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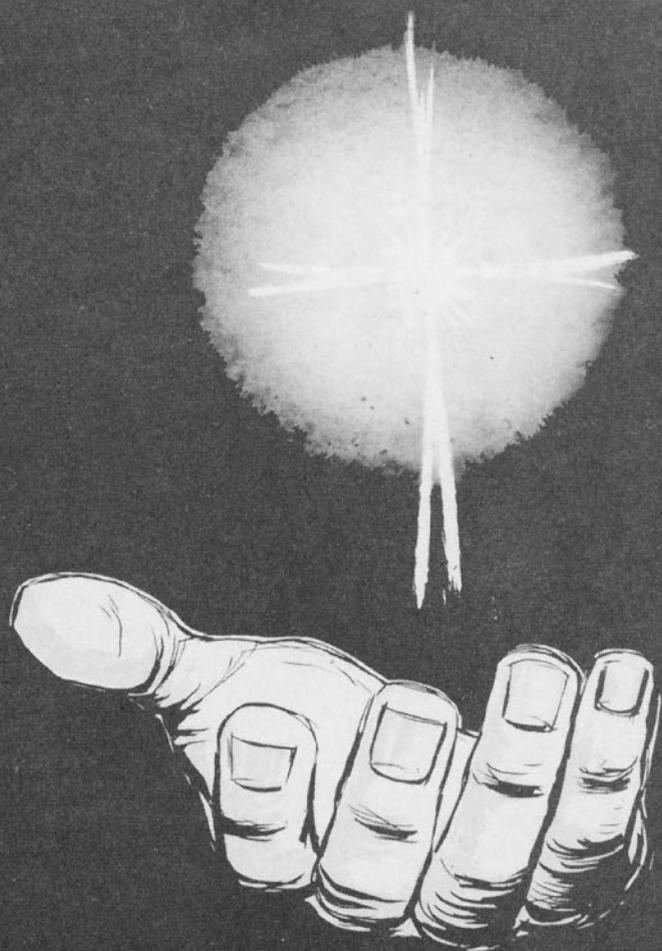
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BUT BY MY SPIRIT,
SAITH THE LORD

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Evangelist Watson Argue

Missing Your Last Chance

BY WATSON ARGUE

Sermon preached at Alamo Stadium, San Antonio, Texas
During the 28th Biennial General Council of the Assemblies of God

DURING THIS GENERAL COUNCIL we were startled to pick up local papers and read such headlines as "India Invaded by Red China Units."

There are some who tell us that what America needs and what the world needs is the red stream from Russia. But we believe that what America needs and what the world needs is the red stream from Calvary.

Russia's idea of peace seems to be taking one piece after another. The world is in a great crisis. The greatest leaders don't seem to know the way out of the cold war and they are afraid of a hot one. I believe that for America the choice is Christ or chaos—revival or ruin. I believe that America on her knees is more powerful than America under arms. The best way for America to have victory on the

world front is first to have repentance and revival on the home front. Before Uncle Sam can get on his feet again, he must first get on his knees.

The Bible tells us about the Prodigal Son. Many feel there is also a Prodigal Uncle: Uncle Sam. His initials are U.S. and they spell *us*. We, the American people, are the prodigals. We need to return to Father's house. We need to restore the family altar, to get back to faith in God, and to be faithful in attending the Lord's house.

In Matthew 12:31 we read, "Wherefore I say unto you, all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men."

Have you ever noticed that when people curse and swear they will use

the name of God, and of Christ, but we never hear anyone using the name of the Holy Ghost? Why is this? Something puts a check on them before they blaspheme and take the name of the Holy Ghost in vain. It is bad enough to commit sins that can be forgiven, without going so far as to commit a sin which Jesus said would never be forgiven. Men have been known to lose their health, and to regain it; they have been known to lose a fortune, and to make it again; they have been known to lose friends, and to win back lost friendships; but when a soul is lost it is lost for eternity.

There may be more than one way of sinning against the Holy Ghost, but let us consider now the possibility of sinning against the Holy Ghost by deeds and actions. When you come to a gospel service like this and hear a message from the Word of God, and something urges you to accept Christ and be saved, this is the work of the Holy Spirit. When you reject salvation you are not rejecting the preacher but the Spirit of God.

Can a person continue to reject indefinitely? In Genesis 6:3 God says, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man." If His Spirit ever ceases to strive with you, you are lost, for no one can possibly be saved without the help of the Holy Spirit.

Saul of the Old Testament may have come to this place. The prophet said to him, "Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee."

When the Holy Spirit strives with



Personal workers and converts praying at the close of the Sunday night service at San Antonio, Texas. Over 100 responded to the altar call.

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a person, he is never the same again. If he yields and accepts he will be saved. If he rejects his heart will be harder than it was before. The same sun that causes the seed to grow also hardens the clay.

If, when God calls us, we will not hear, there may come a day when He will not hear us. "Therefore it is come to pass, that as he cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 7:13).

Paul tells us to "grieve not the Holy Spirit." A certain minister was called to the bedside of a dying woman. She said, "Dr. Guthrie, years ago I heard you preach. I was under conviction but I said, 'Holy Spirit, leave me alone.' He did. I've never been under conviction since. I have no feeling of conviction now. I am lost." She gasped, and was gone into eternity without Christ and without hope.

A group of young people living near Galveston, Tex., frequently visited a vacant dance hall in that town. They would take their own records and record player. One afternoon when they went to Galveston for a dance, they found a large Christian Workers' Conference in session there.

Dr. Dixon was preaching on the subject, "The Work and Person of the Holy Ghost." Most of the young people took the disappointment good-naturedly, but one young man in the group became so angry he determined to annoy the speaker and disturb the service. He went about half way to

the front and listened for about twenty minutes. Finally, in anger, he jumped up and stamped his feet on the hardwood floor as he walked out. Just before leaving the building he put his hands to his mouth, and facing the preacher he shouted a curse against the Holy Ghost.

A few minutes later he put on a pair of swim trunks and walked out onto a nearby pier. Not realizing that the tide was low, he took one dive, struck his head on a submerged rock, and was instantly killed.

Was he lost? I fear he was. Not only because of what he said with his lips, but because of the obvious attitude of his heart. Just a few minutes before his death, God in mercy permitted him to hear that sermon. No doubt the Spirit was striving with him but he rejected and was "suddenly destroyed."

God says, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man." If you were on a railroad track with an express train speeding toward you, you could not get off the track too soon; but you might stay there too long and lose your life. If you were in a burning building, you could not possibly get out too soon; but you might stay too long and fail to escape. If you are without Christ you cannot possibly be saved too soon—but you might wait too long and be lost for eternity.

If you forget all the rest of this message, do not forget this. We are living in the dispensation of the Holy Spirit. If you reject the agency of

the Holy Spirit and the conviction He brings, you will be lost, for God has no other way of saving people. Jesus said, in John 6:44, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him." And the Father draws us by the Holy Spirit. Paul said, "No man can say that Jesus is Lord, but by the Holy Ghost."

This may be your last chance to be saved. Don't miss it.

Evangelist Mae Eleanor Frey told us a very sad story just before she died. She said her brother-in-law attended various revivals but kept putting off his decision. The last night of a union meeting, when he was approached, he refused to go forward but he wrote a note saying, "I promise God that if I am alive ten years from tonight I will give Him my heart and become a Christian."

Ten years later he was in one of Mrs. Frey's revivals. She reminded him of his note and promise. He came forward but could not get through to God. He felt the Spirit had left him for the last time. Outstanding soul winners went to his office in New York and tried to win him to the Lord, but without success.

This is a solemn matter. No one can come and believe and be saved without the help of the Holy Spirit. Don't resist Him. If you grieve the Spirit until He leaves you permanently, there remains no other way of salvation. The Bible says, "Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your heart." ◀ ◀

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Approximately 8500 attended the Sunday night service in the outdoor stadium at San Antonio. The photo shows a portion of the crowd praying during the altar call.

The Right Perspective

One of the most significant features of the General Council at San Antonio was the thoughtful and thought-provoking report given by the Spiritual Life Committee. The seven men who drew up this report put matters in their right perspective when they wrote as follows:

"The spiritual life of any religious denomination is dependent on the spirituality of its individual members. Faith, devotion, and dedication are very personal things, and not denominational." However, the committee said that "any forward movement toward a more spiritual emphasis must begin with the ministers. . . . Leaders must sound forth a continuous appeal and challenge to the entire movement."

The committee pointed out that spirituality is dependent upon Holy Ghost Bible preaching. It warned that "light and frivolous services which seek primarily to entertain people can only result in light, frivolous, and unspiritual people."

"It is our opinion," the committee said, "that no departmental program can take the place of the preaching of the Word in our churches by Spirit-filled men. There is always a need to re-evaluate what our major emphasis really should be. Could it not be that we sometimes become more interested in promoting a denomination than in advancing the kingdom of God. We believe that God has raised up our movement for the preaching of the whole gospel to the whole world, and the Assemblies of God has made a tremendous contribution to this worthy objective. We commend the Assemblies of God to you. But let us not become smug in our past accomplishments. Let us continue with white-heated zeal for the saving of the lost of this world and the winning of our generation."

Members of the Spiritual Life Committee were: D. H. McLaughlin (chairman), A. M. Alber, Lowell C. Ashbrook, J. Robert Ashcroft, A. Newton Chase, J. Billy McIntosh, and A. A. Wilson. They recommended that the need of intensifying the spiritual life of our movement be stressed at national, district, and local church conferences; also that a standing committee be appointed at each General Council to make a continuing study of our spiritual needs, and that one of the Executive Presbyters be given a similar assignment.

Furthermore, the committee recommended "that the Executive brethren shall give thought to the promoting of a denomination-wide week of prayer and fasting at least once in each year, and that its promotion be commensurate with other major interests of our church."

The report with its various recommendations was adopted by the General Council delegates without debate. There was unanimous agreement that the path to spiritual power has not changed; that the Pentecostal pattern which we have followed in the past still remains God's will for us today. Let us continue to build according to the pattern God has shown us. May we keep to the old paths so that His blessing shall continue to rest upon us.

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GENERAL COUNCIL CHRONICLE

A running account of the proceedings at the twenty-eighth biennial General Council of the Assemblies of God at San Antonio, Texas



Ralph M. Riggs congratulating his successor, T. F. Zimmerman, the newly elected General Superintendent

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH GENERAL Council of the Assemblies of God opened officially at 7:30 Wednesday evening, August 26, in San Antonio's air-conditioned Municipal Auditorium. The executive presbyters and general presbyters were seated on the platform, at the back of which hung the large blue and gold Assemblies of God emblem. High above the pulpit hung the words of the convention theme—FORWARD WITH CHRIST.

An air of expectancy, enthusiasm, and warm fellowship prevailed as several thousand delegates from the States and foreign countries joined in the joyful singing of "Amazing Grace." James McKeehan, chairman of the program committee, was in charge of the meeting and the song service was led by Pastor W. J. Piersol of Corpus Christi, Tex. A husband and wife team, Pastor and Mrs. Thomas C. Potts of Palestine, Tex., provided organ and piano accompaniment. The new shaped-note edition of "Melodies of Praise" was introduced as the convention songbook.

In the absence of Governor Price Daniel, the convention was officially welcomed to Texas by Associate Justice Clyde Smith. Response to Mr. Smith's cordial greeting was given by R. M. Riggs.

Special music of the evening included a solo by Clyde Brown, "Overshadowed," and a duet by Pastor and Mrs. James Colburn of Muskogee,

Okla. Their song, composed by Brother Colburn, was entitled, "Just Try the Lord."

General Superintendent R. M. Riggs brought a challenging message on the convention theme, "Forward With Christ." That which we call the Great Commission, he said, could just as aptly be termed the Big Appointment. Christ made an appointment to meet with His disciples in Galilee and "in all the world"—and He met them. Today He waits just as surely to meet us wherever we go as witnesses to this glorious gospel.

Immediately following the service, a *Revivaltime* broadcast was taped for release on Sunday night, August 30. A choir composed of members of San Antonio area Assemblies furnished music for the broadcast.

THURSDAY MORNING

The 8 a.m. prayer meeting was led by A. A. Wilson, pastor of Evangel Temple in Kansas City, Mo. He exhorted the people briefly and prayer was offered for specific requests. Most of the prayer hour was spent in a concert of prayer when each person sought the Lord in his own way as moved by the Holy Ghost.

At 9 a.m. the people assembled in the Municipal Auditorium for a devotional service. Frederick Eide of Newark, N. J., led the singing and Pastor J. O. Savell of Houston, Tex., led in prayer. Donald H. Waggoner of New Town, N. Dak., sang a bass solo, "Traveling

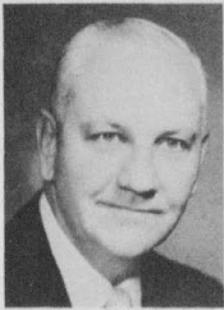
Home on the Pilgrim Road." Mrs. Albert W. Earle was at the piano and Evangelist Robert Watters at the organ.

Kermit Reneau, superintendent of the South Texas District, welcomed the delegates to San Antonio. Bert Webb, assistant general superintendent, gave the response.

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Murray W. McLees of Eugene, Oreg. His subject was, "Born to Rule," and he read Ephesians 2:6 from the Amplified Version—"And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together—giving us joint seating with Him—in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus, the Messiah, the Anointed One." He said, "We have been given a ruling chair that carries authority. Let us take authority against the kingdom of darkness—we were not born to be captives, but to rule."

At 10:20 a.m. our General Superintendent, R. M. Riggs, called the 28th General Council to order. Prayer was offered by the general secretary, J. R. Flower. T. F. Zimmerman read a telegram from the President of our country, as follows:

"To those attending the biennial General Council of the Assemblies of God I send greetings. Gathered from all parts of the nation and united in one faith, you can accomplish much together. I am sure you will be inspired to advance in the service of God and neighbor. Best wishes for a fine meeting.



Bert Webb



Gayle F. Lewis



Chas. W. H. Scott



Howard S. Bush



Bartlett Peterson



Martin B. Netzel

—(Signed) Dwight D. Eisenhower.” The convention voted to send a suitable reply to this kind message from the President.

The remainder of the morning was spent in receiving other greetings, introductions of committee chairmen, and listening to the biennial reports of the General Superintendent, General Secretary, and General Treasurer.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Following a congregational hymn, Pastor Robert Carrington of Turlock, Calif., led the body in prayer. Fraternal greetings were presented from three sister organizations. James A. Cross, General Overseer of the Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.) brought greetings from the officials and members of that body. A message from the brethren

of the Pentecostal Holiness Church was given by Dallas M. Tarkenton, General Administrator of the Advocate Press, in the absence of J. A. Synan, General Superintendent of that body. A telegram was read from Walter E. McAlister, General Superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, conveying best wishes from the brethren north of the border.

Each delegate was given a book containing the biennial reports of the various departments of the Assemblies of God. These reports were not read in full but were given to a committee for study. Joseph R. Flower, New York District Superintendent, was chairman of that committee and he ably summarized the findings of the committee.

The Parliamentary Committee was

invited to sit on the platform throughout the business sessions. The members of that committee (Bernard L. Bresson, Leland R. Keys, and E. E. Krogstad) gave valuable advice from time to time to keep the Council business proceeding in proper parliamentary order.

On recommendation of the General Presbytery a motion was placed before the General Council to amend the Constitution to define the status of lay members. The motion proposed that the following statement be added to Article VII: “All lay members of the local assemblies, in good standing in their churches, are considered members of the General Council, and may be chosen to serve the fellowship in conformity with our Constitution and By-laws.”

A number of delegates (both laymen and ministers) spoke in favor of the motion. Some pointed out that laymen are already rendering excellent service on various advisory boards in the General Council and this amendment was needed to clarify their status. Other ministers, however, raised certain objections. After lengthy debate a voice vote was taken and then a division of the house was called for. The motion to mend was declared lost for lack of a two-thirds majority vote which is required in Constitutional amendments.

The chairman expressed appreciation for the many fine laymen who are members of the Assemblies of God and for the good work they are doing for the Lord. In order that no one should think the ministers and laymen do not have a mutual appreciation one for the other, the following resolution was offered:

“That we go on record at this convention as declaring that we are a group of laymen, ministers, and missionaries united together to go forward, declaring our common bond of Christian fellowship and common objectives.” It passed



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J. Roswell Flower (seated at right), who has retired from office after serving the General Council for 36 years, with his wife and three of his children. Left to right: Joseph R. Flower, Mrs. Albert W. Earle, and George Flower. Brother Flower has the unique record of having attended every General Council, beginning in 1914.



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A portion of the crowd attending one of the Council meetings at the Municipal Auditorium in San Antonio, Tex.

unanimously with an enthusiastic "aye" that resounded throughout the entire building.

A delegate said that at present the Constitution and Bylaws are ambiguous because the biennial convention is called "General Council" and the denomination is called "General Council of the Assemblies of God." He moved that a committee be appointed to clarify the use of these terms as related to election of officers and definition of membership. The motion was seconded and carried.

THURSDAY NIGHT

The preliminary part of this service was devoted to emphasis and information on our educational program. Leaders of our various colleges and members of the denominational board of education were seated on the platform.

C. W. H. Scott, executive director of the Education Department, introduced Dolly Eleiott who sang, "Sweeter Than All." Brother Scott remarked that the ultimate goal of our educational program is to make Christ supreme in the lives of our students.

C. C. Burnett, formerly secretary of education and now president of Bethany Bible College, presented pertinent facts concerning the status and goals of our school program.

Atwood Foster, on behalf of Church Extension Plan, presented endowments to four of our schools, as follows: Evangel College, \$2,000; Central Bible Institute, \$1,000; Bethany Bible College \$1,000; North Central Bible Institute, \$1,000.

The auditorium, which seats 6,000, was comfortably filled as Leonard Soper began the song service. The Couriers Quartet sang twice during the evening. Then just before the message, Evangelist Vep Ellis sang one of the more than 1,000 songs he has

composed, "Nothing to Lose and Heaven to Gain."

The speaker, J. Robert Ashcroft, president of Central Bible Institute and Evangel College, called on the congregation to "Remember and Repent." "Which will you have?" he challenged. "The apostolic or the apostate in the Church? The freedom or fall of the state? The salvation or sin of a backslider? Do we want God's way or our way? *You* decide. In the words of Jesus, it's repent or perish!"

FRIDAY MORNING

Hundreds gathered for the 8 a.m. prayer meeting and there was great freedom in prayer. At 9 a.m. Brother McKeehan opened the devotional service. Nelson Woodcock led in prayer and Ira Stanphill led the singing. Brother Stanphill also sang his new song, "Jesus Is Coming Again."

Pastor Paul A. Evans of Granite City, Ill. preached the morning sermon to which he gave the unusual title, "Left or Right." His text was Genesis 13:8—"We be brethren." He told how Abram let Lot choose either the left part of the land or the right; he said Abram was willing to sacrifice his own interests for the cause of peace and we too have to show a selfless spirit in order to maintain unity in the Church.

Brother Riggs asked Bert Webb to preside at the morning business session. The first order of business was the election of a general superintendent. The delegates voted that if anyone received a two-thirds majority of all votes cast on the nominating ballot it would be considered an election. Nominations were made by secret ballot but there was no election. Approximately 36 names were placed before the dele-

gates and the first electoral ballot was cast.

It was moved that debate be limited to three minutes and that no one be permitted to speak twice on the same motion until all others desiring to speak had been heard. The motion carried.

It was proposed that the executive director of the Foreign Missions Department be designated an assistant general superintendent inasmuch as the executive directors of similar departments have that title. No voice was raised against this proposal. However, there was much difference of opinion as to the manner in which he should be nominated. A motion to provide that the Foreign Missions Director be nominated from the floor was lost after a number of foreign missionaries had expressed a fear that the nominees might not have sufficient understanding of the missionaries' problems.



R. M. Riggs presiding at a session during the General Council

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After a very brief devotional period Dr. Frank W. Langham, Director of the Southwest District of the American Bible Society, was presented to the convention. He told how greatly the Bible Society depends on the Assemblies of God and other denominations for financial support in its work of translating, printing, and distributing the Scriptures, and he demonstrated a very inexpensive finger-operated phonograph that is being sent to foreign lands with Bible recordings in order that people in remote areas may be able to hear the Word of God.

Harry M. Myers, chairman of the Tellers Committee, reported that 1721 votes were cast in the first electoral ballot for General Superintendent but no one received the necessary two-thirds majority. A second electoral ballot was then cast, and later a third, without any election. After the third electoral ballot all nominees were eliminated except the three who received the highest votes. The three who remained in the race were R. M. Riggs, T. F. Zimmerman, and Bert Webb.

Brother Myers reported that 1989 votes were cast in the fourth electoral ballot so 1326 were needed for election. Brother Riggs received 1164, Brother Zimmerman 716, and Brother Webb 109. Prayer was offered that the minds of the voters might be drawn into Pentecostal "one accordness."

During the balloting the delegates gave further consideration to the manner of nominating the Executive Director of Foreign Missions. It was moved that "the Executive Director of the Foreign Missions Department shall be an assistant general superintendent, and

shall be elected in the following manner; to wit: the general presbytery, serving as a nominating committee, shall be entrusted with the responsibility of making careful investigation concerning the qualifications and general fitness of available men for this strategic post, and shall select by secret ballot two or more names to be presented to the General Council in session for election." This motion carried.

The meeting adjourned without electing a General Superintendent.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Friday night was Home Missions night. G. F. Lewis, executive director of the Home Missions Department, had charge of this service, which was, as usual, both colorful and informative. Seated on the platform were representatives of both the Special Ministries and Church Extension programs of our Home Missions Department. Missionaries to the American Indians wore costumes of the tribes they represented.

R. L. Brandt, national secretary of the Home Missions Department, gave a concise, over-all report of home missions activities. Lottie Riekehof demonstrated the sign language as used in ministry to the Deaf by "signing" while Adeline Wichman sang, "He Lifted Me."

The offering was designated for the expansion of the department's Blueprint Program. The Couriers Quartet sang the offertory, and later a colorful Latin American quartet sang and played two Spanish songs. Just before the message George Effman, in Indian costume, sang "Amazing Grace."

Grady L. Fannin, superintendent of the Northern New England District, preached a stirring message. Speaking on "A Subtle Temptation," Brother

Fannin warned against the tendency to "cool off" in our standards of sacrifice, holiness, and giving. Among other Scriptures, he based his remarks on 2 Timothy 1:6: "Stir up the gift of God, which is in thee."

SATURDAY MORNING

The delegates split up into three main groups early Saturday morning to attend the Men's Fellowship breakfast, the Women's Missionary Council breakfast, and the early prayer meeting. At 9:30 a.m. they all came together for the morning service and Loren Cunningham of Los Angeles led the singing. Prayer was offered by Hugh M. Cadwalder of Waxahachie, Tex.

It was announced that Walter G. Dixon, the scheduled speaker, was unable to be present due to illness. The morning sermon was delivered by Jesse Smith, Georgia District Superintendent. He preached on, "The Day After Pentecost." He said that Pentecost was a day of endowment and endowment as well as a day of enthusiasm. When the Spirit falls, he said, the people not only are excited but are incited to active service.

The General Superintendent asked N. D. Davidson, Oregon District Superintendent, to preside over the business session. There was additional balloting to elect a General Superintendent. On the seventh electoral ballot a majority of votes went to Brother Zimmerman but he did not receive the two-thirds majority needed to elect.

At this point Brother Riggs, who had been silent during all the balloting, arose and said this ballot indicated the will of the voting constituency. He urged all the delegates to vote for Brother Zimmerman. "I think the Lord's will is clearly indicated," he said sincerely, "and I'm happy about it."

Brother Zimmerman asked for the privilege of speaking. He pointed out the need at this time for continuity of leadership, especially since two of the other executive officers (Brother Flower and Brother Perkin) had indicated a desire to retire from active service. He said, "I appeal to you to give your consideration to my beloved brother, whom I highly esteem and deeply love."

The eighth electoral ballot failed to result in an election but on the ninth Brother Zimmerman received 1488 of the 1953 votes cast. He was declared elected. The brethren embraced him



Invoking God's blessings on the newly elected General Superintendent, T. F. Zimmerman



Registering at the General Council

and prayed over him, asking God to anoint him mightily for his new responsibility as General Superintendent.

There was a standing ovation of Brother Riggs in recognition of the outstanding service he has rendered as General Superintendent during the past six years.

It was moved "that the General Council of the Assemblies of God authorize the complete activation of an Assemblies of God Chaplaincy Commission to (1) process chaplaincy applicants, (2) grant ecclesiastical recognition of qualified candidates, (3) represent all chaplaincy applicants to the Government, (4) personally and/or collectively represent all Assemblies of God chaplains to the military, and (5) serve Assemblies of God chaplains through the facilities of the Servicemen's Division." The motion carried. The resolution as adopted stated that the Chaplaincy Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals has been the official agency to represent the Assemblies of God ministers for commissions in the chaplaincy of the Armed Forces for the past eight years and has served "faithfully and well."

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon meeting opened with prayer. The Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Texas was present and brought greetings to the convention. Representative chaplains from various branches of the armed forces were introduced by Brother Webb and each in turn spoke of the opportunities for gospel service in his particular branch of the chaplaincy.

Brother Riggs took the chair and asked the delegates to cast a secret bal-

lot to nominate four assistant general superintendents. There were 1541 votes cast and 1028 were needed to elect. Bert Webb received 1376 votes and Gayle F. Lewis received 1285. Brother Webb and Brother Lewis were declared re-elected to the positions they have held for a number of years. Each one expressed appreciation for the confidence shown in him.

The names of 160 other nominees were read and the delegates were asked to cast an electoral ballot for the two other assistant general superintendents. On the second electoral ballot Charles W. H. Scott was re-elected for his second term. He acknowledged the re-election with thanks.

After two more ballots had been cast for the fourth assistant general superintendent it was announced that Howard S. Bush had been elected to this position. Out of 1092 votes cast Brother Bush received 843. He has served as superintendent of the South Florida District for sixteen years. For the past four years he has been an Executive Presbyter serving in a nonresident capacity. He asked the delegates to pray for him as he assumes the new responsibility.

Three ministers were nominated by the General Presbytery for the position of Assistant General Superintendent to serve as Executive Director of the Foreign Missions Department, as follows: Emil A. Balliet, J. Philip Hogan, and Melvin L. Hodges.

Brother Perkin was invited to speak. He explained that he passed the retirement age two years ago and felt it was time the responsibilities of his office were laid upon younger shoulders. "It has been a joy to serve you," he said,



Tellers committee counting ballots

"but I feel in my heart it is God's time to step out."

In the first electoral ballot for Executive Director of Foreign Missions 1097 votes were cast but no one received the necessary two-thirds majority for election. The count was 407 for Brother Balliet, 405 for Brother Hogan, and 285 for Brother Hodges. A second electoral ballot was cast before adjournment.

SATURDAY NIGHT

The C. A. Rally, with Bert Webb, executive director of the National C. A. Department, in charge, opened with a "parade" of district C. A. presidents. These took their places on the platform with military chaplains, C. A. Department personnel, and a choir composed of Texas C. A.'s.

M. A. Groff led the choir in two songs. A skit was presented, emphasizing the need of conserving Pentecostal youth, and showing how the National C. A. Department is helping in this task.

Walter, Wayne, and Pat Thomas presented special music including a saxophone duet and a song composed and sung by Pat—"Walk With Me, Lord." Kenny and Lois Erwin sang Mrs. Erwin's new song, "Stranger."

Evangelist Jimmy Brown of Mobile, Ala., brought a powerful message entitled, "Imitated by Many—Duplicated by None." He stressed the fact that the Word of God, Pentecostal worship, and Pentecostal unity have all been imitated, but never duplicated.

SUNDAY MORNING

A large congregation assembled in the auditorium at 9:45 a.m. for the Communion and Memorial Service which has become a traditional feature of the biennial General Council. Paul Johnson led some songs of worship and Mrs. Wilson Katter sang a beautiful solo of her own composition, "Souls, Lord." A. A. Wilson in his own unique way called on the congregation for a liberal offering to defray the convention expenses: he asked the people to repeat the Lord's promise of reciprocal liberality (Luke 6:38) again and again in unison until the words sank in.

The Bible reading was given by Albert Earle, Concord, N. H., from Hebrews 11, after which the General Secretary, J. R. Flower, read the names of 131 ordained ministers and missionaries who have passed on to be with Christ in this biennium.

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Twenty-two district superintendents and home missions representatives, seventeen of whom are shown, were honored for progress made in church extension activities. Left to right: W. Glenn West, Raymond Hudson, Joseph Gerhart, Kermit Reneau, G. W. Hardcastle, J. K. Gressett, L. W. Dickinson, D. H. Browne, Lowell C. Ashbrook, R. A. Wilson, T. H. Spence, J. C. Burks, Harold Bullock, Hugh Cadwalder, N. J. Kirk, John Grace, W. G. Hinecker.



Lottie Riekehof, sign language instructor at Central Bible Institute, "signs" while a soloist sings "He Lifted Me."



R. L. Brandt, national Home Missions secretary, explains the progress made toward church extension goals for 1959 with the aid of a map indicating district goals. Two districts have already reached and passed their goals for new churches; two districts have reached their goals; and ten districts have reached at least fifty per cent of their goals.



John McPherson, Cherokee Indian evangelist, accepts G. F. Lewis, executive director of the Home Missions Department, into the Cherokee tribe by the presentation of an official Indian headdress. The Indian name "Styee-Aton-To" given Brother Lewis means "Strong Heart."



The Spanish Men's Quartet sings a special number in Spanish during the Home Missions night at the General Council.



Indian workers led by Marrles Moore (Sioux), John McPherson (Cherokee), and George Effman (Klamath), parade across the platform.

A Subtle TEMPTATION

BY GRADY L. FANNIN

ONE OF THE MOST SUBTLE TEMPTATIONS faced by Christians, and particularly Christian workers, is to cool off in their standards of living and to allow the fires of devotion to the will of God to die down upon the altars of their hearts.

There was a time when all we asked as ministers was a place and opportunity to preach the gospel. If there was no place open, we proceeded to open one. Today we have over 14,000 ordained and licensed ministers with less than 9,000 churches. Where are the other more than 5,000 preachers ministering? Some are evangelists, some missionaries, some minister's wives, and so on, but this only accounts for a small percentage. It is just one of the illustrations of our cooling off in our devotion to the will and calling of the Lord. Even Timothy, Paul's faithful co-worker, faced this temptation and it was necessary for the apostle to urge him to "stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands."

When the Lord said, "Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown," He was not inferring that someone might slip up behind us and remove it from our head. He was rather warning us of the danger of becoming lukewarm or cold in our consecration to the point where we would be unworthy to receive the crown. When the Lord comes there will be no time to get prayed up and on fire for the Lord again. We must keep the fire of God burning brightly upon the altar of our hearts. It must never go out.

Because of abuses, many are tempted to become cool toward any spiritual

manifestation in public services. But such a course robs us of the blessing and power of God, and of our distinctive Pentecostal testimony. Such action is also contrary to the Word of God which so clearly says, "Covet to prophesy and forbid not to speak with tongues."

Certainly there are carnal demonstrations, but there are also precious movings of the Holy Spirit which edify and build up the body of Christ. The fact that these sacred things are counterfeited at times is no excuse for ruling them out and robbing our people of the benefit of genuine spiritual gifts.

Some years ago we were assisting in the opening of a new church. When one of the Sunday offerings was taken to the bank it was discovered that there was a counterfeit fifty-cent piece in the offering. But the bank did not refuse it all because one piece was counterfeit, neither did we stop taking offerings for fear we might get another counterfeit coin. Our churches need the moving of the Spirit and the operations of the gifts of the Spirit. We can have them without confusion if we will teach our people and follow the scriptural pattern.

The only way the Pentecostal movement can go "Forward with Christ" is through the Pentecostal blessing and anointing. Solomon's temple must have been the most magnificent place of worship ever constructed, but it had little spiritual effect on the people before the fire fell. Then they bowed themselves and worshiped. Many are our needs as a movement, but the greatest of all is that the Spirit and power of God may rest upon us.

One of our recent district conventions was held in a denominational church. After preaching on the need, blessing, and power of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, Laurie Price asked how many would like to have this experience. The pastor of that denomi-



Photo by San Antonio Light

Grady Fannin is looking at the books in the Texas Revolution's Library on the Alamo grounds in San Antonio, Texas. Brother Fannin is a descendant of Col. James W. Fannin, one of the defenders of the Alamo.

national church was sitting on the front seat. Without embarrassment or hesitation he raised his hand full mast. He was sincerely hungry for God. He did not receive the Baptism that morning but others did there at the altar of his church.

Should we be ashamed of what we have when people of other faiths are so hungry for it? They know there is a counterfeit, but they also recognize the genuine. There is a great work to be done by the Assemblies of God, and to accomplish it we just need more of the anointing we already have. It is "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

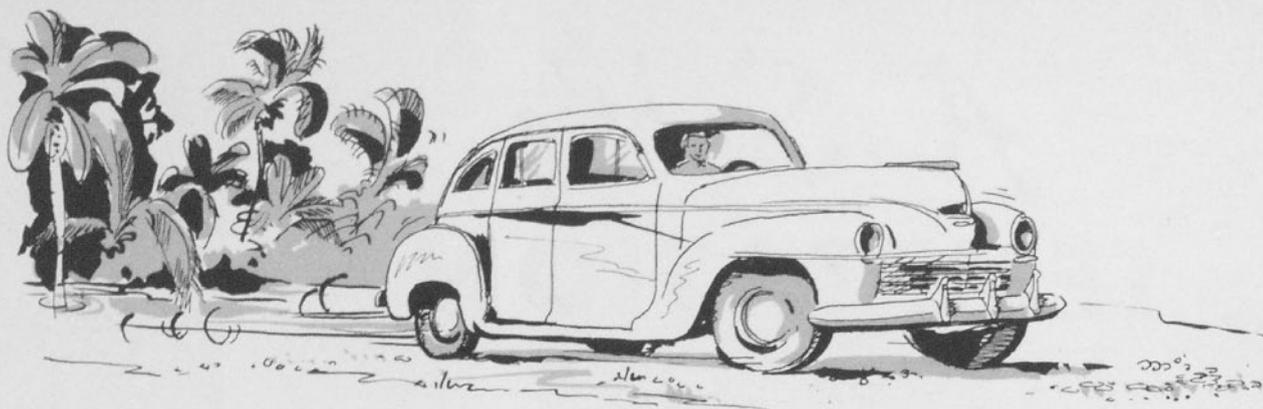
There is another place where we are so tempted to become cool. The Assemblies of God has always been known as a holiness movement. Now a subtle temptation comes to generalize our preaching on holiness. Before we realize it we become so general that no one knows what our standard is, and, like the Laodiceans, we become so lukewarm it makes the Lord sick.

Some who claim to be Pentecostal are even beginning to contend that if we are different from the world we can't win them for the Lord. God's people have always been different from the world. No matter what your profession, if you are no different in life and actions from the world, then you are of the world.

There is a recurring expression concerning holiness throughout the whole

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Grady L. Fannin, District Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, Northern New England District, preached this sermon on Home Missions night at the 28th biennial General Council in San Antonio.



It Was for a Good Cause

BY JOHN JACKSON

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT happens to a Speed-the-Light vehicle after it leaves the United States? Let me tell you the story of our blue Plymouth sedan.

It came to us in the atmosphere of the miraculous. The Oregon C.A.'s gave the entire amount needed to purchase the car in a single evening offering in a great C. A. convention. Later it was taken to the Oregon camp meeting where, amidst the praises and prayers of a stirring missionary service, it was driven right down the aisle of the huge tabernacle to the platform. The district leaders laid hands on it, dedicating it to the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Thus it was officially set apart, and we were the stewards to see that it would serve His cause.

The devil must have seen how useful the Plymouth was to be in the service of the Lord, for he threw hurdle after hurdle in the way. Due to strenuous measures to halt inflation in Chile, the government had made stiff importation laws which prohibited taking such a vehicle into the country. The question kept coming to our minds, "Why had the Lord provided the car in such a wonderful way, only to have it blocked at the borders?"

En route to Chile we met a former ambassador from that land. He offered to help us and took us to meet many influential people. During the months spent in seeking to bring the car into the country, we had numerous opportunities to testify to men who probably would never have heard in any other way. We gave Bibles and New Testaments to those who helped.

Finally, after six long months, we had the necessary documents. But the devil wasn't asleep. Imagine our disappointment when the man who was to help us present our documents to the government officials informed us that he had lost them on a bus! Had he "lost" them out of spite for our refusing him the bribe he had requested?

There was nothing to do but to start all over again. Had it not been for the sacrificial giving and prayers involved, as well as the fact that the car had been dedicated to the service of the Lord, we would have been tempted to give up right then.

During the following months of work, we again met many people of prominence. We met the mayor of a part of Santiago; we met the Secretary of the Army and Air Force; we met lawyers and President's aides. At last it was arranged that we meet the President himself to explain the urgency of bringing the car into Chile.

As we waited in the President's palace, we realized that this was the last possible hope of importing the car. Would our request sound too trivial to present to a person of such importance? The bell sounded. There was no more time to think. The door opened and in strode the President of the Republic, His Excellency, Don Gabriel González Videla.

All too soon it was our turn and we breathed a prayer and stated the request. For a moment the President's eyes searched our countenances as if to see if we were sincere. Then he smiled that warm, gala smile which had endeared him to the people of

Chile. He turned to his legal adviser and to my friend of the Air Force and said, "You men take the necessary steps to bring this vehicle in *duty free*. It's for a good cause!" Never had we felt more like shouting, but of course we didn't dare. We thanked him sincerely and said, "May God bless you, sir."

This car played a large part in the greatest revival in the history of Chile. David C. Brackenridge, representative of the American and British Bible Societies in Santiago, stated: "Nothing like this revival had ever been seen in Chile. The whole city was stirred—from government officials down. It was the biggest religious movement ever seen in Santiago. For Chile it was the twentieth century Pentecost. . . . At Mr. Erickson's meetings in Santiago we sold 2,614 Bibles, 3,200 New Testaments, and 5,500 Scripture portions. . . . It was interesting when the one in charge of sales at the meetings came in with a hamper containing small bills totalling 76,000 pesos. We spent the day counting all this money."

All the planning of the campaign, the uniting of the pastors and churches, taking the evangelist to and from the meetings, carrying the offerings (which at times weighed almost one thousand pounds of copper coins worth a fraction of a cent each!) was made possible by the Speed-the-Light car. In fact, we delivered that very hamper of bills to the Bible Society.

The Roman Catholic Church had succeeded in stopping several revivals in other countries and lost no time in bringing pressure to bear on the officials of the Department of Health.

They ordered us arrested and the meetings closed under the pretense that they were a menace to public health, since crowds of 15,000 were gathering nightly.

We were informed of this in the morning. We jumped into the car and raced the 97 miles over the mountain ranges to the capital city of Santiago. We were able to obtain an audience with the Minister of Health, to whom we explained that we were not healers or quacks but simply preached Jesus who alone is able to heal. He gave us his promise that he would not close the meetings. We returned to Valparaiso as speedily as possible, arriving just in time to preach to the great crowd that was already waiting and singing. They were not disappointed.

Again the Roman Church tried to force the governor of Valparaiso to close the meetings. And again we drove to his offices in the faithful car. He saved the day by giving the order to the head of the federal police that they were not to stop the meetings under any circumstances.

Not to be outdone, the priests carried on a slander campaign in a Catholic newspaper to such an extent that the Chilean F.B.I. was forced to arrest us for investigation. During the detention, the opposition took a picture of the Speed-the-Light car and claimed we had purchased it with offerings received in the meetings. The picture was circulated all over Chile. The Plymouth became so well known that the people would wave to us, knowing it was the revival car.

We gave the facts of how it had been purchased and the records of how it was allowed to come into the country by order of the President himself. We stated our beliefs and testified over a period of more than two days. As a result, the inspector in charge was convinced of our sincerity and asked us to drive him to the home of a lawyer friend. He asked the lawyer to defend us against the criminal indictment of fraud that had been filed against us by the Catholics. We had a smashing victory, and the campaign continued and moved on to the capital city where it doubled and tripled in attendance. There, when the little blue Plymouth rolled up to the big tent by order of the police force, two dozen policemen formed a double line each night to enable us to pass from the car to the platform without being crushed. If

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GIVE LIGHT... FOR THESE, TOO

Speed-the-Light equipment needs are usually met by presenting to the home district of the missionary, an application form explaining the need and asking the young people of the district to raise the funds to meet it. The districts respond well, and at present most of them are working on one or more projects. Some have as many as six or eight. Their present commitments total approximately \$200,000.

The needs presented below are in addition to those on which the districts are already working. These needs are just as necessary and urgent as those already pledged by the various districts. The task which faces the Christ's Ambassadors is a great one. Will you join with them and help share the load—help them to GIVE LIGHT—by adding your contribution to theirs next Sunday, Speed-the-Light Dollar Day, October 18?

THESE FIELDS NEED THIS EQUIPMENT:

AFRICA:

* Ruth Anderson—station wagon
 Florence Bassett—jeep
 Hubert Boese—car
 Robert Carlson—cycle
 Ralph Cimino—cycle
 George Flattery—car
 J. J. Friesen—printing
 Kenneth Godbey—cycle
 Elwin Grundy—car
 Andrew Hargrave—cycle
 Rex Jackson—p.a. system; cycle
 Marie Johnsrud—car
 James King—cycle
 * Delmar Kingsriter—printing
 Walt Kornelson—cycle
 Charles Lee—cycle
 Harold Lehmann—printing; car
 David McCulley—cycle
 Leonard McNutt—car
 Harry Pennington—cycle
 Eva Radanovsky—car
 Theo. Schultz—car
 E. E. Shaffer—trailer
 V. H. Shumway—p.a. system; radio; cycle
 Smith-Wichman—car; printing
 * Phyllis Wagner—station wagon
 Lee Roy Ward—jeep
 John Weidman—car
 Paul Weidman—car
 Jeanet Wimberly—station wagon
 Ward Woods—cycle

SOUTHERN ASIA:

Mark K. Bush—jeep
 Orville Carlson—boat; car
 * Robert Edwards—jeep
 Valborg Frandsen—station wagon
 Ginn-Graner—cycles; car
 Carl Holleman—cycle
 John Lewis—cycle
 Willis Long—car
 Elsie Marialke—jeep
 Robert Merian—radio
 James Revell—car
 Paul Schoonmaker—radio
 Harry Shumway—car
 Donald Tarno—car
 Ken Weigel—station wagon

EUROPE:

Paul Boyer—car
 Mary Metaxatos—p.a. system
 Anthony Piraino—car
 Kenneth Ware—car; printing
 Ruth Weitkamp—car

FAR EAST:

Robert Allen—car
 David H. Baker—station wagon
 Leonard Bolton—car
 Paul Greisen—car
 Floyd Horst—car; printing
 Sarah Johnston—car
 Albert Kehr—station wagon
 * Lawrence Larson—car
 Howard Osgood—radio
 Douglas Pew—station wagon
 Lyle Phillips—truck
 James Reb—station wagon
 Fred Seaward—car
 John Stetz—truck
 James Vigna—car
 Foster Wood—station wagon
 Lois Yardley—jeep

LATIN AMERICA:

* Sam Balius—travelall
 Dan Bergdorf—car
 Gustav Bergstrom—station wagon
 Brooke-Davis—airplane
 Leonard Chappell—airplane
 Charles Eason—car
 Leonard Emory—cycle
 John Franklin—truck
 Anthony Giordano—p.a. system
 David Guenther—p.a. system
 P. Henry Hall—truck
 Walter Haydus—printing
 Paul Hutsell—car
 Hugh Jeter—radio
 * Russell Kensinger—car
 Bryan Mock—station wagon
 Raymond Morelock—printing
 Rachel Nieto—radio
 Sterling Stewart—p.a. system
 Harley Vail—printing
 * Alva Walker—car

(Note: Cycles include Bicycles, Motorbikes, Motorcycles, and Scooters.)

* Indicates projects which have been partially pledged by some district, but the amount pledged is insufficient for the type of equipment needed.

It Will Take \$142,714 to Purchase This Needed Equipment

Speed-the-Light brings
Africa spiritual freedom



UHURU!

By **NORMAN L. CORRELL**, Tanganyika, E. Africa

JESUS OF NAZARETH COMMANDEERED a small boat the day He taught parables to the multitudes. His heart went out in compassion to the eager throngs that surrounded Him, and He used a tiny ship as a pulpit to give light and truth to the insistent masses.

Two thousand years later a militant band of youth called "Christ's Ambassadors" reached back into the days of the Bible and laid hold of the same means to "GIVE LIGHT to them that sit in darkness."

Speed-the-Light is the missionary vision of our Assemblies of God youth and it has all the necessary qualities to make it an ideal program for young people. It is unique; it has color; it

has action and urgency.

Jesus said, in John 14:12, "Greater works than these shall ye do..." I believe that as Jesus peered prophetically into the future, He must have visualized the tremendous effect of Speed-the-Light in this twentieth century. He saw airplanes soaring through the skies on gospel errands; He saw hundreds of vehicles such as jeeps, trucks, and station wagons carrying the missionaries over countless miles of tortuous mountain roads and expansive deserts; He saw gospel literature, fresh from Speed-the-Light presses being placed in the outstretched hands of millions; He saw the towering radio beacons flashing the tidings of salvation

to souls beyond the reach of the missionary!

Yes, Speed-the-Light is undoubtedly a part of the "greater works" to which Jesus referred. Since its beginning fifteen years ago, it has become as effective and sensational in its day as the fiery chariot that whisked Elijah into heavenly orbit.

Since arriving in Africa as a missionary, I am especially grateful for the three vital areas covered by Speed-the-Light; namely, transportation, radio, and printing. As a former district C. A. president, I am fully aware of the occasional strong temptation to broaden it to include other missionary projects. For example, some C. A. groups have felt a sudden urge to channel their missionary giving to assist the construction of a native church or Bible school, or to support a native worker.

Now that I am a missionary I understand as never before how vital all these projects are. But if the three-star program of Speed-the-Light should be broadened to include other projects, its ministry would be weakened and spread so thin that its effectiveness would be greatly reduced. These other

"I Saw Speed-the-Light Around the World"

BY **BERT WEBB**

Executive Director of National C. A. Department

TRANSPORTATION HAS BECOME ONE OF THE KEY COMMODITIES in our present world.

It would be most difficult to estimate the vast amount of time saved as Assemblies of God missionaries around the world utilize the God-given blessing of Speed-the-Light. If you were privileged to take a trip around the world and visit our many missionaries, one of the high points would be the thrill of witnessing the stepped-up pace of God's work due to proper equipment.

Take Italy for instance, where an unprecedented revival has been under way in recent years with literally thousands of conversions. Anthony Piraino oversees the printing of literature on Speed-the-Light presses and travels extensively throughout the country, supervising the entire work. A small, economical, Italian-built car is a large factor in making such a ministry possible.

Ayoub Rihany, the only full-time minister of the Assemblies of God in all Jordan, holds regular services at three preaching points and supervises the entire Pentecostal work throughout this Arab country. All this is made possible because Speed-the-Light dollars supplied a car for his use.

And then there's Charles Anderson at Junnar, 162 miles northeast of the city of Bombay in India. A Speed-the-

Light station wagon enables him to carry on a tremendous and varied ministry, including the operation of a revenue-producing farm, tended by students at the Bible college and primary and secondary schools conducted in conjunction with the mission station at Junnar.

All over India the work of the Lord goes forward with dispatch and a larger measure of success, because back home Christ's Ambassadors groups, large and small, have shared the responsibility of literally speeding the gospel to the ends of the earth.

The real "payoff" is when souls are saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit and lives are miraculously transformed. This, of course, is the true purpose of putting a vehicle at the disposal of a missionary, that he may touch more lives and do it more readily.

On and on the story could go, but these are illustrations of what your dollars will do in terms of saving souls as you faithfully respond on Speed-the-Light Dollar Day. Who could have dreamed fourteen years ago that the staggering sum of \$3,080,817.41 would be contributed for this urgent ministry by the youth of the Assemblies of God? "Here a little, there a little," each of us doing his share, will bring the gospel to millions more and hasten the return of our Lord that we may hear His gracious, "Well done."

ministries are challenges normally adopted by churches in the regular missionary program. Let's preserve the uniqueness of Speed-the-Light by keeping it specific in purpose! It's three-fold ministry is *the* missionary effort of our C.A.'s.

Speed-the-Light is an exciting ministry! The color, the challenge, the spirit of sacrifice in the district Speed-the-Light rallies are memories indelibly engraved in my memory. In those days I was chiefly concerned with the mechanics of getting equipment into the hands of our missionaries as quickly as possible. It was then that the urgency of missions gripped my heart and I felt a pull to the foreign field. By God's grace that call was heeded and now I am on the front lines.

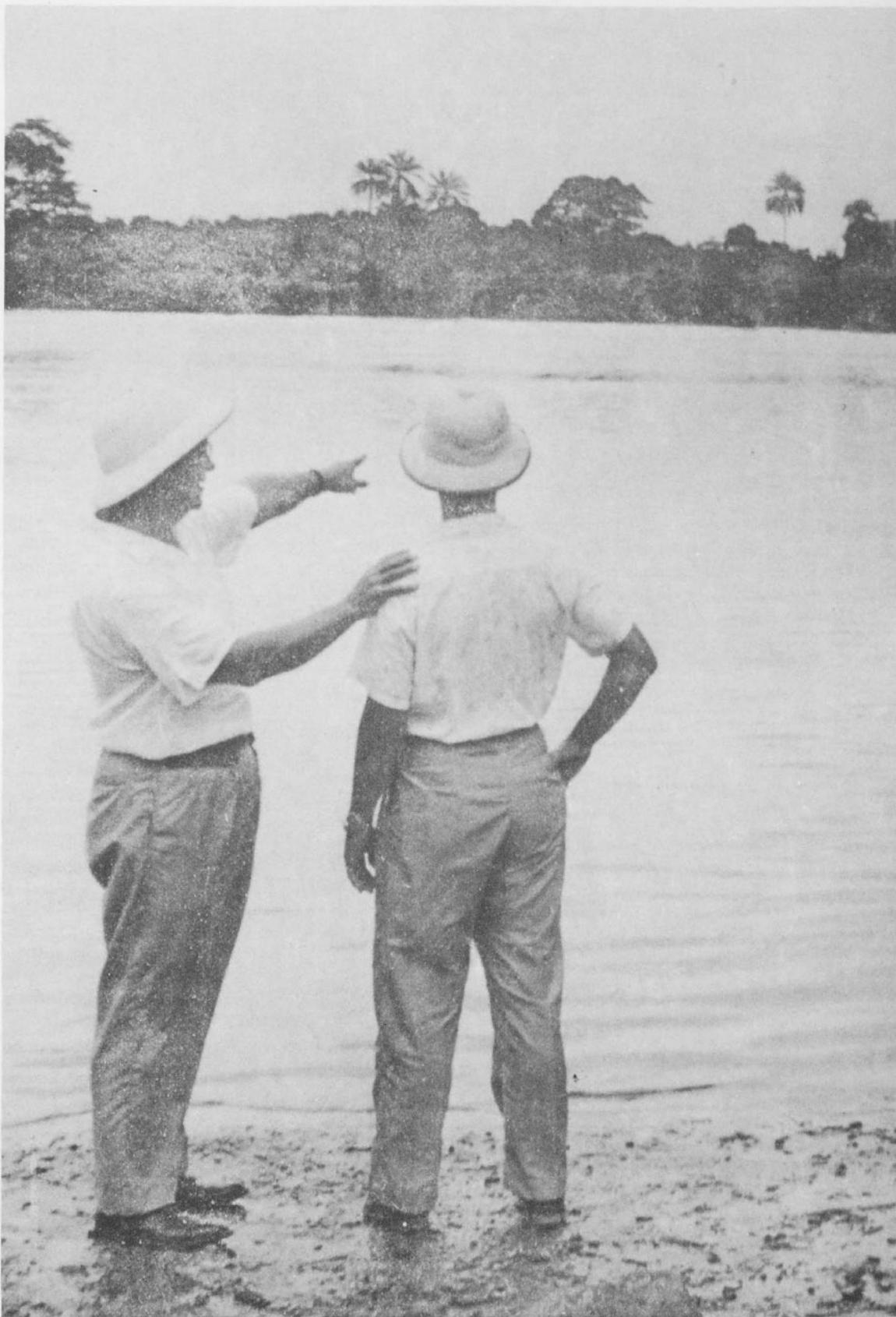
The picture has changed now. My chief concern is the dynamics of reaching imperiled souls and Speed-the-Light equipment is the means of achieving this goal.

This is a day of emergency! The transpiring events of this hour are vivid reminders that we must make haste in our work of soul winning. We here in East Africa are in a position to see history in the making. We find ourselves caught in the great conflict of nationalism. The bloodshed, destruction, and chaos in Nyasaland has given the world a glimpse of the surging undercurrent that is sweeping the African masses. The oft-heard watchword, "Uhuru!" (freedom!) has challenged us to put every ounce of energy into bringing spiritual "Uhuru" to the perishing millions in Africa.

Here in Tanganyika I am responsible for an area of 11,043 square miles with the population conservatively set at over 321,000. In the shadow of every mountain are people who have yet to hear the gospel for the first time. Nearly every day I hear the deep throbbing tones of drums beating for another soul that has gone into a godless, hopeless eternity.

But, thank God, we are not forced to confine our activity to one locality! With the aid of Speed-the-Light we are reaching out in every direction with the message that GIVES LIGHT to those that sit in darkness!

October 18 is a day of opportunity for you—an opportunity to join hands with us here, making all of us workers together with God. Lift up your eyes to the harvest, and together we will give the precious gift of light to those who are still in total darkness. ◀ ◀



THE MEN . . . two Assemblies of God missionaries in Liberia, West Africa. One, Robert Renfroe, is weary in body, with furlough long overdue. The other, Jim Barnard, is a newly-arrived replacement, eager and strong for the task ahead.



THE RIVER . . . dark, treacherous; yet, the only avenue leading to multitudes in spiritual darkness. It was here that Missionary Renfroe wore out a Speed-the-Light motorboat reaching the lost. How will his replacement, Jim Barnard, maintain this work without a boat?



THE APPEAL . . . D-CAP Harold Hanson presents the urgent need to a gathering of Southern New England C. A.'s who have shown an increased interest in the ministry of Speed-the-Light.



RENFROE: "I'm glad to tell you that 100 souls have found Christ in the past month. Olga and I are very weary in body, but the Jim Barnards have arrived to relieve us for our overdue furlough. The most urgent need right now is a new boat for Jim. My old Speed-the-Light boat is worn out. The motor sputters, and we're operating on one cylinder. We're praying it will keep going until somehow Jim can get a new one."



JIM BARNARD: "I'm so excited and grateful I hardly know what to say. I can tell you one thing, though: it's going to help us push back the pagan darkness that surrounds us in this land. Please thank the new England C. A.'s for us, because the King's business requires haste!"

District C. A. presidents gather in Springfield, Mo., each February for an intensive planning session. The conference is climaxed with a Speed-the-Light banquet in which districts and local churches are recognized for outstanding achievements in Speed-the-Light giving. Unknown to the presidents in this year's conference, radio contact had been set up with Missionary Robert Renfroe, who maintains contact with the world through amateur radio equipment in Africa. His voice filled the banquet room. The presidents listened to one of the most thrilling conversations they had ever heard. . . .

THE RESPONSE . . . individuals and groups alike dig down deep, giving sacrificially to provide Jim with the needed boat. This is to be no week-end pleasure craft for fishing or skiing. This is to be a lifeline—a **lightline**.

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DICK FULMER (national C. A. secretary): "Hello, Bob. You sound well awake, even though it's 2 a.m. and 85 degrees where you are. Many of our D-CAP's and other friends are listening to you right now with intense interest. Tell us something of the situation in Liberia."



The D-CAP's were deeply stirred! This was Speed-the-Light in action! They had been granted a new insight into its importance. Soon, in Africa, the boat was ready to go. While one missionary returned home for needed rest, another pushed forward by the help of the new Speed-the-Light boat.

The dark treacherous river has now become a highway of evangelism and blessing to speed the gospel in this remote corner of the Dark Continent. The C. A.'s of Southern New England have become workers together with Jim Barnard in this conquest for souls.

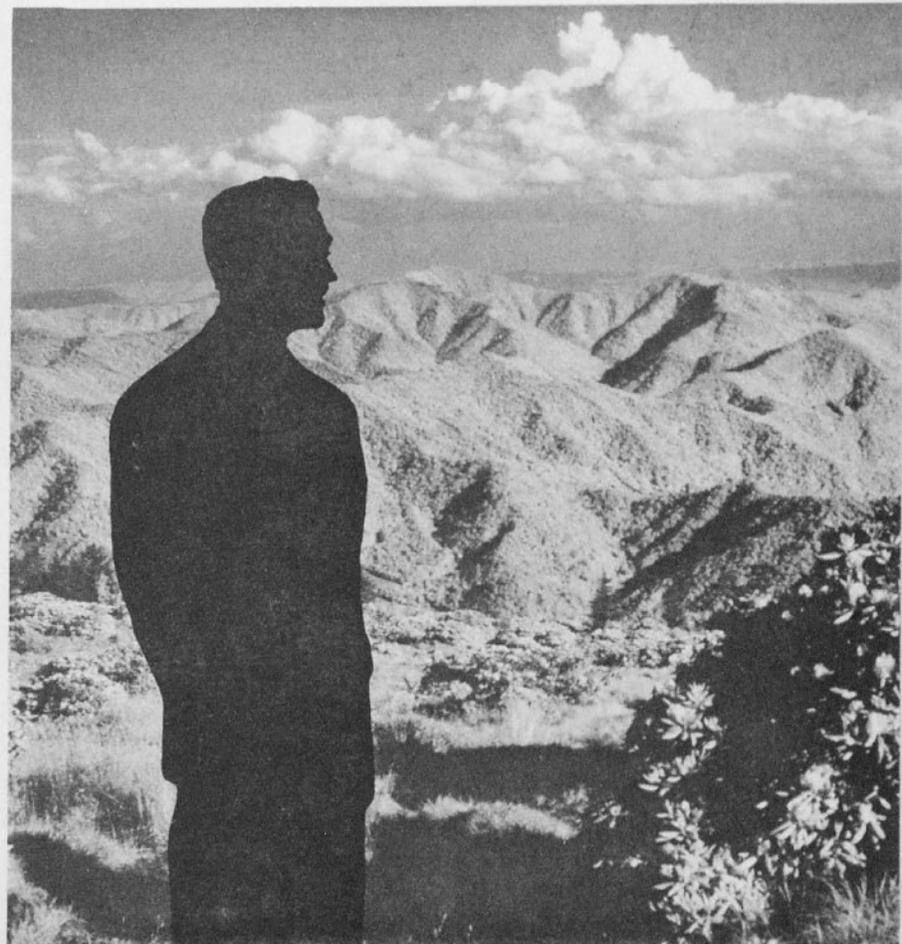


HAROLD HANSON: "Hello, Jim. I represent the Southern New England District. Our young people heard about your need and ordered a brand-new boat and motor for you two weeks ago. It should soon be in your hands in Liberia!"



BERT WEBB: "Hello, Bob and Jim. This is Bert Webb speaking. You can't imagine the tremendous impact your words have had on us here tonight. We stand with you in this battle for souls, and by God's grace we will rise to the occasion to help meet your every need."

For Speed-the-Light, the story never ends. The need of one missionary is met, but there are many others who face massive obstacles. Their needs are urgent; their hours for service are numbered. New challenges, new opportunities thus face us all:
GIVE LIGHT!





THIS PRESENT WORLD

Scriptures

GIDEONS REPORT ON SIXTY YEARS OF WORLD WORK

The Gideons International, a non-profit group founded by Christian businessmen sixty years ago, has placed some 42 million Bibles in hotels, motels, schools, hospitals, prisons, military establishments, and similar places. Delegates to the sixtieth annual meeting of the organization at Dallas, Texas, came from many foreign lands to which the Gideon work has spread.

A former Nazi from Ecuador, a lawyer from Chile, and eleven other businessmen from five continents joined in telling the delegates how the Bible has brought new light and faith to their respective countries.

Arturo Contag, the ex-Nazi and president of the Gideons in Ecuador, said the Gideons' Bibles have helped to fight ignorance in his country.

Julio Moline, the lawyer from Santiago, said the laymen's organization there has won the interest of many college students who formerly were noted for their disbelief in religion. "Some of them," he said, "are now helping in our work."

Similarly glowing reports were given from other lands, but some delegates told of difficulties encountered. An official from Manila, for example, said his group has not been able to distribute Bibles in Philippine hotels because the managers think "it would hurt their business."

Olof Bjorklund, the national general secretary of the Swedish Gideons, said the Stockholm camp has been placing red-covered Bibles during the past two years. He explained that most Swedish families have black-covered Scriptures and do not read them, but when they find a red-covered Bible in a hotel they say, "This is something new," so they open and read it.

H. S. Armerding, a building contractor of Lynnfield, Massachusetts, was elected president of the Gideons International, to succeed P. J. Zondervan.

Mrs. Ken Hall of Glendale, California, was named head of the Gideons Auxiliary.

Morals

PSYCHIATRIST BLAMES VILE LITERATURE FOR SEX CRIME INCREASE

"Filthy ideas" implanted in the "immature minds" of children have "impelled them to crime." Dr. Nicholas G. Frignito, psychiatrist and medical director of the Municipal Court at Philadelphia said pornographic literature is largely responsible for the increase in sex crimes committed by young people. He made the charge at a Congressional sub-committee hearing on the use of the mails to distribute pornographic literature.

Dr. Frignito said the judiciary has case histories showing how obscene literature has led to crimes ranging from assault to actual homicide. He testified that half the children sent to Municipal Court have purchased or have had access to pornographic literature. Children from ages 9 to 14, he said, are "most affected by this indecent material."

RELIGIOUS LEADERS CRITICIZE MASS MEDIA

A committee of 104 Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish leaders told Mayor Wagner of New York that some segments of the mass media industries are

catering to degraded tastes for commercial gain and thereby impairing the moral and spiritual climate of their city.

The committee, which was formed a year ago, presented the mayor with a lengthy report in which they urged that newspapers avoid the "lurid and sexually immoral" in advertising, that magazines ban salacious articles and pictures, and that radio and TV avoid the presentation of certain types of crime and violence.

Clergymen of all faiths backed up the committee's report by preaching to their congregations on the subject of moral leadership. They urged their people to register protests when moral standards are violated and to voice their approval when standards are elevated.

Temperance

WORLD LEADERS AMONG TOTAL ABSTAINERS

If any nations in the world had total abstainers for their leaders, one would expect them to be the so-called Christian nations: but not so. Most of the countries whose leaders never touch liquor are non-Christian lands. *Parade* listed Nehru of India, Tito of Yugoslavia, Nasser of Egypt, Ben Gurion of Israel, and Syngman Rhee of Korea as total abstainers.

An article inserted in the *Congressional Record* by Senator Wayne Morse

FIRST DAILY GOSPEL BROADCAST IN TOKYO

The first daily gospel broadcast in Tokyo history was aired in Japan throughout the month of September, in conjunction with the Tokyo Evangelistic Crusade which began September 4. Evangelist Harold Herman, left, preached daily over powerful JOQR (50,000 watts) to a potential radio audience of 25 million listeners. Brother Safu, right, was the interpreter.

This is the first time a foreigner ever preached through an interpreter over the station. All who wrote in, received a Gospel of John and the Tokyo Crusade Magazine. Thousands attended the Crusade and many hundreds have knelt to receive Christ as their Saviour.



of Oregon on May 22 referred to the abstinence of Spain's dictator. It quoted Emmet John Hughes as saying that Franco "does not smoke or drink, even wine." What a pity that this cannot be said about the leaders of the great powers; they certainly would be better leaders if it were so.

Miscellaneous

MUSICAL STAMPS ON DISPLAY

There was a display of stamps on musical themes at Haifa, Israel, marking the 150th anniversary of the birth of the composer, Felix Mendelssohn. One section of the exhibits was devoted to stamps related to the Bible, a source of musical inspiration through the ages. Many of the Israel stamps on display portrayed musical instruments of the various types described in the Bible. Stamps with a musical motif came from all parts of the world.

SENATOR ASSAILS SOVIET FOR CLOSING HISTORIC SYNAGOGUE

Senator Kenneth B. Keating of New York assailed the Soviet Government, on the Senate floor, for forcibly closing the historic synagogue of Chernovtsy in the Ukraine. He said the closing was in line with a pattern of Soviet restrictions on Jewish religious activities.

Citing, among other things, "constant reports" of other synagogues being closed, cemeteries desecrated, and the baking of unleavened bread prohibited, Senator Keating stated that "these melancholy events are only too reminiscent of the early days of Nazi Germany." He contrasted these actions with the restoration of the oldest synagogue in the United States, at Newport, Rhode Island. "Here in this land of freedom, everyone worships as he pleases, but in Russia, where all religions have long felt the scourge of atheism elevated to the rank of state policy, men and women worship at their peril," he said.

MARYLAND CONSTITUTION BARS ATHEIST FROM OFFICE

A declaration of belief in God is required of anyone about to be sworn into public office in Maryland, the state attorney general ruled. The decision was handed down in the case of plaintiff Roy R. Torcaso, 48, of Wheaton, Maryland, who after being appointed notary public in Montgomery County was denied his commission by county officials because he refused to express a belief in the Deity.

EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

ONE OF THE FIRST SIGHTS to greet the eyes of Russian Premier Nikita Khrushchev on his visit to the U. S. was a huge cross in the sky two miles above Washington, D. C. It was placed there by a sky-writing plane hired by the Christianform, an inter-religious private organization which is dedicated to mobilizing Christian action against Communism in answer to the Red Cominform.

WHEN THE FIRST SOVIET SPUTNIK went into orbit nearly two years ago, only sixteen American high schools offered courses in Russian. Today more than four hundred schools in the U. S. are teaching the Russian language.

OCTOBER 7, THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY of the proclamation of the Soviet satellite government in East Germany, marked the close of a decade in which German Protestantism has suffered the greatest setback since the Reformation. When the war ended in 1945 there were 14,000,000 members of the Evangelical (Lutheran) Church in East Germany. Today there are scarcely 1,500,000 active members and the number is steadily decreasing.

THE VOICE OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD IN URUGUAY has completed its thirteenth year of broadcasting over Radio CARVE of Montevideo. This 50,000-watt station reaches most of Argentina, Southern Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, and the South Falkland Islands.

THE NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION dedicated its new headquarters building at 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, on September 13. Bert Webb, NSSA President, gave the dedicatory address. The association is an interdenominational service agency which trains Sunday School workers through leadership conferences and service literature. Clate Risley is executive director.

A FEDERAL COURT AT PHILADELPHIA ruled it is unconstitutional to require Bible-reading in public schools and to require the pupils to recite the Lord's Prayer. For ten years the state law has required Bible-reading in Pennsylvania schools. The reciting of the Lord's Prayer is not required by law, however, and it is the combination of Bible-reading plus prayer that the Federal Court has frowned upon. School officials said they would appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court for a review of the new ruling.

THE BOYS AND GIRLS of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada have given half a million dollars to Foreign Missions through their Sunday School Missionary Crusade since it was launched in June, 1950. Last year they gave \$68,000. The money is used for gospel literature on the twelve foreign mission fields in which the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada are working. James Montgomery, national Sunday School director, is leader of the SSMC.

HOW TO LIVE TO BE 101--Mrs. Lina Berg of Chicago, celebrating her 101st birthday, suggested three rules for longevity: "Have a good disposition, eat three full meals a day, and read your Bible."

TOKYO, THE WORLD'S LARGEST CITY, now has 9,100,539 people, a population increase of 295,422 over last year. London has 8-1/4 million people and New York City just over 8 million.



Missionaries dressed in the costumes of their respective fields sat on the platform during the Global Conquest Rally to lend an international atmosphere to the service.

GLOBAL CONQUEST DAY

AT GENERAL COUNCIL



Photo by Paul Mignard

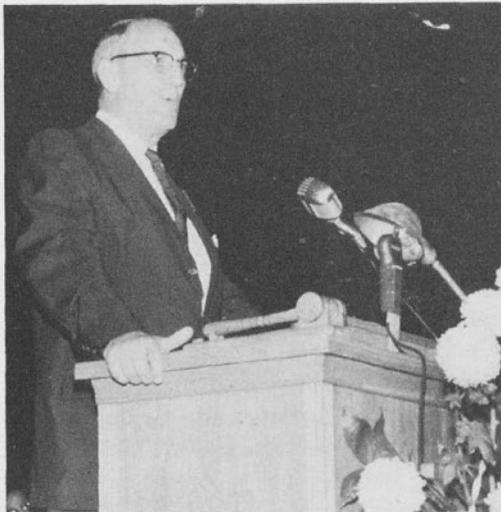
NOEL PERKIN RETIRES AFTER 33 YEARS SERVICE AS MISSIONS SECRETARY

◀◀◀◀ After 33 years of continuous service as executive secretary of the Foreign Missions Department, Noel Perkin resigned. J. Philip Hogan, promotional secretary of the Foreign Missions Department, was elected as Brother Perkin's successor and given the position of an assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God.

Victor G. Greisen, instructor at the Assemblies of God Bible school in Mariager, Denmark, and former superintendent of the Kansas district, was appointed field secretary for Europe, the Middle East and Southern Asia. He replaces George Carmichael who is retiring. ▶▶▶▶

Awards Presented at Foreign Missions Rally Service

Noel Perkin presented awards for missionary giving. Tom Cunningham, district missionary secretary for Southern California, received the award in behalf of his district for first place in giving. Southern California gave \$1,087,482.30 in 1957-58. Mrs. Marie Brown, pastor of Glad Tidings Tabernacle in New York City, received the award for the church with the largest missionary offerings. Her church gave \$94,975.67 in 1957-58. ▶▶▶▶▶



◀◀◀◀ Everett L. Phillips, field secretary for Africa, was a speaker at the Global Conquest Rally. He revealed that in the past five years the number of Assemblies of God members overseas has increased more than 147 per cent.

Six telephones were kept busy receiving offering reports from Assemblies around the nation. Phone calls recorded \$52,629.76. Cash and ▼ pledges totaled \$22,458.07, bringing the Global Conquest offering ▼ to \$75,087.83 by press time.



What About Your Magazine Rack?



SOME TIME AGO WE WERE GUESTS IN the home of a fine Christian couple. The family is closely connected with the church, and both parents participate in church activities. The home was handsomely furnished and in immaculate order. However, one thing was conspicuous for its absence. That home was deplorably lacking in Christian magazines and other Christian literature. Perhaps it *was* more orderly than a home where magazines and books cover the tables and fill the racks; still, it failed to give a vital witness to that family's interest in the things of God.

Christian reading material in the form of periodicals is sadly lacking in many church homes. By Christian reading material we do not refer to the poorly conceived and poorly written novels and booklets which are often a disgrace to the Christian faith and certainly to good literature. We refer rather to magazines and books that deal directly with issues and developments which concern the Christian community and individual. We refer to the reading matter that brings the principles of the Scripture to grips with modern life. There is often too little of this in our Christian homes.

This may be accounted for by the intrusion of new methods of communication into the home. This is, however,

only a partial explanation. More magazines and books are being published today than ever before. Perhaps we are too fearful of spending a few dollars for Christian periodicals because "no one reads them anyway."

Our problem is a failure of the Christian home to realize the value of Christian periodicals, and a lack of interest on the part of Christians in the work of the Church. Children are not interested if parents are not. And parents sometimes fail to realize that one article in a periodical may so touch the lives of their children for good as to be worth far more than the subscription price. Not every sermon may be worth a pastors' salary, but when the aggregate influence of his sermons is felt over the years it takes on far more value than his stipend. So the total impact of a magazine must be taken into account.

Too little is done in many homes to encourage good reading habits. Besides the ready availability of the periodical and the example of the parents, children and young people must be encouraged to read by having interesting and worthy articles casually called to their attention. If we spent as much effort encouraging youth to read the worthwhile as we do in discouraging the comic book, we might gain in both

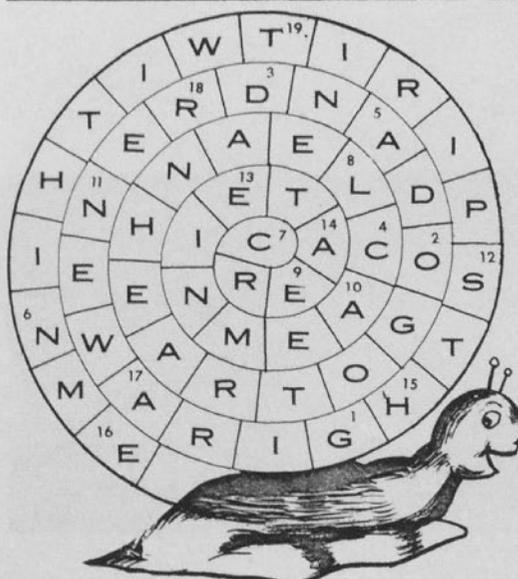
directions. We need to make the reading habits of our children a matter of prayer.

Many people are unaware of available periodicals. We recall one church that observed a "Christian Magazine Week." This not only acquainted the people with the available materials, but encouraged them to subscribe to the better ones. Church librarians could do much in this direction by providing for the loan of magazines to its members. Church and Sunday school teachers as well as families could greatly benefit by the magazine lending service. October is Protestant Press Month, and an excellent time for every church to explore the possibilities in this field.

The Christian press seeks to stimulate thinking through the religious periodical. It brings information with the purpose of encouraging development toward Christian maturity. The Christian magazine does its work over and over again. Hudson Taylor was led into the Christian life through reading a tract he found on his father's library table. How often his father must have thanked God for that little incident, and how richly the cause of Christ benefited from it.

Placing Christian literature in the home is like planting good seed in a

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FOR THE JUNIOR READER

THE BIBLE SNAIL

Snails are usually slow, but we hope you won't be slow in discovering the two hidden messages in this snail. In it you'll find: (1) a complete Bible verse; and (2) a hidden message in that verse.

Here's what to do. Start at the very center of the spiral—the letter "C." Take each letter in order, writing it down in a straight line. When you think you have the letters of a word, leave some space before you start

the next letter. You can check this answer by looking up Psalm 51:10.

Notice also that some of the letters have small numbers. Take these letters in the order of the numbers, and work just as you did for the Bible verses. You'll find a four-word message that is something like the original verse.

And if you haven't already done it, we hope you'll ask God to do for you what the verse says He can do. You will always be glad you did.



Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS
BY R. G. CHAMPION

Monday, October 12

Read: Galatians 1:1-12

Learn: "Our Lord Jesus Christ...gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father" (Galatians 1:3, 4).

For the Parent: This epistle to the Galatians was written by Paul primarily to correct the legalistic teachings which had entered the church. After his greeting he points out what the true gospel is (vv. 3-5), and then chides them for being so far removed from the true gospel. If any person presents a gospel other than this true gospel, he is to be accursed.

Question Time: Why did Paul write to the Galatians? What is the true gospel?

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. John C. Bennett (Indian) Idaho; Mrs. A. W. Hargrave Nigeria; Mrs. D. V. Plymire, Formosa; E. E. Vincent, Hawaii.

Tuesday, October 13

Read: Galatians 1:11-24

Learn: "It pleased God...to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen" (Galatians 1:15, 16).

For the Parent: Review the material studied yesterday. Then point out: (1) the source of the gospel Paul preached, vv. 11, 12; (2) his own life before it was touched by the gospel, vv. 13, 14; (3) his commission—to preach Christ, vv. 15, 16; (4) the events following his conversion—his three years alone, learning from the Lord and his meetings with the apostles, vv. 16-24. Christ is the center of the gospel. We must always keep Him there.

Question Time: What was Paul's commission? (v. 16) How did Paul know the gospel? (v. 12)

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. L. E. Dowdy, Chile; James S. Kessler, Ghana; David

E. Wakefield, Togo-Dahomey; David C. Zeissler, Philippines.

Wednesday, October 14

Read: Galatians 2:1-14

Learn: "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ" (Galatians 2:16).

For the Parent: Review the material studied previously this week. From this passage emphasize the fact that different Christians have different places of responsibility in God's work—illustrated by Peter and Paul. Instead of criticizing those whose work is different from ours, we should remember that we are all members of the same body and that we are to work together to build up God's kingdom. Show how we should beware of jealousy, envy, strife, etc.

Question Time: What is the important truth of this passage? How does it relate to us?

Thursday, October 15

Read: Genesis 27:22-34

Learn: "He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight" (Psalm 101:7).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Jacob Wrongs His Brother" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Review this story, pointing out how Jacob deceived his father and took from his brother, Esau, the blessing. It is never right to try to attain something right by wrong means. Jacob had a day of reckoning coming when he had to settle with God. Let us always beware of deceit and lies.

Question Time: How did Jacob deceive his father? Why did he do it?

Missionary Birthdays: William S. Brooke, Costa Rica; Richard W. Dortch, Belgium; J. Paul Bruton, E. Africa; Mrs. J. L. Franklin, Guatemala; Mrs. Nettie Jurgensen, Japan; Richard M. Scotti, Europe.

Friday, October 16

Read: Acts 8:27-38; 10:1-8, 44 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6).

For the Parent: From these two stories emphasize the manner in which God met the seeking heart, bringing the joy of salvation to the Ethiopian, and salvation and the infilling of the Spirit to Cornelius. God uses human vessels to make His message known. We have the assurance from God's Word that if we genuinely desire spiritual things, God will not disappoint us.

Question Time: How did God satisfy the spiritual hunger of the Ethiopian? of Cornelius? (See above)

Missionary Birthday: Mrs. D. A. Pew, Hawaii.

Saturday, October 17

Read: Genesis 2:16, 17; 3:1-24 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "I will be sorry for my sin" (Psalm 38:18).

For the Parent: Sin was not always in the world. This lesson shows how it entered into man's life. Discuss what sin is—missing the mark of what God intends for us. Also discuss how and why Adam and Eve sinned. Bring out sin's terrible results, including 1 Corinthians 15:21, 22. When we sin, it causes us—and others—trouble and suffering. We can be cleansed from our sins by accepting Jesus as our Saviour.

Question Time: How did sin enter the world? (See above) What is sin? (See above) How can we be cleansed from sin? (See above)

Missionary Birthdays: Mrs. A. G. Johnson, South India; Paul H. Moore, Upper Volta.

Missionary Birthday for Sunday: Dorothy Hill (Deaf), Mo.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Since world conditions will not permit her to return for service on the China-Tibetan border, Mrs. D. V. Plymire has sailed for Formosa to do missionary work among the Mandarin-speaking people. Pray that the Lord will use her mightily there.

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Pray for the new Bible school which opened at Bayamon, Puerto Rico, this fall. Finances are needed to complete the building and to furnish the school throughout.

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The city-wide revival continues in Tokyo, Japan. Pray that it will spread throughout the Japanese Islands.

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Although the Evangelistic Center in Cebu City, Philippine Islands, has been started, there are not enough

funds on hand to complete the structure so that it may be occupied. Pray that God will supply this need.

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Sunday, October 18, is Speed-the-Light Dollar Day. Please pray that offerings for this purpose will be sufficient to meet the urgent needs now faced by our missionaries.

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The Assemblies of God Press in Nigeria, West Africa, is desperately in need of a paper cutter to trim the large volumes of gospel literature being printed. Pray that God will supply this need.

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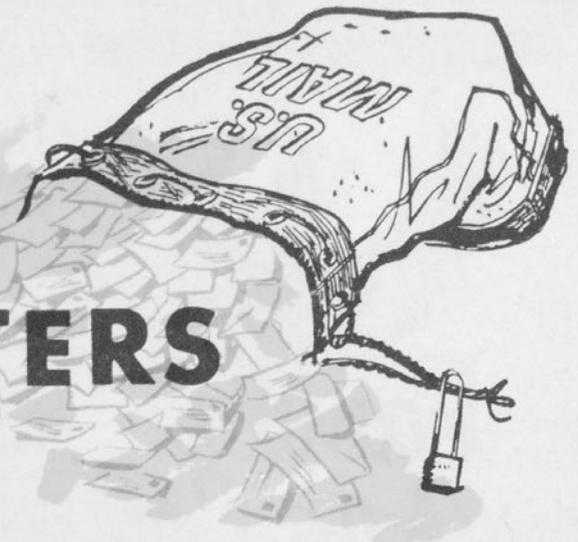
Statehood has created new problems for our missionaries in Hawaii. Pray that the Lord will help them in evangelizing the Islands which are predominantly Buddhist.



EXCERPTS FROM

Revivaltime

LETTERS



Compiled by STANLEY MICHAEL

FROM VANCOUVER, B. C., CANADA, a lady wrote, "Since your message tonight, tears have been filling my eyes and I just want to thank God again and again for that message as it did encourage me."

People all over the world are in need of spiritual encouragement and help. The devil would like to defeat the Church of Jesus Christ and discourage those who would live for Him. The ministry of *Revivaltime* has been a source of blessing to men and women everywhere. It reaches listeners in every walk of life—from those in quaint obscure villages to those in the large, overcrowded apartment houses in our bustling cities.

Baldwinsville, N. Y.

"Last Sunday night we listened to your sermon on gambling. As a result my husband quit playing in a ball pool."—Mrs. H.

Akron, Ohio

"I have been a regular listener to your *Revivaltime* program ever since I discovered it. I cannot tell you in words how much your gospel messages have meant to me. *Revivaltime* always has the message I need for that particular time."—Mrs. T. G.

Hillsboro, Oreg.

"Believe it or not, your message of How Good Do I Have to Be Before God Forgives Me? was just for me. A few days previous to your broadcast I was in such a depth of despair because the adversary had made me believe I wasn't good enough and God wouldn't forgive my sins. I have been a believer for many years yet Satan tormented me with such fears that I was in agony of soul. But praise the Lord, your message of deliverance came

over the air. I almost shouted from the housetop."—Mrs. O. L.

Dayton, Ohio

"I think yours is the best on the radio. You get more said in fifteen minutes than some do in half an hour."—Mrs. A.

Knoxville, Tenn.

"I would like to commend you for the wonderful work you are doing through your *Revivaltime* broadcast. It is certainly a real treat to hear the gospel after listening to so many "modern" sermons. I always look forward to your broadcast for it leaves me with a challenge to live closer to His teachings."—K. B.

St. Helens, Oreg.

"We listen to your program each Sunday night. It has grown to be just as much a part of our Sunday as Sunday school and the Sunday night service. Many a time I was in low spirits and needed a lift from someone, and when you came on you had the fulfillment of my need. You can just make anyone want to love Jesus more and serve Him better each time you speak."—Mrs. J. G.

Charleston, S. C.

"Your sermon on marriage was the most understanding, uplifting sermon I have ever heard on this subject. You should repeat it at least once a year. We love your program and look forward to it each Sunday night."—Mrs. M. M.

Willits, Calif.

"Your program has been of great help to me. For years I had taken just a casual interest in religion and now after hearing one of your broadcasts (quite by accident) my soul thirsts for fulfillment."—E. S.

Mattoon, Ill.

"It is a pleasure to welcome *Revivaltime* to WLBH and all east-central Illinois. I know that your weekly message will be of great spiritual benefit to thousands every Sunday morning throughout our listening area. May God bless the wonderful missionary work of your fine organization through radio."—Pres. and Gen. Mgr., Mattoon Broadcasting Co.

Georgetown, British Guiana

"I would have you accept my assurance that I have received the greatest possible benefit from listening to your broadcast's eloquent sermons. They are always convincing and inspiring. They have been a source of great spiritual comfort to me."—E. W., Barrister-at-law

Wilmington, Calif.

"I asked you some time ago to pray for me that I would receive the Baptism, and praise God two weeks ago I received the Holy Spirit while praying at home. It's the most wonderful thing that ever happened to me, and

RADIO NEWS FLASH

The following stations have been added to the *Revivaltime* radio log:

WEST POINT, GA. (WRLD)

1490 kc.—250 watts

Sundays, 8:30 a.m.

ALBANY, OREG. (KWIL)

790 kc.—1,000 watts

ANDERSON, S. C. (WAIM)

1230 kc.—250 watts

Sundays, 10:30 p.m.

on the following Sunday night I was baptized in water."—I. T.

Kansas City, Mo.

"I am twelve years old. I love *Revivaltime*, its choir, and musicians, and especially I love to listen to your message for unsaved souls."—D. H.

Old Hickory, Tenn.

"Your choir has certainly been a blessing to me, as I feel sure they have been to others. It was hearing your choir sing 'Room at the Cross' that first inspired me to start listening to your weekly message, and your messages have meant more to me than I could ever express with words."—Mrs. P. C.

Twelve million people listen to *Revivaltime* every week. The anointed singing and preaching of God's Word has brought strength and victory to many listeners.

Among our listeners are many invalids and aged friends. They look forward to every broadcast. Then there are others who are looking forward to the spiritual uplift and blessing they will receive. They are looking to you to bring that message of hope and cheer to them. Send your letter of encouragement to REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI.

Do not be content with rebuking men when they do wrong, but lay your hand upon their shoulder and tell them that you are sure they are capable of better things, that the possibility of saintship is deep down in the soul.—F. B. Meyer.

ENLIST NOW!



1959 SUNDAY SCHOOL
ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

If sinners go to hell at death, are they not already judged? Why then a coming judgment for them? Luke 16:19-26

The place to which the rich man went was "hades." This is the same place the Old Testament calls "sheol." This place was divided into two parts; the one to which the righteous went was called "Abraham's bosom" because the faithful went to be with faithful Abraham. The rich man went to the compartment of the lost. The unrighteous go to hades (translated *hell* in the A.V.) there to await the final judgment. At the time of the final judgment, death and hell (hades) will be cast into the lake of fire. Thus death will cease to be, and hades, the intermediate place, will be no more (Revelation 20:13-15).

You say we should support the rulers of this world, but the Bible teaches that "the friendship of the world is enmity with God" (James 4:4). How do you reconcile these two statements?

Both Paul and Peter taught God's people to honor and obey the civil powers (Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-15). If a person does not wish to honor those in authority, he ought not to look to them for his protection. Do away with respect for civil government and anarchy takes its place.

If a person makes a vow while in confusion, does God require that such vow be kept?

When a person in Israel made a vow before God, it was held to be very serious. We find, however, that some vows were not kept. These were vows made between men. There were those in Jerusalem, for instance, who vowed that they would not eat until they had slain Paul, but when he escaped their hands they had to break the vow and eat or they would have starved.

If God is dealing with our hearts and we make a covenant with Him, we ought to fulfill our covenant. But people sometimes make vows which they later see were unwise or foolish. I doubt that God holds them to keep such. Saul of Tarsus vowed in his heart to exterminate the Christians. Then he was saved and, instead of seeking their destruction, he became one of their great defenders.

Does 1 Corinthians 7:14 teach that children of unsaved parents are lost?

The verse could leave the impression that were both parents unsaved, the little children would be lost were they to die. However, the real meaning is not a matter of salvation or damnation but of covenant relation. Paul assured the believing parent, whose companion was unsaved, that the child was a child of the covenant. This is a beautiful truth. At the circumcision of a Jewish child he was considered a child of the covenant which God had made with Abraham, and he was given a name. He was then in the covenant family. But the time came when he must assume his covenant duties. This took place on his thirteenth birthday. He was then called a "son of the law" and was responsible for assuming his full duties under the law.

May Christian parents be sure that their little ones are under the New Testament covenant, not forgetting that they must later make their own decisions as to whether they will serve the Lord or not.

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri. Brother Williams will answer either in this column or by a personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



JACOB WRONGS HIS BROTHER

Sunday School Lesson for October 18, 1959

GENESIS 27:22-34

We have before us another illustration of the utter truthfulness of God's record concerning those who played a part in His plan and program. No attempt is made to cover up or excuse the sins and failings of His chosen ones. The Bible gives us the unvarnished record of the deceit, jealousy, and subterfuge of a family which God had chosen to bless.

ISAAC'S PLOT (Genesis 27:1-4)

What was Isaac's motive in these verses? Though he claimed to be at the point of death, he lived for forty years after this event. Isaac was definitely partial to Esau. This partiality, plus an inordinate physical appetite, led him into wrong doing; namely, that of attempting to transfer secretly to Esau the blessing which, as he clearly understood from prophecy (25:23), rightly belonged to Jacob.

REBEKAH'S COUNTER—PLOT (Verses 5-17)

Rebekah's conduct was likewise inexcusable. She, too, was guilty of favoritism. She dearly loved Jacob. But her love was unprincipled. Unprincipled love, instead of being a blessing, becomes a curse. And Rebekah was not the last woman to bring tragedy to herself and others because of selfish love. Rebekah deliberately encouraged her son to lie and to deceive his father. She paid dearly for her sin, for because of the deception her son became an exile and she never saw him again.

JACOB'S DECEPTION (Verses 18-27)

Jacob was not vicious by nature, but weak. Reluctant to comply with his mother's calculated plan to deceive, he lacked moral courage and was powerless to resist. And, as is always the case, one wrong step led to another. Jacob lied, simulated his brother's dress and skin, deceived his father by direct falsehood, and used God's name insincerely. Yet this same man became a prince with God! Does God put a premium on rascality? Never! Jacob reaped bitterly. He reaped more than he sowed. He deceived his father and in later years his children deceived him. Genesis 37:31-34. However, if the Master Potter could fashion such unattractive clay into so fair a vessel, will He not do the same for us who see in ourselves so many resemblances to Jacob?

JACOB'S BLESSING (Verses 28-29)

Why did God choose such an unattractive character as Jacob to become the recipient of the Abrahamic blessing? God alone knows the complete answer, for His purposes are inscrutable and unquestionable. Jacob did not deserve God's grace. But then, who does?

On the surface, Jacob's character was unappealing, and at times even repulsive. He never would have won a popularity contest, or a prize for good citizenship. However, beneath the surface he was a different man. He had

a true appreciation of spiritual things even if he did try to obtain them in the wrong way. This appreciation was not just a mood of the moment but a constant attitude. Though he was slow in getting there, he finally came to the place where he was completely true to the hunger God had placed in his heart.

ESAU'S LAMENTATION (Verses 34-42)

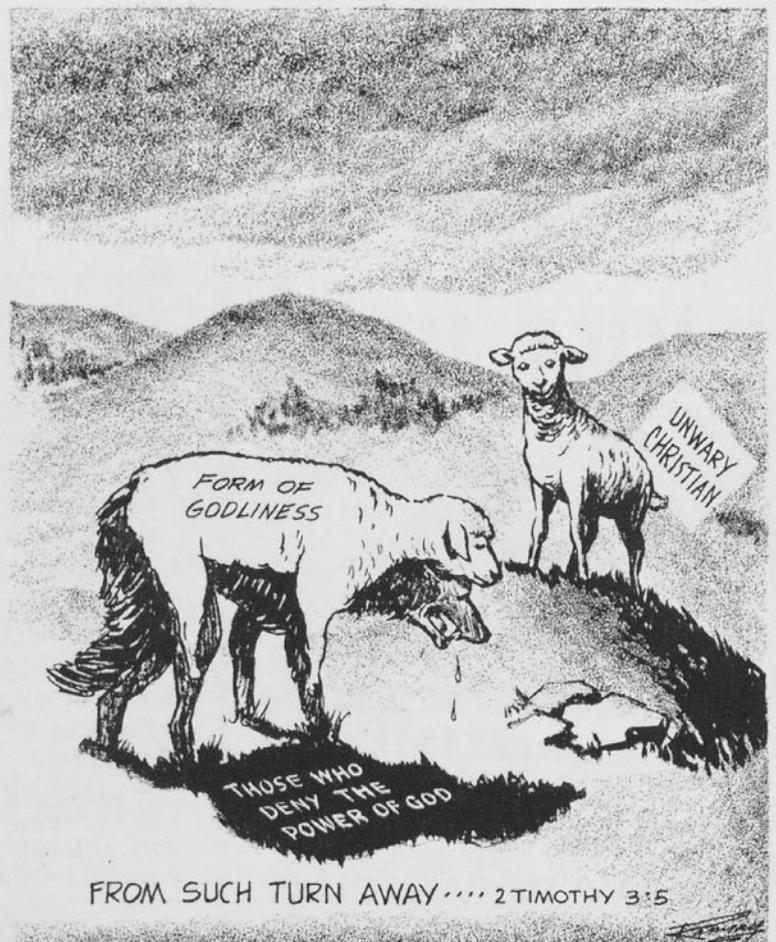
When Esau discovered that his father had pronounced over Jacob the blessing he had intended to pronounce over Esau, "he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry." His tears were tears of frustration and humiliation and not an expression of sorrow for having lost anything of spiritual value. His indignation at Jacob was expressed in lying words. Undoubtedly, Jacob had supplanted him and taken unfair advantage of him; yet the fact remains that Esau had himself to blame for striking the bargain concerning the birthright. Again, his frankly spoken intention of killing Jacob makes it quite evident that there was nothing spiritual in his conduct or attitude. Consider the following lessons which may be drawn from this sad and sordid story:

(1) *The end does not justify the means.* We may not do evil in order that good may come of it. God's work must be done in God's way. What God has promised He will work out without carnal help from us.

(2) *"Be sure your sin will find you out."* All four parties in the plot were guilty of wrong conduct and all four paid a dear price for their folly. Each sought by carnal devices to work out selfish desires. How different it would have been if they had lived in God's presence, moved as His Spirit moved, and trusted Him to fulfill His own good will.

—J. Bashford Bishop

"PERILOUS TIMES"



General Council

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Following a song by the Parsons Quartet, "Jesus, Saviour, O What a Name," and a vocal solo by Paul Berg, missionary to Japan, the sermon was delivered by David A. Hastie, Pastor of Bethel Temple, St. Louis, Mo. His text was Isaiah 32:2—"A man shall be as an hiding place from the wind. . . , as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." He said that Jesus brings us both safety and consolation. In the course of a most inspiring sermon he told the story of his own healing which occurred a few years ago. He said that in the darkest hour of his life, when he lay dying and had no hope of recovery, God answered his wife's intercessory prayers and enabled him to find refuge and strength in Christ.

The General Presbyters sat on the platform, and at the conclusion of the sermon they gave bread and wine to all the people who then united in a blessed Communion service.

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A Subtle Temptation

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Bible which shows us that God requires some measure of perfection in holiness. That expression is "without spot." Under the law, God required the sacrifices to be *without spot*. We read in Ephesians 5:27 that the Church is to be *without spot* or wrinkle. In Hebrews 9:14 we read that Christ offered Himself *without spot* to God for us. In his definition of pure religion, James said one should "keep himself *unspotted* from the world."

Israel was a separate people because God had called them out. There were three things that marked them as separate: the things they *said*, the things they *wore*, and the things they *ate*. Is not the Christian known much the same way?

What is the manner of your conversation? Some years ago I worked with a man who made a great profession of Christianity, but neither I nor the others who worked with him considered him a Christian. Why? He told the same dirty jokes as the un-

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godly and used the same swear words they used. Of course, you don't do that, but is your conversation as becometh saints? How is your conversation regarding your brother? What do you prefer as a topic of conversation when talking with others?

God's Word also has a great deal to say about how we should dress and conduct ourselves. The wise man or woman will gladly take heed to it, for whether we like it or not, if we dress gaudily or immodestly the world will judge our Christianity accordingly. We cannot win a man to God who has no confidence in our own personal experience.

The Israelites were also known by what they ate. I am sure the Lord is not concerned whether we live on meat or vegetables as long as we are temperate in our eating, but He is vitally interested in what we feed the spiritual man. What are your favorite TV programs? What reading materials do you enjoy most? What we do in these matters affects not only our own spiritual lives but also other souls for whom Christ died. The Scripture tells us, "We are living epistles, known and read of all men." It is a sobering

thought to ponder—how they read you and me.

Every movement God has ever used has been strong in holiness. When they cooled off and stopped emphasizing holiness and separation and started walking as the world, they died spiritually and lost their power with God. I realize there are inconsistencies with some along this line; but we need to study the Word of God and to walk before Him in true holiness for the sake of our testimony and the work of the Lord. Zealous preaching without holy living becomes as sounding brass and tinkling cymbals, but Spirit-anointed preaching with consistent holy living is a combination which will do wonders in reaching men and women for God.

As a movement and as individuals, the winning of souls is our primary responsibility. We can care for orphans, educate the young, and provide for the aged, but if we fail to get men to God we have failed in our primary purpose.

Let us take a look at our foreign missionary vision. We have always been proud of the fact that we are a missionary movement. We thank God for our missionaries, for the Bible schools training national workers, and for the



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scores of nationals already preaching the gospel to their own people. When we think of what has been done we are prone to swell our chests in pride of accomplishment and yield to the temptation to cool off in the matter of missionary giving. But the task is not finished. The population is growing faster than we are reaching them with the gospel. Instead of cooling off, we need to increase and enlarge our missionary program in every way possible.

In a recent issue of *The Pentecostal Evangel* it was stated that the population of the world is increasing at the rate of 129,600 every 24 hours. It is also estimated that one billion people now living have never heard the name of Jesus.

At the same time it might be interesting to note that per capita we give much less to missions than some other groups which we feel have less truth to give to the world. God grant that every member of our great movement will catch a vision of our responsibility in world evangelism and support world missions as never before.

But how are we going to do it? One of the best ways to increase foreign missions is to support home missions. The increasing of foreign missionary giving will be done largely through establishing new churches at home. We praise God for the progress we have made, but anyone who feels we have evangelized the country completely is sadly mistaken. Our aim is to establish one church for every 10,000 people living in our country. How do we stand now? A little over 8,000 churches for over 175 million people. This means we have less than half of the churches we need in the United States. Our population increases at the rate of almost five million a year. This means we must establish 450 churches a year just to keep up with the increasing population, to say nothing of over 8,000 churches we need right now.

There are a number of realms where, as a movement, we need to increase our activities, but none of them will compare to the need of stimulated action in the home missionary field. This is true, not only for the sake of reaching the people of America with the gospel, but also for the growth and development of every department of our movement. We are dependent upon it. At the present time we are sup-

porting over 700 foreign missionaries, but with another 8,000 churches this number can be doubled.

By the same token the increase of churches in America will make it far easier to support our schools, benevolences, *Revivaltime*, and other national departments, as well as doubling the output of the Gospel Publishing House.

There are cities, towns, and villages by the hundreds in our country without a full-gospel voice. I plead with you to work and live for souls and pray God will give you a burning vision of reaching these multitudes with the full gospel.

The future holds for us as a movement one of the greatest challenges ever laid down before mortal man. I pray God will help us to accept that challenge and go forward with Him under the anointing of the Holy Spirit in a life of true holiness. May God help our people to pray until the places where they are assembled will be shaken by the power of God. May we, as ministers and Christian workers, be filled with God and His anointing until, like Peter and John, we will be able to meet the needs of the people and our converts will be numbered in the thousands. ◀◀

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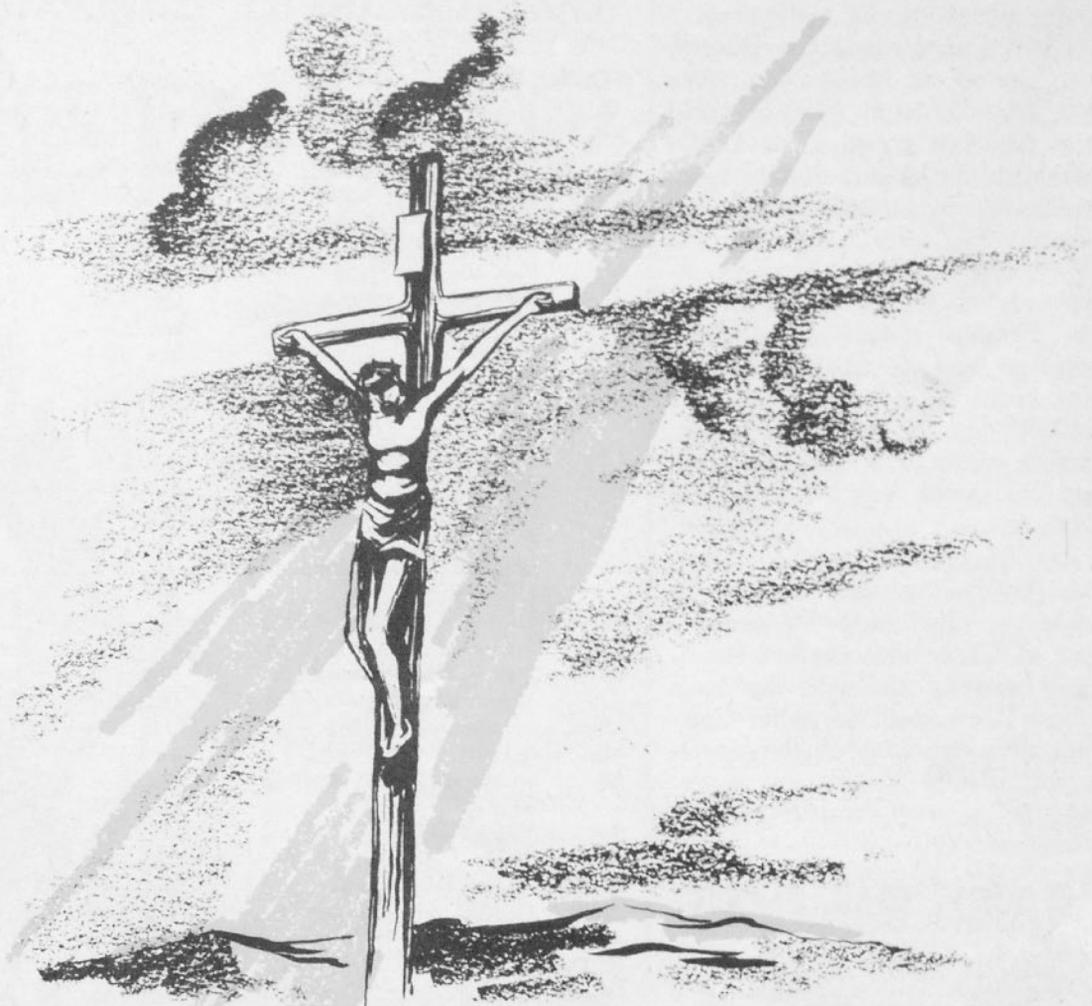
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