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### 79,247 ATTEND OPENING DAY OF THEOCRACY'S INCREASE ASSEMBLY!

#### 70,000 at Yankee Stadium 9,247 at Trailer Camp

Record crowds marked the opening of Jehovah's witnesses' assembly at Yankee Stadium on July 30. Attendance on this first day of an eight-day assembly almost equaled that of the last day of the eight-day international assembly held in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1946, when 80,000 attended the public meeting then.

Shortly before the 70,000 arrived at Yankee Stadium, New York's renowned subway system was choked to overflowing on all lines leading to Yankee Stadium. On this Sunday morning train operators exclaimed in astonishment that this was worse than the five o'clock rush on weekdays. Other thousands had converged upon the trailer

camp, 40 miles outside the city, till 9,247 delegates were present to hear the opening session carried there by special wire from Yankee Stadium.

Before New York city became the scene of this traffic rush, however, transportation lines from all parts of the United States and many nations had been taxed to bring conventioners to this international assembly. The thousands came from 67 different nations.

Police directing traffic around the stadium commented that this crowd, though larger than the facilities of Yankee Stadium

could comfortably accommodate, was the best behaved and most easily managed that they had ever dealt with.

Once inside, the witnesses enjoyed to the full the opening of what promised to be their greatest assembly to date. The first session appealed not only to the ears of conventioners but their eyes were also delighted by the beautiful platform that had been planned and designed weeks in advance. It was located at second base of the ball diamond, with approaches at both ends bordered by white picket fences. Banked against these approaches and all around the platform were shrubs and flowers—varieties of petunia, marigold, ageratum, dahlia, salvia, geranium and rubrum lily. Stately columns of glorious geraniums lifted their heads just level with the stage floor. The lattice archways framing the two stage mount-

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Fifteenth Class of Gilead graduates at Yankee Stadium



# NEW SONGBOOK GREET'S OPENING SESSION

Features Modern Wording, Better Vocal Range

New songbooks greeted conventioners entering Yankee Stadium for the opening session of the Theocracy's Increase Assembly of Jehovah's witnesses, Sunday, July 30. Before this session closed the delegates were trying their voices on the new melodies following a brief interlude of recorded selections from the book of 91 songs.

The international assemblers were anxiously thumbing the pages of the beautiful light-green book while the text and comments for July 30 were being discussed from the platform on the infield by E. C. Chitty, of the British office. His comments on the text, Mark 12:17, dealt with the theme "give back to Caesar Caesar's own; and to God what belongs to God". (Fenton) Defining God's belongings as life itself, he touched on the determination of Jehovah's witnesses to always put God first in their lives and to "serve Jehovah with fear". After this fitting opening discussion, he drew the assemblers' minds to the new songbook in their hands, telling them they would next hear a selection of songs by the Bethel family, those serving at the Society's headquarters in Brooklyn.

A medley of five songs was then sung by this family on recording, and as their melodious themes filled the stadium, the expectant conventioners listened intently. They thrilled to "Love's More Excellent Way", warmed up to "Living Up to the Name", were overjoyed to hear "The Divine Pattern of Love" set to music. Here, indeed, were songs of live praise to Almighty God, as different from typical religious hymns as the new world is from the old.

Following this, K. F. Klein, from the Brooklyn headquarters, addressed the assembly on the theme titling the songbook,

"Songs to Jehovah's Praise." He pointed out to the assemblers that the new book featured many new songs and brought vast improvement to many former songs used by Jehovah's witnesses in congregational singing, including changes in melody, rhythm and harmony. Also, the words were brought up to date, old archaic forms being discontinued. Referring to the medley the assemblers had just heard, he urged them to be equally diligent in singing the songs correctly in their own home congregations.

Klein next introduced singing by the assembly at large. The ever-growing crowd began slowly, with song number 67. As the lines progressed, they gradually gained assurance and lifted up their voices more confidently. It was clear that they deeply appreciated the new songbook.



Assembly chairman releases post cards

## POST CARDS RELEASED FIRST DAY

Climaxing his address of welcome to the assembly, Chairman Grant Suiter announced that a set of 10 colored post cards could be acquired by each one in attendance. Suiter announced that the exquisite cards depicted various institutions and buildings used by Jehovah's witnesses in their gospel-preaching, which point he had just highlighted in his preceding talk.

Four of the cards deal with the Society's headquarters in Brooklyn. One presents a three-quarter front view of the Bethel home, with the new building in the foreground. Another view looks down on the new building against its interesting background of the East River and the skyscrapers of lower Manhattan. One card shows a three-quarter rear view of the Bethel home viewing its original old building completed in 1911, the next finished in 1928, and the new in 1949. The set includes an interior scene of the spacious modern auditorium in the new Bethel home. Some of its murals, representing different nations of the earth, stand out.

Another card depicts the Watchtower factory, a few blocks from the Bethel home, showing the former building raised in 1927, its 1937 annex, and the new nine-story structure finished in 1950. The sixth card in the set presents a picture of the transmitter house and towers of the Society's radio station, WBBR. The final four cards are scenes from the idyllic campus of the Watchtower Bible School of Gilead in upstate New York, including its buildings, flowered terraces and watercourses.

### 79,247 Attend Opening Day

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Hence it was in this setting of natural beauty and visible evidence of Theocratic increase that this eight-day international assembly convened. This report will attempt to detail the events of the days that follow.



# CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME OFFICIALLY OPENS ASSEMBLY

## 60,000 Hear Closing Discourse at First Session

Climaxing the opening morning of the Theocracy's Increase Assembly, the Society's secretary-treasurer and the chairman of the convention, Grant Suiter, stepped to the microphone, formally opened the convention and told his audience that it was composed of representatives from more than 67 nations of the earth, and that, at that moment, it numbered upward of 55,000 people.

Touching on the assembly's theme, he defined the Theocracy as "God's dominion extended to this earth through Christ Jesus". He called it not only good government but *The Government*, and stated, "in this convention is seen the greatest convocation on behalf of good government ever held upon the face of the earth."

He discussed at length the world-wide Kingdom preaching work of Jehovah's witnesses. The moving cause for their work, he said, was the love of Jehovah's witnesses for one another and for their neighbors. He declared that the organizations of the world such as the United Nations build up large memberships but still their unity is in question. "Jehovah's witnesses," he declared, "do not have any members but their unity has never been called in question."

Speaking of how one can associate himself with the increase of God's government, Suiter said, pointedly, "If Jehovah God chooses to accept this person and use him in his service, he is God's servant. There can be no question about that; and the rigmarole of a religious ordination has nothing to do with the matter."

The chairman was careful to point out that though this international convention calls special attention to the increase in number of those preaching the gospel around the world it was not

held merely for the sake of boasting in large numbers. He emphasized that the increase was not due to any brilliant human minds in the visible organization. "The new strength of numbers," he declared, "is dedicated to Jehovah's honor. That is the way it should be and we would not have it any other way."

## A. H. MACMILLAN DISCUSSES FAITH

The international assembly's first half-hour discourse, "Without Faith It Is Impossible to Please God," was delivered to the opening session Sunday morning, July 30, by A. H. Macmillan, long a full-time representative of the Society and at present serving at Bethel, the Society's headquarters, in connection with its radio station, WBBR.



A. H. Macmillan  
delivering talk

In a similar vein he expressed gratitude for all the implements used by Jehovah's witnesses in their ministry. This includes the *Watchtower* magazine, buildings, furnishings, international, national, and local organizations. But he said, "All these serve an end, and none of them is an important thing even though their expansion is indicative of the expansion of Jehovah's worship and of the Theocracy." Not mere words or pleasing expressions, he called these facts concrete proof that the increase of the Theocracy is real.

In conclusion, he next announced to the happily applauding throngs that while he had been speaking the attendance for the opening session had jumped to 60,000.

Macmillan's talk was directed straight to each one in attendance, first defining faith and pointing to the many things in nature proving the existence of an all-wise God. From the past he cited Biblical examples of true faith as displayed in the lives of Jehovah God's approved servants. An outstanding case he cited in faithful Abraham. The peculiar thing about Abraham's faith, the speaker pointed out, was his willingness to go where sent by his God without questioning.

He gave this assembly as an example of those who through faith would come from the ends of the earth to hear about God's purposes. Pointing specifically to those in this day whose special service it is to travel anywhere in the world to preach God's Word, he referred to the graduation of the 15th class of the Watchtower Bible School of Gilead that would be held in Yankee Stadium this afternoon, Sunday, July 30.

He called this Kingdom ministry of Jehovah's witnesses their way of helping the world's population that is hungry for the truth. He thus cited the cases of Jehovah's witnesses who leave their homes and travel to the uttermost parts of the earth to preach the Kingdom message to the people as a true example of modern-day faith.





Gilead's fifteenth class graduates in Yankee Stadium with a record-shattering audience looking on



# GILEAD'S LARGEST GRADUATION

**120 Graduate,  
Representing 32 Nations**

**Knorr Speaks on  
"The Way of Success"**

Far from the campus of the Watchtower Bible School of Gilead, South Lansing, New York, 120 students of its 15th class graduated at Yankee Stadium. Over seventy thousand friends, relatives, and guests from many parts of the earth assembled for this semiannual event. (Additionally, 9,247 persons heard the proceedings at the trailer camp.) The president and vice-president of the school as well as members of the faculty shared the program. The key address, "The Way of Success," was delivered by President N. H. Knorr.

On this memorable day, Sunday, July 30, at Yankee Stadium, 120 Christian ministers were further dedicated by the Watchtower Society to Theocracy's increase. By 1:30 p.m. the 120 comprising the 15th class had been seated in the two wings of chairs placed before and to the right and left of the speakers' platform. One by one the members of the faculty, E. F. Keller, E. A. Dunlap, M. G. Friend, and A. D. Schroeder, as well as the Kingdom Farm servant J. C. Booth, were introduced to give their farewells. Many were the applauses and spontaneous outbursts of laughter on the part of the student body, who heard for the last time words of counsel from their mentors. The vice-president of the school, F. W. Franz, followed with his timely address entitled "Continuity and Irrepressibility of Kingdom Preaching".



School's president presents the diplomas

He said, "You graduate onto the world field of gospel-preaching in the most crucial period in the ages of mankind. . . . Your enemies malign you and say you hate everybody and everything. Well, you do confess to hate what God hates, the Devil's organization, but not people! So let all our enemies know that His commanded work is irrepresible. It goes on and will succeed."

While the audience of 70,000, representing 67 nations, was present, yet more thousands of Jehovah's people in far-off places of the earth sent their well-wishes to the 120 graduates. M. G. Henschel, a director of the Watchtower Bible Society, read cablegrams from Australia, India, Netherlands Antilles, Eire, South Africa, New Zea-

land, Ceylon, Gambia (B.W.A.), Austria, Belgium, and Germany.

By 3:00 p.m. the time had come for the key graduating address as delivered by N. H. Knorr, the president of the Watchtower Bible School of Gilead. His address was entitled "The Way of Success", based on Joshua 1:8. He gripped the attention of the audience with his opening remarks: "Jehovah is conducting a Government school of success. There is nothing else on earth like it. Since it graduated a Master Instructor [Christ Jesus] it has been in operation for 1,900 years. The wonderful course it offers through him is an education and training for life through all eternity to come. You will not graduate from this school until you have proved

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## Foreign-Language Meetings

Rounds of applause from many parts of Yankee Stadium Monday morning marked the enthusiasm of the six groups assembled for the foreign-language meetings under the sign "Preach the word", in their language.

Some of the speakers were unable to attend the Spanish meeting, but several good impromptu talks made a very interesting program for the 687 who attended. Jehovah's undeserved kindness was the theme, and Sunday's English sessions were briefly discussed. Representatives were present from all of Central and South America. Brother Keller's advice that the way to speak Spanish was to keep smiling was evident at the assembly.

The Theocracy's increase was the theme of the Greek meeting, where 569 persons heard about the war against Satan and his organization, about the faithfulness of the brethren in various lands, and various other items of interest, including thrilling experiences of victory over opposition to God's service.

"The Path of Wisdom" was discussed in the Danish meeting, then followed four talks on "Theocracy's Increase", the gist of Sunday's English meetings, a talk on pioneering, and the need for increasing knowledge through study. A determination to apply all these good things in

### Gilead's Largest Graduation

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yourself worthy of the right to everlasting life."

He continued to masterfully develop his theme by showing that all who enter this school have to fully submit themselves in consecration to the Great Conductor of the school, Jehovah God. To obey the will of The Teacher is the rule for success in this way of education. He went on to show how Christ Jesus was Jehovah's greatest pupil, and all Christians today do well to copy his example. Jesus demonstrated that as a pupil he in turn was called upon to teach others. So likewise not only the

their own territory when they return home was expressed by many of the 170 brethren who attended this meeting.

The Branch servant from Sweden talked on Gilead articles which have appeared in recent issues of *The Watchtower*. Then, as was the case with the other assemblies, the 225 who attended the Swedish assembly heard summaries of Sunday's graduation exercises. Also, instructions were given regarding local conditions in Sweden.

The German assembly thrilled to a report of the world-wide increase and their part in it. A brother driven from Germany spoke on pioneer work. German brethren from far corners of the world were interviewed. Experiences were given showing how the persecution in Germany has fired the enthusiasm and zeal of the friends there. Of the 846 in attendance, about 70 were from foreign lands.

At the Portuguese assembly 72 persons, including American-Portuguese brethren, Gileadites and brethren from Brazil, heard accounts of the increase of the work in that land. They heard that the 344 publishers in 1945 have in just five years grown to 3,254! The audience heard how pioneers are needed, and thrilled to experiences showing the increase of the work in Brazil.

graduates who complete their education today but all of Jehovah's witnesses as students of God's Word are called upon to become teachers of hosts of men of good will as to the way of success toward gaining everlasting life.

Furthermore, Mr. Knorr said that the heavenly Father wants us to have respect for his educational organization which serves as a mother to Christians here on the earth. This mother teaching organization, referred to in the Bible (Proverbs 6:20, 23), does not refer to the motherly organization of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society. Rather, it refers to the great

## GRADUATION EXPRESSIONS

'All of Jehovah's witnesses are learning to live forever, but those attending Gilead, especially, know that they are also living to learn forever.' Thus the first speaker on Sunday evening struck the keynote of the most varied session of Gilead Graduation Day. A brief glimpse of what Gilead is really like was given as 40 students expressed their sentiments and described the things that impressed them about the courses. Anecdotes and memories of Gilead were rehearsed and settings from classroom scenes enacted.

Markedly evident was the spirit of joyfulness and the anxiety to get busy in their foreign assignments. "They will become our new homes," they said. One student, in expressing his view of taking a foreign assignment, called attention to Christ Jesus coming down from his far-away home to a hostile world as the supreme example of a foreign missionary in behalf of his Father's name.

### Provisions Appreciated

The graduates encouraged all to read their copies of *The Watchtower* more carefully. They showed how a careful study of Jehovah's Word reveals to us our own smallness, and fills us with spiritual riches. Expressions of deep love and appreciation to Jehovah and his people for making Gilead possible were made.

heavenly organization that has been called upon to produce and train God's children.

The stirring closing appeal of the keynote address urged all to have a part with Jesus Christ in vindicating Jehovah's rightful sovereignty over all intelligent creatures. "That is what spells the highest success for you for all time to come."

The graduates were called one at a time by President Knorr to the center of the platform. He introduced each graduate to the vast throng and amidst much hand-clapping he gave a brief history of the graduates as to their religious background and number of years they had served.



# GILEAD SHARES IN THE INCREASE

## The Start and Development of Watchtower Bible School

The forward march of the Theocracy's increase has meant gladdening the hearts of men and women of every nationality and tongue. Their response to the truth has awaited only their hearing the message of the Kingdom put to them understandably in their own language. This reminds one of the words of the president of the Watchtower Bible School of Gilead, N. H. Knorr, when he addressed the first class of Gilead at the time of its enrollment.

This was on February 1, 1943, and the words in mind were as follows: "There are many places where the witness concerning the Kingdom has not been given to a great extent. The people living in these places are in darkness, held there by religion. In some of these countries where

there are a few witnesses it is noted that the people of good will hear readily and would associate themselves with the Lord's organization, if instructed properly. There must be hundreds and thousands more that could be reached if there were more laborers in the field. By the Lord's grace, there will be more."

Here in 1950, we can see how many more laborers there have been in the field since that date. And, indeed, by the Lord's grace, a leading instrument in this increase has been the school of Gilead, including the exercises of the opening day of this 1950 assembly, approximately 1,500 students have now graduated therefrom to be sent in turn to all parts of the globe. Living up

to their school's name, the graduates have piled up a stirring "heap of witness" wherever they have gone. And how those "hundreds and thousands" of truth-hungry ones in all lands have responded! At the close of the 1942 service year, shortly before Gilead opened, there were some 106,000 publishers of the Kingdom world-wide. But in April, 1950, a new all-time peak of publishers in excess of 108,000 was made in the United States alone; and at the close of the 1949 service year the report revealed that 317,877 persons had been active in the work throughout the world in one month of the previous year.

The groundwork for the wonderful part that Gilead has had in this expansion was laid in 1940, when construction was begun on the three-story brick building of two wings that now constitutes the main school structure. At that time the eventual purpose to which the

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Part of the scenic Gilead campus





Picture of the main building on Gilead campus, and which shows the new front





Gilead library Shiloah, as seen across the campus



## Gilead Shares in the Increase

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building would be put was not understood, even by the builders. But Jehovah certainly foresaw his purpose for a great international program of Bible education that the following years were to bring. Thus it was surely his leading that caused the erection of this building on the Society's 700-acre Kingdom Farm in the beautiful highlands of the Finger Lakes region just north of Ithaca, New York. Significantly, he directed the construction work at a time when building materials were plentiful, for by 1943, when the facilities were needed, the world powers, this nation included, were locked in the deadly throes of World War II, and severe restrictions were clamped on all building construction.

### A School Is Born

Shortly after the Society's change in presidents at the death of J. F. Rutherford in January of 1942, Brother Knorr's suggestion to alter the building accordingly and use it for the purpose of training full-time ministers for service in foreign fields was at once accepted by the Society's directors. This proposal was in complete accord with the Society's charter, which provided for its training foreign missionaries as early as 1912. While alterations at Kingdom Farm were being completed in the latter part of 1942, detailed preliminary questionnaires were mailed to a large number of persons who had been engaged in the full-time service for two years or more. At length, 100 were selected to comprise the first class, which enrolled in February and graduated in June, 1943.

The curriculum generally from the first 5-month term onward has included the following courses: Theocratic Records, Missionary Service, Theocratic Ministry, Bible Truth, Scriptural Facts, a foreign language, Bible Research, Public Speaking, History of Worship, Kingdom Prophecies, Supreme Law and Bible Themes.

The first several school terms had students selected from con-

tinental United States and Canada. During the closing days of World War II many a European Jehovah's witness had a longing heart to attend Gilead. So from 1945 onward many non-American students filled the Gilead classrooms with their colorful characteristics. Gilead now began to be an international school, spreading its fame to the four corners of the globe.

### Gilead Graduates in Many Lands

From its beginning Gilead has now had fifteen student bodies of a hundred or more students each term. For the past seven and one-half years 1,563 students have registered. Of these 1,499 have completed their Bible training qualifying them for foreign missionary duties wherever the Society sends them. The registration indicates that of these 1,499 graduates 499 were single males, 474 single females and 526 married persons. Approximately one-third of the students have come from outside continental United States. The Watchtower Society has financed the traveling to and from school and all their expenses during the five months' residence of the students at Gilead. At present 801 missionaries are living in 104 missionary homes scattered in eighty-two countries and islands other than the United States. Forty-six of these graduates are appointed as Branch servants. Trained in the Word and law of Jehovah God as well as in the laws, languages and customs of the lands to which they are sent, these missionaries are apt to teach, a real boon to those they serve.

Life at Gilead is busy and every moment filled with profit to the student who diligently applies himself to his tasks. School sessions regularly continue from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. From 3 to 6 p.m. the members of the class assist the regular members of the farm family with various types of work, which provides a refreshing change from the intense study of the day's routine. The evening hours are used for preparing lessons, and on Sundays the students serve the neighboring people through

the house-to-house ministry. Besides assisting them in applying what they learn at school, this has resulted in a noted increase of Kingdom publishers in the area, so that recently it became necessary to form two new companies nearby.

### Expansion at Gilead

In 1947 an attractive, modern library building was completed on the campus at Gilead. This library, named Shiloah, has grown from 400 to 7,800 volumes, having become one of the finest specialized Bible libraries there is. A new approach with a tower effect has been constructed as an alteration of the main Gilead building. An outdoor amphitheater seating an audience of 350 is now in course of construction. Interior alterations now in progress in some buildings are providing for coming enlargements. Repeated landscaping continually adds to the beauty of the rolling green campus. So Gilead, as an appendage of the Society's headquarters' organization at Brooklyn, is geared to keep pace with the fast world-wide expansion of the Kingdom interests.

The permanent Gilead staff of 50, including the instructors, look forward to the entertaining of thousands more who will be selected to share the joyful experience of reviewing and deepening their divine education. And while doing so to live under ideal new world conditions in association with scores of dear warm-hearted folks and surrounded by a beautiful campus that will live long in your memories wherever you go to disciple the nations. Gilead bids you to seek to qualify to meet the entrance requirements that you may be invited to share in the divine education it offers.

Gilead, like all parts of Jehovah's visible Theocratic organization, is constantly being improved so that it will ever be equipped to graduate skilled missionaries able to lead the new world offensive against all obstacles of old world religious tradition. Justly, Jehovah's witnesses and persons of good will toward the Kingdom are deeply interested in Gilead.



## APPRECIATING GOD'S GOODNESS

The thrilling foreign reports of Monday's afternoon session were climaxed by a talk on "Appreciating God's Goodness", by T. J. Sullivan. 68,477 listened, 13,033 of them being at the trailer camp. Being associated for many years with the Society's service department at Brooklyn, he is one well qualified to rehearse some of Jehovah's acts which merit our appreciation.

By paralleling Psalm 107: 23-31 with the events that have taken place in our day he showed reasons why we should appreciate God's goodness and mercy. He called attention to the fact that at one time or another all of us have put our trust to some extent in Satan's sea and the ships or instruments of Satan which have plied these seas of commerce and politics.

How has Jehovah delivered many from the sea? The speaker then recounted how God has used the Photo-Drama of Creation, radio broadcasting, thousands of sound machines and records, and, mainly, the voices of thousands of men and women preaching the Word.

Following out the theme of

the 107th Psalm, he described the difficulties that come upon those who are still trying to hang on to Satan's ships. Climactically he called upon all, in



T. J. Sullivan

harmony with Revelation 18: 4, to "come clean" now, break all ties with Satan's organization, do not dabble in Satan's commercial "sea", but make their devotion full, even to full-time service if possible.

### Assembly Report

Although *Awake!* had already caused conventioners to expect a complete report of the assembly, it was a pleasant surprise when Brother Franz announced on Monday four 16-page reports, to be released Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. Why? It was just what those present needed, for at least a fourfold use: First, New Yorkers can be informed about the greatest convention ever to come to their city; second, those who had to remain home can "attend" daily by mail; third, extra copies taken home will let the whole world know, and encour-

### Branch Servant Reports

Brother G. Hughes spoke first on the Monday afternoon session, bringing a good report from the River Plate countries, including Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay. He told of the growth of the witness work in these countries since 1924. Opposition and persecution by Argentina's church-controlled government cannot stop it.

Next came a report from Canada to the north, delivered by Brother Percy Chapman. The "Theocratic bombs", Brother Chapman said, have blasted the Quebec clergy out of their entrenched positions, and victories in the courts have opened up the way for Theocracy's increase in that land.

Brother Bartlett, district servant from South Africa, next gave a report of the work in that land. He showed how a knowledge of the truth had enabled the native Africans to do away with their former traditional and superstitious mode of living and to bring their lives into conformity with God's commandments.

Brother Perez, Branch servant of Mexico, told of the expansion of the work in that land since it was first organized in 1932. Because the Roman Catholic Hierarchy lost its political power in Mexico, it seeks other ways of opposing the expansion of the work, but cannot halt it.

Brother Stewart, Branch servant of the Philippines, reported one very interesting item concerning more than six hundred members of one tribe who had taken their stand for the Theocracy.

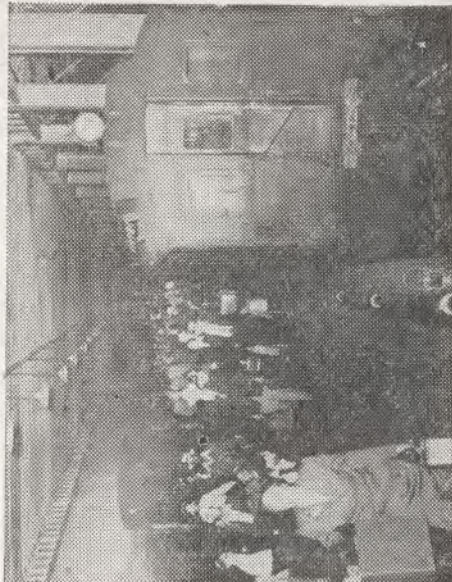
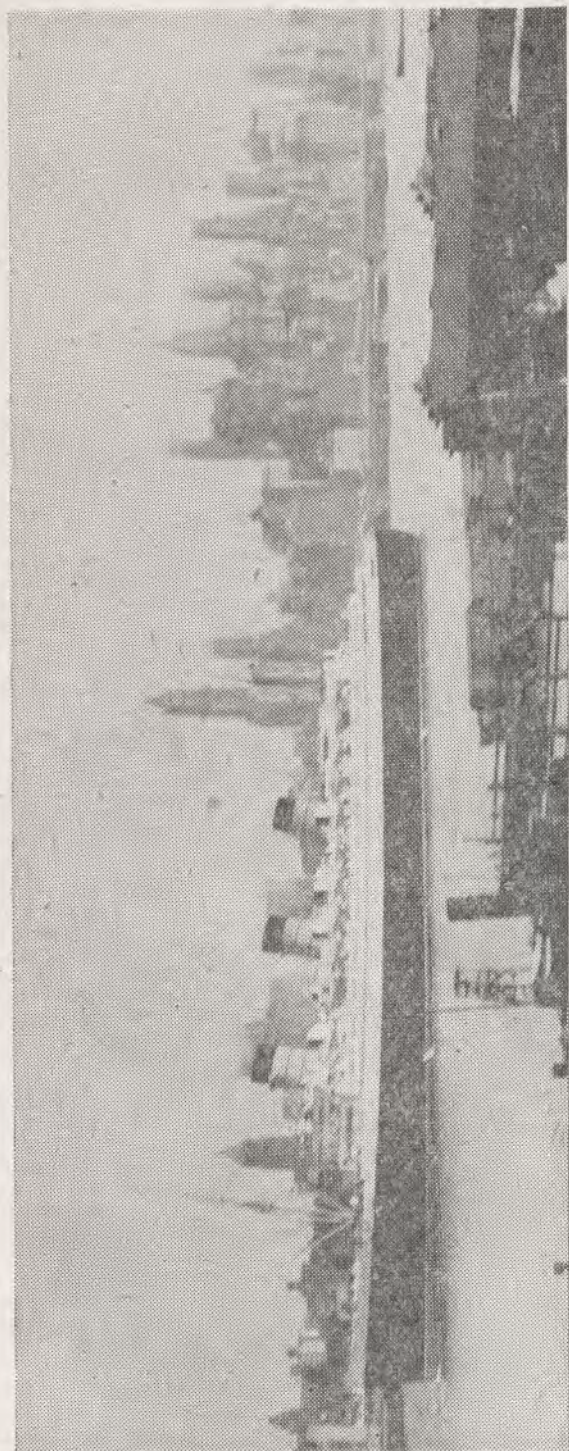
The last Branch servant to speak, Brother Fergusson, gave a report on Central Africa, including Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland. In one compound there are so many witnesses that each publisher's territory has only about 12 to 15 houses.

age good-will persons to attend assemblies and conventions to come. A fifth report will be added to these four after the end of the assembly, to make up a 96-page brochure on the convention.



F. W. Franz





**Above:** More than 200 conventioners arrive as "Queen Mary" sails up Hudson river to its dock. Manhattan skyline looms up in the background.

**Right:** Special train arrives at Grand Central station, N. Y. C.

**Left:** Planeload of conventioners arrive from Denmark.





# TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENTION

Tens of Thousands Converge  
on New York

Moving an army of 75,000 hardened soldiers several thousand miles is quite an undertaking, but when that army includes many women and children the problem of transportation becomes very complicated. This was the problem that the Watchtower Transportation department had to solve.

Many months of preparation and planning were necessary both locally and collectively. Fortunately, Jehovah's people do not lack in a smooth-working organization. In local companies of Jehovah's witnesses, brethren were appointed as transportation servants, and these brethren were very helpful in arranging various means of transportation from the point of origin.

Working with railroad and airlines and various bus officials they had a wonderful opportunity to witness to these men, and these officials appreciated very much the cooperation they received from Jehovah's witnesses, to compare with that given them by worldly organizations.

## Enemy Opposition Overcome

It seems that the Devil was as determined to prevent the Lord's people from assembling in New York as the witnesses were to attend. Because this was to be an international assembly the wicked one struck at the outposts to prevent witnesses from foreign shores from coming to New York. This blow was in the form of a State Department note sent to all consulate offices throughout the world. The false label of "extreme pacifists" was tagged on Jehovah's witnesses, and then the consulate offices were directed to screen out all "extreme pacifists" and to deny them visas. This was indeed a very subtle piece of trickery.

In Germany, for example, visas were held up until the very last and were issued only after

much pressure was brought upon the State Department. But one individual in Berlin who wanted to attend this convention was turned down flat just because he was one of Jehovah's witnesses, and no amount of talking could change the edict of this arbitrary and high-handed United States' official.

It is interesting to note that not one of Jehovah's witnesses was able to come to this convention from the Communist-controlled countries behind the iron curtain.

Another nasty piece of business was a ruling by the CAB (Civil Aeronautics Board). Eight flights had been arranged for by Transocean Air Lines, a nonscheduled charter line, to bring conventioners from Europe. The CAB, who had to first O.K. these flights, ruled that they would divert traffic from the regular lines, and therefore refused permission. However, in the same ruling they O.K.'d three flights to Rome for St. Mary's Parish of Windsor Locks, Conn. The point is this: an unnecessary burden and hardship was placed on Jehovah's witnesses who desired to attend this convention, because at the last moment they had to frantically secure passage on other airlines. By God's grace they did.

And while such obstacles were being met by witnesses coming from the east those desiring to come from the west also had their troubles. Chartered planes that were scheduled to bring hundreds of conventioners from the Pacific Coast were taken over by the U. S. government for use in the Korean war. This meant that other planes had to be obtained. They were able to engage some, but many witnesses were left behind.

## By Highway and Railway

It seemed that everything that would roll was pressed into service. A check of the license plates showed every state represented. Canada and Mexico came too. Chartered busses by the scores roared through the Holland and Lincoln tunnels bringing happy conventioners to Yankee Stadium from all parts of the continent.

Thousands came by train. Individuals and little groups in the smaller communities traveled to key cities to make up special sections. All together there were twenty-seven special trains, including many from Canada.

One very interesting arrangement was that made in San Francisco, where 125 witnesses joined a special group of Japanese students that had come to this country on an exchange basis. It afforded an excellent opportunity to speak the truth to these young minds and tell them about God's purposes through his blessed Theocratic government.

## Ships of Sea and Air Bring Many More

Hundreds of conventioners from "down under" in New Zealand and Australia traveled five weeks and longer, and more than halfway round the world, to attend this great assembly.

Sailing from England through heavy seas in stormy weather the world's greatest ocean liner, the "Queen Elizabeth", brought more than 300 witnesses safely across. The following week her sister ship, the "Queen Mary", brought an additional 232.

Jehovah's witnesses are not traditionalists. They are not content to ride in horse and buggies if they are able to travel by faster means. Time with them is a most precious thing, so it is not surprising that thousands of witnesses came to this convention by plane, some on the regular scheduled flights and others on chartered planes. On the chartered flights from the Seattle area it was arranged that the planes would circle over Gilead a couple of times on the way to New York.

## Preaching en Route

As a society of ministers, preaching is the main job of  
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# INFORMATION DEPARTMENT DID MARVELOUS JOB

## Arrival of Thousands Cared for

Arriving in a large and strange city, thousands of miles from home, is usually a painful ordeal for weary travelers. If only a friend were there to meet them and lead them through the swarming terminal and congested streets to a room and bed!

This often-repeated wish was fulfilled many thousands of times during the past week.

The Information department was set up to especially care for 75,000 of Jehovah's witnesses who trekked in from all parts of the earth and arrived in New York city within a few days or hours of each other. They came by land, by sea, by air, and when they got here local witnesses were on hand to welcome them and show them to their rooms. It was a mammoth undertaking, but, thanks to Jehovah, the job of receiving them was accomplished with amazing efficiency.

On the main arteries—the Holland and Lincoln tunnels, the George Washington Bridge, and other expressways—along which the overland conventioners funneled into the city, six "J. W." Information booths were set up. These supplied motorists with street and subway maps and general directions.

At the principal airports, at the Pennsylvania and Grand Central railroad stations, and at the main bus terminals, additional Information centers operated. The last few days these have been running on a 24-hour basis.

### Meeting Ships of Sea and Air

Many inbound ships from Europe and the Orient brought smiling and happy conventioners, and, to add to their happiness, someone was on hand to show them to their rooms. When the sister ships arrived, the "Queen Elizabeth" on July 20 and the "Queen Mary" on July 27, the 537 conventioners aboard were met by guides who took

them by subway and other means to five distribution centers, and from there they were taken by car to their accommodations.

Dozens of chartered airplanes, bringing hundreds of Jehovah's witnesses from many lands, were also met. From South and West Africa, from South and Central America, from Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines and Hawaii, and from many islands of the sea, Jehovah's witnesses flew in like many feathered birds gathering for a grand feast. Truly this is an international convention.

In many cases the language barrier added an extra burden upon those meeting these conventioners from overseas. Those coming from dollar-short countries had to be taken to the homes where free rooms were provided, and this took extra time and trouble.

### A Big Day for the Terminals

Last Saturday undoubtedly holds the record for the greatest number of convention delegates arriving at one place on the same day. In that single day, 15 special trains and special sections arrived in the Pennsylvania railroad station, while at the same time 12 specials pulled into Grand Central station. Out stepped thousands and thousands of people from every corner of the United States and Canada.

Quite a system was worked out to help these witnesses find their rooms. In the two stations, beneath large signs for each section of the city, were several witnesses wearing "JW" arm bands of either red, blue, green or orange. These freely mingled with the new arrivals, supplying

them with subway maps and pointing out the best ways to reach their rooms.

While this steady stream of witnesses was flowing into the city by car and train, the airports were crowded with the arrival last Saturday of scores of chartered planes. On the one day alone more than 1,400 witnesses arrived at La Guardia airport, besides many others that came in on the regular flights. Most of the chartered planes came in from the states of California, Oregon and Washington.

### Busy Booth at Yankee Stadium

By Sunday, with 90 percent of the witnesses comfortably situated for their stay in New York, the terminal Information booths shifted their services to Yankee Stadium. Here the personnel of this department concentrated on answering the many questions and helping the conventioners out in every way possible.

Nor will they feel that their work and assignment has been completed when the curtain falls at the close of the convention next Sunday night. For three days thereafter this department will be doing everything possible helping their brethren to leave in comfort, bidding them farewell, and a safe and happy journey home.



Hotel Bryant's  
Welcome



# ROOMING ACCOMMODATIONS

## Greatest, Most Concentrated Room-Hunt Ever Held

The housing shortage is still very acute. People in overcrowded New York city, stacked up as they are in apartments like crated eggs, are just as house-hungry as the rest of the country. It therefore seemed next to impossible to find space and beds for an additional 75,000 conventioners. And, to make matters worse, this task had to be accomplished in a very limited time.

The Convention Bureau and the Hotel Association volunteered to help, but with the hotels packed out to capacity with 25,000 conventioners, where were the other 50,000 and more going to sleep? If not on the park and subway benches, rooms in the homes of the people would have to be found. This meant that thousands of Jehovah's witnesses in and about Greater New York would have to spend many thousands of hours hunting rooms for their visiting brethren.

### House-to-House Search

On May 13 more than 4,800 attended a special meeting where details were outlined for the task of reaching the city's cliff dwellers. Thereafter for the next 10 weeks one of the greatest stair-climbing campaigns was carried on.

Those who engaged in this preconvention rooming work had many unusual and interesting experiences. For example, one girl was rudely turned away from the door by a man who did not even give her an opportunity to explain why she had called. The next day he stopped her on the street, and apologized by saying he thought she was one of Jehovah's witnesses but later had learned that she was looking for rooms. He had a room, he said, and if she wanted it she could have it. The girl thanked him, disclosed that she was one of Jehovah's witnesses, explained about the convention, and said she would still be glad to list

his room. Shocked with surprise, he reconsidered, decided not to make another blunder, and let her have the room.

At another place, the householder told the publisher he could have a room if the undesirable drunkard that occupied it would leave. The next time around, the room was obtained. The drunkard had died of a heart attack.

One kind lady offered her rooms free as well as free meals, happy over the prospects of having real Christians in her home. "It is a small thing to do for God who has been good to me," she said.

Most of the homes were called on twice, and some three times. In cases where it was necessary to see a certain individual, the publisher sometimes called back many more times. One reported making eleven calls before finding the party he was told to see.

All of this added up to a tremendous amount of work, but the Lord rewarded his willing and energetic witnesses, and in the end more than 35,000 accommodations in private homes were obtained in addition to cancellations. New Yorkers are far more hospitable than usually supposed, but still it took two hours on the average to obtain each accommodation.

These 35,000 accommodations in the homes of the people, plus the hotel rooms, plus some 15,000 accommodations provided by the ninety-acre trailer camp were sufficient for the greatest convention in the history of the world.

The apparently "impossible" task was thus completed. Jehovah blessed his people with sufficient strength and direction to do the job, and a great witness to His name and kingdom was given. Almost 300,000 pieces of Bible literature were placed with householders, in connection with this rooming work.

### Rooming Headquarters Hummed with Activity

Obtaining the accommodations, filling out the forms and turning them in, was only the beginning of the office work. The Rooming headquarters hummed with the noise and efficiency of a knitting mill as 130 volunteers took care of the clerical details. Each accommodation had to be checked, tabulated and given a serial number. A cross-reference card was typed out and filed under the landlady's name. Then the accommodation form went to the Assignment tables.

Meanwhile, requests were pouring in at the other end of the department. Over 18,000 letters were received from every part of the globe. After checking, counting and tabulating these, they were sent to the Assignment tables.

This section was really the heart of the whole department. Here 35 girls carefully matched accommodations and requests, as to price, location, arrangement of rooms, etc. Family groups had to be kept together. Conventioners from countries short on dollars had to be housed in free rooms. The landladies' interests were also looked after. The assignment of rooms for several blind ladies and wheelchair cases were given special attention.

The nimble fingers of typists then made out two cards, one to the landlady and the other to the conventioner.

The last few weeks prior to the convention this Rooming department was about the busiest place in the whole city. From eight in the morning to nearly midnight it was next to impossible to reach the Rooming headquarters on any of its four telephones. Many hotels and business people resorted to sending telegrams across town. One woman, after trying for three days to call on the phone, finally took a subway from Brooklyn and spent an hour traveling across town, just to see if telephones could be that busy. She was astounded at the whirl of activity.

### Hotel Managers Amazed

Efficiency! Speed! Results! This is what impressed a num-



ber of managers who visited the Rooming headquarters. They marveled at what was accomplished in so short a time. One hotel executive who managed 27 big war plants during World War II, after visiting this beehive of activity, declared that in one hour he saw more organization and system than in all the years he worked for the government.

Another hotel man said that in all his experience working with the New York Convention Committee, he had never seen anything that would equal this. His suggestion was that the city's Convention Committee should take lessons from Jehovah's witnesses, if they wanted to learn how to get things done. Of course, this gentleman did not know that practically the whole personnel had had no previous experience or training. Not training, but the spirit of the Lord upon them is what enabled them to work together in peace and unity and with a zeal peculiar to the Lord's house.

#### Cancellations Add More Work

It was anticipated that cancellations would run high; they always do. In some sections they ran as high as 24 percent. And this, of course, meant that many more rooms had to be obtained and processed through the office.

Cancellations did not seem to be caused by any organized opposition. Many landladies canceled their rooms due to circumstances beyond their control, and, in several instances, expressed their sincere regrets by sending in five-dollar contributions.

A Catholic newspaper published a derogatory piece about the convention of Jehovah's witnesses, but it seems to have had little effect on the rooming work. In fact, it had the opposite effect in some cases. For example, after listening to a discussion of this news item over radio station WBBR, one freedom-loving Catholic was so incensed against the story put out by his church he wrote to the Rooming Committee and listed his rooms, which, until then, he had withheld.

In another instance, a priest denounced the witnesses in

church, and advised his flock not to open up their homes to roomers. As a result, one member of his congregation who had twice before refused her rooms told the third publisher that called on her that she could have a room, because she wanted to learn more about Jehovah's witnesses and figured the best way would be to have some of them in her home.

After reading how the Immigration officials tried to prevent Jehovah's witnesses from overseas from attending this grand Christian assembly, one loyal American became so righteously indignant he offered to turn over his whole apartment free of charge to the witnesses.

#### Unexpected Arrivals Get Rooms

Many, for one reason or another, did not receive a room assignment before leaving home, but they came anyway. Anticipating this, the Rooming Committee obtained extra rooms to care for this last-minute rush. More than 3,000 of such assignments were handled during the last three days.

All together, the obtaining and assigning accommodations for 75,000 was a mighty task that was accomplished under the extreme pressure of haste. Manifestly, love for God and for His people was the driving force behind the rooming work, and all credit, thanks and praise is given to Jehovah for the happy results obtained.

#### Transportation

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Jehovah's witnesses. So en route they preached whenever opportunity allowed. On the "Queen Elizabeth", for example, three days out of the four, scheduled meetings were held, the service meeting, the *Watchtower* study and a public lecture, which was attended by 275.

In witnessing to individual passengers literature was placed, back-calls were made, and even Bible studies were conducted. On the long trip from Australia one witness conducted a regular study with six stewards who were very much interested in learning about Jehovah God and how they can live forever.

#### Transportation Booth at Yankee Stadium

With this great army successfully assembled here at Yankee Stadium the transportation problem is only half finished. At the conclusion of this glorious week thousands here must travel thousands of miles to reach their homes. But by Jehovah's grace they safely got here; by Jehovah's grace they will return.

To aid the witnesses in returning home a transportation booth has been set up at Yankee Stadium. And if you are interested in visiting Gilead after the convention or in returning by special trains or busses you may check with them.



Rooming (How to get there)



# REPORT

## OF INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

YANKEE STADIUM

NEW YORK CITY

AUGUST 2, 1950

### NEW "WATCHTOWER"!

Released to a Surprised Throng  
of 84,950 at the Stadium  
and Trailer Camp

A new instrument to give a forward surge to Theocracy's increase! Greater variety in contents! New cover designed for wide appeal! Size increased to 32 pages! Sparkled by colorful illustrations! Published in 32 languages! Circulation at 1,210,000 each issue!



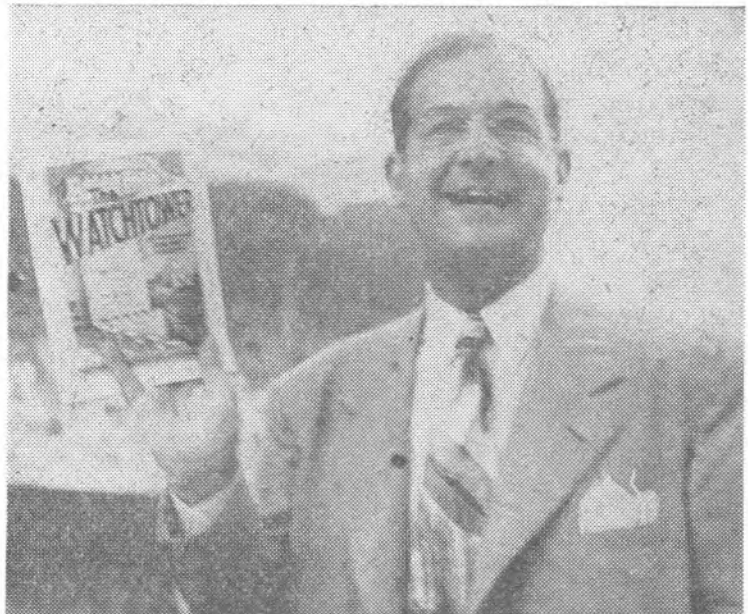
### Witnesses Declare Against Communism

Before a record audience President Knorr of the Watchtower Society, in his address "The Increase of His Government", was enthusiastically supported by the throng of witnesses in making clear their world-wide stand in this crucial hour among the nations.

Never in the history of Christianity has such a multitude of Christians dramatically gone on record before God and man as to the Caesars of this world. In championing the continued increased 'preaching of the word' by abundant applause the audience made it clear that they would not let any earthly authority impede their carrying out God's command to witness.

Neither for the West nor for the East, but for a heavenward government, was the acclama-

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N. H. Knorr releasing new "Watchtower"



# RESOLUTION AGAINST COMMUNISM

Enthusiastically Hailed, Adopted by 84,950

On this momentous occasion, when we are gathered in a representative body of tens of thousands from more than 50 lands here at Yankee Stadium, New York city, to carry on the international Theocracy's Increase Assembly of Jehovah's witnesses, we find it most opportune this 1st day of August, 1950, to make this Declaration:

Whereas the God of heaven and earth, whose name is Jehovah, is the Source of all rightful authority and power and has recorded on the pages of the Holy Bible his purpose to restore his righteous Theocratic government to this earth (Psalm 62:11; Matthew 6:9, 10); and

Whereas the "seven times" of uninterrupted domination of the earth by Gentile nations expired A.D. 1914 and now the Bible prophecy and its fulfillment prove together that then Jehovah God again took up his power to reign over the earth and to this end he enthroned in the heavens his Son Jesus Christ, who had proved his integrity to God even to death on a torture stake at Calvary and who had thereby established his right to rule as King in his Father's name (Daniel 4:25, 32; Luke 21:24; Revelation 11:15 to 12:10); and

Whereas Almighty God has decreed the end of this world and has promised us "new heavens and a new earth" to form a righteous new world in which his enthroned Son will be King, and hence this old world has been in its "time of the end" since A.D. 1914 and the "battle of that great day of God Almighty" draws near for removing the old and installing the

new world (2 Peter 3:10-13; Revelation 16:14-16; 21:1-5); and

Whereas the nations of this world refuse the warning which is set forth in God's Word and verified by all the perilous conditions on earth, and they show opposition to God's purpose by extending their own world rule with which they seek to align all peoples, and they ignore, hinder and persecute the faithful minority that preaches the good news of God's established kingdom; and thereby they put themselves in the way of destruction by the "act of God" which will mark the close of this "time of the end";

Therefore we here, before God and man, declare our unqualified support of Jehovah's universal sovereignty and our allegiance to his kingdom now established in the hands of his Son Jesus Christ.

We confess that originally by his Son God created this earth and man upon it and that after mankind rebelled against divine government God sent his Son to prove his right to govern a new world and also to die sacrificially that all who become his subjects might live forever in the new world! and so we gladly confess that God by his Son's sacrifice has bought us and we owe our lives and our complete devotion to God and his King and hence our obedience to God and his reigning Son comes first. —1 Corinthians 6:20; 7:23.

We acknowledge that Jehovah God has according to his Word made us his witnesses, and we are obligated to carry out this

commission as Jehovah's witnesses to the end of this world (Isaiah 43:10-12, *Am. Stan. Ver.*); and, being for God and his kingdom by Christ, we could never be communistic. We denounce the false accusation by our enemies that we are communists. We disavow all connection with or support of communism or any other political element of this old world. Moreover, we make united protest against the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses by the communist powers and by other governmental powers; and we declare the persecution of any religious minority by political governments and by powerful religious hierarchies to be wrong and unchristian and we will have no part in it.

While rendering first to God what is God's, we will as long as this world lasts render to Caesar what is Caesar's, leading peaceable, well-ordered lives as Christians, not engaging in the conflict of opposite political and social ideologies, not intermeddling in worldly politics, and not engaging in any subversion even under persecution, that we may 'keep ourselves unspotted from this world' till its end.—Romans 12:18; 1 Peter 2:19-21; James 1:27.

In obedience to the divine command we will unitedly continue to preach "this gospel of the kingdom in all the world for a witness unto all nations", warning both rulers and peoples of the consequences of their opposition to God's increasing kingdom, and educating and encouraging all lovers of righteousness, truth and life to take refuge under God's kingdom by Christ and to wait confidently for it soon to rid the earth of Satanic rule and all wickedness and to usher in the everlasting New World of Theocratic rule, justice, peace and prosperity.



# LEGAL BOOKLET RELEASED!

*75,096 Joyfully Receive Defending and Legally Establishing the Good News*

H. C. Covington's discourse to the Monday evening session was climaxed by the release of this publication of 96 pages. It is a detailed statement of the law relating to civil liberties and the cases of Jehovah's witnesses. It also tells ministers what to do about legal cases in event they are arrested.

A very interesting résumé of the legal battles of Jehovah's witnesses for the past fifteen years was delivered by Covington, general counsel for the Watchtower Society and Jehovah's witnesses. At the stadium 63,181 together with 11,915 at the trailer camp enthusiastically applauded the report of the myriad of cases fought and victories won in many countries of the world in order to maintain the right of Jehovah's witnesses to preach the gospel.

The legal record of Jehovah's witnesses in the United States alone reveals that since 1935 they have suffered more than 10,000 arrests. One hundred and twenty appeals have been taken to the higher courts; twice have they caused the Supreme Court of the United States to reverse itself; 23 different laws in hundreds of towns have been quashed; and every important principle of law contended for by Jehovah's witnesses has been maintained by the courts, thus establishing as a matter of law their right to preach and, incidentally, the right of all other citizens to exercise their civil rights. In addition to the United States, reports were given of cases in Switzerland, Belgium, Norway, England, Australia, Southern Rhodesia and Canada.

Mr. Covington explained how efforts had been made by law enforcement officials, through the influence of orthodox religion, to deny to Jehovah's witnesses the right to carry on their evangelistic work on the streets, how efforts were made to prevent them from receiving contributions for their literature in

the same manner as orthodox religion receives donations for its pulpit preaching; of the fight for the right to preach in company towns; the effort to suppress the liberty of Jehovah's witnesses to criticize in an outspoken manner things which they felt to be wrong. The Supreme Court of the United States ruled in favor of the right of Jehovah's witnesses in every one of these instances.

One of the most famous of the legal controversies of Jehovah's witnesses was reviewed next in a discussion of the flag salute cases. It was pointed out that in 1940 the Supreme Court of the United States in an 8-to-1 decision held that the children of Jehovah's witnesses could be expelled from school for refusal to salute the flag, even though such ceremony was contrary to their conscientious beliefs. After three years of bitter persecution and violence the Supreme Court ultimately reversed itself in 1943, after some changes in the personnel of the bench, and ruled in a 6-to-3 judgment that it was not necessary for the children of Jehovah's witnesses to salute the flag, if they did not feel it to be consistent with God's law.

While some of the judiciary lamented these victories giving freedom to Jehovah's witnesses, others were glad to see civil rights being so vindicated. One prominent judge even wrote a law-review article entitled "The Debt of Constitutional Law to Jehovah's Witnesses". It has been recognized that the work of Jehovah's witnesses has done much to preserve, not only their own liberties, but also those of the entire populace.

Mr. Covington pointed out that all these astounding victories were not as a result of the actions of men but because Almighty God was with his people and helping them to overcome.



**H. C. Covington releases booklet**

There has also been a large number of cases in Canada, especially in the Catholic-controlled province of Quebec. There Jehovah's witnesses had suffered a great deal of bitter persecution. When they published a leaflet denouncing the mob violence, lawlessness and outrage they had suffered, they were charged with sedition. This charge was appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada after conviction, and the court ordered a retrial on a split decision. Instead of a new trial, request was made for a rehearing before the Supreme Court of Canada, which was granted, an almost unheard-of concession. Reargument has been presented and judgment is awaited.

In addition to the sedition cases there are also over one thousand bylaw cases pending in the province of Quebec. Efforts to conclude these cases have been hampered by the lack of appeals to the Supreme Court of Canada, but a recent change in the powers of that court will allow it to hear these bylaw appeals; so it is also hoped to successfully conclude this great body of litigation.

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## Christians Must Show Mercy

Monday evening the conventioners listened attentively to the wise Scriptural counsel in the talk "Blessed Are the Merciful", by L. A. Swingle, a director of the Watchtower Society. Examples from the Bible showed God's mercy toward his servants, and modern-day mercy from Jehovah's hand was likewise outlined. In 1914 the Gentile times ended, Christ's kingdom was established, and Armageddon was expected to immediately destroy Satan's rule. But it did not do so, because Jehovah mercifully provided an interval so that warning could be proclaimed and persons of good will could survive that destruction.

The mercy is only for those who fear God and show mercy toward others by telling them of God's provision to provide life through Armageddon, which is even more vital than efforts for defense against atomic war. Biblical examples proved that none are beyond God's mercy if they are honest of heart, repentant, and desirous of receiving God's favor.

Mercy must be shown, he pointed out, to our Christian brethren just as much as toward good-will persons. Should we forgive our brother seven times a day? or seventy? The scripture says 70 times 7, and that

### Legal Booklet Released

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Mr. Covington concluded by warning his audience that the fight to maintain their civil rights is not yet over. Efforts are even now being made in some courts to undermine the important rights already established. The enemies of liberty are not yet through fighting. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," he said. "Make no mistake about it—our fights in the courts are not over. We can and must expect more of them."



L. A. Swingle

is about all the time, continually.

Had God permitted Armageddon in 1914 instead of extending his mercy, no flesh would be alive on earth now, hence we too should show mercy and not fret because Armageddon does not come next month or next year, but praise Jehovah for this interval of preaching.

For the merciful there is the happy view of health and life for endless ages to come—all to the praise of Jehovah, the Father of all mercies.

### Is a Modern Cornelius Among Us?

During the pre-convention rooming work, a publisher met a policeman who said he was on duty in Madison Square Garden in 1939, the time Catholic Action and the Coughlinites tried to break up a convention of Jehovah's witnesses. "I want you to know," he said, "that I am now a police captain, and if there is any trouble at this gathering at Yankee Stadium I'll be right in there fighting for you Christian people."

## HINDRANCES MUST BE CAST ASIDE

The inspiring discussion on Monday evening, "Laying Aside Every Weight," showed that Christians must be unhampered in their service to God. Pointing to the enmity begun in the garden of Eden between Satan and God's organization, the speaker, L. E. Reusch, a member of the Brooklyn Bethel family, showed that the Lord's servants have run a continued race since that day, and that the apostle Paul recommended the laying aside of every weight that would hinder in this race.

He showed that to follow the battle orders to "Preach the word" the many hindering weights being poured upon humankind by Satan must be laid aside. What weights? First, they cast aside religion with its demon-inspired pagan doctrines. Then the Lord's servants learned that they should "obey God rather than man", and the political rulers no longer held terror over them. A third weight is commerce, with its greed and selfishness.

But some of Jehovah's servants have somehow felt that commerce is the lesser of the three evils, and it has loaded them down so that they have little or no time to carry out their orders to "Preach the word". Vivid, true-life descriptions were given of how commerce could sap all a person's time and take him out of the Lord's service, how the desires for business, car, television, and other things could be the first steps toward getting so absorbed in commercial activity that you would lose the Christian's race.

Love of self as a hindering weight was likewise illustrated by example. The "self" that makes you and your desires come first is a big weight, as well as the selfishness that produces envy, gossip, quick temper.

All these can be laid aside by putting the preaching work first, so that the race can be run to final victory, Reusch pointed out. His concluding words rang out: "Strip down to bare necessities and run the race; run as though your life depended upon it. It does!"





Enthusied conventioners delight in new legal booklet and new "Watchtower"





## REPORT FROM GERMANY

Yesterday afternoon Brother E. H. Frost, Branch servant of Germany, pointed out that the Nazi-Fascistic persecution of Jehovah's witnesses in Germany was a test that opened the eyes of thousands of sincere people in Germany and elsewhere to an understanding of Jehovah's purposes. These "other sheep" have compared Jehovah's witnesses of modern times with the Bible record of God's faithful witnesses in the past, and they see that they are living up to God's holy name which they bear. They are flocking to hear and learn more about the Kingdom message.

"The Watchtower is being printed to the number of 188,000 in our own establishment in Wiesbaden," Brother Frost revealed. Of these, 60,000 are sent into the communist-controlled Eastern zone in spite of a Russian ban.

Pioneering in Germany is done under great difficulty, especially in the Eastern zone. When the communists took over, Jehovah's witnesses were the first ones to be fired from their jobs. Later, however, the communist papers declared that Jehovah's witness-

### Witnesses Declare Against Communism

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tion this afternoon. In exposing the false charge by religious adversaries of the Watchtower Society, to the effect that Jehovah's witnesses were supporters of communism, Mr. Knorr presented a mountain of evidence to the contrary. Not only have the various parts of the United States government refused to place Jehovah's witnesses on the list of subversives and communist fellow travelers, but the Society's published record against communism since 1879 speaks for itself.

He showed that true Christianity does not pave the way for the rise and growth of atheistic communism, but hypocritical Christianity does! Applause after applause followed as Mr. Knorr made clear, strong statements against godless communism.

He showed that in April, 1950,



E. Frost

es are not to be dismissed from their work, because they immediately become "pioneers" and do more harm than when employed.

Despite all the pressure brought against them, the ranks of Jehovah's witnesses in the Eastern zone have swelled to the number of 22,926 publishers. And in all Germany, according to the June report, there were 51,498 publishers of The Theocracy.

there was a peak of 357,889 active ministers of Jehovah's witnesses in 106 lands, operating under 65 Branches of the Watchtower Society. Then, amidst great growing enthusiasm and support for his masterful argument, Mr. Knorr proposed a declaration and resolution against communism and any other world effort of domination. Upon the conclusion of the resolution the chairman of the convention moved its adoption, and a second was made by a delegate from Europe. Immediately a thunderous "Aye" spontaneously arose from the gigantic audience, followed by a peal of prolonged hand clapping. This Resolution appears on page 2 of this Report.

As a finale President Knorr again came before the microphone and announced the new Watchtower magazine in its new dress.

## NEWS FROM BEHIND IRON CURTAIN

Yesterday afternoon Alfred Ruetimann said Yugoslavia is a prison camp. Mail is censored. Bible literature is under ban, and Jehovah's witnesses dare not preach publicly. Yet in spite of these conditions, the witnesses in that land are preaching.

In Hungary the work is not publicly banned, but since 1948 the printing of *The Watchtower* in Budapest has been prohibited. Public meetings are also outlawed. And no wonder, communist meetings were thinly attended by 50 to 60 people, whereas 500 to 800 attended the public meetings of Jehovah's witnesses.

The first and last convention of Jehovah's witnesses in Rumania, held in 1946, was attended by 15,000 people. Work is done under great difficulties.

A strange thing has happened in Poland. A few years ago the work was carried on under great opposition from the Catholic Hierarchy, who rode in Poland's political saddle. But now the communists hold the reins of government, and with the same totalitarian tactics they have thrown many of Jehovah's witnesses into the former Nazi concentration camps.

Noncommunist police officials in Czechoslovakia, in many instances, have given "a cup of cold water" to God's people by shielding them from arrest.



A. Ruetimann



## MEETINGS IN SIX MORE LANGUAGES

Foreign-language meetings on Tuesday continued to thrill those who speak languages other than English, including the thousands of conventioners from all parts of the earth.

"Theocracy's Increase" was the title of the opening address before the 583 in attendance at the French meeting. The English program was reviewed. Two reports were heard from Belgium, where there has been a remarkable increase, from 60 during the occupation to 2,279 in 1950.

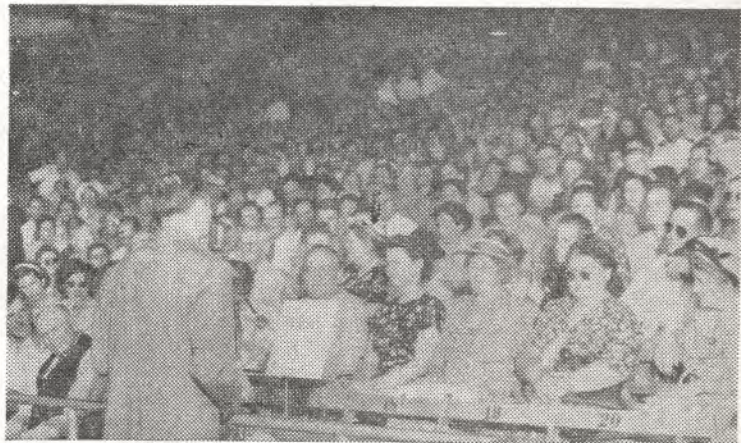
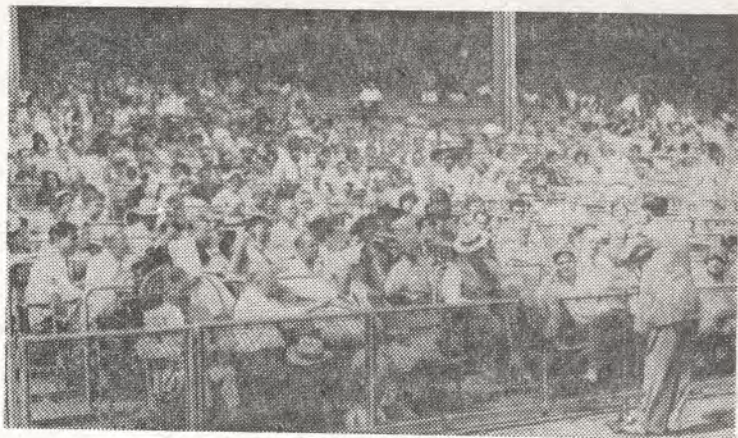
"Unity in Praising Jehovah" was the opening address of the Arabic assembly, where 150 attended. Along with the review of the English program, various Theocratic themes were discussed. A demonstration was given by two Gileadites, and the brethren thrilled to experiences from both Syria and America.

Also gathered to receive encouragement from God's Word and to receive further instruction were 1,300 Polish brethren. They heard that despite much opposition, including the arresting of the brethren and the closing of the Society's Branch, the number of publishers in Poland has grown to 20,000. A report was given by Polish-speaking brethren from Belgium and France.

The Finnish assembly, with about 130 in attendance, heard how the work started in that land 40 years ago with two publishers, and they have now grown to 4,354. During the war they had to change the name of the Watch Tower Society to "The Kingdom of God". A newspaper sarcastically asked "Where is the kingdom of God?" and answered with the Society's address.

The Albanian brethren were enthused and thankful for the first meeting ever held in their language at an international assembly. Reports were given on the English meetings and several Theocratic themes were discussed. Sixty persons attended.

At the Norwegian assembly 267 persons heard a review of the English talks to date and an address by Brother K. M. Jensen on the increase of the work during the past 30 years.



Top to bottom: Greek, Spanish, German meetings



## CAFETERIA IN FULL SWING

Operating 12 serving lines for breakfast, 26 for luncheon and supper, backed by a corps of 250 workers in the kitchen and a host of cashiers in the cafeteria tents, the convention cafeteria swung into high gear by the first day of the assembly. Due to the terrific crowd on the opening day, the facilities arranged for the kitchen were taxed to the utmost from the very start. Sunday noon 35,000 poured through, and 15,000 Sunday night. However, all persons were adequately served, and by Monday morning the kitchen organization was considered in good shape for the work to come. It is set to feed 15,000 persons an hour.

Unusually large volumes of food are required to fill the varied menus. For a single meal featuring the various dishes four to five thousand pounds of beef, chicken, or fish are required. Up to 5,000 pounds of potatoes are used for each meal, as well as from six to seven hundred loaves of bread, 600 cans of vegetables and 400 gallons of salad.

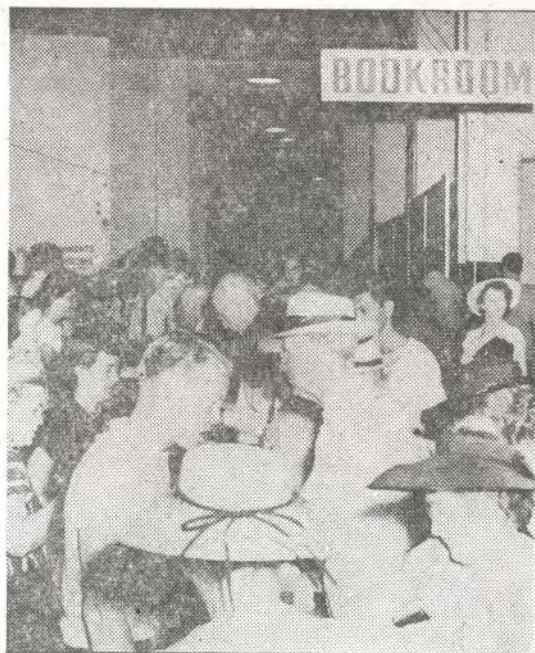
The supply of food on hand was sufficient for the first half of the eight-day convention, with more coming in daily. The supply includes, in total, 50,000 pounds of beef, 10,000 pounds of fish, 80 tons of canned vegetables, and crates of cabbages, lettuce and onions by the thousands.

A large warehouse provided for the purpose has made it possible to store cafeteria food supplies in large quantities, which have been shipped from all parts of the country.

The kitchen organization to supply the necessities of the cafeteria consists of fifty cooks and helpers, including at least a dozen experienced professional cooks. Light trucks and station wagons pull into the second-floor kitchen by a ramp in the front of the building, deposit their supplies and immediately leave by a rear ramp.

To prepare the supplies for cooking, a large number of women are employed to clean and peel the many vegetables. Their diligent labors are evident from the many baskets of vegetables at their feet and the thick air permeated by the odor of freshly cut onions. Professional butchers and meatcutters chop and prepare the great volumes of meat required.

Though the kitchen was formerly an auto garage, the spick-and-span condition of its interior reflects the much hard work contributed by those who readied it for its present use. The large tents accommodating the cafeteria tables and twenty-six serving lines are each about 40 feet by 60 feet. Early in the convention the cafeteria found itself well supplied with hard workers equipped to meet the assembly's needs for its duration of eight days.



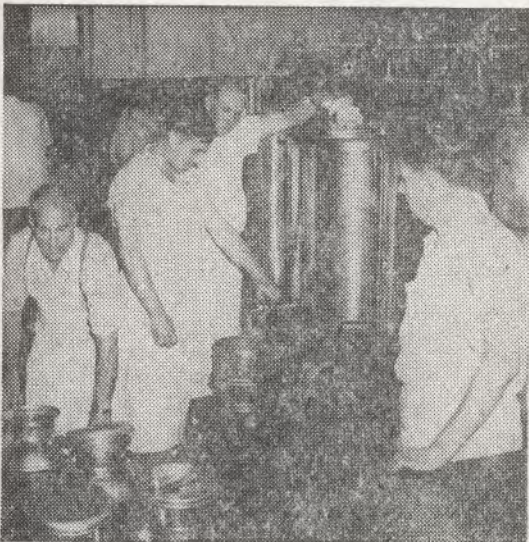
Bookroom and Information







**Cafeteria departments serving conventioners**





# Convention Requires Large Task Forces

Through the departments handling installation and trucking and equipment, hundreds of workers of various trades were used to provide the convention with its necessary departments and working facilities. Few appreciate the many special talents required to furnish all of the necessary departments of an international assembly.

For example, to complete the construction needs of the trailer camp, approximately 150,000 feet of lumber were used, together with several thousand feet of all types of pipe. Installing the kitchen included the fitting in place of 23 steam kettles, as well as batteries of ovens and frialators and a number of 15-horsepower meatcutters. All of the construction needs of every department were installed by the construction department. This one department utilized about 150 workers, most of whom were busy during all hours of the day and night.

The trucking and equipment department is responsible for handling all contributed property and all of the trucking needs of the assembly. In a single night this department handled 40,000 pounds of groceries three different times. They also brought the flowers from Staten Island that were used for the platform. Thirty trucks, from Delaware, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Jersey, and Massachusetts, were loaned to the convention for convention use.

Equipment handled by this department was extremely varied, including tons of food, electrical equipment, and cafeteria appliances. Trucks donated went all the way from a jeep to a 30-ton truck.

Work varied too. This department was called upon to assist a beleaguered lost-and-found desk during an emergency. Sisters had to be dispatched to care for several lost children turned in there. Though hard work for long hours has been required, the staff is sticking to its work.

An assembly having the construction, equipment, and volunteer help needs of this international convention is bound to require a large crew for cleaning. Though by the assembly's second day more help was yet needed for this work, approximately 350 workers had done an excellent job of keeping the grounds in good condition.

The cleaning office estimates that already the surrounding streets and sidewalks have been given dozens of sweepings. This was done by brigades of cleaners who moved about the circumference of the stadium, their brooms in front of them. Also, the inside concourses and grounds of the stadium have been kept clean and neat, but not without the

removal of an estimated fifty truckloads of trash.

For this work the stadium is divided into twenty-two sections. New workers are directed from the cleaning headquarters to the one in charge of the section where they will work. The job accomplished by these persons is the more remarkable in that it has been done amidst record crowds.

One who drives a taxi for a living was busy a number of days before the convention transporting delegates from airports to the Convention Committee and then to their places of abode. With these good works accomplished, he rolled up his sleeves and prepared for more of the same. At the time the convention opened, he signed up for work with the trucking department, stating, "I'm going to let my taxi stay home and rot. This is more important!"

## Attendant Department Organized

### Geared to Care for Huge Throngs

Appearing under a new name the "usher department" has performed excellent service as the "attendant department". Its efficient operating structure, organized from the attendant servant through his assistants to each individual attendant, has effected a working organization capable of handling some of the largest crowds in Yankee Stadium history.

The attendant servant and his assistant superintend general oversight of the department. Next, one is in charge of the attendants' office. Through this office volunteers are dispatched to divisional heads supervising certain assigned locations in the stadium. For convenience these areas are divided into lower stand, mezzanine, upper stand, and bleachers. Individual attendants are also in charge of others under them in the cafeteria. Some attendants serve as guards, others handle contribu-

tion boxes, some will care for the immersion, and a few are assigned to special duties.

The opening day, the afternoon crowds attending the Gil-ead graduation exceeded all expectations. The attendants' office estimated that Sunday afternoon only about 600 attendants had actually been on duty in the stadium to handle the crowd of more than 70,000 people there. So rapid was the sudden rise in attendance that to handle the crowd one divisional head attendant would start with three assistants and end with twenty-five.

Though the work of the attendants on duty has been handled exceptionally well, the attendant office estimates that only about one-fourth of the crew that will finally be needed is now registered for service. Those now enrolled number 1,200, while an estimated 5,000 will be needed by the close of the week.



# Hail the Theocracy's Increase!

From all continents and from the isles of the sea men and women of many nationalities are met together in peace and joy for the Theocracy's Increase Assembly of Jehovah's witnesses. "How can this be?" asks one acquainted with this world's confused state.

Not for the purpose of ridicule is it pointed out that all human efforts to secure tranquility have failed. Rather, it is to foolishly stick one's head in the sand to ignore that for all the world's fighting, bleeding and dying in the last thirty-six years it is in a worse quagmire than ever. But not so Jehovah's Theocracy. It is beyond human corruption, firmly established in heaven. Its earthly representatives, God's ministers, are under the same guiding spirit of God and are given a work that cannot fail, but rather must increase until it fills the earth.

In the summer of 1880, the editor of *The Watchtower*, later to become at its founding the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society's first president, made what was then considered a fairly extensive trip, to visit a number of subscribers to *The Watchtower*. His trip took him from Allegheny, Pennsylvania, to Lynn, Massachusetts, and back, during which time he made ten stops with local companies of subscribers. Sixty-seven years later, from February to August, 1947, the Society's third president made a 47,795-mile world tour by air, visiting twenty-eight of the Society's Branches in thirty-two lands. The passage of years between those trips was filled with progress and expansion.

All this was excellently foretold in God's clear Word, the Bible. Jehovah graciously favored the prophet Isaiah with a beautiful vision of a great cloud of doves flocking to their windows. This was couched in the sixtieth chapter of the prophet's book, in which the glory of Jehovah's visible organization in the last days was set forth. What

could the doves mean? Why, in Isaiah's land, doves fly together so thickly that they literally cover the sky from the view of those beneath. What could this be but a graphic picture of the increase that the organization should expect as a result of shining amidst the darkness of the old world.—Isaiah 60: 1, 8.

Similarly, to accommodate the increase, the same prophet exhorted in his fifty-fourth chapter: "Enlarge the site of your tent, and stretch without limit the curtains of your home; lengthen your cords, and make fast your pegs! For to right and to left shall you spread abroad, and your descendants shall take over the heritage of the nations, and shall people the desolate cities." (Isaiah 54: 2, 3, *An Amer. Trans.*) Again, Isaiah said, "Of the increase of his government, and of peace, there will be no end."—9: 7, *An Amer. Trans.*

## Prophecies See Fulfillment

Simply look at modern history and see these stirring prophecies already in fulfillment. From the handful of sincere Bible students that began their investigations in 1870, the preparatory "Elijah" work brought in a harvest of workers in the thousands by the time of its climax in 1918.

In 1918 the average number of persons who spent some time each month in 'preaching the word' to friends or neighbors was 3,868. Ten years later this figure had climbed to 23,988, and by 1938 it reached 47,143. In that year, through increased understanding of the Scriptures and of the working of Jehovah's organization, the Lord's people aligned themselves according to a more Theocratic pattern and, under difficulty, geared their structure for further progress.

Well they did! for in the fol-

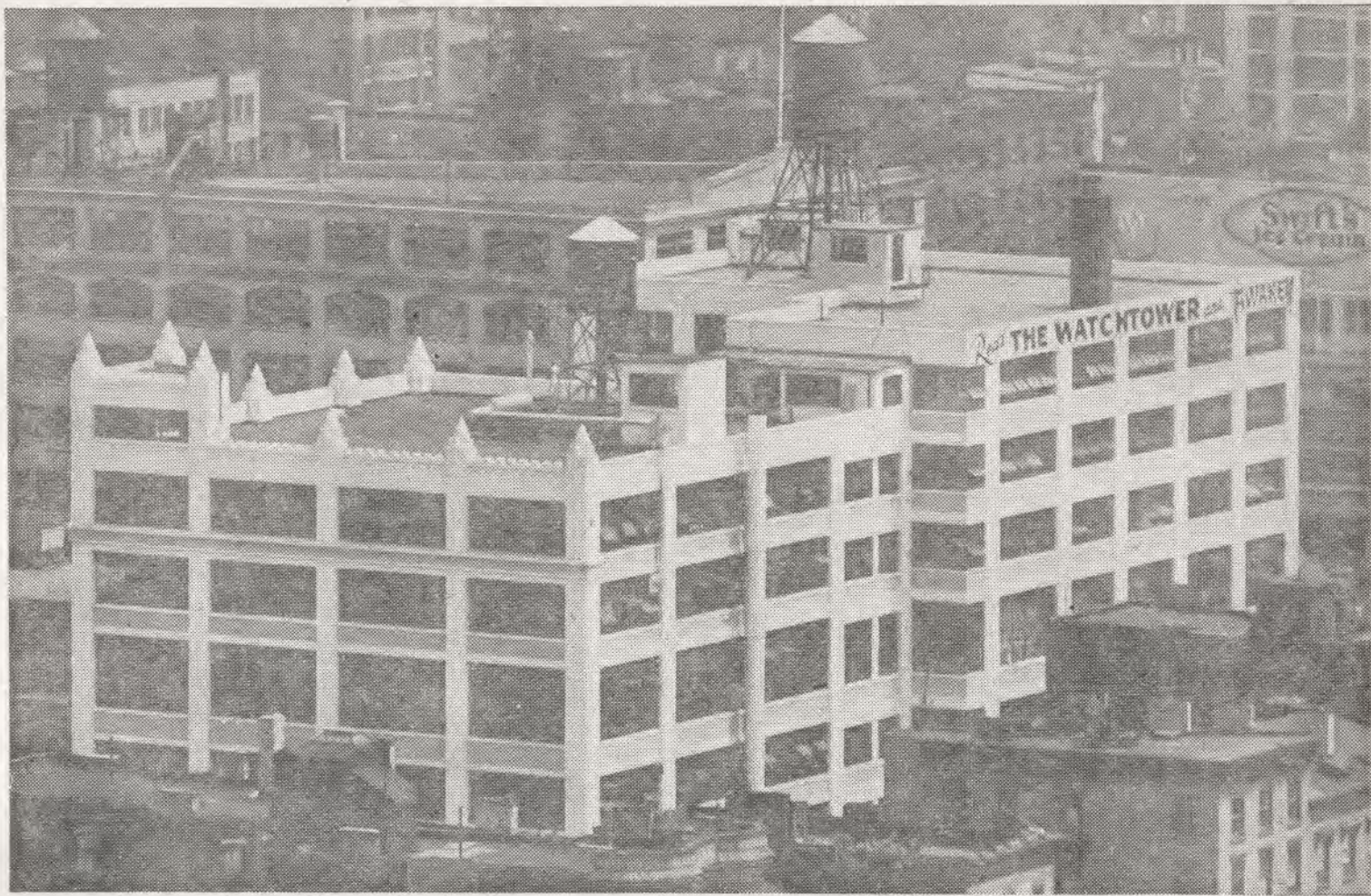
lowing ten years World War II and its aftermath swept furiously over the nations, riding down free institutions and driving liberal governments to the wall in a fight for their very lives.

The gates of the concentration camps closed behind faithful witnesses in totalitarian lands; mob violence exploded in their midst in the democracies as court cases piled up. Even in the United States, champion of democracy, the witnesses fought tooth and nail to preserve their liberty and keep on the increase. Nor has this front quieted now as witness the current court proceedings they are prosecuting against mob rule in some states of the United States.

When the din of war had ended, where were Jehovah's witnesses? Had the enemy succeeded in silencing their ministry of praise to God behind the cloak of total war? Far from it! No longer were there the 47,143 publishers of 1938, no, but by 1948 there were 230,532 announcers of the Kingdom worldwide! Another year of increase brought the total to 279,421 on an average each month of the 1949 service year, during which year an actual peak number of 317,877 publishers had seen service. The 1950 totals rocket ever upward. Already the number of ministers in the United States has climbed to new heights, with month after month of successive peaks, culminating with 108,144 ministers of the gospel in April.

Into the terrific tide of increase Jehovah's witnesses now can throw the facilities of a new Bethel home and factory. And how these have been needed! When the last addition to the factory was made, there were not 50,000 publishers in the world; now there are over seven times as many. From its first printing of 6,000 copies seventy-one years ago, the publication of *The Watchtower* has zoomed to nearly one and a quarter million of each issue today, and in 32 languages.





Watchtower factory in Brooklyn, N. Y. New addition advertises the "Watchtower" and "Awake!" magazines



# JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES OF MODERN TIMES

Jehovah is the one who said, "Ye are my witnesses, . . . and I am God." (Isaiah 43:12, Am. Stan. Ver.) Jehovah God is the Founder and Organizer of his witnesses on the earth. They are his ministers, consecrated to do his will. They are drawn together for the purpose of declaring that 'He whose name alone is Jehovah is the most high over all the earth'.—Psalm 83:18.

A history of Jehovah's witnesses and their service to God takes us back nearly 6,000 years. The Bible tells us in Genesis, chapter 4, that the second son of the first man, Adam, was martyred for properly serving Jehovah God. From that first martyr, Abel, the history of Jehovah's servants includes such valiant men as Enoch, Noah, Abraham, and a long line of men of faith who lived during the 4,000 years between Abel's day and the time of Christ, God's greatest witness. Christ Jesus, God's beloved Son, was "the faithful and true witness". (Revelation 3:14) He designated others to continue the testimony, saying, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth."—Acts 1:8.

Jehovah's witnesses in modern times are merely the last of this long line of faithful servants of God, organized for a specific purpose in our day. Jehovah has decreed that his witnesses should herald the arrival of his kingdom so that honest-hearted persons of all nations can take their stand for it and receive untold blessings that it will soon usher in. This preaching work is one of the signs that Christ gave marking the end of Satan's rule (Matthew 24). It is for this work that Jehovah has organized his witnesses today.

## Modern-Day Witnesses

We break in on the history of Jehovah's witnesses in 1872, when Charles Taze Russell, a

young man who had been brought up by God-fearing Presbyterian parents, but who was not satisfied with the explanations of Scripture given him, started a Bible-study class with several of his friends.

Russell and his small group of associates discovered many of the truths that had been hidden by Christendom's traditions. In 1874 they published a pamphlet entitled "The Object and Manner of the Lord's Return", and fifty thousand were distributed, to debunk the religious theory of the earth's being destroyed by fire at Christ's coming, and pointing out that Christ's second coming would be invisible.

Then, in July, 1879, the first issue of the *Watchtower* magazine was published. The work that started then was symbolized by the work of the prophet Elijah, and hence has been called the Elijah work. It was a work of preparing the way before the Lord's second coming, like the work of John the Baptist prior to Christ's first advent.

In 1880, *The Watchtower* published, for the first time, chronological proof that the end of the Gentile times would come thirty-four years later, A.D. 1914. During those 34 years the warning announcement rang with increasing tempo as 1914 approached, foretelling that world-shattering events would occur in that year. This paralleled the prophetic messages of divine judgment sounded by Jehovah through his prophets to Israel of old.

*The Watchtower* began in a small way, the first issue being 6,000 copies. By 1904 circulation was 25,000. Now, in 1950, it is published in 32 languages and the current issue in all languages exceeds 1,210,000 copies! The entire first edition of 6,000 copies could be printed on the

Watchtower's new press in about 12 minutes!

But the printed page was not the only means to be used. Arrangements were made for "pilgrims", traveling evangelists, to visit in private homes and hold "cottage meetings". Then, as new ones saw the errors in religious traditions, congregations sprang up throughout the country. By 1901 fifteen pilgrims trained as speakers at the Pittsburgh headquarters were traveling from city to city. In 1917 the number was increased to 93, and they served hundreds of congregations world-wide. Today a similar staff, called circuit servants and district servants, visit each congregation to assist and counsel Jehovah's witnesses in their Kingdom preaching activity.

## Refuting Traditional Error

As the years progressed these Christians came to a clearer understanding of many fundamental doctrines which had been lost sight of since the days of fusion religion, A.D. 325 and thereafter. They learned that hell as a place of eternal torment was a devilish doctrine not taught in the Bible, that religion's trinity was not supported by the Scriptures, that man does not possess an immortal soul, but that those of the church company must *seek* immortality as a prize, that purgatory is unscriptural, that salvation is only through the ransom sacrifice of Christ Jesus, and that God is not responsible for the woes which afflict mankind.

These sincere Christians embarked upon a venture of publishing small tracts to explain these Bible truths. This work was not confined to one country but expanded into foreign fields from its very start, and eventually these tracts were printed in 13 languages. Tract distribution became highly organized, and millions were disseminated annually. By 1898 most of those associated in the many congregations participated in tract distribution on Sundays. They would be out early and put the latest tracts under the doors of the people, then later in the day would be stationed near the churches to pass out further



tracts, much to the anger of the clergy who feared, and properly so, that Bible truth would spoil their religious pastures.

Further work was done with booklets. One was the 161-page *Food for Thinking Christians*, released in 1881. It contained most of the Scriptural views held then and was widely circulated. As a result hundreds of Christians in Britain and the United States abandoned their churches and formed small study groups in their home towns to learn what the Bible really taught. These groups were regular students of the *Watchtower* magazine.

The next forward stride in printing by the Society was the publishing in 1886 of the 350-page book entitled "The Divine Plan of the Ages". It enjoyed a phenomenal distribution of 6 million copies in several languages over a period of 40 years, and did much to restore an understanding of basic Christian doctrine which had been lost sight of during the Middle Ages.

As this army of Christian witnesses expanded and came into more and more prominence many names were attached to them, most of which were intended to misrepresent and discredit. The witnesses themselves merely answered that they were Christians, until in 1931 they received the new name by which they are now known throughout the earth, that is, Jehovah's witnesses.

### Steady Growth of Witness Work

As the Society expanded it was necessary to incorporate it and build a more definite organization. The nonprofit "Zion's Watch Tower Tract Society" was organized in 1884. Its name was changed in 1896 to Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society. This is the legal instrument and servant of the unincorporated body or society of Jehovah's witnesses who make up the congregation throughout the earth.

Continued steady growth of the work necessitated expansion of facilities in Pittsburgh in 1898, when a new four-story building was equipped with the latest printing devices and became known as the "Bible House". The offices were moved to Brooklyn, New York, in 1909.

Another forward step was taken in 1888, when 50 persons undertook full-time house-to-house preaching. This "colporteur" work was later designated pioneering. From 1910 to 1914 there were 600 in this activity, and last year it had grown to 10,973.

Naturally, as the Kingdom proclamation increased, exposing fusion religion doctrines through hard-hitting Bible truths, the clergy were greatly chagrined, and religious opposition kept pace with the work's increase. False creeds were beaten down by the witnesses, who also stood against the new religious trend of modernism. Millions of tracts were distributed, called *Bible vs. Evolution Theory*.

The work in foreign fields was given impetus in 1891, when the Society's president made his first trip to Europe. And, as a result of this visit, several congregations sprang up in Britain. These first few congregations have now grown to over 600.

Numerous other tours were made to stimulate the rapidly expanding work, including an outstanding round-the-world tour in 1912, with lectures being given to large audiences at Honolulu, Tokyo, Yokohama, Manila, Shanghai, Singapore, several points in India, Egypt, Greece and Italy.

In the year that the headquarters of the Society was moved to Brooklyn (1909), a New York corporation was formed and named People's Pulpit Association. (It was changed in 1939 to Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, Inc.) This New York corporation purchased both the Henry Ward Beecher home at 124 Columbia Heights as a new Bethel home and the Brooklyn Plymouth church of Beecher, which was renamed the Brooklyn Tabernacle. Meetings were held in the Tabernacle, and the basement was transformed into a printing factory.

### New Publicity Prior to 1914

The year 1910 witnessed further great strides in publicizing the Kingdom. A newspaper campaign was established in the United States. And in that year over a thousand newspapers in the United States and Canada carried, as a public service, sermons written by the Society's

president. This work continued for about five years. Its peak was in 1913, when 1,500 newspapers carried the sermons regularly in four languages. The witness given was tremendous.

As a final means of driving home the truths that had been proclaimed over a period of 40 years the "Photo-Drama of Creation" was completed in 1914. This combination of motion pictures and stills, accompanied by recorded lectures, presented the Kingdom message to millions. It was an unprecedented undertaking, for motion pictures and sound recordings were only in their infancy, and the "Photo-Drama" was in four parts of two hours each. Its first exhibition was to an awe-struck audience in New York, in January, 1914. It then spread throughout the United States, reaching full swing by April. In July Britain was showing it for the first time. By fall it had reached Germany, Switzerland, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Australia and New Zealand. For five years it continued to bring comfort and hope to many millions.

Throughout all these years of the Elijah work Jehovah's witnesses had widely and faithfully proclaimed the year 1914 as the end of the Gentile times. But when that year came the ordinary man on the streets saw no visible signs of the end forthcoming, and ridicule was aimed at God's servants from all sides. As months passed the mocking increased. But on August 3 the situation changed. World War I broke out in all its fury. Millions in Europe and America immediately thought of the warning work of Jehovah's witnesses, for they were observing the first of the series of physical evidences Jesus foretold in his outstanding prophecy in the 24th chapter of Matthew concerning his second coming and the end of Satan's old world.

The witnesses as a whole were aware that the ending of the Gentile times would not mean a fiery end for the literal earth, but meant the end of Satan's uninterrupted rule and the time for Christ Jesus to be enthroned as King. They had diligently publicized the facts regarding 1914 as well as the truth on fundamental Bible doctrines. The monumental witness given by the faithful witnesses of Jehovah during the



40 years of the Elijah period of the work is shown by their distribution of 318,730,050 tracts and booklets and 8,993,166 bound books. At the close of this period there were 22,304 witnesses active in preaching.

#### Russell Dies, Rutherford Chosen

The Gentile times having ended in 1914, Jehovah's witnesses kept on with their Bible educational work. The Society's president continued his lecture tours and held conventions in the usual way, but in the latter half of 1916 his health failed rapidly. He had spent his strength in the Lord's service for over 40 years. On October 31, 1916, he died, a faithful witness of Jehovah God.

Then at the next regular corporation meeting of the Society, January 6, 1917, J. F. Rutherford was unanimously elected as the new president. Time proved this to be the Lord's direction. Judge Rutherford's legal training, coupled with 10 years of Bible lecturing and intimate association with Pastor Russell, had qualified him for his eventful and fiery 25-year tenure of office.

In July, 1917, the seventh volume of the Studies in the Scriptures, *The Finished Mystery*, was published. This volume caused widespread comment and even criticism and was the focal point around which an opposition party arose within the Society. Much of their opposition, however, was due to personal bitterness and the desire on the part of a few to exalt themselves into favored positions.

#### False Imprisonment, Work Ravaged

About this same time clergymen, aided and abetted by some of the disgruntled opposition groups, were loud in their misrepresentations against Jehovah's servants and stirred up much animosity against them.

Their systematic campaign to "get" the Society's directors finally bore fruit, and the Society's officers, including Judge Rutherford, were sentenced to 80 years' imprisonment at Atlanta Penitentiary. Nine months later they were admitted to bail, the case was heard on appeal, judgment was reversed and the defendants dismissed. All the defendants were automatically restored to citizenship, and were never at

any time convicts in the meaning of the law.

Coinciding with this persecution of the Society's officials, a wave of persecution against the witnesses swept through the country. Many fled, others were mobbed and beaten, a few were tarred and feathered, and some were imprisoned on trumped-up charges, just as was the case with the Society's officials.

During this period the head office was moved back to Pittsburgh and remained in exile, as it were, for about a year. The Brooklyn Tabernacle was sold, and the Brooklyn Bethel home rented out. Despite the disruption of the organization a small and loyal staff continued to regularly publish *The Watchtower* back in Pittsburgh, and not one copy was missed, though the field work itself was brought to an almost complete standstill.

Thus in the summer of 1918 the whole organized Elijah work was ravaged. This brought much satisfaction to the clergy, who thought they now could rejoice at the elimination once and for all of Jehovah's witnesses who were in captivity, just as the Jews had been in captivity in Babylon in 607 B.C. As with the captivity of the Jews, Jehovah permitted this, not just to fulfill Bible prophecy, but also because the witnesses themselves had not maintained as uncompromising an attitude in fulfilling their covenant as should have been done. They lacked understanding of certain truth, and this led them into snares.

But such was not the end of these faithful witnesses. Just as Elisha was to take up the mantle of Elijah; just as the "dry bones" of Ezekiel chapter 37 were to take on new flesh; just as the Jews were to return from captivity, so were Jehovah's chosen servants, so was a reconstruction work to take place among them. Their stand was to become an uncompromising one as they put their trust solely in Jehovah God and his Son Christ Jesus. and their activity was to multiply many times.

Those who had been imprisoned were in fighting trim when they emerged. Immediately they undertook a series of lecture engagements in large halls throughout the land to present the facts to the people. By

September of that year the Brooklyn Bethel home was reopened and factory premises were rented on Myrtle Avenue in Brooklyn.

On the 1st to the 8th of that month the largest convention up to that time was held at Cedar Point, Ohio. Eight thousand attended. There it was revealed that the Elijah work was dead and that the new Elisha work must be organized. Plans were discussed for a Bible educational campaign that dwarfed even the 40-year period of the Elijah work, prior to 1918.

Three years later 20,000 persons assembled at the same place and hailed with enthusiasm the new slogan, "Advertise, advertise, advertise the King and the Kingdom." That they took this slogan to heart and that it gave great impetus to the new campaign is unquestionably proved by the report of the increase in Kingdom advertising from then until this present day!

In 1919 the new biweekly magazine *The Golden Age* was published. It covered world events and did much in exposing conditions in religion, politics, and commerce that oppress the common people. In 1937 its name was changed to *Consolation*, and in 1946 it was replaced by the fearless new magazine *Awake!* These have been excellent companion magazines to *The Watchtower*.

#### Preaching the Truth by Radio

Shortly after 1920 radio was being developed for the general public, and in 1922 the Society gave its first public Bible lecture over the air. A year later a 20-acre suburban farm on Staten Island, New York city, was purchased and construction was begun on the Society's first radio station, WBBR. Its initial broadcast was on February 24, 1924, and the station has operated continually ever since. In 1945 WBBR was issued a meritorious certificate from a national association of broadcasters in "recognition of (its) public service and its contribution to world peace and harmony". Other stations were built by the Society but later sold.

In addition to its own stations, in the summer of 1927 the Society used its first radio chain, hooking together 53 stations. In 1928 it organized two chains of



its own, tying in 107 stations. The peak in the radio work came in 1933, when the Society used 403 stations to transmit 23,783 radio lectures.

The clergy of Christendom became increasingly more concerned over this publicity for the truth, and in 1933 the Roman Catholic Hierarchy began a strenuous campaign of intimidation against radio station owners country-wide to force them by threatened boycott to cancel their contracts with the Watchtower Society. Despite this attempted religious censorship, the opposition was unable to force the witnesses off the air, as evidenced by the fact that for twelve months prior to the Society's voluntary withdrawal from commercial radio facilities 339 radio stations were engaged to handle over 18,000 transcription lectures.

In 1937 a new method replaced the general use of broadcasting. This method was that of presenting the Kingdom message by phonograph recordings through house-to-house visits to the people. Thus personal discussions could be held and the hearer's questions answered. Since this new method was instituted the Society has used commercial radio stations only occasionally for chain broadcasts, and today WBBR stands alone as the station heralding forth the announcement of God's established kingdom.

#### Use of the Printed Page

But the chief means of publicizing the Kingdom during the Elisha period has been the printed page. Previously the Society had small printing presses adequate to publish the *Watchtower* magazine, booklets, and tracts, but early in the Elisha period of the work the Society decided to do all its own printing, including bound books.

In the Myrtle Avenue factory in Brooklyn (which was rented in 1919, shortly after the return to New York of the Bethel headquarters) a large printing press and other machinery were installed. On this equipment the Society produced its first bound book, *The Harp of God*, in 1921. The next year these quarters were outgrown, and a seven-story building (including base-

ment) nearby was rented, but this too was soon outgrown. In 1927 the Society built and moved into its own eight-story structure located at 117 Adams street. This same year a new seven-story Bethel home at 124 Columbia Heights was built. But even these quarters were outgrown, and now, in 1950, the Society occupies, in addition to the 1927 buildings, the modern new nine-story factory annex at Adams street and on Columbia Heights the beautiful new twelve-story home and office building.

During the years of the Elisha work, and particularly in the 1930's and 1940's the house-to-house witness work was stressed. The ranks of active Kingdom publishers continued to grow down through the years as the 3,868 publishers, in 1918, increased in numbers to more than 317,000, in 1949. A phenomenal growth attesting to the Lord's blessing on the work!

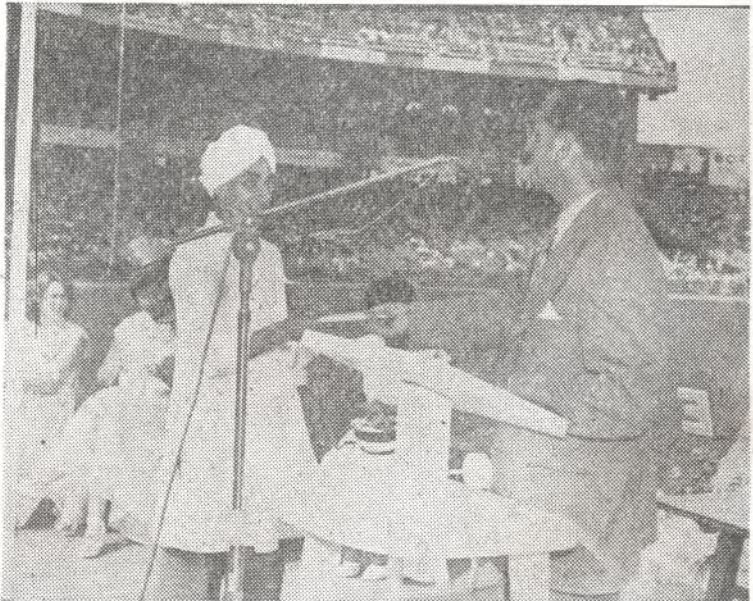
Since 1920 considerably over a half billion Bibles, books, and booklets have been distributed by this throng of Jehovah's witnesses on earth, and these in more than 90 languages. These

are distributed from the more than 60 Branch offices of the Watch Tower Society throughout the world.

#### Ministerial Training

Much of this glorious expansion can be traced to the blessings received through intensified ministerial training. In 1943 the Watchtower Bible School of Gilead began training ministers to carry the Kingdom message to new fields. That same year a course in Theocratic ministry was instituted in each local congregation, to train Jehovah's witnesses individually as public speakers and to enable them to better present the Kingdom message to the people in their homes. Textbooks were provided covering public speaking, grammar, argumentation, religion, Bible translations, Bible history, and the entire Bible, book by book.

The history of Jehovah's witnesses is an account of praise to Jehovah God's name, of proof that in this evil time there are persons on the earth who put their service to God ahead of everything else.



George Singh, India, receives envelope from N. H. Knorr at graduation



# REPORT

## OF INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

YANKEE STADIUM

NEW YORK CITY

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# NEW BIBLE!

The Greek Scriptures!

Literal Version!

Modern Speech!

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Rejoicing conventioners with the new Bible



## Bible Release

Before an amazed, highly delighted audience of 82,075 at the Wednesday afternoon session N. H. Knorr released a new Bible translation, entitled "New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures". The reaction from the audience was electric, and a sustained applause followed.

It was announced that 125,000 copies were ready for immediate distribution. Full-time workers were to be given a gift of a free copy, while all other publishers were asked to contribute \$1.50 per copy. Not only would the 72,674 assembled in the vast stadium be served with the new translation, but it was also announced that the 9,401 at the trailer camp tied in by telephone wire to this afternoon's session likewise would be able to secure copies immediately following the lecture, at the camp.

While Tuesday's session was noteworthy in proclaiming to the world the relationship of Jehovah's witnesses toward the restless sea of mankind, Wednesday's session was outstanding in that a new Bible translation was proclaimed to the world as a more accurate source of spirit and divine knowledge. In delivering his dynamic lecture entitled "Turning to the Peoples a Pure Language", President Knorr reviewed the history of Bible translations and gave a brief background of the production of the *New World Translation*.

In loud clear tones Knorr opened his lecture, "Jehovah God's language is as pure as truth. It is the only pure language. Now is the time to be speaking it. Mastered by the peoples of whatever nationalities, God's language is a mighty unifying force amid a divided war-menaced world." Knorr went on to say that safety from forthcoming world destruction depends upon gaining a knowledge of the "pure language". The original inspired Scriptures, he went on to say, contain the oracles of Jehovah, his original pure language.

Since the commencement of the Watchtower Society, back in the 1880's, more than 70 different Bible translations have been resorted to in an effort to ascertain the rock-bottom teaching of

the original inspired Scriptures.

Today, in more than a hundred nations, Knorr said, the "pure language" is being spoken as Jehovah's witnesses "preach the word". Regardless of their national or mother tongue, hundreds of thousands are now speaking this "purified speech" in unity as one people. Loudly he proclaimed that the Bible is the only textbook which teaches this language of the righteous new world.

"Jehovah God gave us the one original Bible. But, despite this, the hundreds of religious sects of Christendom are not speaking the 'pure language' or calling upon Jehovah's name." Knorr went on to show how the original pure language suffered corruption by infiltration of impurities and religious colorings brought about by uninspired Bible translators.

The unsectarian Watchtower Bible Society has a long record of Bible publications. In 1902 the Watchtower Society became the sole publishers of *The Emphatic Diaglott*. In September, 1942, the Society succeeded in purchasing plates of the complete King James Version of the Bible, and since then has distributed upward of 700,000 copies. In August, 1944, the Society purchased the use of the plates of the *American Standard Version*, and 252,000 have been printed and distributed.

He went on to show how during all our years of using more than 70 Bible versions and translations, even down to the very latest translations, we have found them defective. In one or another vital respect they are inconsistent or unsatisfactory, infected with religious traditions and world philosophy not in harmony with the sacred truths.

Mr. Knorr related that particularly since 1946 the Society's president had been in quest of an unsectarian unbiased trans-

lation of the Christian Greek Scriptures.

On September 3, 1949, at the Brooklyn headquarters, the Society's president convened a joint meeting of the Board of Directors of both the Pennsylvania and New York corporations. At this meeting, President Knorr announced to his fellow directors the existence of a New World Bible Translation Committee and that it had completed a translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures. Upon examining the translation, the committee enthusiastically supported its immediate publication. The committee made a gift to the Society of all publication rights, with a further request that all its members remain anonymous.

He went on to point out distinctive features of the new translation. The principal feature being the use of the divine name "Jehovah" in 307 distinct places, from Matthew to Revelation. In restoring the divine name in the Christian Greek Scriptures, he gave much supporting proof for the same, mentioning among other things that there are nineteen different Hebrew versions, all of which use the divine name at various points from Matthew to Revelation. Another interesting feature was that the translation was written in modern speech, in the language readily understood by all the common people.

Mr. Knorr made a stirring concluding appeal. "Take this translation. Read it through. Study it, for it will help you to better your understanding of God's Word. Put it in the hands of others. By this course you will be perfecting your ministry 'of the pure language', the speech which talks understandingly of the new world in which God's kingdom by Jesus Christ will rule supreme and without a rival."

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## Report from the British Isles

Those attending the Wednesday afternoon session listened to A. P. Hughes, British Branch servant, relate that the close of World War II had left Britain's forty-eight million impoverished in a physical way. But more than this, his reference to the even more rapid decay of religious support in the land indicated a spiritual famine of even greater dimensions. Proof that something is being done about this was cited in that in 1937 there were but 5,000 Kingdom publishers in all Britain, whereas in 1950 almost 23,000 are regularly engaged in the service.

With every step of expansion there have come ever-louder howls from the depleted clergy, but many of them, while deploring the work done by Jehovah's witnesses, have none the less paid tribute to their zeal.

One company in the south of England rocketed from eighty-eight to 206 publishers in a year. Fifty-five of these persons were immersed at one circuit assembly. Remarkable too has been the rapid increase in home Bible-study work. 1,300 pioneers have spearheaded the expansion.

A special witness was presented to the various members of Parliament by Jehovah's witnesses throughout England, in an effort to obtain greater liberty for the Kingdom work in many of the British colonies. Some of these members of Parliament commented on the earnestness of the publishers that approached them. The efforts were rewarded by a deluge of mail that parliamentarians poured in to the Colonial office demanding inquiry of the matters.

## Foreign-Language Meetings Continue

Conventioners who speak languages other than English continued to enthusiastically hail lectures in their own languages Wednesday morning. At all of the assemblies the resolution given Tuesday by N. H. Knorr, president of the Watchtower Society, was unanimously accepted in the language of the assembled group. "Ja," "Si," "Igen," and other terms for "Aye!" were heard from many parts of stadium.

The Russian assembly, with 395, heard a review of English talks, a discourse on the purpose of conventions, and a report from Palestine.

Hollandish brethren numbering 123 heard a speaker from Belgium tell of two small boys, 7 and 10 years old, who were taken by the Nazis. Their father did not hear from them until they became of military age, when each in turn wrote that he remembered the truth he had learned in childhood and was about to be executed by the Germans for his stand as one of God's servants.

The overflowing crowd at the Spanish assembly (940 were counted) heard convention reviews, talks on the wise use of time in study, at meetings, in publishing, and in helping others.

At the Hungarian meeting 490 heard a review of the growth of The Theocracy, of the advance up till today, experiences from pioneers, and a discussion on "Equipping for Greater Expansion".

## REPORT FROM CUBA

Over the past several years, many isolated brethren have worked diligently in witnessing in Cuba, and now reap a fruitful increase. One pioneer worked an isolated assignment 80 miles away three weeks out of the month. After 5 years of faithful work, the territory has 9 companies and 697 publishers.

Another pioneer, a former Episcopalian clergyman, received the truth in the form of a booklet presented him by one of his parishioners. Shortly thereafter, he began working an isolated territory, in all kinds of weather, and suffered much persecution while being forced to cover his assignment on foot. Today there is a company of 35 publishers in this place.

Every means of transportation is employed by the Cuban publishers to work their territories, but many of the areas are so primitive that one can only travel by foot or horseback. This does not stop the servants from 'strengthening weak hands'. Their efforts have been repaid in a systematic growth of their organizations.

Cuba, too, has its hopelessly religious towns such as Regla, but, undaunted by this obstacle, the work has continued, and now 111 publishers are active.



Addressing Polish assembly—in the rain!





**BROTHER KNORR RELEASES "NEW WORLD TRANSLATION"**  
**EXAMINING NEW BIBLE** **DISTRIBUTING NEW BIBLE**





# EVOLUTION VERSUS THE NEW WORLD

Booklet of This Title Thrills Assembly

SIXTY-FOUR PAGES!

COLORED COVER!

ILLUSTRATED!

"Something we have needed for a long time!" That was the exclamation from 74,295 joyous conventioners upon release of the timely new 64-page booklet entitled "Evolution versus The New World".

It came as a climax to a discourse on that subject by Colin Quackenbush, a member of the Brooklyn Bethel family. Following is a brief summary of this thirty-minute talk that led up to the release of the colored-cover booklet.

"They say it's a woman's right to change her mind, but we say it's the scientists that make the most use of this feminine privilege," were the opening words of the speaker. To show that the theories of the scientists change like women's fashions, he reviewed how they had retreated from many of their theories as to how evolution had taken place, being forced by advancing true scientific knowledge to abandon their ideas about spontaneous generation of life, to drop their teachings that environment causes changes that are inheritable, that Darwin's theory of natural selection and survival of the fittest was an explanation, and lastly that mutations are sudden changes explaining the theory.

Accumulating scientific evidence has forced them to abandon the ideas of slow changes, for their fossil record of the rocks will not support it, but rather indicates new families appeared suddenly, as if by creation. But, to avoid having to acknowledge creation, they have turned to mutations to keep afloat their sinking theory.

By quoting from scientific authority, the speaker showed that their mutations produced no beneficial changes but rather abnormalities that harm the species.

After presenting these hard cheerless facts that faced the evolutionists, the speaker de-

clared, "From the fog of wishful thinking the firm fact emerges that they do not have a shred of scientific evidence on which to base their absurd, false, fantastic, unscientific, senseless, silly theory of evolution!"

The theory does have foundation. A foundation in the religions of ancient Babylon and India, in the philosophies of the ancient Greeks, in the superstitious beliefs of many savage tribes, and in the fairy stories that dote on miraculous changes, such as Cinderella tales of mice becoming horses and lizards becoming men.

After showing that the organized religions of Christendom have embraced this pagan dogma of evolution, attention was turned to evidence showing Jehovah to be the Creator of man and the universe. In many essential details He made the conditions on earth just right for man's living. The Bible, with its statement that man was created in God's image, explains the gulf between men and animals. Scientific research has shown ancient languages more complicated than modern ones, which denies the evolutionary claim that speech started in simple ways and evolved to more complexity. Scientists now acknowledge that all life came from one original human pair, which the Bible identifies as Adam and



C. D. Quackenbush releases booklet

Eve. Further testimony showed how the visible creation surrounding all of us testifies to Jehovah as an all-wise Creator.

A description of living conditions in the new world made it apparent that men of good will would certainly want to live there, and while they are en route to that new world they need not be stumbled by evolution. The speaker declared that it could be shown that "evolution is not true, not up to date, not reasonable, not logical, not scientific, that it is too silly for jungle savages to believe".

Declaring that to this modern generation of science worshippers science has become a sacred cow, the speaker added, "But their cow has gone dry so far as its being able to nurse evolution is concerned."

At the conclusion the speaker released the new 64-page booklet *Evolution versus The New World*.

## Bible Release

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Without concluding this session with either song or prayer, the vast throng applauded again and again and then finally proceeded to the aisles to eagerly obtain copies of this *New World Translation*. See pictures on page 4.



## SERVICE MEETING STRESSES MATURITY INTO FULL-TIME MINISTRY

As the seven o'clock twilight fell over Yankee Stadium Tuesday evening, Gilead Bible School instructor E. A. Dunlap introduced a dramatically paced service meeting program for the edification of the spectators. Defining the service meeting as "one of the secrets of our strength", Dunlap directed a series of demonstrations that called into action eleven members of the fifteenth class of Gilead Bible School.

"The Good-will Person's Increase" was first taken up by M. C. Reeder, from England, who, in a swift sequence, demonstrated tact and loving consideration in developing his good-will Bible study into a fledgling publisher.

J. C. Capps, from Oklahoma, then illustrated the role of Magazine Day in contributing to "The Company's Increase". Steps to successful Magazine Day work were shown to be (1) reading the magazine as soon as it arrives; (2) under-

lining or making note in some way of important points in it; (3) organizing several good approaches; (4) using the good points gained in personal reading; (5) developing a *Watchtower* magazine route into Watchtower Bible-study route. Effective demonstrations were then presented, illustrating how *The Watchtower* may be presented as (1) standing unique as an authority on Bible doctrine and prophecy; (2) the only light from the Bible guiding persons to real safety through the world's end; (3) a systematic Bible-study guide published twice a month. *Awake!* is the foremost international news magazine, drawing from on-the-spot reporters world-wide, giving uncensored news and fearless information of foremost importance.

A. S. Campbell, of New York,

next showed the way to "A Full-Time Career of Increase for Company Publishers". Two veterans of more than ten years of service, Mr. Murdoch and Mrs. Reeder, from England, felt qualified to lift up the timid hearts. Hunger, frozen feet, biting dogs, mobbings, bombings, and occasional convictions of personal failure, are not enough to knock you out if you are determined, Mr. Murdoch declared. His formula for successful pioneering included: regular study, regular association with brethren; intelligent planning; adaptation to circumstances; following Jehovah's leading, and faithful performance of duties.

To this Mrs. Reeder proved that the best time to get started may be when times appear to be worst. The best place: right at home. "Don't be disheartened by any obstacle. The all-important step is to make up your mind; then go ahead. Never forget, pioneering is the only career that guarantees real gains for the future," she concluded.

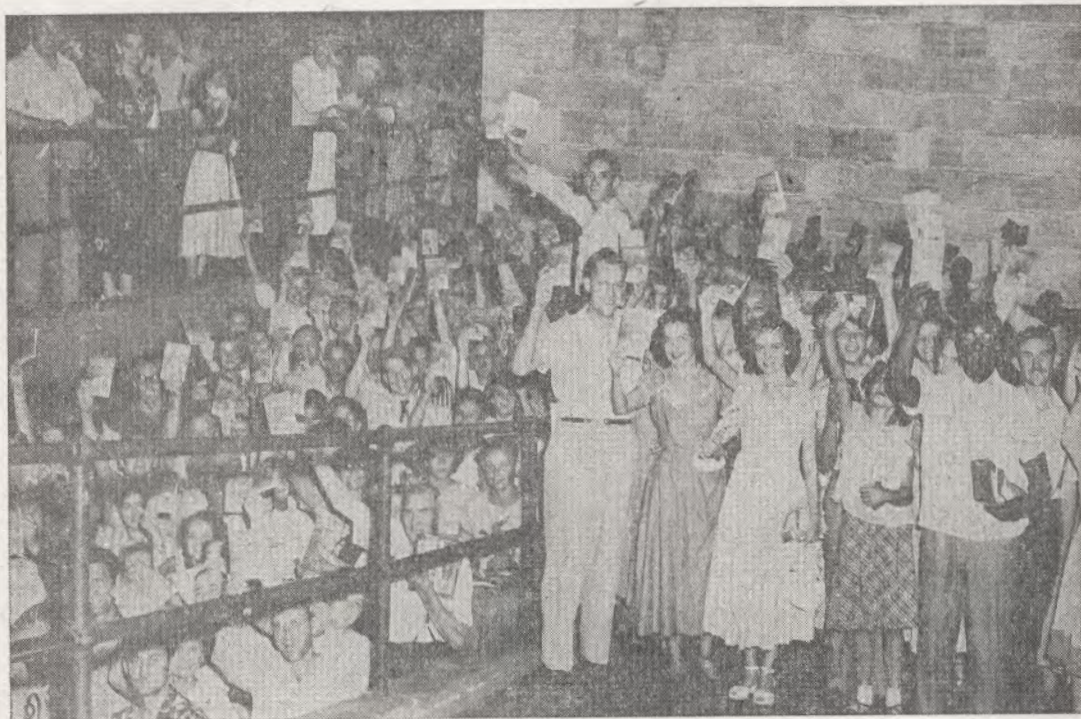


Assembly crowds outside Yankee Stadium





Conventioners with new "Watchtower"  
and "Evolution" booklet







Above: Afternoon session at the stadium  
Below: Assembly platform at Yankee Stadium







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**Left: Refreshment stand (top)  
and checkroom**

**Right: Sign painting and (bottom)  
lost children in Lost and Found**



# MORE ASSEMBLY DEPARTMENTS

## Refreshments

While greatly refreshed in spirit by the increasing flow of waters of truth so manifest at this convention, physical refreshment is welcome when scores of thousands are crowded together in one place.

Refreshments have been made easily accessible by the strategic placing of forty-six stands on the grounds, staffed by hundreds of workers. At the present rate, the total consumption of refreshment items expected is as follows: 30,000 pounds of wieners, 15,000 pounds of lunch meat, 40,000 gallons of punch, 120,000 half-pints of milk, 1,700 pounds of coffee, 15,000 pies, and 30,000 dozen cups of ice cream. To go with these things, many thousands of loaves of bread and buns, much lettuce, sugar, and 950,000 paper cups are needed. So far, 12,000 cases of Pepsi-Cola and 10,000 cases of Hire's Root Beer have been used.

The companies supplying these needs have expressed their appreciation of the organization of this department, and the facility with which such a volume of work is handled. The Pepsi-Cola and Hire's companies found this to be the largest supply job they have had in the history of their organization, in New York city.

## First Aid

The new world is not yet here, and Jehovah's witnesses are subject, like all mankind, to the imperfections and disabilities inherited from Adam. So the First Aid department has proved to be a real boon to the conventioners.

Staffed with about twenty doctors of every kind, medical, chiropractors, dentists, surgeons, chiropodists and others, along with fifty trained nurses, practically every kind of emergency case has been treated. About 1,000 patients a day are served, from exhaustion, which leads the list, to cut fingers, fractures, and even about fifty cases of heart attack. The life-saving administration of oxygen has been applied to some of these. One full-time pioneer worker

developed pneumonia, and is being cared for day and night by a registered nurse. All treatment is given without cost.

This department has five substations, besides one at the trailer camp, where increase in the form of three newborn arrivals is daily expected.

Besides these emergency cases, the staff is helping the convention to keep the cafeteria department operating according to the high standards of cleanliness required by the New York City Health Department.

## Signs and Designing

"Signs don't need to have much said about them; they speak for themselves. But there is a lot of work attached to making them." These were the sentiments of the one in charge of signs and designing when the reporter approached him. This department began work six weeks ago. They worked on 175 hotel signs, "Welcome, Jehovah's witnesses," which you have seen about New York and three sixty-foot signs and the seventy-six yeartexts "Preach the Word" used at the stadium itself.

Every convention department has since called on them for many signs, totaling 4,000 to date. The work of which they are proudest is the giant fifteen-by-eight-foot map located on the mezzanine. This map shows the location of all the Society's Branches and places where the gospel is preached, and the language.

## Lost and Found and Checkroom

When some fifty to one hundred thousand get together for eight days there is no end to the things that get lost, but, whether it is a 5c notebook or a child, the items eventually turn up at the Lost and Found department. Requiring the services of some four to six volunteer workers 14 hours a day, the Lost and Found rarely enjoys a low moment.

Classified as far as possible and neatly arranged on tables

and shelves, and resembling in quantity and variety a sizable gift shop, the lost and found items include almost everything imaginable, from clothing to books, luggage, jewelry, watches, cameras, baby powder, socks, meal tickets and social security cards. Among the rarities listed Wednesday was a \$2,500 negotiable bank check.

One lady called for her lower false teeth. Neither of the two sets listed at the time filled the description.

Not all items turned in were lost at the stadium. Two bookcases were recovered from subway trains by thoughtful friends and turned over to Lost and Found. In the top of one was a baby bottle. In the side pocket of the other was \$15 in currency, sticking out in plain sight when the gentleman first saw it on the subway.

One lady called and reported the loss of a \$10 bill. Someone had turned in a \$10 bill, so it was given to her. Next morning she brought it back, explaining that she had finally found her own bill in her purse.

Adjoining Lost and Found, and occupying the other half of the stadium section, is the convention checkroom. Two shifts of workers in crews of five are on duty from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., checking a turnover of approximately 11,000 items. Neither the checkroom nor Lost and Found charge for their invaluable services.

## Convention Orchestra and Music

At a convention, not only is the singing by such great numbers an inspiration, but when supported by an orchestra it heightens the joy. So, for ever so long, orchestras have been a part of large assemblies. And, of course, it usually followed that the greater the assembly, the larger the orchestra.

The Theocracy's Increase Assembly is no exception to this. An orchestra of just under a hundred pieces, including string, woodwind and brass sections, and a harp, all experienced musicians, has furnished the music.



# TRAILER CAMP SHARES IN THEOCRACY'S INCREASE

Two weeks ago the neighboring towns of New Brunswick, Plainfield, New Market and Dunellen, New Jersey, never dreamed that a new city was going to spring up in their midst. But that is what happened. The Watchtower Trailer Camp, made up of 2,600 lots divided by dozens of streets, is a going concern, with its own water supply, power and light systems. The census as of Monday, July 31, showed a population of 13,031, with hundreds of new arrivals, from every state in the Union and from Canada, pouring in by the hour.

Located 40 miles out of New York between highways 1 and 22, on Old New Brunswick Road, the trailer camp was born out of urgent necessity. For many months the convention committee had directed a broadside hunt for a trailer camp location. But, at last, the prospects grew so remote that the Society announced that there would be no trailer camp. With that the hopes of many of the Lord's people fell. Many could not afford

expensive accommodations in the city for eight days; some had large families; others were pioneer missionaries living in trailers; for many reasons it appeared impossible for approximately one out of eight delegates ever to reach the assembly.

Imagine the international thrill when late in June the announcement came that a site had been found for a trailer city! At the point when all human efforts appeared exhausted, Jehovah, in his never-failing way, took things in hand. A Kingdom publisher living in the New Market area happened to be discussing the problem of the trailer city with a farmer. When the idea of leasing his land for a trailer camp was tactfully broached, he shook his head. But Jehovah's witnesses have learned the value of persistence in a good pursuit. The farmer in the end consented to lease his farm for the purpose. "That," said assistant trailer camp servant L. M. Dugan, "was

a moment of thanksgiving to Jehovah."

## Work Begins

No sooner was the contract negotiated than convention servant John Groh went into action. For a top-notch organizer and business manager to run the camp he called in G. M. Couch, a circuit servant from Michigan. To assist Mr. Couch an old experienced hand at mapping plans and translating them into realities was called from Oregon. This was L. M. Dugan, himself a minister of the gospel.

About the middle of June Couch and Dugan set to work. By June 25 the paper work was finished and dirt was broken. First, the entire layout had to be surveyed. Then the streets and avenues were charted. The blocks were plotted into lots 22 by 31 feet, each large enough to accommodate one trailer unit. Now for installing sanitation, water, lights and power systems.

## An Official Is Amazed!

Mr. Morrell, an engineer of the State Health Department, said he didn't see how it could be done—installing a sanitation system to take care of so many



Store at trailer camp



people who would be arriving just one month from then. "Trenches for the toilets," he said, "will have to be dug 3½ feet deep." That would take a lot of time and a lot of help.

Ten days later Mr. Morrell came back to take a look. Before his astonished eyes stood 32 new buildings dispersed in orderly array over a sixty-acre plot. In each of the 32 toilets there were ten individual stalls. The trenches under them were not 3½ feet deep but 7 feet deep. They had not been dug by hand but by a 'dozer volunteered by one of Jehovah's witnesses.

Besides the toilets Mr. Morrell saw, either completed or under construction, the following: A 100-foot administration building; a 100-foot storage and refreshment building; a grocery store 50 feet long; 5 refreshment stands; a laundry building 100 feet long, equipped with 20 washing machines and as many ironing boards and other equipment, all loaned by Jehovah's witnesses living in the neighboring towns; 4 shower-bath buildings, each containing 19 individual shower installations; a completely equipped carpentry shop manned by a staff of skilled craftsmen. "It looks as if you know more about bringing things together," acknowledged Mr. Morrell, "than we do."

#### How It Was Done

But the accomplishment of these marvels was not due to the Society's ability to hire huge crews of skilled labor or buy expensive equipment. No; this work was done by volunteer hands, all consecrated to work in behalf of Theocracy's increase. With Couch and Dugan there was always a crew of about 20 workers present, all skilled in their various crafts. But on week-ends there poured out as many as 200 volunteer workers. To perform such a tremendous work as laying out an entire city, not for love of selfish gain, but for love of their God and in behalf of their brethren, was something out of this old world, something from a new world of righteousness.

Providing sufficient water for the city was a major problem. The one well on the premises needed a new pressure system. Even then, this well would supply only half enough. Another well had to be dug. Surveying engineers had said that the terrain would not yield more water; but Jehovah's witnesses were trusting in the Great Provider, Jehovah. Over on another side of the trailer camp the new well was sunk by well-digging equipment provided free by one of the brethren. At 100 feet enough water was struck to yield 60 gallons a minute.

Light poles were set up and

strung all over the site. The telephone company obligingly cooperated and worked for weeks to make possible a sound system to serve the city. A phone line was fed directly from Yankee Stadium studios, to provide not only telephone service but an excellent 225-watt sound system, with 19 individual speakers strung up in the various auditorium tents.

The meek and humble people who accomplished it from their inmost heart sincerely give credit to Jehovah alone as its builder. To illustrate this fact, Brother Dugan recounted the following experience:

#### Turning Farmer

"The Society had no sooner announced the trailer camp than so many applications began to pour in from all over the country we saw that the original 60-acre tract was not going to be enough. We had to find more land. Two of the local brethren had decided to buy a nearby 17-acre section of land and donate it for use. Later the seller found out that the land was going to be used by Jehovah's witnesses. She raised her price \$100 an acre.

But at that moment a change was wrought. A neighboring farmer had an eight-acre field that he was willing to lease them, only it was occupied by standing grain, and he was

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Field service departments at trailer camp



# PREACHING METHODS OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Perhaps at times you have read about Jehovah's witnesses in the papers. Some of the items may have been rather uncomplimentary, but then again you read of their having won certain cases in the United States Supreme Court, on the subject of freedom of speech and of worship. You were possibly puzzled or curious, and at one time asked, "Who are Jehovah's witnesses, anyway?"

Now there are thousands of witnesses all over New York city, having a convention, and it does seem as if you should know something more than mere hearsay about them.

## Street Witnessing

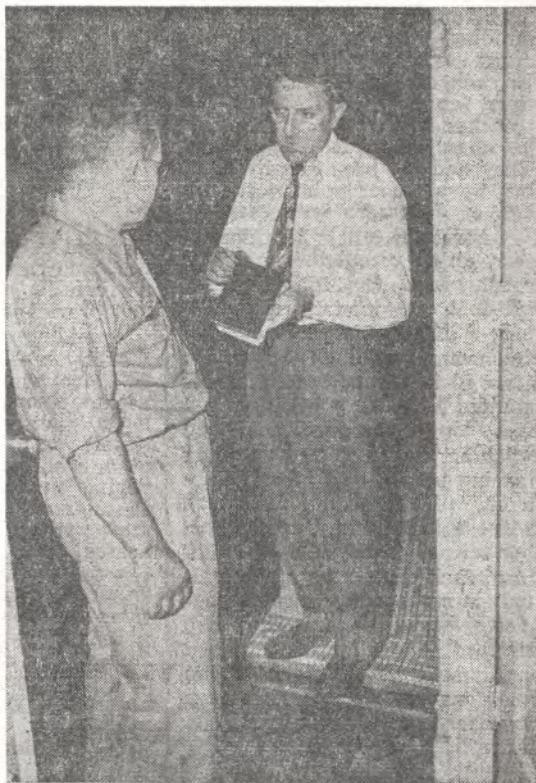
The witness calls. After preliminaries he suggests that you get out your Bible. Your first question is, "Why do the witnesses stand on street corners, calling out their message?" The witness answers straight to the point: "Jesus did it, the apostles and prophets and early disciples did it, and hence we do it." He flips open the Bible and turns to Proverbs 1: 20, 21 (*An American Translation*, by Smith, Goodspeed), reading it while you follow along in your Bible:

"Wisdom cries aloud in the streets, she lifts up her voice in the squares; at the head of noisy thoroughfares she calls, at the openings of the city gates she utters her words."

The words strike you with special force. They are a sort of challenge. Certainly Jehovah's witnesses appear to be following and declaring the wisdom from above, God's wisdom as revealed in his Word. You were never one to deny that you needed wisdom, and you knew other people needed it, too.

Your caller now turns to Luke 13: 25-27 and this time asks you to read. You do.

"When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity."



Witnessing at the door

## Door-to-Door Preaching

The words make you pause. You wouldn't like to be on the outside of that door, even though you do not grasp all that the passage means. You know Jesus here reminds some that he taught in their very streets. They had ignored him, as many are ignoring Jehovah's witnesses today. You ask another question, about going from door to door instead of worshiping in a church building. Why do Jehovah's witnesses do that? Your caller reminds you that Jesus did not build any churches, and that his disciples taught that God does not dwell in temples

made with hands. He points to Acts 7: 48-50.

"The most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet, Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord."

You are struck by the force of this passage. Maybe the besteepled churches and cathedrals of religious Christendom are not as essential to true Christianity as you once believed. The witness explains that the Lord and the disciples did use the temple then standing to proclaim the Kingdom message, since people congregated in its courts, but that they went chiefly to the



homes of the people to do their publishing of the truth. So he asks you to turn to Acts 5: 42. You do, and you read:

"Daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Paul says at Acts 20: 20: "I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house."

Your caller mentions that few Bible readers seem to have noticed the house-to-house work that Jesus our Exemplar did. In the more than a hundred pages of the four gospel accounts of his ministry, the words "house" and "home" occur over 130 times, and in the majority of those instances it is in connection with the preaching of Jesus, himself a faithful witness.

#### Public Meetings

The witness volunteers the further information that the gospel of the Kingdom cannot be restricted within roof-covered buildings, or at single doorsteps or street corners. Jesus' faithful preaching example led him outdoors as well, where it was necessary to assemble large crowds, and thus more effectively "preach the word". The famed sermon on the mount proved the advantage of this. (Matthew 5: 1, 2) Do not forget his memorable discourse to the multitudes that gathered at the seaside, making it expedient for

him to preach to them from a boat. (Matthew 13) And what of his mountainside public lecture to the throngs in Galilee prior to his feeding them miraculously from a few loaves of bread? (Matthew 15: 29-39) With this and countless other foundations from the ministry of Jesus and his apostles, Jehovah's witnesses today carry on their public meeting campaign in halls, parks and everywhere suitable.

You come to appreciate that the preaching of this gospel of the Kingdom would take place before the end of Satan's world, not the end of the literal earth, which abides forever. Texts? Ecclesiastes 1: 4 reads: "The earth abideth for ever." (You hear this with relief, what with atom bombs, H-bombs and other destructive forces on the loose.) You also learn about The Theocracy, God's government now here. It sounds good. It is what is needed. You know that all other "ocracies" have failed to bring any kind of workable solution to world distress.

You feel you have learned more in this short talk with one of Jehovah's witnesses than in many years of perfunctory church-going. You realize you are just waking up, and, somehow, you feel deeply glad about it all. Because you were not too proud to ask, you have finally obtained reliable, firsthand information about Jehovah's witnesses and the message they bear.

#### Trailer Camp

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alone to harvest it. That problem was made short shrift of. Jehovah's witnesses went in, operated the farmer's machinery, and harvested the wheat into his barn, in one day's time.

And still we didn't have enough room. When he heard about it, our farmer friend said, "Very well, I've got another field, 16 acres in size, but it's standing in wheat too." The brethren harvested that field.

#### Sharing in the Increase

While the tens of thousands of international delegates assemble at Yankee Stadium, their brethren at Trailer City flock to the cafeteria tents and other places to take in the rich feasts of educational discourses fed to them from the stadium. And while the metropolitan delegates call at the homes of the New Yorkers, and stand on the streets advertising the Theocracy, the Trailer City delegates have their own territory to serve, distributing 100,000 handbills announcing the assembly highlight, President Knorr's talk Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m., "Can You Live Forever in Happiness on Earth?" Those in Jersey are invited to attend at Trailer City.

At the end of the glorious assembly, as the tents are folded and packed, the trailers hitched and the special busses loaded, Trailer City will vanish as quietly as it appeared. The wiring system will be taken down, the pipelines taken up, the trenches refilled, and the lumber dismantled, even to the 5,000 lineal footage that has gone into innumerable tables and benches lining the dining tents. What will remain is the newly drilled well of live water, as a gift to the farmer who opened his heart to the Lord's people in providing them land.

And, more important, Trailer City has accomplished the digging of a mighty spiritual well over on the Jersey side, from which the waters of life will never cease flowing, as they now start trickling into the homes and hearts of the many new people of good will living round about. Yes, Trailer City has a mighty role to play in Theocracy's increase!



Information booth for witnesses arriving at Pennsylvania station, N. Y. C.



# MOB VIOLENCE CONDEMNED BY SOCIETY'S GENERAL COUNSEL

## Cases in the United States Reviewed

"Mob violence sponsored by the pretended patriots of the American Legion is one of the most serious menaces to the constitutional liberties of the American people today." This is the statement made by Hayden C. Covington, general counsel for the Watch Tower Society, one of the best-known civil liberties lawyers in the United States and a recognized authority on civil liberties and the American constitution.

"It is obvious," continued Mr. Covington, in an interview with the *Report*, "that a constitutional guarantee of liberty of speech and worship cannot co-exist with a view that says 'If I do not agree with a speaker espousing certain views, I'll get a mob and break up his meetings'. Such is a plain effort to destroy the guarantees of the constitution. Peculiarly enough, the warped minds of those who are engaged in this mob violence contend that they are participating in this lawlessness in the interests of the nation and of the flag which represents it. Actually they are destroying the fundamental liberties upon which the whole democratic system rests, and all in the name of patriotism. Their argument reminds me of that famous saying that 'patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel!'"

Mr. Covington explained also that there have been four recent and serious cases of mob violence against Jehovah's witnesses in the United States. All of these were instances where mobs of thugs, apparently led by the American Legion and veterans, had endeavored to break up meetings of Jehovah's witnesses met for preaching the gospel of God's kingdom. These were at

Duncan, Oklahoma, Gainesville, Texas, Wooster, Ohio, and Wyanet, Illinois. In three of these outrages proceedings have been taken into the federal courts against the mobsters and officials responsible for the deprivation of civil rights. The first of these proceedings, the case against the village of Wyanet, Illinois, and twenty-one of its citizens, recently came to trial at Peoria, Illinois.

At Wyanet, Jehovah's witnesses sought to hold a Bible lecture in a park, which they have a legal right to do. A mob violently broke up the meeting, and the mayor and other officials allowed this lawlessness to take place without trying to give protection to those exercising their legal right of assembly.

Suit was filed against the responsible officers and citizens asking damages in the amount of \$170,000. The trial began before federal judge Adair and a jury. The case opened on July 12, and it took two days to select even a jury. Each prospective jurymen was asked if he was prejudiced. One hundred and seventeen were disqualified because of prejudice before twelve jurymen were finally sworn in. Five lawyers represented the defendants; Mr. Covington acted for the plaintiffs.

Fifty-seven witnesses were called by the plaintiffs to prove the assaults and violence. Their testimony did not finish until July 28, after more than two weeks of trial. The case was adjourned on July 29 till August 21, to allow the defendants to call their sixty witnesses.

Jehovah's witnesses showed clearly the assaults and deprivation of rights. They even had pictures to prove what had taken place. When the defense witnesses began to be called they said that while they had been in the park on the afternoon in question and they knew there had been a riot, yet most of them swore they had not seen any of the fighting. Typical of the lying testimony given was the statement of one woman who said that although she was in the park when the excitement was on she "Didn't see nothing". When asked why, she said: "Just wasn't looking, I guess."

The defendants apparently expect the court and jury to believe that, on the day of the meeting, the presence of a large mob in the park all armed with weapons, rotten vegetables, etc., was all quite accidental. Their story is very weak, and it is to be hoped that when the case is concluded it will result in a victory and a vindication of the constitution, and of the rights of Jehovah's witnesses.

One faithful brother already vindicated his position. He had used a tire iron to protect himself from several mobsters. He was asked by the defense attorney if he thought his was proper Christian conduct. "Of course," he replied, "after all, didn't Samson fight the Philistines? And he used the jawbone of an ass for a weapon."

"These mobs are a dangerous recurrence of the thousands waged against Jehovah's witnesses in 1940," Mr. Covington concluded. "The Society is endeavoring to maintain civil liberty and law and order. Therefore all such lawlessness will be pushed back by every lawful means, in order to teach some of these pretended patriots a little respect for the constitution they prate about in words and deny by their every action."



# REPORT

## OF INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

YANKEE STADIUM

NEW YORK CITY

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# A NEW BOOK!

## "This Means Everlasting Life"

320-page book of this title released  
in both Spanish and English takes  
convention by complete surprise

## Record Attendance of 89,451!

The showers of divine blessings continue their downpour at the Theocracy's Increase Assembly of Jehovah's witnesses. The high point on Saturday was N. H. Knorr's forceful lecture "Taking In Life-giving Knowledge", delivered at 3 p.m. At the conclusion of his talk and before an aroused, anxious packed audience, Mr. Knorr released the tension by announcing the publication of a new red-covered 320-page bound book entitled "This Means Everlasting Life". The 77,668 at the Yankee

Stadium shouted and applauded for joy. Another 11,783 at the trailer camp registered a similar reaction.

Calling the audience to wait a moment more before running to the attendants for copies of the new publication, to the pleasant surprise of everyone Mr. Knorr began to speak in Spanish, announcing the release

of the same publication in the Spanish language. Both English and Spanish editions were then made available at once as the vast throng could no longer be held back in their eagerness to lay hold of the new book.

As the attentive audience eagerly drank in the lecture little did they realize that they were hearing the outstanding points of the thirty chapters in the new book discussed in outline form. The theme of the talk as well as that of "This Means Everlasting Life" was  
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**"THIS MEANS EVERLASTING LIFE, THEIR TAKING IN KNOWLEDGE OF YOU, THE ONLY TRUE GOD, AND OF THE ONE WHOM YOU SENT FORTH, JESUS CHRIST."—JOHN 17:3,  
NEW WORLD TRANSLATION**



# New Bible Translation Enriches Understanding

Brother F. W. Franz, vice-president of the Watch Tower Society, on Wednesday evening gave a very scholarly analysis of the "New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures". He called up many examples of mistranslating in the "King James" and other popular versions and then showed how this new Bible version faithfully reproduces in English the original and true meaning of the words used by Christ and his disciples.

Some of the highlights from Brother Franz's talk follow: The name "Gentiles" is dropped, as, for example: "Go therefore and make disciples of people of all the nations." (Matthew 28: 19, NW) The word *pneuma* has the basic meaning of invisible active force, and this new translation brings out its meaning in five ways.

The word "witnesses", at Hebrews 12: 1, has led to a variety of interpretations, but the *New World Translation* puts it in such a way that there is no mistake that the writer refers to Jehovah's witnesses, from Abel to John the Baptist.

Jesus on occasions compared death to a sleep, and this new version shows where the verb "sleep" means death. Three different Greek words, Hades, Gehenna, and Tartarus, are rendered "hell" by the *King James Version*. The word "hell" does not appear in the *New World Translation*.

The Christian truth on the human soul's mortality and destructibility is given unusual prominence in this new Bible version by consistently using the English word *soul* to translate the Greek word *psyché*.

## Accurate Translation of Verbs

One of the most important parts of speech in any language is the verb. A Bible translator must understand fully the voices, tenses and modes of the Greek verbs if he is to translate accurately. In this respect the *New World* version is far superior in translating Matthew

16: 19: "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of the heavens, and whatever you may bind on earth *will have been* bound in the heavens, and whatever you may loose on earth *will have been* loosed in the heavens." Thus, heaven did not have to wait for the decisions of the apostles.

## The Legal Term "Religio"

The word "religion" nowhere occurs in the main body of the text in the *New World Translation*. In contrast with the *King James Version*, with its terms "religious" and "religion", we now find "formal worshiper" and "form of worship" at James 1: 26, 27.

Brother Franz pointed out that the early Latin-speaking Christians used *religio* (religion) as the equivalent for the

Greek word meaning "form of worship". Doubtless, in the Roman court before which Paul appeared the Latin term *religio* was applied to Paul's form of worship, Christianity, but Paul did not object, because he understood the general, commonly accepted meaning of the word. Whether he carried on his fight in the Roman court in Latin or in Greek and whether he himself applied the term *religio* to his form of worship of God we do not now know. He was there to fight for his right to extend and expand the same as any other *religio* of his day. As Paul fought for Christianity with the legal term *religio* applied to it in his day, Jehovah's witnesses today can do the same.

Another great advantage of the *New World Translation* is how it shows sharply the distinction between Jehovah God and Christ Jesus. It does this by restoring the name Jehovah to the rightful place it holds in the Greek Scriptures when speaking of God Almighty.

# Praise for New World Translation

"Mighty shouts from many crowds have rung from this stadium. They have shouted in honor of fighters, ball players and other men. But when the *New World Translation* was released, you shouted praise, not to any man, but to Jehovah God, the Author of the book. We expect to hear this shout raised up all over the earth," declared M. G. Henschel, a Watchtower director, speaking as one of an international symposium of twelve men on the platform Wednesday evening.

In their appraisal of the *New World Translation*, the parade of speakers voiced appreciation that we now have the Christian Greek Scriptures in a form that reveals exactly what Christ Jesus and his apostles said. Jehovah's witnesses were admonished to familiarize themselves with its entire contents and appreciate that, if forced to go from door to door with only the Bible, they will now be better

equipped to turn a pure language to the people.

Two workers from the Bethel printing factory highlighted the interview by describing the magnitude of the task of printing, proofreading, editing and producing the *New World Translation*. Two and one-half tons of lead were required, as well as some new machines and new fonts of type. A special crew of printers worked overtime to produce the book for release at the convention.

A. D. Schroeder, registrar of Gilead Bible School, summed up the merits of the *New World Translation*, saying: "Its matchless beauty, simplicity of text, scholarly preface and valuable cross reference, chain reference, appendix and other features make the *New World Translation* the Bible student's dream for Bible research, putting all the Bible information on a silver platter."



## TELEVISION INTERVIEW

At 9:39 a. m. on Wednesday, August 2, Milton G. Henschel appeared as a guest on the Dumont Television Station WABD (Band 5), New York city. The program was called "Top O' The Morning News". After the world news coverage the announcer mentioned huge crowds of 80 thousand people around Yankee Stadium, but "not Casey Stengel and his boys". There to tell about it was Milton G. Henschel, a director of the Society sponsoring the convention of Jehovah's witnesses.

Brother Henschel was introduced to the television audience, greeted with a handshake by the announcer, and seated next to him. The first question asked was where the people came from, which gave an opening to tell of the delegations from overseas, Canada and the United States. Then came a discus-

sion of where the people were housed, which allowed for explanation of the rooming work and the trailer camp. Next came the feeding of the people and the fact that the Health Department had spoken favorably of the convention cafeteria.

Five photos were used in connection with the interview. Two showed crowds in the stadium, two were of the camp, one was of the cafeteria. These were picked up by the cameras as the subject was discussed.

Following the program technicians said that it went over very well.

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"life", based on the scripture at John 17: 3, *New World Translation*.

Throughout the lecture Mr. Knorr made it clear that Jehovah's witnesses are lovers of life and that they have the great Giver of life as their friend. He loudly proclaimed "The anguished cry of the people today is for life". He strongly appealed to the audience to carry the life-giving message of truth as found in the Bible to these hungering peoples of the earth.

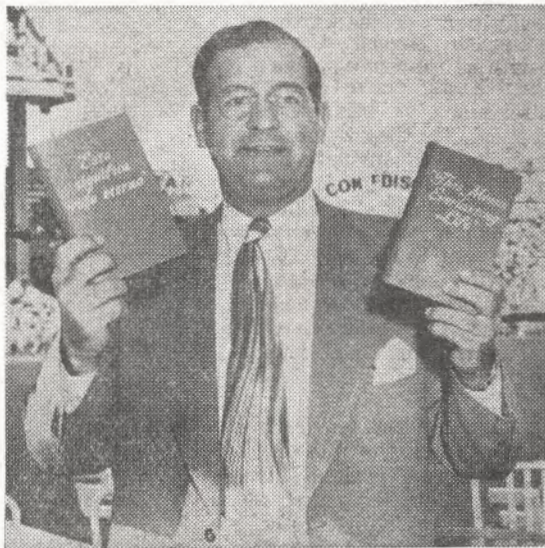
"Living now is a great problem," Knorr said. He showed how Bible knowledge is vital in order to know how to live right and how to show love that is godlike. Associated with this problem of living is the knowing of how to dwell under God's organization as males and females. Christians still being in the flesh are still moved by passion and tempted to commit sexual abuses. It is therefore part of our fight for the faith to hold high the Bible principles concerning human marriage and relationships of men and women in the congregation.

"Stick by these principles. Let the evil-designing sneaks and all worldly persons know what high moral principles the true knowledge of God and Christ stands for. Let the world know the position of morality that Jehovah's Theocratic organization takes that they may know it is a pure organization. Keep the organization that way as far as in you lies. Love and godly fear will help you meet the moral problems that are still with us while we are in this old world."

Knorr stirringly appealed to the Christian audience assembled not to be like the ancient Jews who perished for rejecting accurate life-giving knowledge. "The knowledge of God minus his Son Jesus Christ is only partial. Life by the law of Moses is impossible. Likewise a knowledge of Jesus Christ is only partial, as in Christendom's case today. To know Jehovah God and to know Jesus Christ are inseparable for salvation."

He went on to show that survival of Armageddon depends on gaining life-giving knowledge, for the want of it at that time results in destruction. "Shortly, at a thieflike hour, the supreme warrior for truth will make himself known to all his opposers in a language of cosmic forces that will speak destruction to them."

In a moving conclusion he cried out: "As we're expecting to enter the new world in which righteousness is to dwell, then let us live in righteousness. We know the Lord God's day is coming for the destruction of all those who are spotted and blemished with this world. Let us win God's approval and protection to survive the fiery end of the old world and to pass into the bright new world with its glories. What a wonderful possibility! What an opportunity of opportunities! By the undeserved kindness from on high we will avail ourselves of it by faithfully taking in the knowledge of the true God and of Jesus Christ."



Knorr presents book in two languages



# FIERY PROTEST UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

70,000 American Witnesses Apologize for Their Government's Blunders

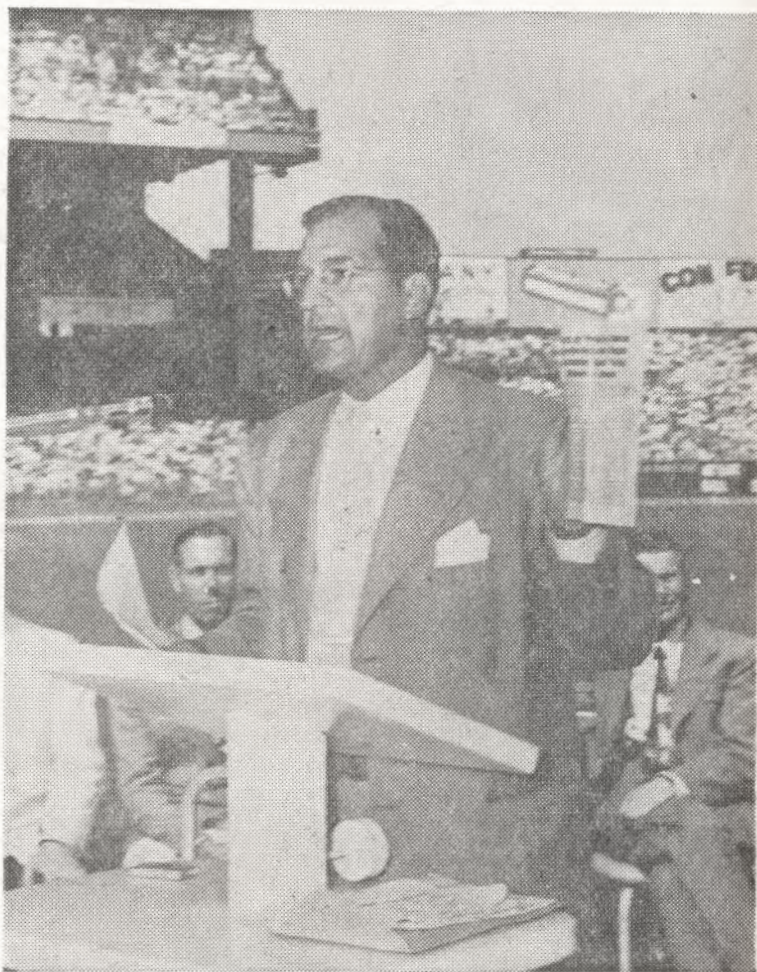
10,000 Visitors to Protest to Their Consuls and Ambassadors

70,000 incensed American witnesses of Jehovah assembled at Yankee Stadium Friday afternoon, August 4, to voice their regret and protest over the religious discrimination manifested against their visiting brethren from abroad. By a mighty shout of "aye" they registered their apology and displeasure for the blunders committed by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice. Shortly after 3 p.m. the scheduled program was interrupted by President Knorr to present to the vast audience the full facts of the flagrant discrimination against foreign Jehovah's witnesses. Knorr's presentation was full of fire, amidst an atmosphere of pronounced indignation on the part of the audience. Applause after applause indicated their hearty support of his terse remarks.

If the American immigration authorities foolishly thought Jehovah's witnesses were gathered together from many parts of the earth for a "peace demonstration" on behalf of "extreme pacifism", they should have been in attendance at this stirring session. For they would have seen a demonstration of righteous indignation on the part of Christian fighters, not one of which is even a "mild pacifist". The 10,000 non-American witnesses in attendance were invited to present their grievances directly to their local consuls in New York and ambassadors in Washington.

Following the tremendous shout in favor of the vigorous protest, President Knorr announced to the entire audience of 81,776 (including those present at the trailer camp) that a million copies of the protest were now in

print. He announced further that attendants would pass down the aisles to give each one a copy to read. All present were urged to obtain additional supplies when they left the stadium. All witnesses were encouraged to swarm throughout New York city to blanket the metropolis with the four-page "Regret and Protest", which is printed in full on pages 5 to 9.



Knorr presents Protest that denounces Immigration officials



# Regret and Protest by American Convention-Hosts over Religious Discrimination Against Visiting Witnesses of Jehovah

In song and in poetry the United States of America has long been hailed as the land of liberty. For over 150 years it has been the haven for the oppressed and persecuted who have fled militaristic regimentation, political tyrants, oppressive kings, and religious persecution. It has been raised up before the eyes of the people of the world as a place of refuge where man may follow his peaceful pursuits and exercise his God-given rights without undue molestation. To symbolize this, America was presented with the Statue of Liberty, which stands as a beacon of welcome to immigrants and visitors alike in the harbor of one of the greatest ports of entry of this land, New York city. To the credit of this country it has welcomed millions to its shores.

In this year, 1950, however, we have been astonished to see a complete reversal of this policy in the case of a small minority. And the facts show that the new policy has been aimed at and applied to this small selected group in a discriminatory way. That minority group is Jehovah's witnesses. This arbitrary action has resulted from a governmental directive issued from Washington by the Department of Justice on June 29. We have no objection to the words of the directive itself. Our objection was and is to the way that the officials have applied it, singling out Jehovah's witnesses for mistreatment. The directive was to restrict and curtail visits by foreigners who were extreme pacifists, communists and subversive persons. It was said to be a defensive measure to screen out undesirables during the Korean crisis and "protect our borders".

## Visitors' Trouble at Home

When the many thousands of brethren first applied in their home countries to the American consuls for permission to visit here they were severely questioned. Their good motives for coming here were suspected all

because they revealed their religious affiliation and their desire to attend the international assembly of Jehovah's witnesses and engage in a study of the Bible, receive spiritual uplift and equip themselves to better serve God and their fellow man. Ev-

ery obstacle and difficulty was raised by the American officials in those countries to deny our brethren permission to leave their homeland for this country.

## Visitors' Trouble Here

They successfully overcame all such objections raised at home. When they reached the shores of this land or the American border they were subjected to unusual treatment and additional indignities. To show the unfairness of it all, those foreigners who were not Jehovah's witnesses or those who did not disclose their identity as such gained easy entry. But thousands of Jehovah's witnesses were detained at points of entry. Their visas authorizing entry into this country were stamped by the immigration officers, shortening the period of their stay to August 15, 1950, in many cases. Many of such brethren were put in a predicament because they had booked passage back to their home country after that date and others were planning on going through the course of instruction at the Watchtower Bible School of Gilead.

## Passports Lifted at Ellis Island

They had their passports lifted and they were denied the usual entry privileges. Many were required to have the Society and others put up bond to guarantee their prompt leaving the country. Others were released on parole in the custody



of the Society. A number of brethren, who had excellent credentials and recommendations, were taken to Ellis Island on arrival at New York and were detained there in custody of the government for varying periods of time. Not one of the many thousands of these people thus mistreated at the points of entry into the United States was an extreme pacifist, a communist or a subversive. Each one is a humble, true and faithful follower of the Lord Jesus Christ and a Christian minister, entitled to receive the usual warm and gracious welcome extended by the immigration authorities to visitors, and especially ministers of the gospel, from foreign lands.

#### **Discrimination on False Charge of Pacifism**

The ones responsible for the discrimination in the government could not stop entry of Jehovah's witnesses on account of their being communists. They knew the records of their own department, the Department of Justice, and of the Marine Corps, showed that we had no communist tendencies. They also knew about the recent communist ban of Jehovah's witnesses in Poland in which we were declared to be spies of the United States. They could not get us for being subversive, because they knew of the decisions by the Supreme Court of the United States and of other courts of this country holding that we were not guilty of sedition. The only little straw they could find to grab hold of was the false charge that we were extreme pacifists. This has also failed to save them, and they sink and drown in their own lies.

Young men of military age, as well as all other Jehovah's witnesses, have never claimed exemption from military service on the ground of extreme pacifism or even mild pacifism. Jehovah's witnesses are not pacifists. They are ministers. Their claim has been that they were entitled to exemption as ministers of the gospel. They asserted they were entitled to the same benefits of exemption granted to the clergy of Christendom. During the last war Jehovah's witnesses refused to enter the Pub-

lic Service camps maintained for or by pacifists and conscientious objectors. This was known to all government officials from the lowest official even up to the Chief Justice of the United States. The smearing of us as extreme pacifists is without foundation and is a deliberate lie to provoke prejudice against us and this international assembly. They have done as the Scriptures prophesied, 'framed mischief by law.'—Psalm 94: 20.

Extreme pacifism is not our preaching. We are not pacifists. We are fighters, but using no carnal weapons. We fight with the "sword of the spirit", the Bible. We come of a long line of fighters, all of whom are Jehovah's witnesses, running all the way back to Abel and including Moses, Joshua, Barak, Jephthah, Gideon, Samson, and David, all mighty warriors for Jehovah. Christ Jesus is our Commander and is His greatest fighter in the universe. We follow in his footsteps by preaching and fighting for The Theocracy, but not in violent ways. We merely sound the trumpet as the advance guards of the mighty heavenly hosts led by the great Warrior, Jesus Christ. These legions of warring angels follow us with mighty weapons of warfare that will make the atomic bomb, the hydrogen bomb, and all other inventions of warfare by men look like the popgun of a child in comparison. These hosts of Jehovah will be used to devastate and scourge the wicked world-governments and their dupes who frame mischief by law.

To charge that we are extreme pacifists is a lie. We maintain strict neutrality. We keep ourselves unspotted from the world by preaching the gospel. We are not interested in helping overthrow any human government. We do not aid any foreign political power or party of agitators to do so. We here in the United States, as well as Jehovah's witnesses visiting from other lands, keep good order under the government. We render to Caesar what is Caesar's. Even the police of New York city have declared that this is the most orderly crowd ever to fill Yankee Stadium. We promote public decency, advo-

cate and practice high morality. We work for the spiritual uplift of the people regardless of race, color, language, religious affiliation, social standing or national extraction.

#### **Favorable Treatment of Nazis by U. S. Authorities**

Compare the disgraceful treatment of Jehovah's witnesses by the immigration authorities with the gracious treatment given to certain Nazi sympathizers on their visits to this land since the fall of the German Reich under Hitler.

As early as 1946 Martin Niemoeller, the Lutheran pastor, and his wife were admitted here under nonmilitary auspices. He was given the free run of the country during his stay. During World War I he had been a German submarine commander against the United States. He was allowed a month's stay to travel and lecture to assemblies in various parts of the country, in spite of his being a Nazi sympathizer during the second world war. Why such privileges of entry and movement while the same privileges are denied to Jehovah's witnesses from other lands five years after the close of that war? What was it, then, that canceled out the objections to his presence and preaching here? It was his religion!

In 1947 the Roman Catholic cardinal Conrad Preysing of Berlin was given a big welcome by the officials and was given the keys of the cities that he visited. The immigration authorities granted him a month's stay here. All this was accorded to him notwithstanding the fact that he was a collaborator with Hitler and the Nazis against the United States during the last war. Why the special favorable treatment to him? His religion. Why the discrimination against Jehovah's witnesses? Their religion!

#### **Discrimination Against Victims of Nazi Persecution**

Typical of the cases of discrimination against Jehovah's witnesses, as compared with these cases, is the case of Brother Erich Frost, the Branch servant from Germany attending this convention. He was held in custody at Ellis Island, New



York, while the immigration authorities resorted to every scheme they could think of to prevent his entry. He was finally admitted with his liberty to travel curtailed and his stay limited. His record as to Nazi sympathies and communism is clean, while the records of the cardinal and Niemoeller were spotted. He refused to hail Hitler and to join with the cardinal and Pastor Niemoeller and other German clergymen to pray for God's blessing upon the Nazi arms to destroy this country. He was cruelly treated while in the custody of the Nazis and spent 12 years in Nazi concentration camps. Since his release he has been opposed to the communistic practices, and last August, 1949, he offered the resolution of protest against the communist mistreatment of Jehovah's witnesses in Eastern Germany which was unanimously adopted by 35,000 of Jehovah's witnesses assembled in Berlin.

Many of you, like Brother Frost, are here in this country for the first time. You have read and heard since childhood of the glories of America and the vaunted liberties extended to its citizens and aliens residing within this land. You doubtless were thrilled at the prospect of having a taste of these liberties and of the hospitality of this country when you set foot on these shores. But what did you find on arrival? Bitter disappointment; mistreatment like that extended by a police state to its visitors. Your first impression will be a lasting one carrying with it disillusionment concerning the hospitality of the American government.

#### Authorities Violate Policy of President Truman

The immigration authorities are apparently not interested in aiding the declared policy of President Truman in respect to the crying religious need in this country. Only last month, July 22, President Truman sent a message to the World Baptist Alliance, in assembly at Cleveland, Ohio, which was attended by only 20,000 delegates. In it he said, in part: "We reject the communistic teaching that Christianity is untrue; that religion is unnecessary. It is for

us, in these days of doubt and despair, to bear true and valiant witness to . . . the faith delivered to the saints and transmitted to us. . . . The nations of the world—our own included, with its unprecedented wealth and unlimited natural resources—cannot survive materially unless redeemed spiritually. I believe there is no problem, moral or economic, in the field of our national sphere or among the nations of this troubled world, that would not yield to the intelligence, the courage and the faith of free men if those who seek solution approach the problem in the spirit of the Sermon on the Mount." (New York Times, July 23, 1950)

President Truman has, in that statement, called for a spiritual revival in this country. But YOU, when you came to this country and announced that the purpose of your visit was to attend this assembly for a spiritual uplift of the people and for promoting the study of the Bible and carrying out the principles announced by Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount, the immigration authorities segregated you and held you back and in custody for special treatment, which was as though you were dangerous enemy aliens conspiring to sabotage the efforts of the government. The discrimination against you is in violation of the principles of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution prohibiting discrimination against any religion. Now, why do the immigration authorities work directly in opposition to the published policy of the chief executive of the United States?

#### "Holy Year" Influence

There is some sinister influence behind the scenes. This has come to light in the dealings you and we have had with the immigration officials here and at Washington. Evidently some official or officials are now trying to apply the objectives of the pope's *holy year* against Jehovah's witnesses and make the American government serve as a "sword of the church" for the Vatican just as the governments of a number of Catholic countries are now being used against Jehovah's witnesses.

This discriminatory action by the immigration officials does not represent the views or the attitude of the American people in general toward you. Untold multitudes of people in this country that know about your mistreatment deplore this biased action by the immigration authorities.

The blunder by the immigration service has created needless trouble and expense to the government. It has caused unnecessary embarrassment, great inconvenience, much anxiety and loss of time, and keen disappointment to thousands of Christian men and women coming from abroad to attend this assembly of ministers. The few who did not identify themselves as Jehovah's witnesses have gotten into the United States without any difficulty and have not suffered the indignities heaped upon the thousands of you who made the purpose of your visit known.

The policy of discrimination practiced by the authorities of the immigration service has not promoted amity between nations. The action against the people of other countries attending this convention is resented by such countries. The arbitrary restrictions have received great publicity in the public press of some of the countries. The other countries are shocked at the fact that America has not extended to their people who are Jehovah's witnesses the same gracious and hospitable treatment that those countries have extended to American Jehovah's witnesses visiting them.

#### Reason for Discrimination: Religion

We cannot explain fully to you brethren that have suffered from these indignities the change of policy. We have held international conventions in the United States before, even during World War II. Brethren from Canada and Mexico and other foreign lands attended those assemblies and were not subjected to such discourtesy and mistreatment. This was during total mobilization. But now, without mobilization, the reason for such extraordinary measures for the "protection of our borders"—the expression of the authorities—has not been stated





**Above: Distributing the Bible**

**Right: Wednesday evening, as F. W. Franz discusses the new Bible**



by the officials. When pressed for a reason for their arbitrary action they have stood speechless and without explanation. What is the United States of America fearful of respecting your attending this assembly of Jehovah's witnesses? Why is such discriminatory action taken? Why have they singled you out for such unfriendly, humiliating, disparaging treatment which reflects upon this assembly attended by you? There can be no question as to the reason

for this. The authorities are ashamed to speak of it and do not mention it. But we here in assembly do declare the mistreatment to be because of your religion.

#### Apology

The American immigration authorities, the servants of the American people, owe you an apology. But they are not fair enough or "man enough" to apologize for their wrong-doing. We American citizens at-

tending this convention, however, in behalf of the American people apologize for their usurpation of their powers and abuse of their authority as servants of the people. We regret and deplore the arbitrary and discriminatory action taken by such evil governmental servants against you. We, more than 70,000 American delegates to this convention, in assembly voice our protest against this disgraceful religious discrimination and call upon the government to





take immediate steps to stop the continuation of the discrimination against you.

#### Visitors' Protest

So as to set in motion your complaint against the grievances here reviewed and complained of it is suggested that you brethren from other countries who have been discriminated against and mistreated telephone and write a letter to your consul in New York and also write a letter to the am-

bassador or minister of your country in Washington asking them to intervene and protest in your behalf to the appropriate American authorities to redress your grievances.

#### American Protest

Any of you American brethren who desire to do so may voice a protest yourself as *American citizens* by telegraphing or writing to the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the

Department of Justice in Washington stating your objections to the mistreatment of our visiting brethren and requesting them to allow the same privileges to Jehovah's witnesses visiting this convention as are accorded to other visitors to this country.

And, now, all you American brethren who are in favor of this regret and protest kindly so signify by saying "Aye". All opposed say "No". The "Ayes" have it.





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# MISSIONARIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Thursday afternoon and evening conventioners had the wonderful opportunity to hear firsthand reports on Theocratic expansion in other lands. For more than six hours they listened attentively as 95 missionaries, graduates of former Gilead classes, related their interesting experiences. They were not only happy to be back here for a visit, but they expressed how anxious they were to return to their foreign assignments. It is not possible to cover all the reports of the missionaries individually, but the published program identifies the countries and their various representatives.

In Cuba the number of publishers has quadrupled during the last six years, according to the missionaries' reports; and they told how a 63-year-old Cuban woman obtained a Bible from Jehovah's witnesses, began the study of it and entered the pioneer work. For the last 57 years this woman has been Cuba's most beloved actress. Recently the Actors' Guild, desiring to honor her in a special way, planned a benefit performance, the proceeds from which, about \$20,000, she was to receive. This sister was poor in this world's goods, but because the benefit had political aspects she turned down the offer, preferring Jehovah and his kingdom to material riches.

Newfoundland missionaries related one instance of how a certain clergyman tried to break up a Bible study, declaring, "These are *my* sheep." The wolf, however, was driven off when the brother conducting the study answered: "Oh, I thought these were the Lord's sheep, and no man can pluck them out of his hand." Result: One of the sheep present became a pioneer.

Brother V. White, from the Philippine Republic, told of the tremendous expansion there. Why, sometimes a publisher takes with him 25 newly interested persons to train them in the house-to-house work.

In the Virgin Islands the truth has been preached regularly for the past six months in a literal prison, at the warden's invitation. Brother A. Van Daalen told how some guards and inmates are now in the truth as a result.

Many Alaskans are fed up with religion, have little use for missionaries, and are skeptical about the Bible. For these reasons Sister L. Davis said she was anxious to return to her Alaskan territory with the new booklet *Evolution versus The New World*.

Missionaries from the "foreign" land of Quebec told of a couple of instances to show the gross ignorance of Quebec's priesthood. A priest asked a publisher, "Can you build a house?" She answered "No". "Can you make a pair of silk stockings?" "No." "Well, I'm a priest, so how can I be expected to study the Bible?" On another occasion a Dominican priest, describing the difference between Jehovah's witnesses and Catholics, said the witnesses use the Bible, while the Catholics use God's Word.

Brother Terry, from Haiti, related the following experience: When the president of that country was overthrown, all public assemblies were temporarily banned. The commanding officer of the army barracks, however, lined his men up and permitted the brother to give them a lecture on the Bible. At the conclusion, 8 Bibles, 27 books and 32 booklets were placed with the interested soldiers.

Sister E. Hollins and S. Akmakjian, from Bolivia, concluded the first half of this sweeping report from many countries. They told how Bolivia, considered the most backward country in South America, has been plundered by American commercialists. But during the last four years honest-hearted Bolivians have learned that Jehovah's witnesses are their true friends, are not there to rob them or to get rich quick, but to live *among*

them, not *off* them, while helping them to learn God's way to life.

## The Evening Session

What is it like to be the first missionary to set foot on foreign soil? Bro. F. Anderson and wife, the first Gilead graduates to enter Mexico, had heard that Mexicans were "a bad lot of religious fanatics", but found that "tact opens many a door". Their first day in field service found fanatical women literally hanging onto their arms, grabbing the "Protestant propaganda" from their hands, but that day Sr. Anderson established her first Bible study, and by the end of the month Bro. Anderson was conducting 10 studies.

Barriers? They're mostly in your own mind. When Sr. Burford was assigned to Panama she was actually convinced the climate would kill her. "But what did I find? Panama's climate is ideal." With implicit faith Gilead's missionaries overcame all manner of obstacles. For example, the language barrier. Gilead Spanish instructor Keller might have promised they'd grasp Spanish in two months, but how do you feel after taking *Watchtower* subscriptions "by telling people it costs only one pain (*dolor*) when you thought you were saying one dollar (*dolar*)?" demanded Sr. Hinds, also reporting from Panama.

"But no matter if you can't put more than six words together," rejoined Akin, after four years in Peru, "Jehovah blesses your efforts." Had not 10 "sheep" been located by his six words during his very first service day? The missionaries in El Salvador had a real challenge to meet when a radio station there offered them three hours of free time a week to help them spread the good news; came the new Spanish "*Let God Be True*" and it furnished "five months of script already prepared".

Although fanaticism rears its head, Jehovah's hand is not shaken. The prospect of having to witness to "fifteen fanatical Roman Catholic cowboys" confronted Bro. Blackburn in Costa



Rica. When they learned what he was, the rougher ones, with firebrand remarks, scattered away; but three remained to take literature. Next time he visited the company the publishers reported that things had changed out at the ranch. The rancher's priest-son had been sent home to investigate, and when he asked his mother, "Mother, are you interested in Jehovah's witnesses?" Reply: "Not only interested. I am one." For fear he too might become one of Jehovah's witnesses the priest was transferred out of the country.

Gilead's zealous missionaries are greatly disturbing old-world religion's fold. The mother church of Rome, claiming Latin America as her private pocket change, smarts most bitterly. "Why do you people say that the Catholic church does not preach the Bible?" a priest accosted Bro. Rhyne in Paraguay. Rhyne, mentioning several Catholic doctrines: "Let's take our Bibles and examine your doctrines." Priest, switching tactics: "We've been here over 300 years, so why don't you let us alone?" Rhyne: "Yes, you've been here 300 years, and look at the deplorable condition of the people." Priest: "But that's because we have only 77 priests to take care of them." Rhyne: "Well, we've got

only 7 missionaries here, and we've done more already than you have in 300 years." Exit priest.

So insidious is the Devil's influence that it threatens the very ranks of Jehovah's people; and rooting out that devilish influence and protecting the flock is another work of the missionaries. Two Gileadites were assigned to a company in Costa Rica suffering from inward trouble; after a few months harmony was restored; in eight months the company of 41 increased to 97, and is now 137.

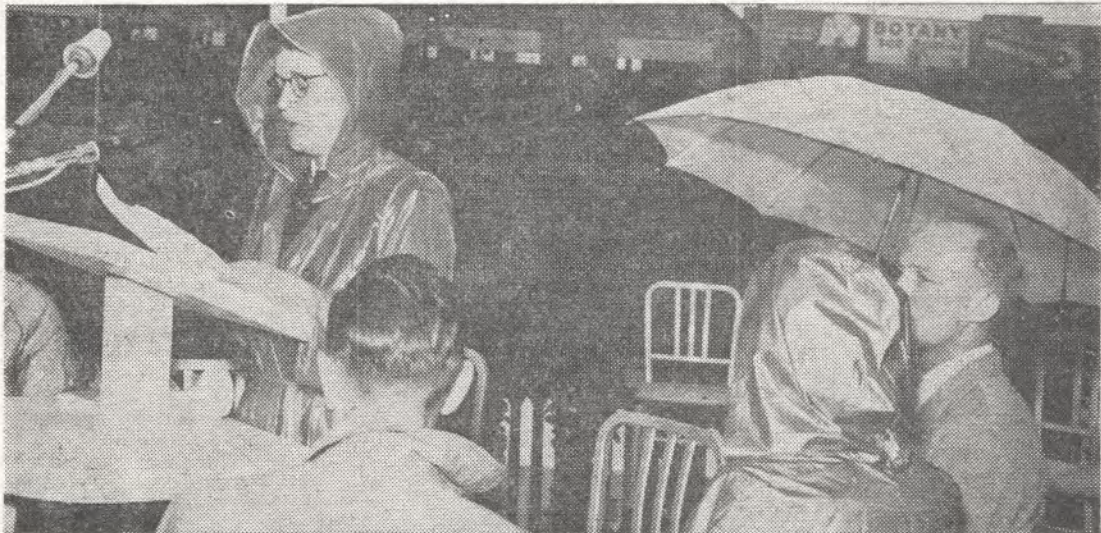
The tempo of Theocracy's increase in Latin America sometimes astounds the American brethren. In Brazil the sheep are "coming with a bang". When Sr. White in Honduras called to take one new publisher out in the field, four were waiting for her. Reports in general were "literally bursting with peaks".

In El Salvador area book studies accumulate simply because "people love to visit neighbors who they know are holding such interesting Bible studies in their home". Before even making contact with the organization Latin Americans are preaching the news, as Bro. Roper discovered in Panama.

Strangers flock in so fast they do not always wait to be invited; Sr. Hanna was joyfully sur-

prised when a stranger walked into the Kingdom Hall in Venezuela and asked to be studied with. Company publishers in Nicaragua putting in as many as 120 hours a month typify the zeal for Theocracy's increase in that land. As Sr. Hutson, from the Mexican Branch, caught the spirit of it: "They have such a beautiful language. They love to hear their own melodious voices, so when they learn the truth, they do not wait for years to tell others about it."

Like a golden theme these happy Gilead missionaries, some of whom had not seen home for five years, called out again and again, "Come on and help us!" "You young and robust brethren here by the thousands," challenged Akin from the Peruvian field, "why not set the pioneer service before your eyes? Make Gilead your goal. Strike out for foreign service!" "Missionary service offers you such a concentrated dose of Kingdom joys that your cup continually runs over!" came assurance from Panama. And from Honduras: "The missionary, more than any other publisher, sees the growing clouds of good will gathering on the march to life in the new world." Spokesmen from other Branches simply invited: "We need help."



Missionaries presenting their reports in the rain



## REPORT ON FINAL FOREIGN SESSIONS

Meetings in twenty languages thrilled foreign-speaking delegates to this great international convention. At these meetings summaries were given of the English talks, the resolution against communism was adopted, and the new publications were hailed.

Two of Wednesday's meetings remain to be discussed. The Greek assembly, with 600 in attendance, heard experiences from pioneers from Greece and a discussion on Greek increase through persecution.

At the Danish meeting 50 persons thrilled to reports of English talks, and service talks. Fifty in attendance came from Denmark, 22 of them were pioneers and 8 were from the Danish Bethel home.

### Thursday's Program

At the Ukrainian assembly, 957 heard experiences from the Philippines and Japan, and the Ukrainian brethren were encouraged to attend company meetings, especially the ministry school.

The 799 persons at the German assembly heard of the part the individual can have in the increase of the Theocracy, and a report by the Branch servant on the increase in Germany.

Experiences from Czechoslovakia were a highlight of the Slovak meeting, where 250 assembled. The audience thrilled to learn that their brethren in Czechoslovakia stood firm and did not take the oath of allegiance to communism, as did the Catholics.

At the Italian meeting, 1,104 heard of the pure language for the people, of the importance of pioneer service and some interesting experiences from Italy.

The Norwegian assembly heard a report of the many arrests in street work in Norway. However, the Supreme Court decided in favor of the witness work and the publishers now enjoy freedom to preach on the streets. At this assembly were 192 persons.

At the Finnish assembly, 120 heard of the necessity of study and preaching. They saw demonstrations and heard experiences from Finland. About 20 from Finland were at the meeting.

### Saturday's Program

The 1,524 who attended the Spanish-language assembly

hailed the new Spanish releases of the previous day and heard Branch servants and missionaries from Spanish lands.

Highlights of the convention were heard by the 61 delegates from Sweden (the total attendance was 320). The audience was reminded of the privilege of studying *The Watchtower*, and received counsel regarding its use in field service. They also heard experiences from Sweden.

The 147 who attended the Lithuanian assembly heard the importance of having not only knowledge, but understanding.

The Portuguese assembly, with 102 in attendance, heard reviews of the English sessions, a discussion of expansion in Brazil, and interesting experiences. The new Portuguese book was hailed, for previously they had only one book to use in Kingdom service.

At the Armenian assembly, 70 delegates heard the purpose of conventions, and experiences from pioneers.

At the Polish assembly, 1,153 enthusiastically responded to the meeting held in their language.

French-speaking delegates heard reports from numerous countries where their language is spoken, including experiences from Quebec. In attendance were 510 persons.



Observers at the baptism pool



## 3,381 IMMERSSED!

Services Performed in Driving Rain

C. W. Barber, a western district servant of the Society, addressed those assembled for baptism ceremonies Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. At this international convention he spoke on the need for personal consecration to do God's will.

A total of 3,381 (1,302 men and 2,079 women) heard the talk, declared themselves ready for baptism, and later were immersed at the Sunnyside Pool, in Sunnyside, Long Island.

At the pool the thousands waited in two-block-long lines through the four hours used to complete the service. Thirty-four immersers worked in teams of ten to perform the dipping in a driving rain. Joy marked the candidates' manner despite the weather, and outside observers remarked on the orderliness throughout. The manager of the facilities declared this a history-making event for the pool.

Earlier, at the stadium, Barber cleared up the meaning of baptism, indicating that its principal importance to a Christian lay in the fact that it publicly symbolized one's vow to serve God uncompromisingly. The prime example of Jesus Christ, as well as further cases in the history of the Christian church, was cited to buttress the force of the argument. In one instance he gave the case of 3,000 persons dedicating their lives to Jehovah's service. (Acts 2: 37-42) Interestingly, here again were more than 3,000 persons ready for baptism.

Having laid a good foundation, he masterfully considered and broke down several prominent personal objections to bap-

tism. He first referred to those who claim 'I don't know enough'. To such he asked, "Is baptism the end of one's Christian course or just the beginning?" Since it is only the beginning, merely the knowledge of one's obligations to serve God is necessary.

But then there are those who think they are not good enough to serve the Lord. The speaker replied, "How good does one have to be?" And he asked, "If

there is 'none righteous, no not one', how could anyone wait until he became good enough to serve God?"

The candidates for immersion were asked to stand, and, after affirming their belief in Christ Jesus as the means of redemption from sin and their determination to make an unreserved covenant to serve God, they were conducted to the immersion pool.



C. W. Barber



Immersing some of the 3,381 candidates



## WORLD BRANCHES REPORT TO ASSEMBLY

Conventioners assembled Friday morning, August 4, anticipating the opening of Branch Day. Buoyed up by the thrilling experiences related the day before from the missionaries throughout the earth, those attending looked forward to word from the various Branch servants respecting the increase and problems of the various countries.

Throughout the day and evening, weight was added to the frequently voiced determination to press ahead with the work in the many lands by the release of twenty-four new foreign-language publications. These releases included books, booklets, magazines and *Informants*. These publications have proved great boons to the Kingdom work in English and are certain to benefit the many peoples to whom they are now being opened up in South and Central America, Europe, Africa and the islands of the Pacific.

The releases were made following the reports from the Branches for the countries speaking the various languages corresponding to the publications. The Society's president, for the most part, acted as chairman of the lengthy program and personally presented the new instruments to the respective Branch servants. Fifty of the sixty-seven nations represented on the program will benefit from the new literature.

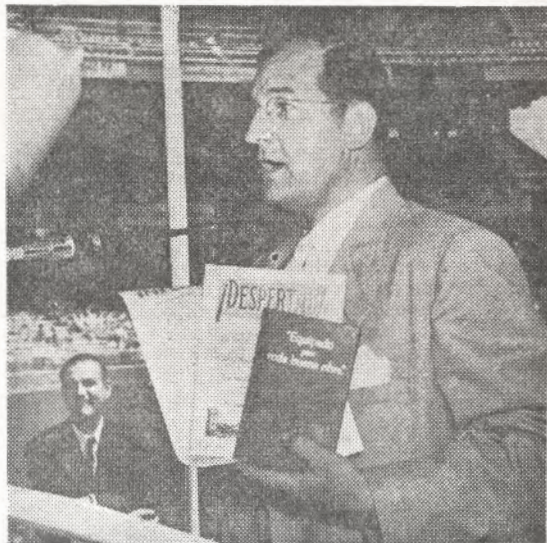
Peak attendance for Branch Day was during the afternoon session, when there were 73,266 at the stadium and 8,510 at the trailer camp, or a total of 81,776. It is not possible to individually report on each Branch spokesman, but enough can be given to show the blessed increase in many lands. The published program gives the names of the countries and speakers heard from.

Leading off the day was Argentina, where, in 1946, there were 489 publishers. This compares with the June, 1950, report of 1,277.

Then there is Chile: seven new publisher peaks in the last year! A quota for the year of 232 publishers already surpassed in June, 1950, with 428!

Back in 1944 there were no Kingdom publishers at all in El Salvador, but early the following year a spearhead of Gilead graduates entered the country, and their foundation now supports an organization of 250 Kingdom publishers.

Ten years ago in Cuba there



Brother Knorr releases Spanish "Informant", "Equipped" book, and semimonthly "Awake!"

were but 100 publishers. Now there are more than 7,000 'preaching the Word'. In ten years, a seventyfold increase! Over a few years one pioneer working in virgin territory has seen the fruit of his labors prosper in fifteen company organizations with 510 publishers.

In the last thirty-two years, Australian publishers numbering 130 in 1918 have worked steadily and overcome many barriers, till now every month 5,000 publishers are preaching there.

The United States Branch servant extended the appreciation of this Branch for its role as host to the international conventioners. For its own part the United States has not fallen behind in the expansion of true worship. Nineteen thirty-nine's total of 35,000 preachers of the Word has prospered through global war, much misrepresentation, and even violence, to now become 108,000 in April of this year.

In Uruguay the American Bible Society's representative stated that the Watchtower Society distributed more of that organization's Bibles in the

country than did the Catholics and Protestants combined.

Obstacles had to be overcome. Heated clergy opposition has failed to keep 8,000 publishers out of the Mexican field this year, and it failed to prevent a 246-percent increase in Colombian publishers.

Everywhere the Theocracy increases, heart-warming experiences are bound to occur. In Bolivia an aviator formerly opposing the truth and his wife's interest in it now is interested in it himself and is assisting Gilead graduates there in their knowledge of Spanish. Five years ago in Costa Rica one isolated publisher worked in a mountain wilderness. Recently a small assembly was held in this area for the benefit of a company now located there. Two hundred and thirty-five persons attended the public talk. In Peru, despite much opposition, even the religionists commented on the efficiency of the missionaries in their use of Spanish and knowledge of the Bible and religious doctrines.

In Guatemala a theater owner offered his building free when



learning that our lectures were given without charge. In Puerto Rico a Gilead graduate in a company short of public speakers gave eighteen lectures in twenty-three days. More of the native brethren are learning now to assist in this.

Ecuador's report illustrates how rapidly many persons in this land are now obtaining the truth. Recently a man appeared at a Sunday field service contact point. Asked if he were a student of the publications, he replied, "Yes, I have studied as far as page eight in the book 'Let God Be True'."

Two Gilead graduates serve eight companies in the Dominican Republic. Violence and imprisonment of men and women alike have culminated in an official ban. This land's representative assured the assembly that none of these things would succeed in stilling the mouths of the witnesses there.

#### The Afternoon Session

In British Honduras the work has been under way for 20 years, but only 15 publishers were working there in 1945, when the first two Gilead graduates arrived. In June, 1950, these 15 had grown to 82.

Around on the other side of the world in Burma there are four Gilead graduates. One of these, N. H. Barber, who has been in that land three years, reported that the eight publishers of four years ago have today grown to 88 active, zealous workers.

The Branch servant from Denmark reported that the country's four million inhabitants are witnessed to often by the 4,873 publishers. Large newspapers have given both favorable and unfavorable publicity. One said, "The church must fight against Jehovah's witnesses," while another, whose editor had been impressed by the constant witness on the streets by neat, clean young persons who could give good answers to any Bible questions, published a very fine report of Kingdom preaching activity.

The assembled conventioners heard that in Catholic Eire there is deplorable ignorance of the Bible. Despite violent opposition to the truth, the 30 pioneers

who arrived from England during the past four years have seen an increase. While in 1947 there were 39 publishers in all Eire, there are now 50 in Dublin alone.

The first person to come into the truth in Finland, K. Harteva, reported that in 1910 there were only two publishers in that land. Now there is one publisher for each 550 persons. One city has a publisher for each 100 inhabitants.

The German Branch servant, E. H. Frost, expressed appreciation for the 22,000 CARE packages and the trainload

of clothing that were sent to Jehovah's witnesses in Germany by their American brethren. The German brethren have continued, and rapid increase in 'preaching the Word' has resulted. After the liberation 443 companies were quickly formed in 1945 with 6,950 publishers. In June there were more than a thousand companies and 51,500 publishers!

The Branch servant from Luxembourg reported a 45-percent increase this year in a land where people just do not know what a Bible is, and it is impossible to buy a Bible in the language spoken by the common people.

From the Gold Coast it was reported that a handful of publishers a few years ago has now grown to 2,582 in a land where almost everyone will listen to the message.

Conventioners thrilled to the Canadian report, which told of towns with 150 people with 48 publishers, 100 population with 77 publishers, and towns of 30 to 45 thousand with two good-sized units. Regarding Quebec, where in 1946 Premier Duplessis announced a war without mercy against Jehovah's witnesses, the Branch servant said, "This threat was made more than four



Brother Covington announces one of the foreign-language releases

years ago, but we are still there, and he and his other officials know that we are there to stay."

In Haiti, where the Kingdom gospel was introduced in 1945 with one company, one publisher and two Gilead graduates, there are now five companies with 99 publishers.

Before World War II, in Belgium there were about 300 publishers, and in June, 1950, there were 2,289.

The island of Cyprus was included in a missionary tour of the apostle Paul and Barnabas. In modern times the Kingdom publishers have grown from 28 in 1946 to 228 in 1950.

Greek servants of the Lord sent regards from many places mentioned in the Bible. Despite violent persecution and even murder, the work increases. Regular peaks in publishers have brought them to a high of 3,500 in that land.

#### The Evening Session

During the evening reports were heard from twenty-one more Branches, each showing the Theocratic increase in that particular area.

From Italy it was reported that Jehovah's witnesses have



now returned to Rome and there is a company of twenty-eight publishers there, the first congregation of Jehovah's witnesses there in modern times. During the past year the number of publishers in Italy has increased by 500, to a peak of 1,182 with 90 companies.

Netherlands West Indies reported that the first Gilead graduates arrived in Curaçao in May, 1946. By the end of that year there were 19 publishers; in 1950 there has been an average of 107.

In the British possession of Northern Rhodesia there is a severe but not complete ban on the literature of the Society. There has been a wonderful increase. In 1948 there were 9,873 publishers and in May, 1950, the figure rose to 15,196, with a peak of 40,000 persons attending Memorial.

When World War II broke out in 1939 one thousand Polish brethren were put into concentration camps by the Nazis. Only five hundred of these came out alive. In 1939 there were 1,039 publishers. After faithful preaching even while incarcerated, the number had, by 1945, risen to 1,950 active publishers. There have been terrible poverty and even lack of clothing in Poland, also bitter persecution by rabid, priest-led Catholic mobs as well as by the communist officials. The communist government recently put a ban on Jehovah's witnesses, accusing them of being engaged in American espionage. The last complete report showed 20,000 publishers in the field, and they will go on preaching despite the official ban by godless communism.

Newfoundland is a cold and rugged country, but the truth is ablaze and prospering. Official recognition has been gained in the right to perform marriages, register births, deaths, etc., which services are necessary for many isolated communities. Traveling in this sea-girt island with few roads is often difficult. On one occasion the circuit servant hired a small boat to row him across an arm of the ocean. The boat leaked badly and it looked as if they would be swamped. They could not walk on the water like Jesus, but they

did the next best thing by getting out occasionally onto the large ice pans floating in the ocean and emptying the boat. There has been a 41-percent increase since the last annual report, and a tenfold increase in the last five years.

Brother F. H. Thomas reported a fine increase in the predominantly Buddhist land of Thailand. The people are very tolerant. In one town the governor not only gave the brethren the use of public grounds for a meeting but also instructed the village chief to beat a drum and notify all the heads of families that the meeting would be held. Buddhist priests, lawyers, doctors, judges and other high officials attended one particular talk held on property belonging to a Buddhist association. The association refused any money for the use of the hall and asked when another lecture could be held.

Four years ago there was not a single publisher in the Virgin Islands. Now there are 59 publishers on the average, in an area whose total population is only 26,500 people. A local newspaper said: "Jehovah's witnesses are doing well in their Bible campaign in St. Thomas, and due to the chronic lethargy existing in most of the well-founded religious bodies here, deeper inroads may be expected." Four years ago only ten to twelve magazines were coming to the islands each month. Now upward of 1,700 magazines are entering the homes of the people, including 650 subscriptions. The visits of the Society's boat "Sibia" to the islands is a real help and encouragement to the missionaries there.

South Africa has enjoyed a wonderful increase. In 1948 there were 4,440 publishers. The last peak in 1950 shows 8,000 active ministers in the field.

In the Philippine Islands the service year started off with 6,948 publishers and has already reached 9,671, the ninth peak reached during the year. Notable in his report were the wonderful increase and conversion among the Igorot mountain tribe, formerly pagan head-hunters, but now earnest Christians. A company among them has grown

from nothing to 330 publishers in two and one-half years.

The work is difficult in the predominantly Moslem country of Turkey, where meetings cannot be legally held. Ministers have been severely beaten on several occasions by the Turkish police. After terrible abuse one brother was declared insane because he refused to renounce his Christian faith, and he spent ten months in an institution before his release could be obtained. He is still a faithful pioneer minister. At last Memorial there were sixty attending, twenty-eight Greek, twenty-three Armenian and nine Jewish brethren—a significant demonstration of how unity in Christ breaks down all national barriers.

Many other instances of Theocracy's increase were given in other reports, but we sincerely regret that space does not allow for fuller coverage.

Notable in the Branch Day were the many releases of foreign-language literature by the Society in its loving effort to aid the people of good will in these lands and the Branches to preach the Word. The following publications were released:

Spanish: "Equipped for Every Good Work"; *Awake!* 8/22, now to be semimonthly; *September Informant*, to hereafter be regularly published by Society Headquarters. Portuguese: "Let God Be True"; *The Kingdom Hope of All Mankind*; *Counsel on Theocratic Organization*. German: "Equipped for Every Good Work." Hawaiian: "Let God Be True." Gujarati (India): *The Joy of All the People*. French: "The Kingdom Is at Hand." Italian: "The Kingdom Is at Hand." Cinyanja (Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland): "Let God Be True"; *The Kingdom Hope of All Mankind*. Norwegian: "Let God Be True." Polish: "Let God Be True." Russian: "The Truth Shall Make You Free"; *The Joy of All the People*. Ibo (Nigeria): "Let God Be True." Yoruba (Nigeria): "Let God Be True"; *The Kingdom Hope of All Mankind*; *Counsel on Theocratic Organization*. Tagalog (Philippine Republic): "Let God Be True." Xosa (South Africa): "Let God Be True." Estonian: *The Joy of All the People*.



# REPORT

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YANKEE STADIUM

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# 123,707 ATTEND!

## Record-shattering Numbers Hear Can You Live Forever in Happiness on Earth?

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Aerial view of stadium on Sunday afternoon



## YOU CAN LIVE FOREVER IN HAPPINESS ON EARTH!

Talk Printed in Booklet

The stirring public lecture given Sunday afternoon by N. H. Knorr, president of the Watchtower Society, entitled "Can You Live Forever in Happiness on Earth?" thrilled the 87,195 who got into the great Yankee Stadium, the additional 25,215 who overflowed onto the sidewalks and in the tents across the streets, and 11,297 who were in the trailer camp 40 miles away. A total of 123,707 persons heard the clear logical presentation of Scriptural facts that left no room to doubt that persons of good will can live forever in happiness on earth.

For the first seven minutes the vast audience listened quietly, then many, many times enthusiasm erupted in loud applause as the assembled multitude hailed the Bible truths that were so clearly explained.

Mr. Knorr asked, "Could you live happily on an earth so peaceful and secure that there was never any need of military preparedness to forestall or meet the threat of war?"—an earth on which there were no racial divisions, commercial monopolies, selfish competition, religious prejudices, bigotry, intolerance, with no great natural disasters, devastating storms, floods, conflagrations, famines, plagues, and with complete health and youthful vigor?

Such an earth is not impossible, despite the woes the earth has seen for about 6,000 years, for it is promised by the Bible, which plainly tells how human woe invaded the earth and how it will be fully removed with the permanent establishment of such peaceful conditions.

Earth's present dire situation, together with the past 4,000 years of human history, was cited to prove that it is impossible for the nations to get along in happiness. A world change must occur and it must be soon if you are to escape death and live forever in happiness on earth. Political rulers have failed, and the Creator is the only one who can bring about such a desired change. Man's religious systems have failed, but Jehovah "made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in

them is", and he is the one in whom our trust must be put.

Man's destiny was fixed by the Creator at the beginning of our race when he purposed that Adam and his wife Eve "be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it". Adam could have lived forever in happiness on earth in a paradise home. He could have seen that paradise expanded to cover the entire earth. Heaven was not promised him, or to anyone else before Christ's time, for Christ said, "No man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man." (John 3:13) Mr. Knorr pointed out that Adam's death came only as a result of his sin, but he passed that death on to all his offspring. After Adam's death, God did not change the destiny of earth and mankind, but his original purpose to have this planet peopled with righteous creatures still stands. Meanwhile, the adversary, Satan, did all within his power to crush the Kingdom, but the tables have now been turned. The Bible time-schedule marks 1914 as the date when God's kingdom was established and the upside-down conditions since that year were foretold by Christ Jesus as signs marking the end of the old system of



Convention chairman G. Suiter introduces N. H. Knorr at public meeting

things. War in heaven broke out that year and Satan the Devil and his demons were cast out and down to earth's vicinity, where he is now driving all nations to the battle of Armageddon.

God's destruction of Satan's world will not mean that the literal heavens and earth will be destroyed, for, as Mr. Knorr showed, God would not destroy all his billions of years of creation in the brief battle of Armageddon, just because a few billion human sinners exist down here on our tiny planet. Knorr said, "To get rid of rats in a

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P. Chapman, assistant chairman



# Thrilling Discourse by F. W. Franz

## New Systems of Things

Saturday evening 82,601 conventioners had the great pleasure of again hearing the vice-president of the Watch Tower Society, Brother F. W. Franz. He delivered an epoch-making speech. He began by saying: "Jehovah God is the maker of righteous systems of things. . . . He has arranged them in an order that leads from one set of good things to better or grander things, at last reaching a height of goodness that leaves us with nothing further to be desired."

After 1,546 years the old system of things, i. e., the old Jewish law covenant with its priesthood and sacrifices, was replaced by a new system. Jehovah's witnesses today, therefore, have a new priest, a new sacrifice, a new law, and are under a new covenant.

In addition they have new knowledge of fulfilled prophecies, a new ministry, and are in a new relationship with God as spiritual Israel.

One of the new systems of things, Brother Franz declared, is the new world. "But after its foundation was laid, we did not have to wait until the actual establishment of the new world in order to enjoy new systems of things. Christians from Pentecost of the year 33 forward have been enjoying the new arrangements and provisions."

### A New World Society

Brother Franz then compared and contrasted the old with the new. The old world has its society, living according to a certain social arrangement. The new world also will have its society, living in harmony with a righteous arrangement. Satan the Devil is the god of this present wicked system of things; the supreme and all-powerful God of the new world society is Jehovah.

The "new heavens" of the new world are made up of Christ Jesus and his 144,000 faithful

followers. The "new earth" will be a human system on this same planet but organized according to a new and righteous system of things. This "new earth" will begin with the survivors of Armageddon who have an earthly hope and destiny. They are the "other sheep" and are now enjoying many of the benefits of the new covenant arrangement along with the remnant.

### "Princes in All the Earth"

It appeared to be God's due time to reveal new truths on something Jehovah's people have long wanted to know, and so Brother Franz aroused and quickened the interest of his audience by asking: "Would this international assembly be happy to know that **HERE, TONIGHT**, in our midst, there are a number of prospective **PRINCES OF THE NEW EARTH**?"

A tremendous and sustained clapping of hands and shouting for joy assured the speaker that nothing at the moment interested them more. A hushed and profound silence then settled over Yankee Stadium. Every ear strained in order not to lose a syllable as Brother Franz began a discussion of some very important facts concerning Psalm 45: 16: "Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth."

For some years now both the remnant of the body of Christ and the great crowd of strangers or "other sheep" have been looking for the princes of the "new earth" to appear. But will those sons whom Christ makes "princes in all the earth" be limited to those faithful pre-Christian witnesses of Jehovah God? Brother Franz asked.

In this year, 1950, the speaker observed, there are hundreds of thousands of "other sheep" who are fully dedicated to Jehovah. These have gone farther in belief

than Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, for those ancient people merely *looked forward* by faith to the coming Seed, Christ, but these "other sheep" of today have actually accepted Jesus as the Savior and King. Instead of pointing into the indefinite future toward the Kingdom, these sheep now declare the Kingdom actually established.

Moreover, these modern witnesses have suffered just as much for their faith as Jehovah's witnesses of old. They have been killed, have gone about in animal skins, have been ill-treated and have been forced to seek shelter in desert and mountain retreats. When Brother Franz noted that there was nothing that Scripturally argues against Christ's making many of these "other sheep" "princes in all the earth" as required, thunderous applause again interrupted his momentous speech.

The Hebrew word *Sar*, translated "princes", does not always apply to the son of a king or a person of royal birth. In other scriptures this same Hebrew word is translated as the foremost or chief in *any* class or the head of any company or group. After proving his point, Brother Franz was quick to show that in the "new earth" no titles will be tacked on those holding important positions in the new world system. There will be no "Prince Charles" or "Prince Abraham" or "Prince Alberts", etc., but instead they may be designated as servants, just as those now who hold responsible positions in the Theocratic organization.

In concluding this wonderful talk, Brother Franz said, "With the transporting prospects so close before us, oh! let us keep Theocratic organization and let God continue improving it as a new world society. Never may we look back to this modern Sodom, which is reserved for destruction, but we are determined to keep faces forward in full faith. Onward, then, steadily, all of us together, as a New World society!"





Yankee Stadium packed out an hour before public lecture





Bleacher seats and folding chairs on track filled for public meeting



## Watchtower Factory Spreads Knowledge

The United States Branch servant, M. H. Larson, early in his Saturday afternoon talk related the history of the factory facilities now used by the Society in Brooklyn. He

began by telling of the leasing of a small building at Myrtle Avenue, eight blocks from the present factory, in the year 1921. In 1922 a larger factory was obtained at 18 Concord Street in Brooklyn. During the first complete year of publication with those facilities, 19,932,957 pieces of literature were produced; but he added that during May alone of this year the present factory turned out 18,000,000 pieces.

Mr. Larson's running account proceeded to tell of further need for expansion as the work grew with the years. He mentioned the purchase of property in 1926 at 117 Adams Street, where an eight-story building was constructed by the Society the following year. This was the first Watchtower factory built to accommodate the work. However, time again moved the walls too close together, and Larson gave the details of the 1937 four-story annex raised to fill the next emergency. Nor was this to be adequate for long. Excavation for a new building began on

December 6, 1948. In fourteen months, the present nine-story reinforced concrete building was joined to its predecessor to virtually double the floor space.

He later told of literature printed by the Society in 74 different languages and dialects, adding that in the last year 2,147,000 books, or more than half of the year's total of 4,019,000 produced, were in languages other than English. Over 1,000,000 more books were shipped to other countries than were shipped to places within the United States, he said.

He paid special tribute to the knowledge-spreading service of the Society's book "*Let God Be True*", first printed in 1946. In four years it has now been published in twenty-four languages. Its English editions have never been printed in less than a quarter of a million copies. In all, 8,733,000 copies have been printed, more than the number made by any of the Society's previous books. He compared this figure to 110 boxcars which would be necessary to move it.

Since 1922, the present grand total of bound books, Bibles, and booklets is 741,394,176, which involved the use of 54,409 tons of paper.

## The Bethel Home Spreads Knowledge

Saturday evening M. G. Henschel, a director of the Watch Tower Society and member of the Bethel family, gave a description of how "The Bethel Home Spreads Knowledge".

Starting with the original 4-story brownstone-front structure purchased in 1909, he recounted the increase of Brooklyn Bethel to keep pace with Theocratic increase to 9 stories in 1927, and now, in 1950, to the beautiful modern 100- by 200-foot building 10 stories above ground, 143 feet above street level, with basement and sub-basement, at 136 Columbia Heights.

The question was then posed, Why is Bethel so important to all Jehovah's witnesses worldwide? Because it is spreading the knowledge of God. It is the headquarters, the location of the governing body of Jehovah's organization on earth. Here reports from the world-wide field come in, problems are presented, and strategic handling is prescribed. It houses the administrative offices of the Society's president.

Then other important offices at Bethel are those of the secretary and treasurer, legal, editorial and WBBR radio station.

The staff at Bethel, now numbering 380, spreads knowledge to all the earth by their labors

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M. H. Larson



M. G. Henschel



# Knorr's Closing Talk to Assembly

## "Droop Not Your Hands"

Bringing to a grand conclusion the most blessed assembly of Jehovah's witnesses yet held, Brother Knorr's final talk was one of admonition and counsel to his brethren. He based his remarks on the third chapter of Zephaniah's prophecy.

In this connection Brother Knorr mentioned how Jehovah's witnesses have suffered much reproach and persecution since 1914. He pointed to Christendom as the one who had especially reproached God's name and despised his witnesses.

In gathering together God's consecrated people since 1919 the Lord has shown utter contempt of the racial, color, social, language, political, national and religious differences and divisions of this world. Kingdom publishers, numbering 365,273, are working in 109 lands.

In contrast with Christendom, who reproaches and vilifies Jehovah's name, Brother Knorr declared: "We count it an honor to call upon that name, sounding it forth in praiseworthy language to all who long for knowledge of the true God."

### Speaking a Pure Language

"Our speech," the speaker went on to say, "has been cleansed of the traditional religious lies which we picked up and became tainted with during our captivity in Babylonish Christendom, and we have chosen to 'let God be true', though it make every religious instructor in Christendom a liar . . . We are not peddlers of God's Word who misrepresent their product in order to deceive their customers and make sales for self-enrichment at the people's expense.

"Just think of it: Jehovah God is in our midst," Brother Knorr shouted. "He, the Supreme Ruler of the universe, is our king!"

God's people may be persecuted, yet never again will they suffer from God's displeasure. What a comforting assurance this is!

In sharp and forceful lan-

guage, Brother Knorr cast out those who rebel against Theocratic rule, saying, "Now let those who think they can get along without the organization go their way." On the other hand he admonished the faithful to show mature understanding, speak out about Theocracy, and faithfully stick to their preaching work.

### Fearless Action!

Quoting Zephaniah's prophecy: "Fear not, droop not your hands, O Sion," Brother Knorr called for action, fearless action on the part of Jehovah's Theocratic organization. Our leader, he continued, is Christ Jesus, and he is not afraid of the Devil's entire organization. He is as bold and fearless as a lion. "Let us not, then, be paralyzed with fear so that our hands droop helplessly in inaction."

The enemy may forcibly take Jehovah's witnesses into his power, but the message of God's kingdom will never be bound, because they will continue to speak the pure language.

Recounting the many blessings of Theocracy's Increase Assembly, Brother Knorr mentioned by name the important releases in English besides the 24 other releases in fourteen languages. Truly these will be powerful working instruments in the hands of Jehovah's witness-

es in all nations as they press forward in their teaching work.

To quote other highlights from the fervent speech: "Now in this 'time of the end', when we are at the threshold of the new world, he has gathered us to his organization in fulfillment of his promises. . . . Now we are Theocratically assembled and organized and have a Rightful Ruler over us, the King of eternity. So, let the enemy, now robbed of his prey, continue to persecute. . . . Never mind, then. The enemy will never again be able to break up our world-wide unity. . . . Know for certain: the time is short! Lift up your hands and put them to work with a will!

"So never let the name of Jehovah suffer reproach because of anything vile that you personally do. Never let his praise be lessened or silenced because of laziness, fear or treachery on your part. Let your lives as well as your purged lips speak the pure language. . . . Until we reap the full share in the vindication of Jehovah's name at his victory on Armageddon's battlefield, 'droop not your hands,' but raise them always in praise to him and his kingdom!"

With a few extemporaneous remarks at the conclusion of his prepared speech, Brother Knorr expressed appreciation and thanks to the stadium management, board of health, police department, fire department, labor unions and others, as well as the people in New York city in general for their kind assistance and hospitality.

## Convention Servant's Report

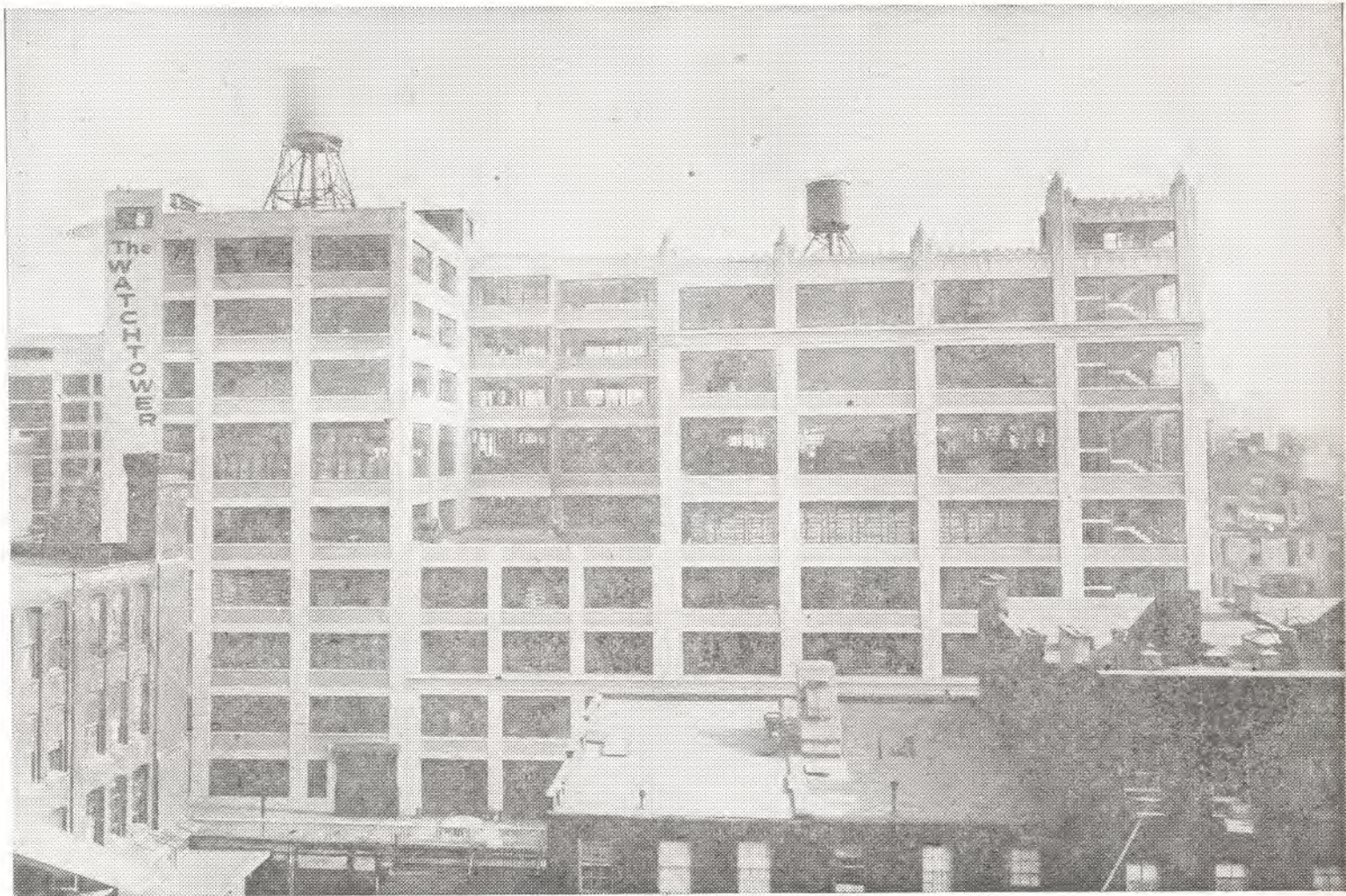
"This convention . . . a truly new world instrument . . . assisting to impart knowledge that means everlasting life.' Flashing these thoughts before his audience, J. O. Groh, convention servant, began the committee's closing report to the last session of the international assembly.

Following this, Groh launched into a discussion of the long period of preparation preceding

the birth of the assembly itself. From its first announcement, in September, 1948, he recalled the anxious expectation of Jehovah's witnesses world-wide that began to culminate this last spring in New York city with the opening of pre-convention activity. Pri-

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Brooklyn factory of Watchtower Society





**Brooklyn Bethel home, headquarters of Jehovah's witnesses**



## Gilead School Spreads Knowledge

Can Gilead be called an institution of highest learning? A. D. Schroeder, registrar of Gilead School, on the Saturday evening session showed the answer to be Yes, for Jehovah and Christ, together with our mother, the Lord's organization, constitute the teaching staff. Also, the Bible is the principal textbook and the method is that laid down by God at Galatians 6: 6, of 'sounding down into the ears' verbally, and by each communicating aloud his understanding, to the edification of all assembled. As precedents ancient "schools of the prophets", in which important truths were "repeated" or "doubled" as well as the educational arrangement of the Levitical priesthood, were pointed to in the Scriptures. Of course, the teaching of John the Baptist and Jesus to their disciples, well known to all, were mentioned as our best examples of advanced ministerial training.

The speaker next described how, on February 1, 1943, the school's president, N. H. Knorr, opened Gilead School, located on 700-acre Kingdom Farm, eight miles north of Ithaca, N. Y. At that time the name "Gilead", meaning "heap of witness", was shown to be appropriate, for henceforth the school's graduates would carry the witness of the established Kingdom to the four corners of earth, a witness to Jehovah.

The school's main building itself was named Gilead. At that time four instructors were selected from the Brooklyn Beth-

el staff. These brethren had been trained for years in the valuable Biblical, organizational and supervisory knowledge there. Entrance requirements were established. Only ordained ministers, male and female, who had a good record of full-time service would qualify. The first class of 100 students was called. Now, seven and one-half years and 15 terms later, 1,563 have been enrolled, 1,499 have completed the 5-month course. One thousand who have graduated are Americans, the others came from 37 countries. Today, 1,000 of these are assigned in over 90 nations to herald the good news of the Kingdom!

Now the school uses 5 dormitories, and is equipped with a library of 7,800 volumes, located in the new building, "Shiloah," and an amphitheater seating 350 persons. Permanent members of the Kingdom Farm family, whose status is the same as that of the Brooklyn Bethel family, provide the physical needs.

Bethel procedure and rules are followed at Gilead. After school sessions are over, three hours each afternoon are spent by the students in aiding the Farm family in domestic and farm duties.

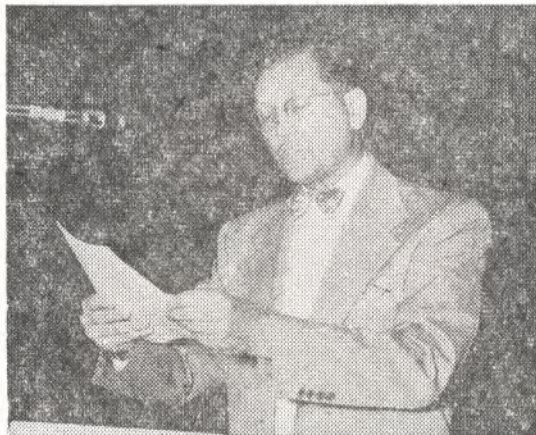
## WBBR Spreads Knowledge

Opening the Saturday afternoon session on "Knowledge of God Day", M. A. Howlett, long in charge of the Society's radio station, WBBR, addressed the stadium brimming with conventioners on the above topic. Fittingly, he first called attention to the station's 26 years of service and referred to its announced purpose: 'in the public interest, convenience, and necessity.'

He called attention to the "international" ministry performed by WBBR, because of the millions of foreign-speaking persons, and then introduced several individuals who have greatly benefited from the station's service.

The first of these, a former Presbyterian, gave his experience of graduating from Harvard an unbeliever but later obtaining true life-giving knowledge from WBBR. Another, a woman, who stated that she had been a communist for 17 years, told of finding in the message of Jehovah's witnesses a true hope her political faith could not give her, and she praised the gracious message she thereafter heard over WBBR. This aided her in dropping communism and accepting the truth. An outstanding experience was finally related by a former nun who had served under Catholicism's

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A. D. Schroeder



M. A. Howlett



## The Call to Pioneer Service

On Sunday morning R. L. Anderson, of the Brooklyn Bethel staff, showed how cries for help come from all countries: "The harvest is ripe; send us more pioneers."

How, then, should we respond to this urgent call? Jesus was cited as the perfect example. He was in his Father's service at the tender age of twelve! Also the apostle Paul, who left riches and position to be a full-time minister, should make us examine ourselves. Then the speaker proceeded to refute, one by one, the various excuses that rise up when pioneer work is contemplated:

Do you have family obligations? They should be properly cared for, but being one of a cooperating Theocratic family group should enable at least one or even two to pioneer.

Are world conditions too uncertain? "The very safest place is in the pioneer work. We don't want to be tied so that the old world ship takes us down when it sinks," he said.

Working for a home, trailer, car, money for a reserve fund—all of these were exposed as holdbacks rather than helps.

Special stress was placed on *staying* in the pioneer work once one starts. This requires making it a business. Routine, economy, good sense, throwing off pride and accepting help from God's people, uprightness and diligence, if necessary doing some part-time secular work occasionally, in short, *doing everything to keep in the work* will assure our success.

### WBBR Spreads Knowledge

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"sainted" Mother Cabrini. After receiving unsatisfactory answers to her many questions from Catholic authorities, she moved to New York city, trying to regain her faith. Here, by radio, she came in contact with WBBR. She believed the message, obtained the literature, and, in a short while, she and her secretary began public witnessing while still wearing their nun's garb, the only clothing they had.

## Pioneering on a World-wide Front

Proving full-time service rendered in any clime under any conditions produces like results and unspeakable joys, ten pioneers drawn from the world-wide battlefield thrilled thousands with a two-hour word-picture of pioneer life from far-flung posts.

From Venezuela flashed a picture of hardy pioneers climbing cold mountains, crossing dense jungles, encountering savage Indians shooting poisoned arrows, to find good will so hungry they beg you to come again. While Africa's sunshine and soil provide natives with most simple needs, Theocracy's increase there must penetrate with infinite patience the untrained, undeveloped native minds to combat polygamy and illiteracy. Swinging around to the Philippine Republic, pioneers develop shrewd acumen as they barter literature for clothing, corn, rice, coconuts, chickens, eggs, which they use or convert into money; meanwhile a pagan priest embraces the truth and converts his temple grounds into a Kingdom Farm.

As a special treat, A. A. Worsley transported his audience on a 3,000-mile voyage with four missionaries on the Society's missionary boat "Sibia". Touching thirty Caribbean islands, they found people so anxious for truth all one had to do to get an audience was to stop and talk to the first person he met.

Cold climate, high-priced living and fortune hunting make Alaska a hardheaded territory, where people think of religionists as lazy parasites, and where Theocracy's missionaries get around the hard way, working

part time and showing they're not afraid of blisters. Taking a long hop down to Australia, pioneers riding bicycles twenty miles and covering 10,000-square-mile ranches by telephone from the overseer's house on the outskirts is no uncommon sight. From here the audience was transported to the Mediterranean area, "where pioneering originated with Christ and the apostles," to learn that opposition has not changed. In Cyprus a pioneer set out to visit a new publisher whose people were violently opposed; en route he was arrested and exiled, and on the prison ship he met this same new publisher, also exiled, who told him that had he gotten through the family would have succeeded in their scheme to ambush and murder him. On to exile in Patmos, the very same island where the apostle John was exiled, and their preaching brought four prisoners into the truth. But if any territory gets harder than brother Singh's India, where Hindu, Moslem and Sikh religions leave you nothing in common to start on, that will be tough going indeed. Overcoming the church-state conspiracy in Quebec, Jehovah's witnesses have enjoyed 100-percent increase despite having to preach from house to house with only the Bible.

### The Bethel Home Spreads Knowledge

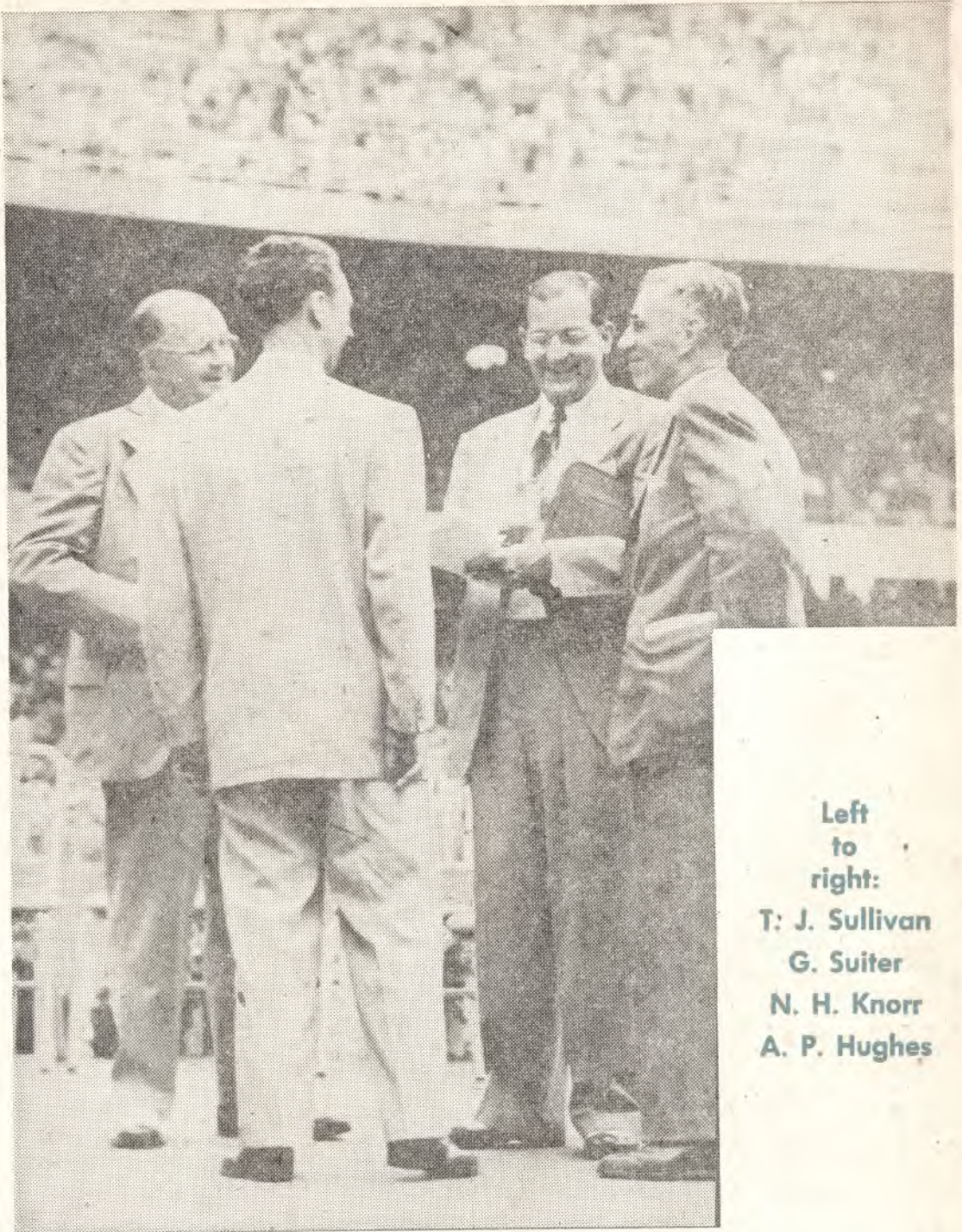
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of love in preparing the enlightening message in printed form. They also serve in New York city congregations and care for circuit organization work and public meeting assemblies in New York and surrounding states. During the past service year 156 of the staff gave 1,837 public Bible lectures, with 125,000 persons attending. They traveled 237,000 miles, being financed by the Society in this travel at a cost of \$8,600.

The home itself, housing these workers who are all ministers

voluntarily giving their time, provides every necessary comfort for its members. Twin beds and appropriate furniture are supplied for the two occupying each room. The female members of the staff take care of the housekeeping needs. A painting and repair department, internal 50-station telephone system, large boiler room, modern laundry, spotless newly equipped kitchen and beautiful dining-room seating 442, keep the family in good health and spirits. By far the bulk of food used is transported by truck from the Society's three farms in New York and New Jersey.





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right:**  
**T: J. Sullivan**  
**G. Suiter**  
**N. H. Knorr**  
**A. P. Hughes**





● Packed stadium early in convention



# Conventions of Jehovah's Witnesses

The Bible reports on assemblies of Jehovah's witnesses held thousands of years ago. However, due to a great falling away, as foretold both by Jesus and his apostles, no strictly Theocratic conventions of Jehovah's servants were held for the better part of two millennia.

## 1893 to 1922

The first convention of Jehovah's witnesses of modern times was held in Chicago, August 4-20, 1893. There were 360 in attendance and 20 were baptized. The first time more than a thousand witnesses were present was at St. Louis in 1904, when 1,200 attended and 2,000 heard the public lecture on Sunday. In 1908 at Put-in-Bay, a summer resort near Sandusky, Ohio, 3,500 attended, and in 1911, at another summer resort, Mountain Lake Park, an 11-day convention was held with a peak attendance of at least 4,000.

The first great or major convention after World War I took place at Cedar Point, Ohio, in September, 1919. A few months prior thereto the officers of the Society had been released from prison, and all were now anxious to take up the witness work again.

Three years later Cedar Point saw another convention which was memorable for a number of things. Chief of all was the keynote discourse on "The Kingdom", which was climaxed by the stirring appeal to action: "Advertise, advertise, advertise the King and the Kingdom!"

## London, Toronto, Detroit, Columbus

In 1926 the general convention of Jehovah's witnesses was held in London, some 7,000 hearing the public lecture.

Two new features were added to the convention held in Toronto, Canada, in 1927: The public lecture was broadcast over an international network (of 53 radio stations), and a convention newspaper, the *Messenger*, was published.

A year later Detroit saw the next major convention. At this lectures in ten different lan-

guages were held simultaneously and the public lecture was broadcast over more than 100 stations, it being the largest network to that time.

Epoch-making was the convention next held, at Columbus, Ohio, in July, 1931. Conventions had been held in Columbus ever since 1906, and another was to be held there in 1937, but none of these did nor were to compare with the one of 1931. At that convention, before a visible audience of many thousands and over a radio network of 465 stations, the resolution was proposed and adopted that henceforth Jehovah's servants be known by no other name than that given to them by Jehovah God himself, namely, *Jehovah's witnesses*.—Isaiah 43: 10-12.

## 1935 to 1944

In keeping with the fact that conventions are places where Jehovah reveals new light to his people, the identity of the "great multitude" of Revelation 7 was made clear at the one held in May, 1935, in Washington, D.C. In 1938 the truth regarding the divine mandate was revealed at the fifty conventions held in the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, all tied in by wire to the key city, London, England.

In 1939 Catholic action tried in vain to break up the main meeting of the convention of Jehovah's witnesses held at Madison Square Garden, New York, N.Y. Two years later, in 1941, at St. Louis, Mo., a crowd roughly estimated at 115,000 attended the public lecture.

The New World Theocratic Assembly, of September, 1942, with its 52 cities (key city, Cleveland, Ohio) and total peak attendance of 129,000 was outstanding for a number of reasons. Among such were: the first time the new president of the Society, N. H. Knorr, addressed a national convention; the release of the Bible-study aid *The New World* and release of the first complete Bible published by the Society (*King James Version*).

In 1944 Buffalo, N.Y., was the key city, as 66 cities played host to the United Announcers' Theocratic Assembly, August 9-13. At this assembly the Society's edition of the *American Standard Version*, containing a valuable concordance (as also does its edition of the *King James Version*), was released. There were 3,502 immersed, and upward of 140,000 heard the public lecture on Sunday.

## Cleveland, Ohio, 1946

Last and greatest international convention of Jehovah's witnesses, prior to the present one, was the Glad Nations Assembly, held at Cleveland, Ohio, August 4-11, 1946. The first day's 50,000 attendance swelled to 80,000 on the last day, to fill the Municipal Stadium for the lecture "The Prince of Peace". Delegates from 30 foreign countries had come, making it truly international.

At this assembly two valuable Bible aids were released: "*Equipped for Every Good Work*" and "*Let God Be True*". Also, the *Awake!* magazine replaced the *Consolation* magazine (which had replaced *The Golden Age* at the 1937 Columbus convention). There were 2,602 immersed in Lake Eire, and in the trailer camp outside of the city upward of 20,000 found a place to stay.

## A Year of National Conventions

Instead of seeing one great international convention, 1947 saw national assemblies throughout the world, most of which had the pleasure of hearing the president of the Society. The first of these was held in February, in Hawaii, closely followed by one in New Zealand. Next came six conventions in Australia, for a total attendance of 4,626.

Soon thereafter the Philippines had their convention at Manila, where 4,200 attended and 151 were baptized.

Then, among others, came assemblies at Bangkok, Bombay, Milan, Zurich (Switzerland),

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## Assistant Servant's Report

Following the convention servant's detailed report on the enormous preconvention activities necessary to stage this international assembly, Clarence Newcomb, the assistant convention servant, presented facts and figures pertaining to the workings of the convention itself. He pointed out that some workers have been on duty twenty hours out of twenty-four, to assure smooth-running operation. All departments included, some 12,210 persons have been used in voluntary service.

Newcomb proceeded to outline the work of the specific departments. He called attention to the fact that since Saturday night to the moment he was speaking many brethren had been struggling in the muck to repair a broken sewer line. The First Aid department treated 7,271 cases. Three hundred wire and tape recorders were in operation. Departments with unusually large staffs included the cafeteria, with 2,510, and the cleaning department, 1,099. Seventy

thousand square feet of tent was needed on the lot and at the trailer camp.

Speaking of the convention's enormous appetite, he related that the delegates had eaten 50,000 pounds of beef, 20,000 pounds of lunch meat, 40,000 pounds of potatoes, 6,000 pounds of ham, 10,000 pounds of fish, 5,000 pounds of chicken, and 2,500 crates of vegetables, in over 300,000 meals. New York City's Health Department has had three to five men on the grounds every day. Their reaction has been one of amazement. They have said that 'we are ahead of them, and they want us to give them a blueprint of our whole eating arrangement', Groh told the convention.

Finally, he showed how the

convention has defined two groups of people, two ways of living in this present evil world. He referred to it as 'a landmark in the history of Jehovah's people', 'a refreshing stop in their Christian walk,' 'a warning to God's enemies,' and "the greatest shout of Kingdom praisers ever to assemble in one place". Thus, he urged all such praisers back to their field assignment, and concluded, "Let the shout started here rise until modern Jericho's walls crash down and all of you step over the awe-inspiring sight of rubble into Jehovah's new world."

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marily this consisted at first of the obtaining of the large number of rooms necessary to accommodate this assembly unparalleled in size. In the ten weeks used for this activity the publishers of this area worked 106,238 hours in the field.

In detail he touched on countless other hours spent installing the trailer camp near New Market, N. J.

He referred to the much local good will caused by this convention campaign and the many experiences with local citizens illustrating their happy desire to cooperate with the convention. He drew attention to one instance in which the freedom-preserving principles of Jehovah's witnesses were lauded by a group of businessmen.

Also, wholesale houses had to be contacted in search of sufficient foodstuffs to supply the assembly; and they were astounded at the requirements.

Concluding, the convention servant talked of the extensive advertising campaign behind the convention. He referred to the 12,000 subway posters, window signs, placards for store advertising, and the 8,500,000 handbills printed for the event.

He offered the appreciation of the assembly to the local publishers of the Kingdom who had given themselves so freely to this tremendous preparation work, and he presented the thanks of the entire convention to the Great Providing Force, Jehovah God, and His active spirit for the great eight-day gathering.



J. O. Groh, convention servant, and (standing) C. Newcomb, assistant servant



## You Can Live Forever in Happiness on Earth!

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house, is it necessary to burn down the whole house?" Further, the destruction of this earth would not permit the fulfillment of God's purpose to have men living in happiness on it forever, and Ecclesiastes 1:4 plainly states, "The earth abideth for ever."

The apostle Peter told of a new earth wherein righteousness is to dwell. The great multitude of persons of good will who will live on this earth have a hope like that of Noah and his family, who did not come out of the ark into heaven, but onto a cleansed earth.

This is not a "materialistic conception of eternal happiness", for, if it were, then the apostles Peter and John would be materialistic in their descriptions of it.

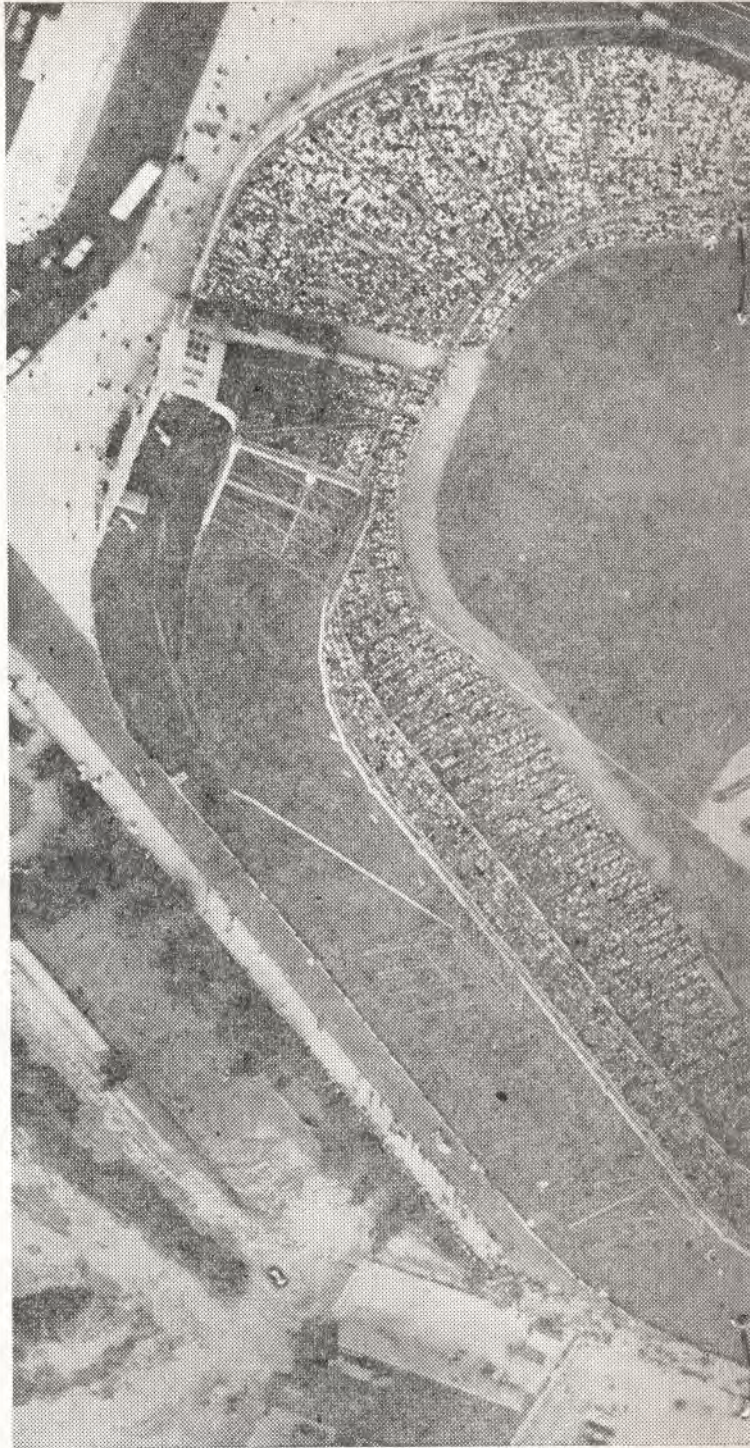
But how can one gain entrance into it? Mr. Knorr answered: Forsake the course of the old world, seek God's favor and proclaim his kingdom to others, be considerate of Christ's brethren, acquaint yourself with Jehovah God and with his King of the new world. He said, "In no other way may you hope to be protected and to survive when the day of divine anger breaks upon this world." Even those who are aged and near a natural death have the promise of a resurrection to life, while others have the promise of never dying at all, but living forever in happiness on earth, in perpetual youth in the earthly paradise of pleasure. Then, for those who maintain their integrity to their God, even death will be destroyed.—Revelation 21:4.

Mr. Knorr concluded, "Can you live forever in happiness on earth in a righteous new world under such a King? Countless men and women of good will are destined to do so, even from this generation. May you grasp the present opportunity to be one of them."

At the conclusion of this record-shattering assembly, the largest ever held by the Watchtower Society, on the final day of the largest convention New York city has ever seen, a 32-page booklet containing this talk, "Can You Live Forever in Happiness on Earth?" was released and copies of it given free to all in attendance.

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**Aerial view of packed Yankee Stadium at the time of the public lecture "Can You Live Forever in Happiness on Earth?"**









# THE BRANCHES, FRONT LINE OF EXPANSION

"Go, disciple all the nations," said Jesus to his disciples at the opening of their expanded Kingdom witness (Matthew 28:19, Diaglott). Necessarily, to the fulfillment of this prophecy-command, the Master visioned a global organization geared for conducting an effective discipling work among all of the nations and peoples despite barriers and countless different local problems.

Today, missionaries of Jehovah's witnesses spear-heading the message of the Kingdom into new fields can appreciate what these problems are in the different lands with their varied peoples and individual laws and customs. As the seed of truth yields an increase the patient understanding required spreads with the work, and soon the direct attention of a nearby central headquarters is needed. To meet this demand the Society has since 1900 provided for the Branch office organization.

For an idea as to the matters under the Branch office's consideration, briefly view the features of activity supervised in this country by the United States Branch, which has offices at 117 Adams Street in Brooklyn.

It is first necessary that a large staff of correspondence clerks handle the vast volume of mail received by the Adams Street office daily and see that proper disposition is made of each letter. A service department of nine desks has oversight of all the problems pertaining to service in the field. This department also sends pioneers where they are needed, supervises the work of traveling circuit and district servants, compiles the *Informant* and tabulates the country's field report each month. Bookkeepers and billing clerks take care of stock and magazine accounts between the individual companies and pioneers and the Society, and put through the orders received.

All subscriptions received for *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* must be processed and the subscribers enrolled. This is done through a large circulation department.

Branch offices follow as a natural course in the expansion work. First, the people of a country are contacted with the Kingdom message, Bible studies are started with interested ones, who in due time take up the work themselves. This means the formation of companies of ministers and finally the establishment of a branch to serve the ever-growing number of companies. This is done as soon as convenient after the number of companies in a locality becomes too great to be effectively served from the central headquarters in Brooklyn.

## Branching Out

For an example, consider the first branch formed, that in Britain. Since 1880 tracts were sent into England and Scotland, and a noticeable degree of interest showed itself as a number of persons began leaving the established churches there to study their Bibles through the help of the Society's literature. This was evident in 1891, when the first president of the Society, Charles T. Russell, made a trip to the British Isles to find a number of congregations functioning in good order. By 1900 these had increased in number sufficient to warrant a branch office; which was formed.

By 1903 three other Branches were formed in Germany, Australia and Switzerland. After this the next branch was not started until Canada was enrolled in 1919; but following World War I the work, including the formation of branches, moved rapidly ahead with the speed that has been more typical of modern times. With both 1921

and 1933 came six new branches, and with the close of the second world war the reopening in the many parts of the earth formerly locked by war saw a tremendous increase in this field. In the first half of 1946 ten branch offices were enrolled. Regularly to the present this increase has continued. Today there are at least sixty-five branch offices actively functioning, and advance missionary homes are continually providing the groundwork for more.

It should be borne in mind that the work in all of the branches, though basically the same, differs in volume and hence in manpower from the way the United States Branch operates. To illustrate this, we can briefly consider the Branch in Trinidad, B. W. I. At the office there two men handle the entire volume of work coming through from the companies and pioneers throughout that Branch's territory. All of the service problems, correspondence and mailing, bookkeeping and processing of subscriptions described above are handled through the office in Trinidad. Naturally, as the work continues to increase the staffs of such offices are gradually enlarged.

The one in charge of a branch is known as a branch servant. He may communicate with the President's Office from time to time, but he must thoroughly understand all of the problems and functions of the branch office. In smaller branches, as outlined above, he does a large share of the office work personally.

The branch organization is a true blessing from Jehovah for getting the Kingdom work accomplished. Jehovah's servants are grateful for such God-given provisions that his work might grow. To this end may he always prosper the work of the branches spread out world-wide as they carry forward the front-line advance of true worship.



# Persecuted for Serving God

Jehovah's witnesses have received great persecution in modern times, as did Christ and his apostles and all of the Lord's servants throughout history. This persecution they expect, for they know that Christ warned his servants, "Ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake."—Matthew 24:9.

The opposition to true worship has reached such monstrous globe-encircling proportions that only a few major instances can be mentioned. One of the most notorious is that in Germany. Preaching the gospel was banned soon after Hitler came to power, in 1933. Ten thousand Christian ministers spent many years in the Nazi torture camps, where they received the worst treatment of all. Only eight thousand were released after World War II. The other two thousand had been murdered.

Canada, England and other parts of the British empire followed the Nazi dictator's lead in oppressing the Kingdom proclaimers. Even since Canada's ban has been lifted, persecution of Jehovah's witnesses in Catholic-controlled Quebec province continues to this day, with court cases numbering into the hundreds. Here a smear campaign, mass misrepresentation and name-calling, and a sweeping wave of false charges and false arrests have all been leveled against them. In 1946 arrests for preaching Bible truth were running as high as 30 a day. Premier Duplessis himself stated to the press, "The propaganda of the witnesses of Jehovah cannot be tolerated."

Women were brutally handled, police collaborated with mobsters, blasphemous lies were used to set off explosions of mob violence, missionaries were kidnaped and Bible publications were seized and burned. In one instance a hooting, derisive, hate-inspired mob chanted Catholic prayers while kidnaping two women and running them out of Joliette, Quebec.

The United States is not without similar shame. In 1940 mob rule took over and Jehovah's witnesses were assaulted, beaten, kidnaped, tarred and feathered, forced to drink castor oil, tied together and chased like dumb beasts through the streets, castrated, maimed, taunted and

insulted, jailed by the hundreds without charge, shot, threatened with hanging. Many had their clothes torn off, Bibles and Bible literature seized and burned, automobiles, trailers, homes and assembly places wrecked and fired. From 1940 to 1944 more than 2,500 violent mobs assaulted these Christian people. Their arrests and prosecutions were proved false by favorable decisions by the Supreme Court of the United States and by other high courts.

Such acts have not ceased, for in Wyand, Ill., last October, a Bible lecture was interrupted by youths kicking a football into the crowd, jumping over the chairs and throwing tomatoes. Oil was poured on an automobile tire, it was lit and rolled into the Christian gathering by the rioters. What about police protection? The mayor had remarked, "They are not going to get any protection."

In Bermuda missionaries, British subjects, were subjected to the ignominy of deportation from the British colony as if these ministers were criminals of the worst sort.

In the Dominican Republic free worship has been choked by the dictator, Rafael Trujillo. There Jehovah's witnesses have been jailed and forced off their jobs. Anyone who studies the Bible with them soon gets a warning visit from a policeman or plain-clothes man. Some have frankly been told that there is a campaign on to "get" the witnesses.

In Buenos Aires, Argentina, on April 3, 1949, a peaceful Christian assembly of 1,200 gathered to hear N. H. Knorr speak on the Bible. The meeting was interrupted by 46 police with drawn guns and tear-gas bombs. Five hundred of the audience were held from noon to 4 a. m. in an open courtyard at the police station, exposed to the cold, with no place to sit

down and with nothing to eat.

In Poland Jehovah's witnesses suffer much. They have been attacked, stoned and beaten while the Citizen's Militia stood aside and permitted the mobsters free hand. The New York Times on June 29 reported that Jehovah's witnesses in Poland had been "liquidated" on the charge that their Christian activity shielded a U. S. spy ring.

In Yugoslavia Jehovah's witnesses have been sentenced to long prison terms. The Yugoslavs, like the Russians, dislike even the use of the word "God".

Greek law demands that "Heresy of Jehovah's witnesses" be stamped on each piece of Bible literature used by the Lord's witnesses in that land. In Athens (July 9, 1948) witnesses of Jehovah were mass-arrested for listening to a sermon on the "Inspiration of the Holy Bible". The report of the persecution against Jehovah's witnesses in that land is bloodcurdling. Some have been executed. Others sentenced to life imprisonment. Some mercilessly beaten without trial. Catholic cardinals who confessed to treason and have been imprisoned aroused the ire of the Western world, but little or no publicity is given to the many cases of martyrdom of Jehovah's witnesses.

In Russia possessing a copy of *The Watchtower* or mentioning the word "Jehovah" is often sufficient to be denied one's freedom, and hundreds of Jehovah's witnesses there have been thrown into work camps and many exiled to Siberia.

In communist Germany the "people's police" ransacked the witnesses' homes and confiscated their Bible literature. In the Russian sector of Berlin Jehovah's witnesses are denied the use of halls for their meetings. These people who suffered for years under the heel of the Nazi dictator were again thrown into Buchenwald concentration camp on November 9, 1949.

The persecutors cannot succeed, for in reality they fight against God.—Acts 5: 34-39.









### Publications on Display in Many Languages

Much attention was attracted by the beautiful and impressive display of the Society's publications in many languages at Section 15 of the lower stands in Yankee Stadium. Many expressions of appreciation came from those who gathered around to see the Kingdom message displayed. Strings running from the publications to a map marked the section of the world in which the languages are read.

*The Watchtower* was on display in more than 30 languages and *Awake!* in eleven languages. Many expressions of surprise were heard when conventioners saw the magazine, so familiar in English, in drastically different Ka or Malayalam, or in its mimeographed editions, such as Hiligaynon-Visayan, Chishona, Ilokano, Pangasinan, Cebu-Visayan, and Chiwemba.

The Zulu magazine seemed

strange, for instead of the familiar words "The Watchtower" on its cover, they saw "I Nqabayokulinda". But none looked more attractive than the English-language magazine in its new size and bright new cover.

Visitors from around the world saw the publications in their own languages. Conventioners from the United States curiously examined publications in other languages.



# The Scriptural Beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses

The Almighty God and Creator of the universe is not a nameless God. It is reasonable that he would reveal his name. Almighty God's name is Jehovah.

The name Jehovah appears 6,823 times in the Hebrew Scriptures, and the Christian Greek Scripture writers quoted from these many times, using the name in their writings. Jesus had revealed to them the full significance and meaning of the name Jehovah, as he says, "I have made your name manifest to the men you gave me out of the world." (John 17: 6, *New World Translation*) He magnified the Father's name.

## Christ Jesus

Christ Jesus is Jehovah's chief instrument. Being "the beginning of the creation of God", he had a prehuman existence. (Revelation 3: 14) Not that he was at any time equal to God, "Who, although he was existing in God's form, gave no consideration to a seizure, namely, that he should be equal to God. No, but he emptied himself and took a slave's form and came to be in the likeness of men." (Philippians 2: 6, 7, *New World Translation*) He said he was dispatched by God to the earth, and that "the Father is greater than I am". (John 14: 28, *New World Translation*) Jesus' own words disprove the pagan doctrine of trinity.

The life of this only-begotten Son of God was transferred to the womb of a virgin, and he was born and grew up as a man; he was made flesh. On earth he proved his integrity to Jehovah his Father down to his very death on the torture stake. He always pleased his Father.

Thus Jesus qualified to be the King of God's kingdom. He is the "Seed" that will bruise Satan's head. (Genesis 3: 15) God's undeserved kindness also provided through Jesus Christ's death another thing necessary for his purpose: a ransom from the sin and death brought on by the rebellion of Adam, the father of the human race. It is the Kingdom under Christ that will destroy all wickedness and

wicked ones, bringing in, not only perfect government, but also perfection of life to everyone who obeys the Kingdom rule.

## The Church and "a Great Crowd"

God lovingly purposed that Christ should have associates with him in his kingdom. This is why he selects a church, of which Christ is Head. Who compose the church? Christ, not any man, is the Foundation Stone or Rock. Others composing the church are built upon this Rock. The apostle Paul says, "You are fellow citizens of the holy ones and are members of the household of God, and you have been built up upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, while Christ Jesus himself is the foundation cornerstone." (Ephesians 2: 19-21, *New World Translation*) These have been called out from the world from Christ's day until now. They have taken the same earthly course Christ did, to die and be resurrected to the heavens as kings and priests with him. So the church, consisting of 144,000 associates with Christ, is not a building.—Revelation 14: 1.

Is this church completed? Now the final members of the church, whom the Bible terms the "remnant", are used by Jehovah to preach the gospel of the Kingdom. To aid them in this work, God is causing a great multitude of men and women of all nations to gather together with them to get the preaching of this good news of the Kingdom done in all the inhabited earth. These two preaching classes are described by John in Revelation:

"And I heard the number of those who were sealed, a hundred and forty-four thousand. . . . After these things I saw, and, look! a great crowd, which no man was able to number, out of all nations and tribes and peoples and tongues. . . . And

they keep on crying with a loud voice, saying: 'Salvation we owe to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb.'"  
—Revelation 7: 4, 9, 10, *New World Translation*.

## Time of the End

Thus, we are living in the time of the consummation of the present system of things. How can we determine that this is true? By referring to the prophecies, especially Christ's great forecast recorded at Matthew, chapter 24. He showed that his second presence and taking of Kingdom power would mean turning attention to the earth, to bring Satan's system of world government to a consummation and accomplished end. The "sign of the Son of man" would be the cumulative visible evidences that Christ is invisibly exercising Kingdom power. These are the world wars, famines, pestilences, distress of nations, all in a concentrated dose, with feverish efforts to establish a world government. The preaching of this good news of the established Kingdom is the foremost evidence of all.—Matthew 24: 14.

## Armageddon

Armageddon marks the accomplished end. In this great battle God's heavenly forces will attack the Devil's organization, destroying first the visible part, the elements of false religion, politics and commerce with their fascist and communist ideologies, then will proceed to slaughter the Devil and his wicked demons, who influence the course of wicked men today. Jehovah says regarding this fight: "For Jehovah hath indignation against all the nations, and wrath against all their host: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter. Their slain also shall be cast out, and the stench of their dead bodies shall come up; and the mountains shall be melted with their blood. And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled

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# Convention Departments

## Bookroom

The most ardently besieged department at the grand Theocracy's Increase Assembly is the literature department. Officially titled "Bookroom", the department operates through three main divisions—bookrooms, book counters, and magazine centers.

The bookroom division in turn is divided into three locations—main central room, supplying Watchtower Bible helps in 54 languages; and two special bookrooms that carry Bibles in 26 languages as well as Bible concordances and dictionaries. Only campaign literature, that is, publications being used currently by the witnesses as they advertise The Theocracy on the streets and from door to door during the convention, is found in the Bookroom department. New releases are reserved for the book-counter division. The magazine division carries *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* in many languages. All together, the divisions supervised by the Bookroom department operate in 18 locations scattered throughout Yankee Stadium.

Similar literature displays at the trailer camp operate under the same department and carry the same campaign literature and releases. Manned by a staff of 94 personnel working in two shifts, the literature stalls are open from 7:30 a.m. until a half-hour after the closing session at night. None is open during public sessions, of course.

The assistant Bookroom servant said Wednesday that while a prodigious quantity of Bibles, Bible helps and magazines are being obtained, the job of serving this gigantic assemblage has been greatly relieved by a special arrangement. This involves 12 service centers established at Kingdom Halls throughout metropolitan New York. There the witnesses assemble each day for organized field service and obtain their literature from these points.

## Serving the Workers in the Field

Supervised from its headquarters at Yankee Stadium, the Field Service department extends operations out through 18 service centers in Kingdom Halls in greater New York, as well as the trailer camp. Its various services to the field workers is carried on through three main divisions, the magazine department, the placard department, and the territory department. These departments form a closely integrated network.

To illustrate: When the witness walks up to the magazine counter he beholds an array of the latest issues of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* not only in English, but in a total of 50 languages. The magazine counter will supply him with magazines and with the convention report. It will also take his subscriptions for the magazines and the *Report*. Magazine bags too are obtainable here.

But if the publisher desires territory in which to present the publications on the streets, the magazine counter will direct him to the territory department, where house-to-house, store-to-store, placard and magazine territories are ready for him.

If he desires placards for sandwich walking and handbills advertising the key attraction Sunday, the placard counter will serve his needs.

A veritable flood of magazines, placards, handbills, and territories are required to supply the conventioners. The area of greater New York and that of New Jersey surrounding the trailer camp has been broken up into 3,787 house-to-house territories, 587 store-to-store territories, 4,450 placard and handbill territories, and 3,744 magazine territories. The Field Service department has supplied 30,000 window signs to be placed in business establishments throughout this area. Another 40,000 placards are for use by sandwich walkers. Handbills to the astounding number of ap-

proximately 8,500,000 round out the equipment. Incidentally, 600 placards and 100,000 handbills were printed specially for the trailer camp, inviting the people to attend the assembly at Butterworth Farm.

Besides having placed car cards in all city-owned subway lines, the Field Service department has supplied 160 "Welcome, Jehovah's witnesses" banners, 6 feet by 18 inches, to hotels to hang out. The Bryant Hotel ordered a special 6- by 19-foot banner to hang out right on Broadway. Calls are still coming in from hotels, asking for more banners.

## Volunteer Service Department Directs 12,000 Workers

Can you imagine an employment agency receiving requests to fill 12,000 jobs for more than 20 kinds of work; then taking the applications, processing the applicants, and delivering the workers right to the job site by the hand of a trained guide—all within four days' time? This was the demand placed upon the Volunteer Service department. And the order was filled.

But how? Having been set up two months previously at convention headquarters, 557 W. 157th St., New York, the first job of the department was the processing of 3,500 applications submitted by volunteers by mail. These applicants were mailed assignment cards directing them to report to their various departments upon arriving at the convention.

As convention opened, Volunteer Service moved into the stadium, and with a staff of 119 personnel established itself as two complete and separate units to receive and process applications. To appreciate the tremendous responsibility involved, bear in mind that none of the two dozen or more convention departments could enlist personnel directly nor could any volunteer go to any department and start work. Volunteer service alone serves as a clearinghouse

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A part of the trailer camp, seen from the air





Aerial view of the trailer camp



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through which the worker is assigned his job.

"It is possible," said the head of this department, "to make a fairly accurate estimation ahead of time of how many volunteer workers will be needed. Not only that, it is possible to estimate how many workers an individual department will need. One volunteer worker is needed for every 6 persons present."

So far the system has worked out right on the formula. Wednesday there were 72,674 present at the stadium and Volunteer Service had assigned 11,925 workers. The ratio of 1 worker to 6 attendance could scarcely have been closer.

### Traffic Department Directs 70,000 People at Stadium

To handle the surge and flow of 70,000 people assembled together for the greater part of the daylight hours of eight days is a mind-staggering task. To avoid congestion, manipulate 20,000 persons an hour back and forth between stadium and cafeteria, direct two solid blocks of moving humanity to their proper dining places—such was the general scope of the managing of traffic and parking.

Directed by traffic servant J. R. Anderson, the department required an average of 150 volunteer workers running shifts from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. "But as for the captains," Mr. Anderson admitted, "many of them were on duty from early morning until late evening. They had to be there from 6 a.m. to keep cars out of the parking area and from congesting the streets surrounding the dining tents."

The police department had assigned a special force of 50 policemen to the stadium during convention week. Mr. Anderson had nothing but glowing praise and appreciation for them. "We had daily conferences with the inspector of traffic, the captain and sergeant. They did everything they could to add to efficient handling of the crowds and automobiles, and they said there never had been such a nice bunch of people in the stadium.

We know of no casualties of any kind."

Having no disorderliness or boisterous element to contend with, but only a spirit of genuine cooperation from the entire assemblage, made the job of directing traffic and parking a pleasure and a service the department was glad to render. The brethren, driving cars from every state in the Union and Canada, were cooperative even in face of the unpleasant fact that practically no parking facilities were available.

### The How and Why of Public Address

Without the work done by the Public-Address department few of the conventioners would hear the program.

All conventioners appreciate this work, but few realize just how much is involved. Fortunately, Yankee Stadium has a permanently installed public-address system, and for all the stands it was necessary to put in only a few extra speakers. Setting up this sound equipment involves more than just putting up another speaker where someone cannot hear, because to do this often would cause the program to be heard two times and sound like "double talk".

The Public-Address department has put speakers in many of the offices so that brethren who have been working long hours, even during the sessions, would not miss the meetings. The cafeteria was tied in directly with the stadium, and the sound was carried to the trailer camp by way of WBBR's Brooklyn studios. Many meetings have been broadcast over radio station WBBR, providing an added witness to those who live in its area.

The provision for delegates to make sound recordings of the talks was also handled through the Public-Address department as well as the 84 hearing aids in Section 22.

Much diligent work has been put into the public-address work by the 50 brethren working in this department, and they have done an excellent job to make the meetings audible to all.

### 238 New Pioneers Register at Assembly

Bold and thrilling proof of Theocracy's increase came when 238 zealous ministers took the first step toward a full-time new world career by filing their application for full-time ministry at the pioneer registration desk.

"It was a joyous sight to all of us to watch these hundreds of new world pioneers file up to the desk," one of the registration personnel remarked. "After each public discourse many would come up and ask for pioneer applications. Groups of two and three sisters or brothers signed up. Many married couples signed up. In fact, whole families signed up together."

More than 1,350 other witnesses, equally stirred, by Saturday had carried away pioneer application forms, which they hoped to fill out soon.

By the opening day pioneers were literally streaming in, and by Saturday a total of 6,600 pioneers had registered at the desk. This figure is more than one-half the total number of pioneers world-wide in 1949.

Included in their numbers were all the specially appointed representatives of the Society, such as missionaries. Foreign pioneer delegates numbered 260, not including Canada. The main body of 6,340 came from the United States and Canada. Those present exceeded by 25 percent the total number of 5,259 pioneers active in the United States as of May of this year. When pioneer registration servant W. B. Akin checked his files Wednesday, not more than 10 percent of the pioneer meal tickets remained untaken. "You see," he said, "that means that a good 90 percent of all the pioneers from the United States and Canada are here".

Many of these full-time workers were greatly surprised. "When we handed them their free meal tickets and their identification cards, which entitled them to a set of all the new releases," said Mr. Akin, "you should have seen their faces light up." The vacation pioneer youngsters are an especially joyful lot, he said. "A great many of them are determined to be general pioneers as soon as they finish school".



## Newsmen Warmly Welcomed

Representatives of many newspapers, news services, magazines, newsreels and radio stations were at Yankee Stadium during the convention to record the happenings, and, on the whole, these men have thus far given this great Theocracy's Increase Assembly a frank and honest coverage, for which they are to be commended.

These newsmen have been welcomed by the Publicity department, and every effort has been made to see that they got the information they wanted. Some have commented very favorably on the organization that has been set up to serve them, and said that it is far superior to even the service they

get at political conventions.

The reporters have been given much information. The first news release was sent out by the Publicity department on July 22. During the convention this department has personally delivered free copies of the new publications to about 30 major news services in New York, and has mailed them to many others.

The press has been supplied copies of all the major talks, mimeographed news releases, and copies of the *Report*. They have had their questions about the organization and doctrinal

points answered through "Let God Be True", "Equipped for Every Good Work," the 1950 Yearbook, the 1946 Cleveland Messenger, the Society's charter, and other items that have been given free to them.

The Publicity department has given newsmen every assistance possible, calling their attention to various things that might be of interest, providing the reporters with identification cards so they could get around without difficulty, and providing typewriters, meals and refreshments for them, and gladly answering all of their questions.

The convention is already in the newsreels, in *Quick* magazine, and soon articles on it will be in other national magazines whose reporters have been present at the assembly.

## Photography and Reporting

The departments of photography and reporting that compiled this *Report* for you have endeavored to provide an accurate record of this great Theocracy's Increase Assembly of Jehovah's witnesses.

The pictures used in the *Report* have been taken by a staff of photographers who set quality as their first requirement. The pictures were planned in advance and developed immediately. Efficient operation of the staff of ten in the Photography department made it possible for some pictures to be developed and printed even before the speaker was finished with his talk.

These were then rushed to the Reporting office, where a selection of the best pictures was made, and these have been used in the *Report*. This selection has often been difficult, due to the excellent quality of the majority of the pictures taken at this assembly.

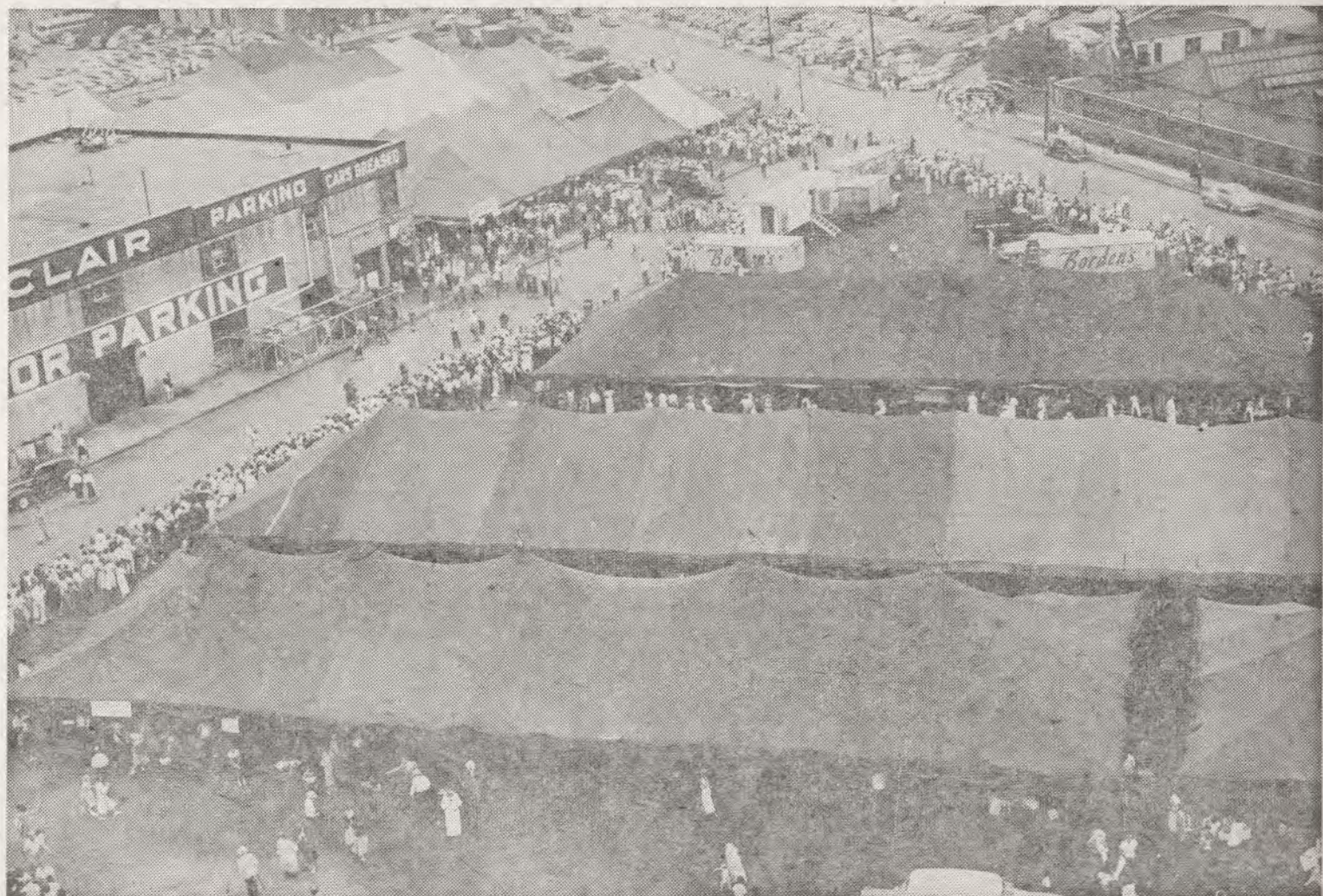
Meanwhile, at the Reporting office summaries of the talks and other convention activities were being prepared by a staff of 15 persons, some of whom were engaged in writing the material, and others in stenographic, copy, and retyping work. The articles for the *Report* were quickly but carefully prepared and "dummied up", or arranged into the magazine pages.

The selected pictures were rushed to the engraver, and the engravings sent on to the Society's factory at 117 Adams Street in Brooklyn. The written articles were taken directly from Yankee Stadium to the Adams Street factory to be set in type, arranged together with the engravings, and finally made into the printed *Report*, which has been well received by the crowds of conventioners.



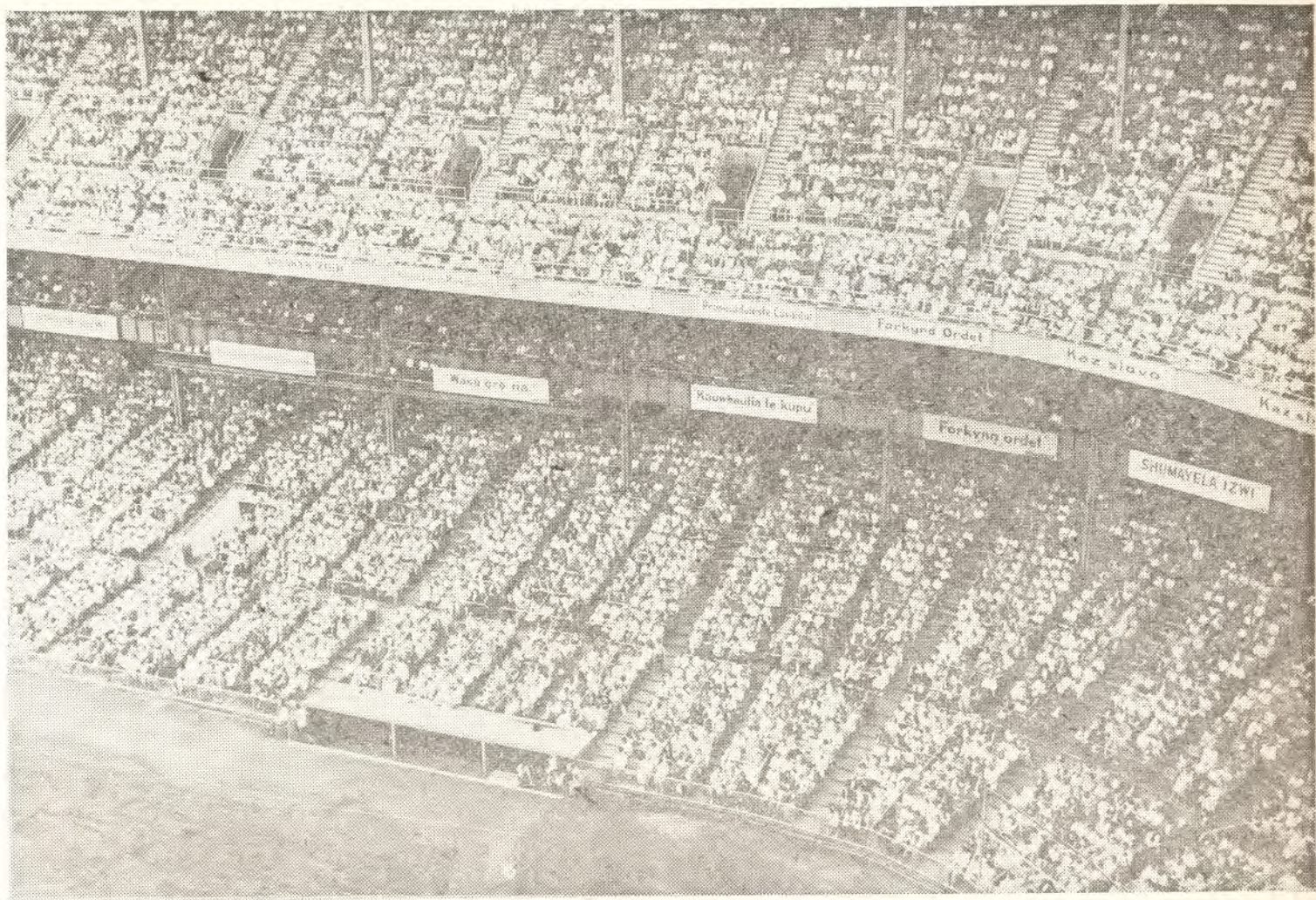
Photographers get pictures—rain or shine





Cafeteria tents next to Yankee Stadium





Some of the "Preach the Word" signs that appeared in scores of languages



### The Scriptural Beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses

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together as a scroll; and all their host shall fade away, as the leaf fadeth from off the vine, and as a fading leaf from the fig-tree."—Isaiah 34:2-4, *Am. Stan. Ver.*

Will those on earth of the church, or their companions, have anything to do in the fight? Will they destroy any of these things? Not all all. But they will receive Jehovah's protection and survive the battle.

### Blessings of the Kingdom Rule

What is in store afterward for those surviving? Those of Christ's body, the church, will be resurrected at death to join their fellow body members in the heavens. All such receive immortality, the highest form of life in heaven. The companions of the remnant, men of good will who today hear and accept the Kingdom by exercising faith and publicly proclaiming the truth will find themselves directly on the road to life on earth in the new world: "For with the heart one exercises faith for righteousness, but with the mouth one makes public declaration for salvation."—Romans 10:10, *New World Translation.*

Certainly God will not destroy his own heavenly abode, neither will he burn up this planet which he spent many thousands of years to prepare as the everlasting home for righteous men. He says, "The earth abideth for ever." (Ecclesiastes 1:4) The "heavens" and "earth" that the Bible speaks of are the invisible and visible parts of the system of things controlled by the Devil, who the Bible says is "the god of this system of things."—2 Corinthians 4:4, *New World Translation.*

How will the people be governed in the new world? Christ Jesus and his 144,000 immortal heavenly associates will constitute the Kingdom of heaven, the ruling part. On earth will be faithful men resurrected from those long dead: Abraham, Moses, David and others whom Christ will bring forth and install in office as princes. Faithful men now living will also become visible princes of the Kingdom of heaven. Regulations for living according to the will of God will

then be made known by Jehovah through Christ, and the people will be judged as being worthy or unworthy of life according to their obedience to the regulations then set forth.

Concerning those dead ones in the grave, Jesus' own words are: "Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment."—John 5:28,29; Revelation 20:12,13, *New World Translation.*

Those living during Christ's 1,000-year reign of uplift of mankind to human perfection will be privileged to bring forth children and rear them in righteousness, having part also in subduing and beautifying the earth. The prophet Isaiah gives us a glimpse of the glorious new world conditions when he says, "And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. . . . They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for calamity; for they are the seed of the blessed of Jehovah, and their offspring with them." (Isaiah 65:21,23; 11:6-9, *Am. Stan. Ver.*) Happy will be their lot!

### The Soul

Only Christ and his 144,000 body members ever receive immortality. From this we can see that man is not immortal, nor does he have an immortal soul. The living creature, the intelligent person having life, is a soul. Since "soul" is sometimes used in the Scriptures in the sense of life as a conscious creature, animals are called souls by the Bible writers, as at Numbers 31:28. When a man dies, the soul dies, as it is written of Christ Jesus, "He hath poured out his soul unto death." (Isaiah 53:12) When he dies, therefore, he is really dead; he "knows not anything". (Ecclesiastes 9:5) The Bible indicates the unconsciousness in death when it says of the faithful witness Stephen, "He fell asleep in death."—Acts 7:60, *New World Translation.*

### Hell

The Scriptures teach a punishment for the willfully wicked: eternal destruction or cutting off

from life. Nowhere does the Bible teach that the God of love is a fiend more cruel than fallen mankind, that he would torture his creatures forever. God says the wages of sin is death, not torment. (Romans 6:23) Revelation 20:10 is one of the chief texts used by hell-fire supporters: "And the Devil who was misleading them was hurled into the lake of fire and sulphur, where both the wild beast and the false prophet already were; and they will be tormented day and night for ever and ever." (*New World Translation*) In the first place, the wild beast and the false prophet are admittedly symbolic of organizations, therefore the lake of fire is symbolic. It symbolizes complete destruction, just as Sodom and Gomorrah are said to have undergone the "punishment of eternal fire". These cities were burned up completely, forever, and are not still burning. At Revelation 20:14 hell itself is shown as being cast into the lake of fire, and then the account says, "This is the second death." So this lake pictures destruction, the final and permanent destiny of the willfully wicked.

### Attitude of Witnesses

Jehovah's witnesses do not think that all other persons are "goats". They take the attitude that every person they call upon wants to serve God. They leave all judgment of individuals to God. Their viewpoint is this: There may be many more good-will persons yet to take a stand for the Kingdom than there are Jehovah's witnesses at present.

### The Issue Faced Today

What should one do today? He should face squarely the issue, which is, Shall we serve God and his kingdom under Christ, or shall we continue to put our hope in the present failing systems of this world? Jesus said, "This means everlasting life, their taking in knowledge of you, the only true God, and of the one whom you sent forth, Jesus Christ." (John 17:3, *New World Translation*) Jehovah's witnesses stand ready to help anyone, of whatever race, nationality or religion, to study God's Word and take in this life-giving knowledge.



**THEOCRACY'S INCREASE  
ASSEMBLY PROGRAM**

*Sunday, July 30*  
**GILEAD GRADUATION DAY**

**MORNING**  
9:20 Daily Text and Prayer E. C. Chitty  
9:25 Songs by Bethel Family  
9:40 Discourse: Songs to Jehovah's Praise K. F. Klein  
9:50 Songs by All the Assembly  
10:00 Discourse: Without Faith It Is Impossible to Please God A. H. Macmillan  
10:30 Address of Welcome by the Convention Chairman G. Suiter

**AFTERNOON**  
1:30 Graduation of Fifteenth Class of Watchtower Bible School of Gilead  
Comments by the Instructors: E. F. Keller, E. A. Dunlap, M. G. Friend, A. D. Schroeder  
Remarks by Kingdom Farm Servant J. C. Booth  
Counsel by Vice-President of School F. W. Franz  
Discourse: The Way of Success N. H. Knorr  
Distribution of Diplomas by President of Gilead School

**EVENING**  
7:00 Songs  
7:15 Expressions from the Graduating Class  
9:30 Closing Song and Prayer

*Monday, July 31*  
**JEHOVAH'S UNDESERVED  
KINDNESS DAY**

**MORNING**  
10:00-12:00 Chairman Spanish Assembly G. Hughes  
Greek Assembly G. D. Gangas  
Danish Assembly A. J. West  
Swedish Assembly J. H. Eneroth  
German Assembly K. Hoppe  
Portuguese Assembly J. A. Perry

**AFTERNOON**  
2:00 Songs  
2:15 Report from the River Plate Countries G. Hughes  
2:30 Report from Canada P. Chapman  
2:45 Report from South Africa M. E. Bartlett, Jr.  
3:00 Report from Mexico P. P. Perez  
3:15 Report from the Philippine Republic E. K. Stewart  
3:30 Report from Central Africa J. Fergusson  
3:45 Discourse: Appreciating God's Goodness T. J. Sullivan

**EVENING**  
6:45 Songs  
7:00 Discourse: "Blessed Are the Merciful" L. A. Swingle  
7:30 Discourse: Laying Aside Every Weight L. E. Reusch  
8:00 Discourse: Defending and Legally Establishing the Good News H. C. Covington  
9:00 Closing Song and Prayer

*Tuesday, August 1*  
**THEOCRATIC DEVOTION DAY**

**MORNING**  
9:30 Field Service  
10:00-12:00 Chairman French Assembly C. E. Eicher  
Arabic Assembly G. Shkhashiri  
Polish Assembly S. Behunick  
Finnish Assembly K. Harteva

Albanian Assembly P. Joseph  
Norwegian Assembly K. M. Jensen  
**AFTERNOON**  
2:00 Songs and Experiences  
2:20 Report from Germany E. H. Frost  
2:40 Report from Eastern Europe A. Ruetimann  
3:00 Discourse: "The Increase of His Government" N. H. Knorr

**EVENING**  
6:45 Songs and Interviews  
7:00 Service Meeting E. A. Dunlap  
The Good-will Person's Increase M. C. Reeder  
The Company's Increase J. C. Capps  
A Full-Time Career of Increase for Company Publishers A. S. Campbell  
8:00 Refutation from Door to Door S. B. Friend  
R. E. Morgan-V. Hauenstein  
C. Ulrich-A. I. Mock  
M. Quackenbush-C. Rieger  
M. Bourgeois-E. R. Wilson  
8:30 Discourse: Evolution versus The New World C. D. Quackenbush  
9:00 Closing Song and Prayer

*Wednesday, August 2*  
**"PREACH THE WORD" DAY**

**MORNING**  
9:30 Field Service  
10:00-12:00 Chairman Russian Assembly N. Belokn  
Hollandish Assembly S. M. Van Sipma  
Greek Assembly G. D. Gangas  
Spanish Assembly G. Hughes  
Hungarian Assembly D. R. Vesej  
Danish Assembly A. J. West

**AFTERNOON**  
2:00 Songs and Experiences  
2:30 Report from the British Isles A. P. Hughes  
2:45 Report from Cuba G. D. Papadem  
3:00 Discourse: Turning to the Peoples a Pure Language N. H. Knorr

**EVENING**  
6:45 Songs and Interviews  
7:00 Discourse: Riches of the Full Assurance of Our Understanding F. W. Franz  
8:00 Comments from Here and There from Among the Nations  
9:00 Closing Song and Prayer

*Thursday, August 3*  
**MISSIONARY DAY**

**MORNING**  
9:00 Discourse: Baptism C. W. Barber  
9:30 Field Service  
10:00-12:00 Chairman Ukrainian Assembly E. Zarysky  
German Assembly K. Hoppe  
Slovak Assembly A. Blaner, Jr.  
Italian Assembly G. De Cecca  
Norwegian Assembly K. M. Jensen  
Finnish Assembly K. Harteva

**AFTERNOON**  
2:00 Songs  
2:15 Missionaries from Around the World  
Bahamas: K. Fairweather; British West Indies: P. Brown, W. Evans, E. Lubeck, A. Blizzard; Cuba: S. Ferrari, J. Waskiewicz, A. Doiron; Haiti: L. Adams, R. Terry; Hawaii: R. Ulrich, E. Grover; Iceland: I. Jensen; Jamaica: A. Bangle, C. Woods; Netherlands West Indies:

H. Yeatts; Newfoundland: G. Stover, G. Kienitz; New Zealand: H. Benesch; Philippine Republic: V. White; Puerto Rico: R. Hollen, E. Van Daalen, G. Kammerud; Virgin Islands: A. Van Daalen; Belgium: N. Buisset; Luxembourg: M. H. Cummings; Denmark: C. Rasmussen; France: S. Behunick; Germany: F. Hoffmann; Italy: C. C. Benanti, A. Sideris; Trieste: E. Kirkpatrick; Sweden: J. Pramberg; Switzerland: A. Denz, B. Fredianelli; Alaska: L. Davis; Elre: A. E. Parkin, N. Rutherford; Canada: M. Werden, V. Dougaluk, P. Major; South Africa: N. Finlay; Lebanon: J. Chimiklis; Northern Rhodesia: J. Fergusson; Argentina: H. Nichols; Bolivia: E. Hollins, S. Akmakjian

**EVENING**  
7:00 Songs  
7:15 Missionaries from Around the World  
Brazil: H. Black, F. Nelson, M. Small; British Guiana: L. Hemmaway; British Honduras: C. Homolka; Chile: V. Hannan, F. Stubbs, J. Ferrari; Colombia: G. Dawkins, H. Langford, J. Webster; Costa Rica: W. Blackburn, H. Siebenlist, P. Hardin; Ecuador: E. Arnold, M. Bley; El Salvador: J. Clogston, L. Mahan, R. Price; England: S. G. Miller; Guatemala: M. Geiselman, D. Hibshman, J. Parker; Honduras: R. White, L. Grell, D. Rhode; Mexico: F. Anderson, G. Church, S. Hendrickson, T. Hilldring, H. Hutson; Nicaragua: F. Wallace, H. Duncan; Panama: H. Burford, M. Hinds, L. Roper; Paraguay: R. Rhyne; Peru: W. Akin, G. Paterson, V. Poole; Surinam: A. Garey; Uruguay: F. Fox, O. Bays, M. Batko; Venezuela: W. Hanna, R. Ingwaldsen, B. Greisen  
9:15 Closing Song and Prayer

*Friday, August 4*  
**BRANCH DAY**

**MORNING**  
9:00 Songs  
9:15  
Argentina: G. Hughes; Chile: A. H. Mann; Costa Rica: T. H. Siebenlist; Dominican Republic: A. Aybar; El Salvador: C. J. Beedle; Honduras: D. H. Burt; Nicaragua: W. E. Call; Paraguay: R. W. Rhyne; Puerto Rico: R. V. Franz; Venezuela: D. E. Baxter; Bolivia: E. A. Michalec; Colombia: R. N. Tracy; Cuba: G. D. Papadem; Ecuador: C. T. Klingensmith; Guatemala: D. R. Munsterman; Mexico: P. P. Perez; Panama: R. W. Harvey; Peru: R. W. Paterson; Uruguay: J. D. Powers; Alaska: J. Errichetti; Bahamas: G. C. Porter; Australia: F. P. Garrett; United States: M. H. Larson; British Guiana: F. E. Phillips

**AFTERNOON**  
2:00 Songs  
2:15  
Brazil: C. D. Lethco; British Honduras: E. C. Ithrig; Burma: N. H. Barber; Denmark: A. J. West; Elre: S. McLean; Finland: K. Harteva; Switzerland: F. Zuercher; Germany: E. H. Frost; Luxembourg: V. G. Nelson; Gold Coast: G. A. Paterson; Hawaii: W. Liu; India: C. Goodman; British West Indies: R. D. Newton; Canada: P. Chapman; Haiti: A. Joseph; France: H. Geiger; Belgium: C. H. Holmes; Guadeloupe: W. Evans;



Cyprus: P. Gabrielidis; Egypt: D. Atzemis; England: A. P. Hughes; Greece: P. Idreos

**EVENING**  
6:45 Songs  
7:00

Italy: G. Fredianelli; Lebanon: D. L. Tuttle; Netherlands West Indies: T. R. Yeatts; New Zealand: C. M. Clayton; Northern Rhodesia: J. Fergusson; Nyasaland: W. L. McLuckie; Norway: E. Engervik; Poland: P. Muhaluk; Surinam: M. R. Garey; Thailand: F. H. Thomas; Virgin Islands: T. E. Klein; Iceland: I. Jensen; Israel: I. Komissaroff; Jamaica: L. E. Dillon; Netherlands: A. Luhrman; Newfoundland: C. S. Clemons; Nigeria: W. R. Brown; Philippine Republic: E. K. Stewart; South Africa: R. H. Finlay; Sweden: J. H. Eneroth; Turkey: J. L. Turpin  
9:15 Closing Song and Prayer

*Saturday, August 5*  
**KNOWLEDGE OF GOD DAY**

**MORNING**  
9:30 Field Service  
10:00-12:00  
Spanish Assembly P. P. Perez  
Swedish Assembly J. H. Eneroth  
Lithuanian Assembly H. J. Sipavich  
Portuguese Assembly J. A. Perry  
Armenian Assembly A. S. Zakian  
Polish Assembly S. Behunick  
French Assembly C. E. Eicher

**AFTERNOON**  
2:00 Songs  
2:15 Discourse: WBBR Spreads  
Knowledge M. A. Howlett  
2:45 Discourse: Watchtower  
Factory Spreads  
Knowledge M. H. Larson  
3:15 Discourse: Taking  
In Life-giving  
Knowledge N. H. Knorr

**EVENING**  
6:45 Songs  
7:00 Discourse: Bethel  
Home Spreads  
Knowledge M. G. Henschel  
7:30 Discourse: Gilead  
School Spreads  
Knowledge A. D. Schroeder  
8:00 Discourse: New Systems  
of Things F. W. Franz  
9:00 Closing Song and Prayer

*Sunday, August 6*  
**NEW WORLD LIVING DAY**

**MORNING**  
9:30 Songs and Experiences  
9:45 Pioneer Work in South America: E. H. Blackwood; Africa: R. Nisbet; Philippine Republic: S. A. Liwag; West Indies: A. A. Worsley; Alaska: H. A. Woodard; Australia: R. N. Jacka; Central America: J. M. Steelman; Mediterranean Sea Area: A. Sideris; India: G. P. Singh; Quebec: L. Saumur  
11:25 Discourse: The Call to Pioneer Service R. L. Anderson

**AFTERNOON**  
3:00 PUBLIC ADDRESS:  
Can You Live  
Forever in Happiness  
on Earth? N. H. Knorr  
5:00 Songs  
5:15 Reports from the Convention Committee J. O. Groh  
C. Newcomb  
5:45 Discourse: "Droop Not  
Your Hands" N. H. Knorr

**Conventions of  
Jehovah's Witnesses**

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Germany (suburb of Stuttgart),  
Brno (Czechoslovakia), Vienna,  
Hamburg, Copenhagen, Helsinki,  
Stockholm, Oslo, four in France,  
two in Belgium.

Largest on continental Europe was held at Amsterdam, capital of tiny Netherlands, where 7,650 heard the public lecture and 324 were immersed. And, finally, as regards Europe, the great convention of our British brethren at the mammoth auditorium, Earl's Court, London, England, July 3-6. There 17,782 heard the public lecture and 420 were baptized.

That year two conventions were held in the United States; the first at Wrigley Field, Los Angeles, Calif., the All Nations Expansion Assembly, which featured reports by the president of the Society and other world travelers and which had a peak attendance of 45,729; and, the second, the Song of Praise Assembly, held at Philadelphia, Pa., at which the truth regarding Jehovah's servants having no flags nor banners but that Christ Jesus is their one and only Signal was revealed and where more than 28,000 heard the public discourse by the president.

**1948 and 1949  
District Assemblies**

As announced by the president of the Society, N. H. Knorr, 1948 was not to see either national conventions or an international one. Instead, district assemblies were to be held in every land where Jehovah's witnesses were organized for service. The first of these in the United States was at Atlanta, Ga., March 12-14, and by the time the last one was held, at Providence, R.I. (where, incidentally, the 1950 international convention at New York was first announced), 66,000 had attended the six assemblies.

Four district assemblies were held in Canada, for a total attendance of 17,917, four also in Great Britain, for a peak of 18,200. Six were held in Australia, three in both Switzerland and Norway, two in Poland and in Germany, in which latter country the peak attendance was

39,150. District assemblies were held in Mexico, Sweden, Austria, Chile, British West Indies, and other lands.

A continuation and expansion of the district assemblies was seen in 1949. Like all other previous assemblies, these were marked by the giving of much valuable instruction, service activity, a baptismal service and a public lecture, the title of which was "It Is Later than You Think!" At the five assemblies held in Canada upward of 23,000 heard that public discourse, and in the United States, 85,441, at fourteen assemblies held from Portland, Oreg., to Jacksonville, Fla.

The communists in Eastern Germany did all they could to keep the witnesses from attending the district assembly held in Berlin, but in spite of their efforts 17,232 witnesses enjoyed the assembly and 33,657 heard the public discourse. At this assembly a resolution was passed calling attention to the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses in the Eastern Zone and serving notice on the communists that Jehovah's witnesses were no more afraid of them than they were of the nazis. All together there were four assemblies held in Germany, for a total attendance of some 40,000 witnesses, with 63,401 at the public talks, and 2,486 immersed.

District assemblies were also held in every other land where Jehovah's witnesses are organized for service, in other European countries, in Australia, Africa, Asia, and in the Western Hemisphere. Space does not permit us to give details.

Conventions are among the highlights and steppingstones of the ministerial careers of Jehovah's witnesses. Their conviction that they have the truth is made stronger, their hope in the Kingdom is made brighter as they listen to Scriptural and logical presentations and revel for a few days in a new world atmosphere far away from the noise of battle—assembled at the watering places to rehearse the righteous acts of Jehovah and to mutually cooperate with one another. And that the "last is the best yet" is again being demonstrated at this Theocracy's Increase Assembly.