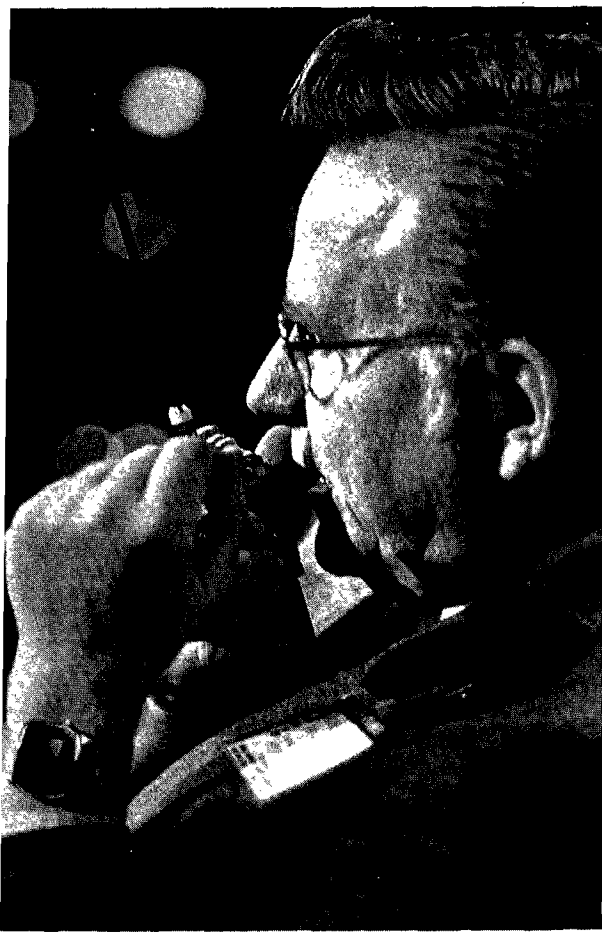
In April, 1983, preparations commenced on food service arrangements. Clinton Wall, R. D., and Millie Kurtz, R. D., directed the largest vegetarian food service ever—nearly 144,000 meals, 175 tons of food, and 210 employees—with the help of food service directors and personnel from more than a dozen Adventist institutions.

Noted Wall, “We employed children of the delegates and local college and academy students to do most of our work. The money they have earned will be going for school tuition.”

Unsung heroes included the women who transcribed meeting minutes, duplicated materials, answered phones, and reviewed and retyped materials.

Many others also served capably and unobtrusively—the cleaning and sanitation staff, the security personnel, the cashiers (who had to contend with myriads of dollar bills and currency from Singapore, Switzerland, Canada, Brazil, and Germany).

One of the evening reports carried the title “People Helping People.” That aptly describes the unsung heroes of the fifty-fourth session.



*Clockwise from top left:* David Jones, from *It Is Written*, directed a 30-member team of video and camera personnel, whose services made it possible to watch platform participants on large screens at the front of the auditorium. General Conference controller Karl Bahr played a vital role in keeping things on track. Cameras, both still and video, preserved useful mementos of what happened. Irene Gilbert and Yvonne Fletcher were part of the Secretariat eight-person pool who recorded verbatim notes of the business session proceedings and then typed them each night. As the meetings drew on, some video cameramen found themselves growing weary. June Franklin worked as the receptionist for the General Conference associate secretaries. Betty Brooks was one of the four women who duplicated materials for the upcoming meetings.



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## The view from the visitors' gallery

By TIM PONDER

You can admire and appreciate some things in life, even though you don't understand everything about them.

I found this to be true of the fifty-fourth General Conference session. Before arriving in New Orleans, I felt that I had a fairly precise understanding of the operation of the Seventh-day Adventist Church on its different administrative levels. However, after attending many of the business sessions, I began to realize that I still have a lot to learn. Many complex issues and problems were addressed by the church in this session. Add to that the complicated machinery of all the different committee meetings, along with the rules of parliamentary procedure needed to make this session a smooth and productive one, and you are talking about the need for a high degree of organizational skill.

The vastness of the Superdome and the significance of the events happening within it had a way of instilling a sense of awe and admiration within the person who experienced it. I developed a deeper appreciation for our church as a worldwide organization spreading the gospel in these last days.

I represented a sizable group here at the General Conference session—the observer, the guest, the nondelegate. A General Conference session serves as a magnet to draw a huge cross section of church employees and laypeople from all over North America, and many regions beyond. The numerous languages and nationalities represented in the Superdome gave us a picture-in-miniature of the 4.5 million members in the entire world church. Several thousand of us were observers, and that number swelled to more

than 30,000 during the weekend. Usually we sat in the two arena levels above the main floor, known in Superdome terminology as the mezzanine and the loge levels, and observed the devotional messages, the nightly division reports, and the large number of speeches given each day by delegates on the floor.

Most observers sat on the lower mezzanine level, the same level on which all the exhibits of different church institutions and colleges could be found. Some nondelegates seemed to spend as much or more time clustered around these exhibits than they spent seated, listening to the meeting! This outer corridor quite often proved to be noisy and crowded, with handshaking, hugging, and backslapping between long-separated friends.

The different personalities of Adventism are what make a General Conference session so fascinating. At New Orleans one could see the "famous," the "nearly famous," and then all the rest of us. Television and radio evangelists; well-known ministers; conference, union, and General Conference leaders; and others—all were there to see and visit with, both in the Superdome and in the hotel lobbies. A name tag on almost everyone helped to avoid cases of mistaken identity.

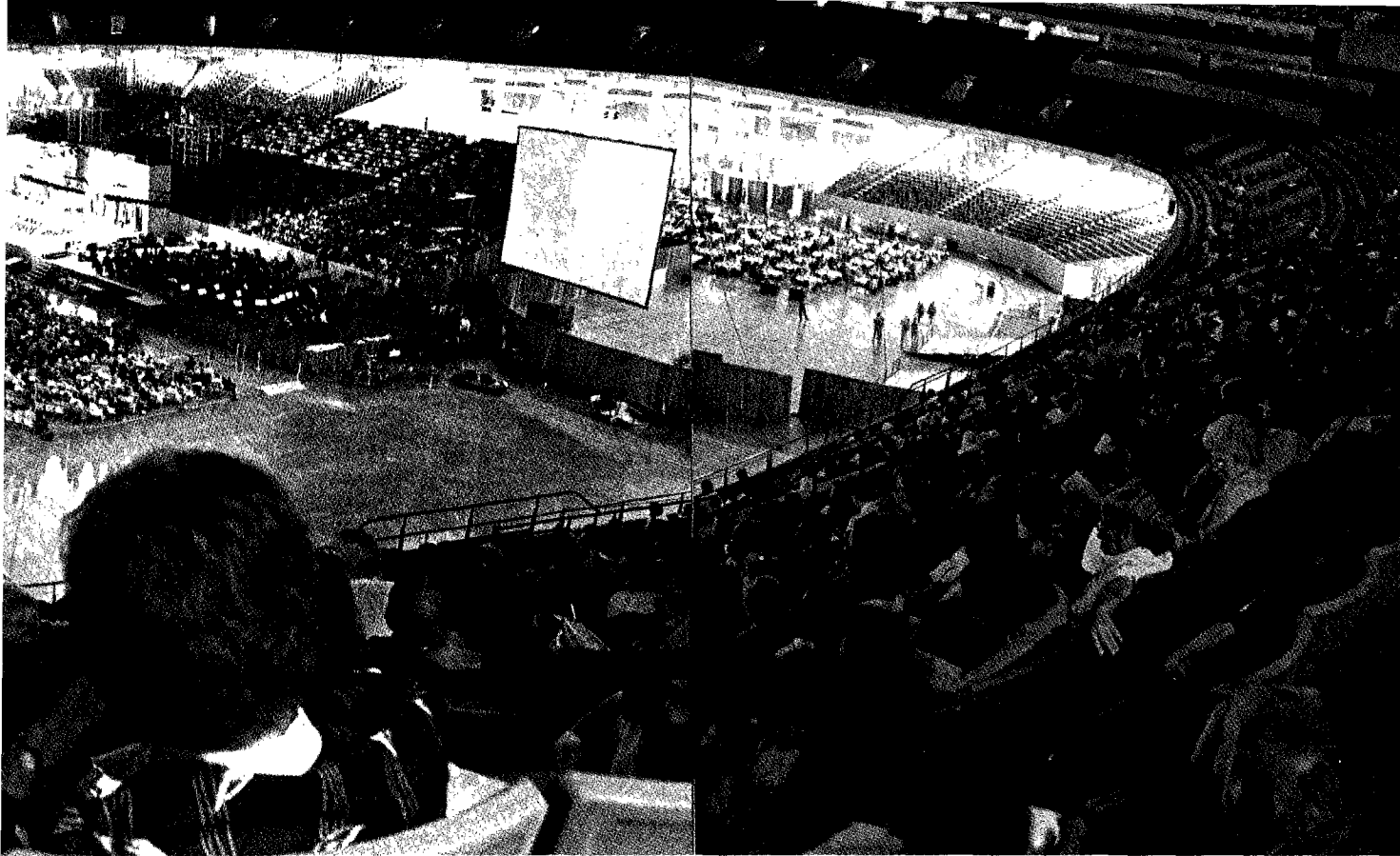
One afternoon a friend and I were eating lunch in a nearby restaurant. An older couple sat down at the table next to us. On his name tag was written "Harry Anderson." After obtaining his autograph, I expressed to him my appreciation for his art and told him that a copy of the painting *What Happened to Your Hand?* had been in my bedroom when I was a small boy. The Andersons were very gracious to us, even though we had interrupted their meal.

Another moving experience occurred when I witnessed the 13-minute multimedia presentation "Jesus, the Source of Living Water." This skillfully produced program was shown at the church's exhibit at the 1984 World's Fair in New Orleans. It portrayed our message from a positive, Christ-centered viewpoint. I felt proud that our church had shown this program at this international exhibition.

On Monday, July 1, many of us (both delegates and observers) participated in a Seventh-day Adventist parade. Some of us

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marched; others cheered us on beside the curb of the street. This procession down the streets of downtown New Orleans perhaps will not gain the fame of a Mardi Gras parade, but it was an impressive display of Seventh-day Adventism to this large city. Especially notable were all the national flags and native costumes that finally converged upon Jackson Square from the 1.5-mile (2.4 kilometer) parade route. My camera didn't stop clicking that afternoon as I met these foreign delegates in their colorful dress and took their picture. They seemed to enjoy being celebrities for several hours. I can hardly wait to get my pictures of this thanksgiving service at Jackson Square developed. The parade and the concluding service at the square helped demonstrate to me the fact that there were a lot of Seventh-day Adventists in New Orleans!

### Hours off from listening

Being a nondelegate gave me the freedom of having time to see some of the many historical sights in the area. The official delegation worked diligently each afternoon, and usually I sat in the visitors' gallery and listened with the same diligence. On several occasions, however, I took off a few hours from my listening to do some sight-seeing. Most memorable was my walking tour of the historical sights in the French Quarter and the three-hour cruise on the *Creole Queen* paddlewheel boat. On that cruise we went up the Mississippi to the site of the Battle of New Orleans in 1815. On my tour of the French Quarter I saw an old tavern once frequented by Andrew Jackson and pirate Jean Laffite. Historical markers made these trips meaningful and interesting. And I'll never forget my trip to Preservation Hall, an old building where they play Dixieland music in its pure form. It may not exactly be the music of heaven, but it was fun to see these old masters of this musical style perform it with enthusiasm.

I didn't come all the way from Oklahoma to New Orleans merely to march in parades or go on sightseeing junkets, even if they were a lot of fun. I came to see God's church in action, and I wasn't disappointed. The ministerial pre-session did much toward recharging my spiritual batteries. Those meetings challenged me to go back

home and work for God with a deeper commitment in the framework of His church. They challenged me to give my best service to Him.

The General Conference session accomplished the same objectives in my life. Morris Venden's consecration service encouraged me to put on the robe of righteousness that Christ offers to us daily. His sermon touched my heart in a way that few have in recent months. G. Ralph Thompson's stirring message about the return of Christ, as well as all the other sermons we heard during the session, were inspirational.

The One Thousand Days of Reaping program (the first Sabbath afternoon) was a high point of my stay in New Orleans. It was a joyous experience to see God's work progress in such a dramatic way during the past 1,000 days. This program made me proud to be an Adventist. The presentation also drove home to me the idea of my individual insignificance when viewed on a worldwide scale. That is a humbling experience, but it is one we should have from time to time. No matter how important and indispensable we think we are to the work of God, our individual contribution to it is really quite small. But it is thrilling to see what each of our small contributions, multiplied several million times, is doing around the world with the Lord's guidance and help. That theme was repeated to me each evening as I watched and listened to each of the different division reports.

Most of the business sessions were interesting, and a few times they were electrifying. Occasionally the discussions were quite vigorous to the point of almost being rowdy. A few speeches might have been better left unspoken, although the sincerity of the speakers was evident. Elder Wilson's appeals for unity on several occasions were very timely and important in guiding the tone of the session. Clearly, the church is still not afraid of a vigorous exchange of ideas!

I left for home feeling that my life had been enriched by the fifty-fourth General Conference session. I may not have fully understood everything that was going on, but I could admire the finished product. □

# They were watching us

**And some of them had never met an Adventist before the New Orleans GC session. What did they think?**

For two weeks this summer the Louisiana Superdome and the New Orleans Hyatt Regency Hotel were literally teeming with Seventh-day Adventists present for the fifty-fourth General Conference session. Adventists had a busy time, an inspirational time, a historic time, and for the most part, a good time. But what about those who weren't members of this worldwide family? What about the Superdome and hotel personnel who served and had opportunity to observe us and our goings-on for nearly two weeks? What did they think? How did we impress (or fail to impress) them? We asked 11 people, and here is what they said.



**Marion Winters, cashier at a Hyatt Regency shop**

"They're nice. Very interesting. Like to talk a lot. That's about all."



**Mildred M. Scott, Superdome security officer for special events**

"I've seen Seventh-day Adventists who came and knocked at my door to sell magazines. Some of them are very arrogant. But this seems to be a very nice group of people, very friendly. This is the first time since I've worked here that someone's rented the whole Dome. I didn't know Adventists were such a large group. I just thought they were a poor little group of people selling magazines."

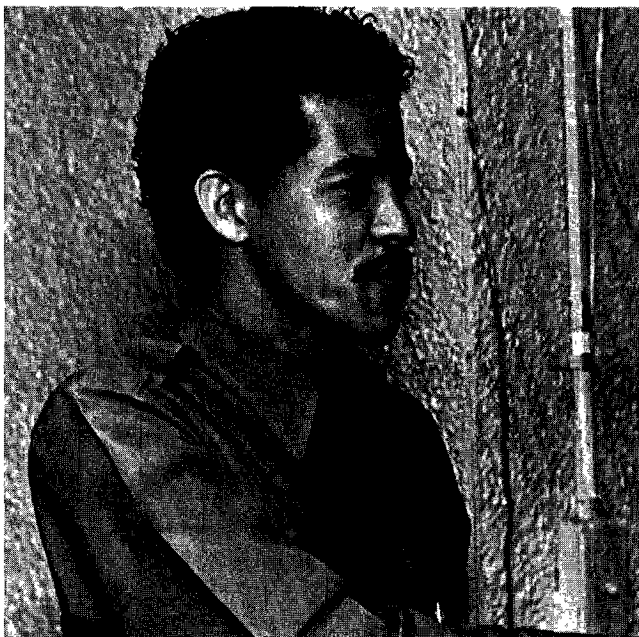


**Wayne Hills, Superdome janitor**

"The people are good, spiritual. I go to church, sing in the choir, and any mention of Christ, any way it comes, is good. I think this convention is good. People of all nations come and maybe get something out of it. And a lot of the things they said I didn't know about until I heard them say it."

**Joseph Williams, cashier at a Hyatt Regency shop**

"I think this is pretty exciting. You meet all kinds of interesting people, and they tell you about where they're from, and all that sort of thing. I think it's pretty nice."



**Johnny Edwards, Superdome security officer**

"They're some very friendly people. When they came through the gate and asked me questions, they'd just start a whole conversation with me. It just seemed like when they started talking they were about the best people you could be around."

**Doris Jones, supervisor of Superdome janitorial services**

"I've never been around Seventh-day Adventists before. I've heard of them, but I didn't know anything about them. It's totally different from what I'm used to. The people are nice. Some don't understand me and I don't understand them when they ask me a question in their native tongue. They're real clean people. I've enjoyed working during the show. I don't understand vegetarians. But I've really enjoyed the people. I get to see a lot of different people, people I thought I'd never get a chance to see. I've gotten to see a lot of their native clothing, and it's really beautiful. I've gotten to see a lot of work that was done on one of the booths, and it's really beautiful. [Jones strikes her chest with her hand.] It kind of gets you, right here."



**David Conaway, Hyatt Regency security officer**

"Basically nice people, very family-oriented. There's not much more to be said. We don't see much of you all. I'm in security, and the only time we see people is when they're breaking the law."

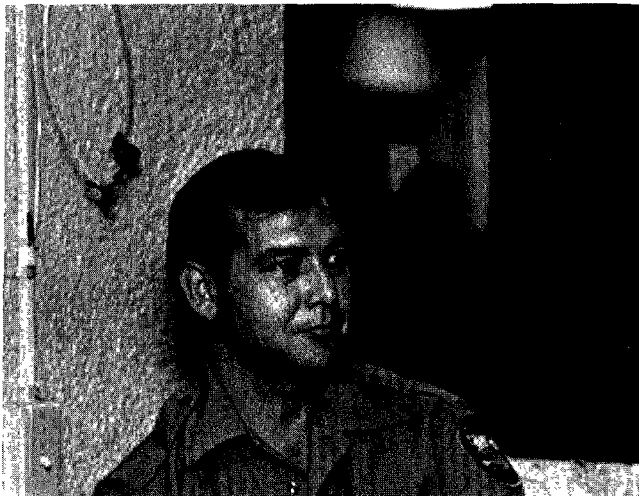
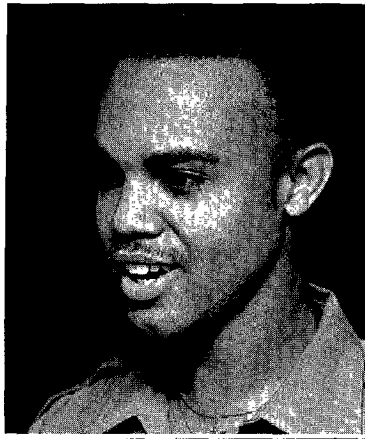
**Kathryn Walker, Hyatt Regency food and beverage cashier**

"They've been very nice, sociable, very appreciative of the services they've gotten. They seem to have a lot of patience with the people who work here. A very peaceful group. No complaints whatsoever. I hope they come back."



**Reginald Hall, Superdome security officer**

"Very nice, very quiet people. They're so quiet it's like they're not here. I've never seen this many different races of people under one roof in my life before. I mean, how many places can you go to see this? It's for a good cause, too, I guess."



**William Seals, Superdome security officer**

"They're very nice, very friendly people. They're just like any other stranger in another town. They don't know anything; they don't know where to go. They ask questions, and they think they're stupid, but they're not, because the only way to find out is to ask."



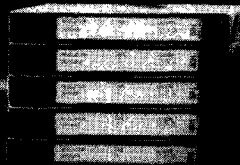
**Edgardo Quintanilla, Hyatt Regency bartender**

"Very nice people, very good. They keep us busy, making juices and things like that. It's a different kind of business than we usually have, but it's better, because they don't complain too much. I am really happy to serve them and I hope they come back."

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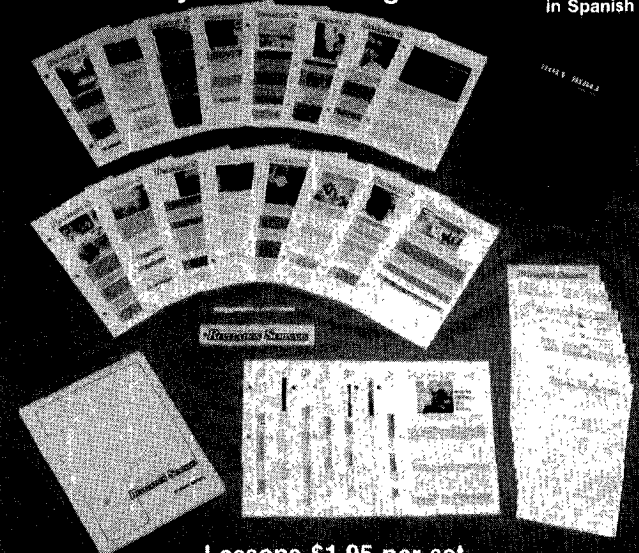
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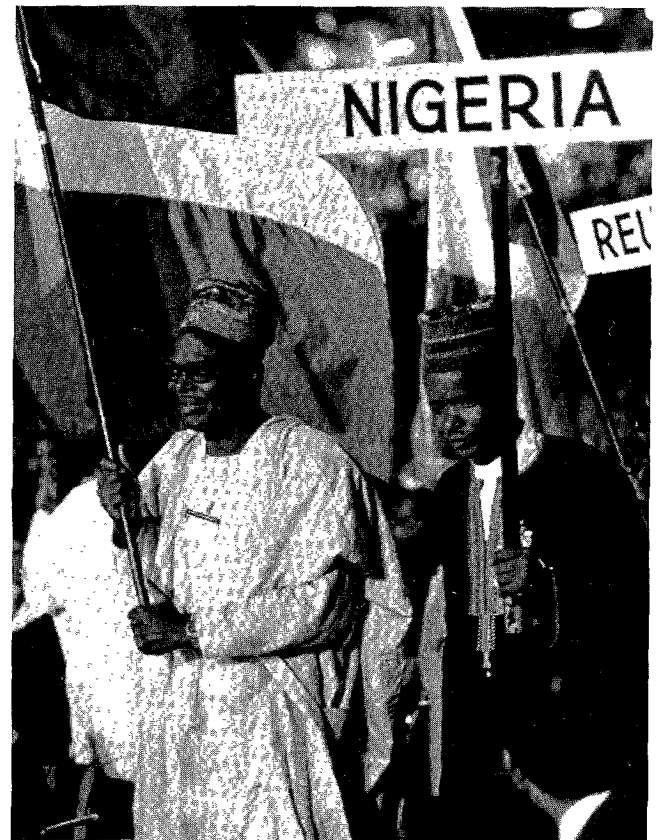
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*Almost dawn. And this is the first quiet moment for the Emergency Department tonight.*

*...first that family coming home from the beach. Their car skidded off the wet road during a late night storm.*

*...the helicopter transfer. The 26-week preemie was rushed to Children's for emergency surgery.*

*...then the battered housewife with fear in her eyes as she told me about an "accidental" fall. I felt so helpless so angry.*

*...and now an ambulance is on its way. Again. I should be able to hear the siren in a few minutes.*

*Dear God, I haven't had time to sit down with You all night. Thanks for running beside me.*

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