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TWO MILLION SIGNS OF

MORE THAN 40 YEARS AGO I attended the funeral of my Uncle Bill. His loved ones had watched him die. His doctors and the New York City Bureau of Vital Statistics had pronounced and recorded that William Steil was dead. The metropolitan press had carried his obituary. All my relatives and I filed past the bier, paying our last respects to Uncle Bill, who lay in his coffin. I saw the minister commit his remains to the earth, uttering the familiar words, "Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust." There could be no doubt about it—Uncle Bill was dead. There was one more vacant chair in our family circle.

Suppose now that at our next family reunion we all prepared to sit down to a big dinner, when lo! there in the flesh sits Uncle Bill, dominating the conversation as was his habit, informing all as to what is wrong with business, politics, and government. There he sits, very vocal, very much alive, passing his plate for a second helping. Imagine! After 40 years Uncle Bill has risen from the dead and rejoined the family circle. Wouldn't that be startling? Incredible?

Nineteen hundred years ago there was a death in the family of nations. Uncle Israel had been ailing for some centuries, and he finally succumbed. Specialists like Dr. Isaiah had warned him that he had a deadly sickness in his whole body, "from the sole of the foot even unto the head" (Isaiah 1:6). John the Baptist preached his funeral sermon (Matthew 3:9, 10). The Lord Jesus Christ was the chief mourner, and He wept with broken heart over the remains (Luke 19:41-44).

In A.D. 70 God's executioners slew Uncle Israel (as a nation) and buried his remains in the grave of world Gentiledom (Luke 21:24). Read the words of the death certificate, "Behold, your house is left unto you desolate" (Matthew 23:28).

And yet, today as the family of nations sits down at the United Nations headquarters, there, sitting among them, is none other than Uncle Israel—very much alive, very vocal (just like my Uncle Bill), and insistently passing his dinner plate for a "second helping" of delicious Gaza Strip and Suez gravy. We are amazed. It cannot be! The old man has been dead for 1,900 years. But there he sits, very much alive.

My friend, you and I have lived to witness the greatest resurrection miracle since the resurrection of Christ. A nation, dead for almost 2,000 years, has been raised to life. The God of all power, who predicted and decreed the national death and burial, and by whose divine oversight it was carried out, also predicted He would raise the nation from the dead. Let the reader prayerfully read Ezekiel 37:11-14. God showed Ezekiel the burial ground of national Israel, the valley of dry bones, and said, "These bones are the whole house of Israel." Then hear the thrilling words: "Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O my people, I will open your

graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel...and I shall place you in your own land." Over two million Jews in Palestine constitute two million signs of the times!

Let us go back once more to the record of Israel's death. The Bureau of Vital Statistics (history) tells us it occurred in A.D. 70. In the words of John the Baptist, the "tree" of national Israel was hewn down by the axe of divine judgment. Only the stump remains; the tree is destroyed.

Now, come closer. What kind of tree was this? Why, a fig tree, of course! God calls Israel His fig tree. (See Joel 1:7.) In Matthew 21:18, 19 we see the Son of God coming to the fig tree, hungry for fruit. "He came unto his own, and his own received him not" (John 1:11). He smote the tree with words of judgment. He delegated Titus and his Roman legions to carry out the dread death sentence. The fig tree died by divine decree.

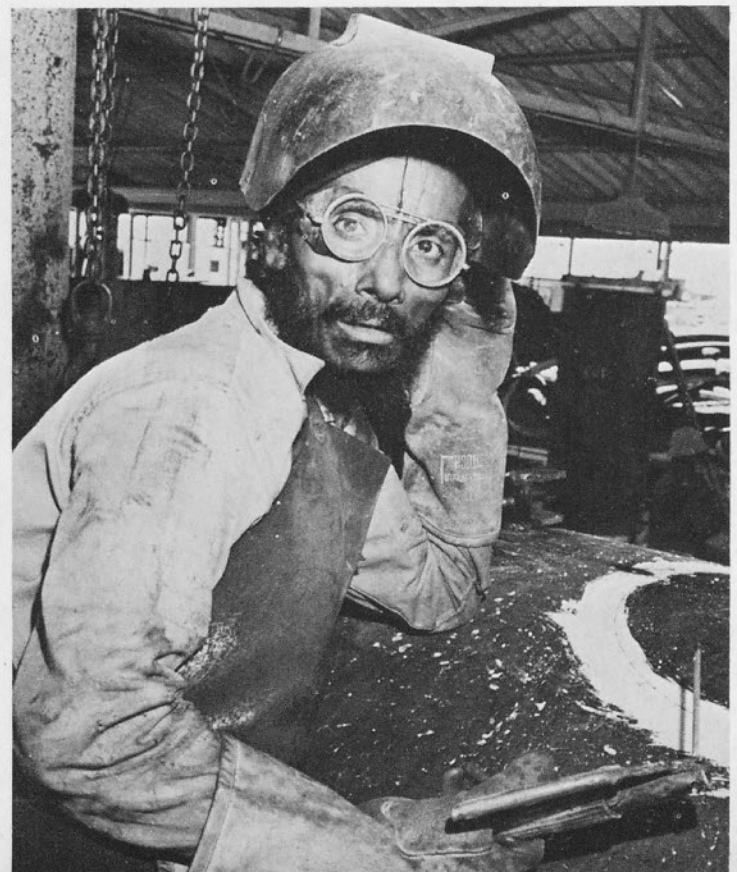
But wait! In Luke 21:29, 30 we hear the Son of God predicting a resurrection for the fig tree. He predicts that it shall "shoot forth" and bud. The Lord "shall set his hand again the second time" (Isaiah 11:11, 12) and perform a miracle of national resurrection. A nation shall be born in a day (Isaiah 66:8).

Now, let us come back to the 20th century and look at the forest of nations. "Behold the fig tree, and all the trees" (Luke 21:29). What do you see among the forest of Gentile trees? You see a fig tree stump, dead these 19 centuries—but it is budding! It is sending forth shoots. Let us examine some of these "second-growth shoots." They look to be very sturdy, very healthy, significantly promising.

THE NUMERICAL SHOOT

Ethnologists tell us that for many centuries the number

By Evangelist HARRY J. STEIL



One of the "signs of the times" is this Yemenite welder working at a factory in Israel. Until a year ago he had never seen a car; now he repairs complicated machinery. Recently many Jews emigrated from Yemen, joining thousands who have come to Israel from scores of lands.

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of Jews in the world remained static at about five million. They were startled to discover in making early 20th-century surveys that as a racial stock the Jews were suddenly increasing 35 percent faster than other races. This "multiplying" of Jewish stock, just as in the days of the Egyptian pharaohs, continued apace, until by the 1940's the world's Jewish population was about 16 million.

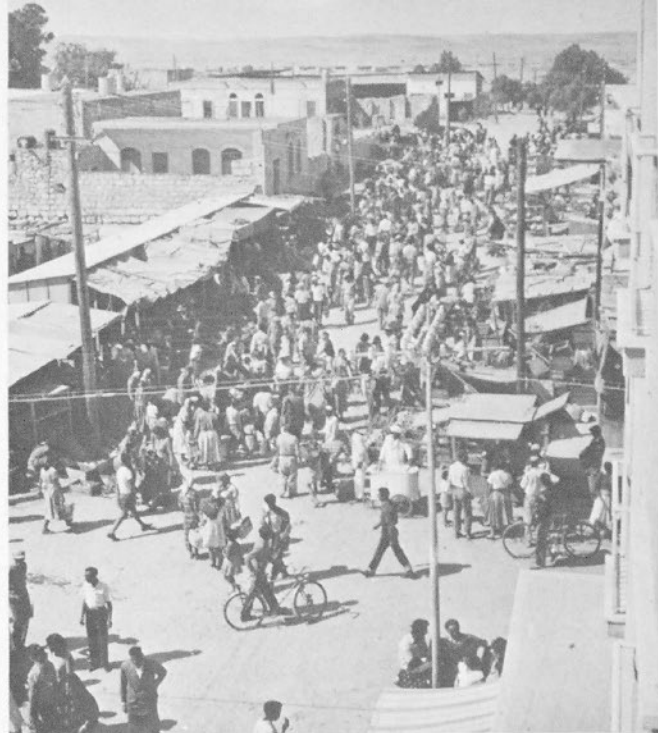
Hitler did his best to fight against the law of fertility, and he reduced the Jewish population by some six million. But this remarkably virile race has recovered from the Hitlerian slaughter. The Jew has attended the funeral of all his persecutors! Recent figures place the world's Jewish population at over 13 million. This constitutes a very healthy "shoot" on the fig tree.

THE TERRITORIAL SHOOT

For centuries previous to 1917 the land of Palestine was in the grasp of the "bloody Turk." The rest of the world was content to let it be so. None of the other nations wanted the arid, sterile, barren hills and deserts of Palestine. The Turkish sultanate had decreed that no more than 300 Jews could reside in Palestine and hold land there at any given time.

World War I changed all that. Out of that "distress of nations" came the Balfour Declaration and the famous scientist, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Zionist leader and first president of Israel.

I can recall how my pastor in those days, A. B. Simpson, wept aloud in his pulpit as he announced the sensational news that Jerusalem and Palestine were no longer to be "trodden down" under the heels of the Turk, but that all 56 signatory powers of the League of Nations Covenant besides the United States had approved the Balfour Declaration. Palestine was to become a



Market scene in Beersheba, center of activity far south in the Negev where Israelis are raising crops in the desert through irrigation.

national home for the Jews of the world. Dr. Simpson believed (as we do today) that this brought into immediate focus the prospect of the imminent return of our Lord, who is also the Jewish Messiah.

What does this second "shoot" from the fig tree stump reveal? There are today in Palestine over two million Jews. Here are two million signs of the times. Quite a healthy shoot!

THE POLITICAL SHOOT

A visitor at the U. N. sees the flags of many member nations on display. One of the most striking is Israel's. It is blue and white, with a six-pointed star emblazoned on it. The Star of David! It is the ensign of a nation that has come back from the dead to take its place at the council tables of the world. "Behold the fig tree and

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These photos show Tel Aviv, predominantly Jewish, and Jaffa, mostly Arab. The two coastal cities touch each other and formerly were separate municipalities but now are a single metrop-



olis. Photo at left shows Tel Aviv ("Hill of Life") with Jaffa in the background. Photo at right (taken at the same angle, but from a point farther south) gives a general view of Jaffa.

all the trees"—having equal status, equal rights, equal voice among them. A very healthy "shoot."

THE FINANCIAL SHOOT

Over 4,000 years ago the wrath of God was kindled against the "twin cities" of Sodom and Gomorrah. The stench of their wickedness was so great that God destroyed the cities by volcanic fire. The heat of divine wrath was so intense that it left a gigantic crater 1,200 feet below sea level where these "twin cities" once stood.

Then their grave was buried as the waters of the Jordan River flowed into this great depression; and for thousands of years the Jordan and its tributary streams have been pouring the alluvial wealth of the land into the Dead Sea. Today, chemists and businessmen estimate that the Dead Sea contains \$1,200 billion worth of nitrates, potashes, magnesiums, and related chemicals. All of these are essential to agriculture, industry, and munitions manufacture, and they are being extracted and marketed for these very purposes. Just as an expectant father will start a bank account for his unborn child, so the Almighty God opened this "bank account" for the children of Israel even before they came to national birth.

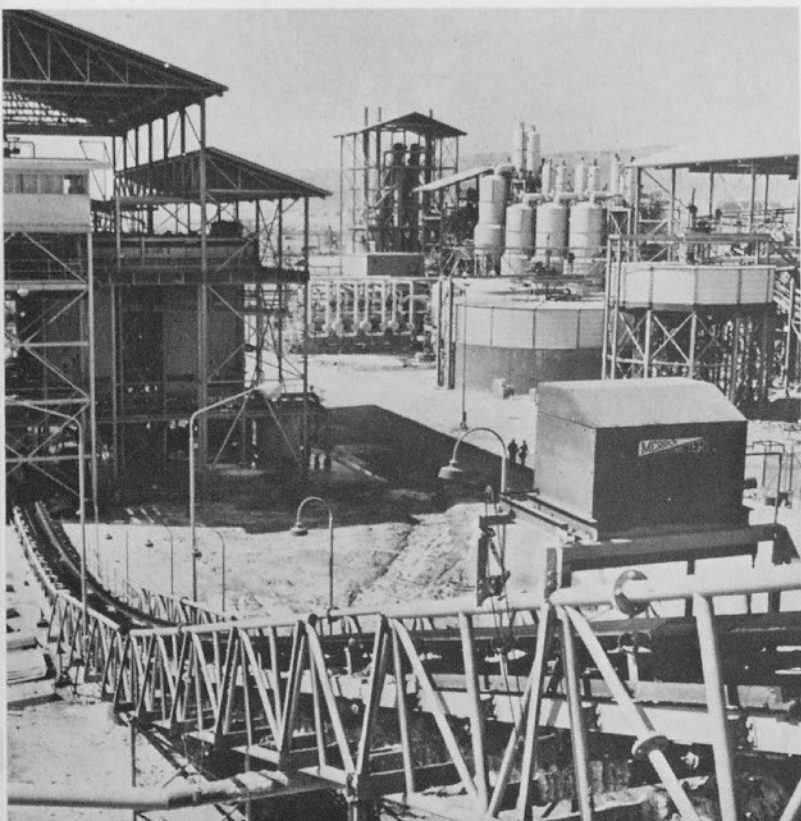
A reading of Ezekiel 38 and 39 indicates that the northern confederacy, headed by Russia, will attempt to take this "spoils," but God says, "I am against thee, O Gog; I will destroy thee upon the mountains of Israel."

Billions of dollars have been poured into the new nation of Israel to revive its agriculture, build its cities, and make it self-supporting. Many statesmen shook their heads and said the new state could not survive financially, but the financial "shoot" that has sprung up out of the stump of the fig tree is amazingly sturdy!

"But," someone will object, "how does all of this talk about Israel concern us? We are not Jews."

No, but our Saviour was a Jew. He was born a Jew, He died as a Jew, and He will return to the earth as the Messiah of the Jews to deliver them from all their troubles. And when He returns, He will reign over all the earth as King of kings and Lord of lords. (Read

Part of the potash works in Sdom, Israel. Here at the site of ancient Sodom the Israelis are mining the vast mineral wealth of the Dead Sea.



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Beginning of a new village in an arid section of Israel. Jewish men don their prayer shawls and hold a religious service to mark the occasion.

Revelation 19.) "The Lord shall be king over all the earth" (Zechariah 14:9).

Therefore, when we see this "shooting forth" from the fig tree, we should be warned that His return is very near. (Read Luke 21.) In the latter half of that chapter Jesus is addressing the Church, His Bride-to-be, and He warns us as follows: "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption [Rapture] draweth nigh." Notice He did not say, "When all these things have been fulfilled." He said that when these things "begin to come to pass," we can know that the Rapture is near.

The Lord Jesus Christ will complete His program for the restoration of Israel to divine favor; but before He has done that, He will first complete His plan for His Church. Israel's full restoration will not take place "until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in"; that is, God must first complete the gathering out of His Church from all the nations (Romans 11:25).

God does not divide humanity into many nations and races of privileged and underprivileged, of majorities and minorities. He divides all of mankind into three groups—Jew, Gentile, Church. Christ will come with a different relationship to each of these.

First, He will come to the Church as her Bridegroom (Matthew 25:1-13; Revelation 19:7-9).

Next, He will come to the Jews as their Messiah King (Matthew 23:37-39; Romans 11:25-27).

Third, He will come to the Gentile nations as King of kings, to reign over them with a rod of iron (Psalm 2; Revelation 19:11-16). If He is already dealing with the "fig tree and all the trees" (Israel and the Gentile nations), isn't it clear that His coming for the Church must be very near indeed?

My friend, I hope you are ready to meet Christ. If not, I would urge you to repent today and return to God. Perhaps you are trying to run away from God, but you can't do it. His presence will follow you wherever you go. Why not repent, and be converted, which means to "turn about." Instead of running away from God, start running toward Him—run right into His waiting, welcoming arms which are open to receive you.

The Bible says, "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:6,7).

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The Bridegroom's Coming

THERE IS EVERY REASON to believe this may be the final hour of the Church Age. God is bringing His ancient people back into the center of the world scene. The Israelis firmly believe they are living in the days of the Messiah. Their eyes are still blinded to the truth that Jesus of Nazareth is He; but just as surely as the Lord has restored them nationally, so surely will He restore them spiritually. "For the Lord hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel" (Micah 6:2).

As we see the world ripening for the end-time judgments can we not hear the Spirit calling to all who name the name of Christ to draw near to Him and be prepared to meet Him in the clouds? How much longer He will tarry we cannot tell. The next great event on God's calendar may be the rapture of the Church preparatory to the marriage supper of the Lamb. It is time the Bride had "made herself ready" for her wedding to Christ (Revelation 19:7).

The hour in God's day of grace is growing late. The later the hour, the easier it is to become drowsy and begin to nod. It was at midnight that the cry was heard, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him" (Matthew 25:6). The ten attendants, however, fell asleep while waiting for the bridegroom. Their purpose was to escort him to the place of the wedding, where the bride was waiting, but he did not appear at the time expected. He "tarried"—and during the delay the attendants grew drowsy.

We might be inclined to excuse the attendants for falling asleep at that late hour, but our Bridegroom expects better things of us. We are not the attendants; we are the bride. His admonition is to watch—*gregoreuo*, "keep awake." He said, "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

It was not the bride who slumbered and slept; it was the attendants. Perhaps the bridegroom's delay made her restless, but she did not grow tired of waiting. She may have been a bit impatient, but she certainly was not drowsy. This was her wedding day. It was the event she had anticipated so long. Her heart was beating fast with excitement and her eager mind was wide awake.

How unspeakably precious is the heart communion between Christ and the members of His Church, His bride! There are times when the Spirit makes His presence so real it seems we could reach out and touch Him. We are moved to pour our hearts out to Him in adoration and inexpressible love. The spirit of worship within us reaches such intensity it seems our hearts may burst! If communion with Him now is so wonderful, what will it be when we see Him face to face, and hear His tender voice!

Are you a lover of Jesus? Are you preparing yourself for the sacred nuptial day? As the hour draws near, yield yourself fully to your Lord and to His service. Abide in His love and let His Word abide in you. Let Christ "dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge" (Ephesians 3:17-19). Christ is coming for a bride who loves Him supremely, worships Him fervently, and serves Him with all her power.

—R.C.C.

THE ARAB AND THE JEW

By WILLIAM WARD AYER



Arab citizens of Israel have the same political rights and welfare privileges as Jewish citizens. Here an Israeli Arab brings his little girl to a public clinic to be treated by a government nurse.

WHO ARE THE ARABS who populate most of the Middle East today? The Bible answers that question. It may not be generally remembered that from Abraham sprang two very extraordinary nations, the Israelites and the Ishmaelites, and that there are remarkable prophecies in the Scriptures concerning both.

If you will turn to Genesis, chapters 16, 17, 21, and 25, you will find the story of these people. Abraham was the father of the Arabs through his adulterous act with Hagar, a handmaiden of Sarah his wife, who gave birth to Ishmael. He was the father also of Israel through Isaac, who was born to Sarah as a result of God's promise. In the 16th chapter of Genesis we read that the angel of the Lord said to Hagar, the mother of Ishmael, "I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude. And he [Ishmael] will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."

Notice in chapter 17, verse 20, that when Isaac was promised to Abraham, God still reserved a blessing for Ishmael and said, "Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly: twelve princes shall be beget: and I will make him a great nation."

Ishmael, however, could never occupy the place which

the descendants of Isaac did, because Ishmael was not a child of promise as was Isaac. Paul in Galatians tells how God said, "Cast out the bondwoman and her son," for Isaac was heir to the promises of God.

Now it is well to note the characteristics of the Arabs. They are descendants of the Ishmaelites and they furnish us with one of the most amazing historical records in the world. In the Middle Ages they were in very deed the ruling nation of the world. In A.D. 700 the Arabs extended their language, religion and culture over an enormous expanse of territory, far surpassing that of all the ancient Semitic empires added together.

In their conquest of Spain we see their nearest approach to world empire. They advanced on French soil and were finally stopped only by Charles Martel (Charles the Hammer) through his great victory at Tours in A.D. 732.

There are many predictions in the Bible concerning the Arab people. Of Ishmael it is written that "he will be a wild man," that is, according to the Hebrew word, literally a wild-ass man; he was predicted to be as wild as a wild ass, the characteristics of which are given in Job 39:5-8. Read it! The descendants of Ishmael, the Arabs, lived in wild country out of the cities, contrary to the Jews who have been scattered into every nation and who have crowded themselves into great urban centers, neglecting in the main to live in rural sections and to participate in agriculture.

In Genesis 21:20 we read that Ishmael dwelt in the wilderness and became an archer. Many of his descendants have been made famous by their skill with bow and arrow. Such were the mighty men of Kedar in Isaiah's time (Isaiah 21:17).

The prophecies of the Bible concerning the Jews and the Arabs prove that the Bible is inspired. For instance, the Bible says of Ishmael, "His hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him." History abundantly proves that the Arabs have lived in a state of continual war with the rest of the world.

There is a remarkable prophecy concerning the clanishness of the Arabs; it is the prediction, "and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren." This seems very extraordinary but it has been fulfilled both in the person of Ishmael and in his posterity. Ishmael "died in the presence of all his brethren" (Genesis 25:18).

In contrast, the Jew has been scattered among the nations; while the Arab has not left his native land. Hardly a handful can be found in any non-Arab country. Ishmael still lives and dies in the presence of all his brethren.

The manner in which the Arabs have retained their racial identity for thousands of years is a miracle as great as the preservation of the Jewish people. Both fill important places in the plan of God.

—Advent Witness (London)

THE CURRENT CONTROVERSY over territorial rights in Palestine is not a new one. This question has been disputed for over 3,000 years.

In 1963 B. C. (Ussher chronology) God appeared to Abraham and called him to leave his home in Ur of the Chaldees (the modern Iraq) and go into the land of Canaan (Palestine). God said, "Unto thy seed will I give this land for an everlasting possession, from the river of Egypt to the great river Euphrates." This promise was repeated four times (Genesis 12:7; 13:15; 15:18; and 17:8) and confirmed to his son Isaac (Genesis 26:2), to his grandson Jacob (Genesis 28:13), and to Moses (Exodus 6:4)—a sevenfold covenant that God would give Palestine to the Jews forever.

By 1491 B. C. Abraham's seed, immigrants in Egypt, had grown to over 2,000,000 souls. Under Moses' leadership they started on their way from Egypt to Palestine to inherit their promised land. However, on arrival at its borders they feared the impending conflict and said to one another: "Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt" (Numbers 14:4). God was displeased and sent them to wander in the wilderness of Sinai for 40 years. He declared, "Ye shall know my breach of promise" (Numbers 14:34). This did not mean He would break His promise, but rather that He would delay or postpone its fulfillment because of their unbelief and sin. The Lord cared for them in the Sinai desert. They were miraculously sustained by bread sent from heaven (manna) and water from a stream out of a smitten rock. They were healed supernaturally from poisonous snakebites. Later God brought them across the Jordan River by a miracle and the Israelites triumphantly took possession of the land which God had promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Years later they forsook God and turned to idols, for which God punished them by expelling them from their land for 70 years—another case of His "breach of promise." However, He mercifully brought them back again under Zerubbabel and once more they dwelt in their own land.

After another 500 years we find this same people rejecting God's own Son, their Messiah, and for this God evicted them once again from Palestine. This time (A.D. 70) the Romans drove them out and they were dispersed among all nations, to remain there "until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24).

From the year A.D. 70 the Jews were without a homeland for many centuries, wandering throughout the world. In 1947 the British, who at that time governed Palestine under a mandate from the League of Nations, became weary of the constant fighting between Arabs and Jews, and turned the country over to the United Nations. The U. N. decided to divide the land between the Arabs and the Jews. They decreed the partition of Palestine, thus unconsciously fulfilling Joel's prophecy, they "parted my land" (Joel 3:2). Evidently this displeased God as well as both the Jews and the Arabs. On May 14, 1948 (the eve of the withdrawal of the British troops) the Jews proclaimed their sovereignty and established the state of Israel. They were immediately attacked by five surrounding Arab nations. The war lasted over seven months. Much blood was spilt on both

sides. On January 7, 1949, an armistice was signed with the Israelis as the victors. At this time 700,000 Arabs fled from Palestine. Intense hatred smoldered through the following years, and in October 1956 war broke out again. Once more the Jews were victorious. In 100 hours they swept across the Sinai desert to the Suez Canal.

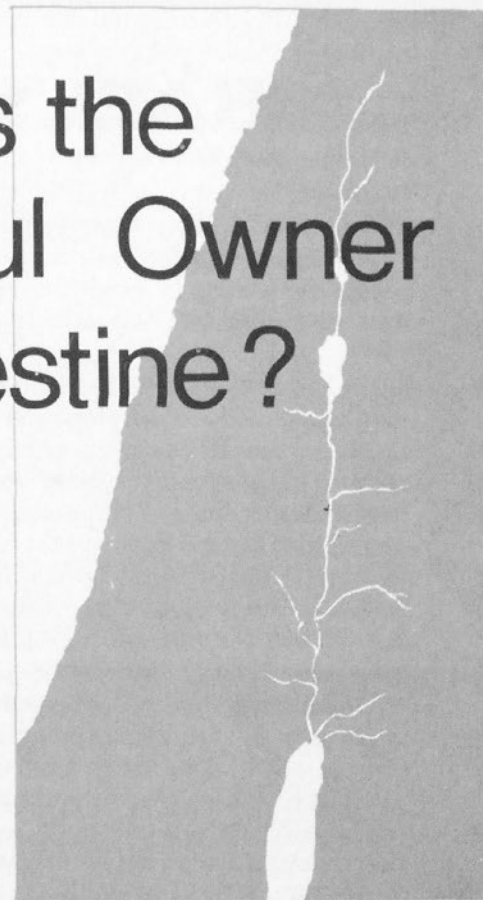
When God gave the promise to Abraham that the seed of Isaac would inherit Palestine, He also said that He would prosper the seed of Ishmael, his other son, and make of him 12 princes or nations (Genesis 17:20; and 25:16). Singularly, on June 5, 1967, exactly 12 Ishmaelitic nations were at war against Israel! Count them: Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Yemen, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, and Iraq. This time only 84 hours sufficed for Israel to conquer the Arab nations who outnumbered them 20 to 1. This surely looks like a confirmation that God has given Palestine to the Jews.

Here again is the divine decree: "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1).

"God that made the world... hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation" (Acts 17:24-26).

"He set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel" (Deuteronomy 32:8).

Who Is the Rightful Owner of Palestine?



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RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE PHOTOS

Two views of Jerusalem, David's royal city. The top view is taken from the west (the part held by Israel since 1948) looking toward the Mount of Olives. The lower photo is taken from the east (the part formerly held by Jordan) looking over the old city wall toward Mount Zion.



ISRAEL'S ANSWER TO THE CRITICS

By ALBERT L. HOY

IN THESE SIGNIFICANT TIMES through which the Lord's people must steadfastly pass, it is spiritually refreshing to recall the apostolic word of consolation that God has not left Himself without a witness (Acts 14:17).

Undoubtedly, that statement has no temporal or geographical restriction, though there are occasions when it is somewhat difficult to establish the identity of the witness. The prophet Elijah, considering himself a solitary crusader in an iniquitous nation, must have been surprised when he learned that he had 7,000 sympathizers (1 Kings 19:18). Our Lord's approval of the work of a nameless disciple similarly astonished the apostle John and erased his concept of esoteric membership in the body of Christ (Mark 9:38-41).

Today such witnesses to the divine presence and purpose are still to be found; but there is none, it seems, which proclaims the outworking of the divine will more clearly or insistently than the nation of Israel.

The adherents of the apologetic social gospel and the glib charlatans of the God-is-dead theory would do well to consider the recent outbreak of warfare in the Middle East. Within six days (June 4-9) a small Israeli army completely overcame all opposition and won conclusive victories on every front. This amazing achievement shocked the world. Even the nations friendly to the Republic of Israel were dumbfounded. One news commentator aptly said, "I am reminded that the Bible says

somewhere an Israelite shall chase a thousand of the enemy." Certainly Joshua would have agreed with him (Joshua 23:10).

Whether we accept Israel's success as an act of God or not, there can be no contradiction of the Biblical assurance that the Lord's national people are fore-ordained to defeat any plan to expel them from the land of their fathers. The prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel both affirm that toward the end of the times of the Gentiles, Israel shall dwell securely in her own land (Jeremiah 23:7, 8; Ezekiel 28:25, 26). Since she attained statehood on May 15, 1948, after 25 ominous centuries in the role of a world wanderer, she has been attacked again and again by her Arab neighbors. Always, however, she has not only repelled these attacks, but has strengthened her territorial position. Two facts, therefore, become painstakingly clear. Israel is in Palestine to stay, and the truth of the Bible is as applicable today as ever it was.

The circumstantial evidence provided by Israel verifies the predictions of the Word of God and may also be regarded as a timely counterstroke against the anti-Biblical criticism that modern society has thrust upon the Church. Israel's present position among the nations bears testimony to the steady unfolding of divine revelation. The chosen people, who since 605 B.C. have seen their homeland ruled by Gentile conquerors—by Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, Romans, Moslems, French,

and British—have now been regathered under the Star of David and have achieved their independence. Nor should there be any hesitation in pointing out that this has happened as an exact fulfillment of Bible prophecy.

The careful student of Scripture is aware that the major prophets of the Old Testament occasionally foretold events which concerned the restoration of Israel to Palestine shortly before the setting up of the Messianic Kingdom. Their predictions make it clear that Israel returns to her homeland without spiritual enlightenment before the close of the times of the Gentiles.

This is in line with Ezekiel's prophecy concerning the valley of dry bones (Ezekiel 37:1-14). The interpretation of the vision is in two consecutive parts. After Ezekiel's first utterance, the bones come together and are clothed with flesh (Ezekiel 37:7,8). This symbolizes the regathering of Israel as a political but not as a spiritual body (verse 12). It is when Ezekiel prophesies the second time that life flows into the inanimate corpses and Israel assumes priestly as well as political functions (Ezekiel 37:9, 10, 14).

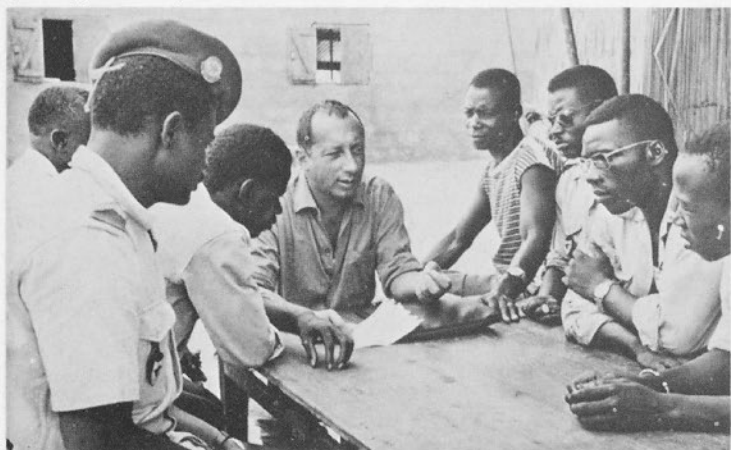
In the prophecies of Jeremiah one may find predictions which undoubtedly are being fulfilled at the present moment. Since theologians generally agree that Jeremiah 23 deals particularly with the restoration and future conversion of Israel, it may be interesting to note the prophetic statement in verses 7 and 8: "Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that they shall no more say, The Lord liveth which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but, The Lord liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land."

This quotation should be highly significant to opponents of the Bible, for its declaration that "the Lord liveth" is established not on philosophical discussion, but on the inescapable fact of national cohesion.

An even more remarkable attestation to the scrupulous accuracy of Scripture is observed in the manner of Israel's regathering as shown in Jeremiah 16:16: "Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks."

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Israel has helped more than 60 countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America to modernize their agricultural life. Here an Israeli expert confers with African community leaders on improving farm systems.



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

Was Peter the rock on which Christ said His Church would be built?

The rock was not Peter, but the revelation he had from God. Peter had declared, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). This declaration is the rock on which Christ built the Church. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:11).

A minister is teaching that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were among those resurrected at the time of the resurrection of Jesus (Matthew 27:52, 53). What do you teach concerning this?

I see no harm done if a minister gives as his opinion that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were raised at that time, but I see no indication of this in the Scripture. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were not buried at Jerusalem. Possibly those who were raised had been buried near the temple just outside Jerusalem, but who knows? All we know is that some were raised to confirm that our Lord Jesus was "the firstfruits of them that slept" (1 Corinthians 15:20).

Why is speaking against the Holy Ghost unforgivable, while speaking against Jesus is forgivable? (Matthew 12:31)

May I suggest that we turn to Hebrews 6:4-6; 10:26-31? These warning verses of Scripture include rejecting Christ as well as the Holy Spirit. Those spoken of in Matthew 12:24-45 rejected both Christ as their Messiah and the Holy Spirit as the power by which the miracles of Christ were provided. The warning was directed not to individuals only, but to the whole generation (v. 34).

To speak against Jesus as the Son of man is forgivable. To blaspheme His miracles would be to reject His Messiahship and attribute the miracles to the power of Beelzebub (the prince of devils) rather than to the power of the Spirit of God.

I have never been able to see the justice in the parable of the husbandman who gave those who worked for one hour the same wage he gave those who had labored all day (Matthew 20:1-16).

In my opinion, Jesus taught in this parable that if we do our best to serve Him in our day, we may share equally in His rewards with those who lived at other times. In other words, those who are faithful in the latter days will be rewarded for their labor on the same basis as those who labored in Bible times. This would be true also of those who are elderly when they begin to serve God. Faithfulness will be rewarded whenever it occurs.

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri 65802. Brother Williams will answer if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope.

COME, LORD JESUS

32nd GENERAL COUNCIL SET FOR LONG BEACH, AUGUST 24-29

I NTERESTING, HELPFUL FEATURES are planned for the 32nd General Council of the Assemblies of God, to be held August 24-29 in the Long Beach (California) Arena.

Theme for the biennial business and inspirational convention is "Come, Lord Jesus." This theme, taken from the last prayer of the Bible (Revelation 22:20), expresses the Fellowship's desire that the presence of Christ overshadow every service, every activity. It also strongly stresses the hope of the Christian for the soon return of Christ to take His people unto Himself—certainly an appropriate prayer in view of the times in which we live.

Highlights of special features at the Council follow. A schedule of services and speakers is included below. (Additional information about the Council is in a story on page 30.)

The editors of the *Evangel* urge our readers to look over the following material carefully. If at all possible, plan to join the 10,000 other members and friends of the Assemblies of God who will be assembling in Long Beach. And whether or not you can attend, be sure to pray for God's blessings on the sessions.

WRITERS MEET THURSDAY TO HEAR C. M. WARD

ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED in writing for Christian publications are invited to a Writers Conference which will be held in Long Beach during the General Council. A committee of editors from Assemblies of God headquarters has arranged what promises to be a very stimulating program. It will be in the Lafayette Hotel, Thursday, August 24.

The conference will include an afternoon session at 1:30 and a banquet. Guest at the banquet will be C. M. Ward, *Revivaltime* evangelist, speaking on the subject, "Writers Must Read." Bert Webb, executive director of Assemblies of God publications, will be the master of ceremonies.

Ralph Harris, editor of Church School Literature, will chair the afternoon conference. Scheduled sessions are: "Anatomy of a Novel," Betty Swinford; "Manuscripts—As Editors See Them," John Garlock; "Photo Journalism," Richard Chamption, Carl Conner, Wesley Hurst, and

Ralph Harris; "Sermons in Print," Robert C. Cunningham and Don Malough; and "Boil It Down," lab session.

During the afternoon there will be an informal coffee hour when writers will have opportunity to meet the various editors. The climax to the program will be a panel session of questions and answers.

The banquet will begin at 5:30 p.m., and reservations for the banquet should be made at once. Tickets at \$3.50 each may be secured from Robert C. Cunningham, editor of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Mo. 65802.

REVIVALTIME TO ORIGINATE FROM GENERAL COUNCIL

ON FRIDAY, August 25, at 6 p.m., the Assemblies of God radio broadcast *Revivaltime* will originate from the platform of the Long Beach Arena. Thousands will witness the production and participate in the congregational singing.

When the broadcast is released the following Sunday night on the ABC Radio Network and independent sta-

32nd General Council - at a glance

	THURS., AUG. 24	FRI., AUG 25	SAT., AUG. 26	SUN., AUG 27	MON., AUG. 28	TUES., AUG. 29
8-9 a.m.		PRAYER MEETING H. C. Noah	MF AND WMC BREAKFASTS 7-8:45 a.m.		PRAYER MEETING Karl Strader	PRAYER MEETING V. G. Greisen
9-10 a.m.		DEVOTIONS Jose Giron	DEVOTIONS W. T. H. Richards	COMMUNION AND MEMORIAL SERVICE G. W. Hard- castle Sr. 9:45-11:45 a.m.	DEVOTIONS Robert Harrison	DEVOTIONS N. D. Davidson
10 a.m. - noon		BUSINESS	BUSINESS		BUSINESS	BUSINESS (Council concludes at 12:30)
2-5 p.m.	REGISTRATION 1 p.m.*	BUSINESS	BUSINESS	MISSIONARY RALLY Mark Buntain	BUSINESS	*Registration will remain open throughout the Council sessions.
6-7 p.m.		"REVIVALTIME" ORINATION	C. A. VESPERS Marvin Gorman	C. A. VESPERS Bob Pagett	C. A. VESPERS Bob Clayton	
7:15 p.m.	KEYNOTE SERVICE T. F. Zimmerman	EVENING RALLY (Home Missions) Darwin Heuser	EVENING RALLY (Youth) Louis G. Neely	EVENING RALLY U. S. Grant	EVENING RALLY W. Glen West	

tions, the singing of the great General Council congregation will be heard across the nation—and subsequently around the world.

Speaker for the service will be C. M. Ward, the well-known *Revivaltime* evangelist. Other members of the *Revivaltime* team present will be Lee Shultz, narrator-producer; C. T. Beem, program director; Cyril McLellan, choir director; and Jack Risner, field representative.

Official international broadcast service of the Assemblies of God, *Revivaltime* is now released on 523 stations, including 69 key foreign outlets.

Supported entirely by offerings from its listeners and friends, the radio service reaches millions of persons each week with the full-gospel message.

LUNCHEON TO HIGHLIGHT SUNDAY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

A SUNDAY SCHOOL Workers Fellowship luncheon on Friday, August 25, will highlight activities of the National Sunday School Department at General Council. Featured speakers will include Arlo Swanson, Mrs. Barbara Pirtle, and Harold Crosby.

Arlo Swanson, Federal Farm Loan administrator for the Central United States, is the Sunday school superintendent of First Assembly, Huron, S. Dak. His topic will be, "Why I Believe the Sunday School Is for Today."

Sister Pirtle's husband Robert pas-

tors First Assembly in Roseville, Calif. She will present a demonstration of a visual-aid library.

Noted for his storytelling abilities, Harold Crosby, Eastern District Sunday school director, will tell one of his own famous Sunday school stories.

The luncheon will be at the Lafayette Hotel. Tickets are \$2.50.

The Ministers of Christian Education Fellowship, sponsored by the Workers Training Division of the National Sunday School Department, will hold a luncheon Monday, August 28, in the Lafayette Hotel.

The Sunday School Department, sponsor of BGMC, will have two booths at General Council where a display of materials for the October Enlargement Campaign will be highlighted. Very attractive materials have been designed to help "sell" the value of Sunday school to the outsider.

Supplies for the fall campaign will be sold in the Merchandise Division booths. Among the scores of booths in the exhibit area, those of the Merchandise Division of the Gospel Publishing House will be the largest of all, offering an extensive assortment of Bibles, books, church and Sunday school supplies which will be on sale throughout the convention. These and all other booths will be closed, however, during those hours when the General Council is in session, and all day Sunday.

Free Sunday school literature will

be available at the Sunday school booth. Skits, visual presentations, and organizational helps will be sold.

HOME MISSIONS TO BE EMPHASIZED

"BRANCH OUT!" will be the theme of the home missions service Friday night, August 25, at the General Council. Both divisions of the department—Church Extension and Special Ministries—will be featured.

Special recognition will be given to pastors whose churches have sponsored or cosponsored new churches or Sunday schools during 1966-67; also to pioneer pastors of these new churches, and to the district home missions directors and superintendents of districts that "branched out" during that period. Those mentioned above will receive attractive "Branch Out" lapel pins.

Darwin Heuser, former superintendent of the Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District, will speak on Home Missions night. Presentations by a combined choir composed of Teen Challenge, Spanish, American Indian, and deaf choirs and a filmstrip entitled "God Bless America" will be other interesting and inspiring highlights of the service. Home Missionaries in colorful costumes, pioneer pastors, district superintendents, and home missions directors, and members of the deaf and Indian choirs will sit on the platform.

OVER 1,200 WOMEN EXPECTED AT BREAKFAST MEETING

OVER 1,200 WOMEN AND GIRLS from all parts of the fellowship are expected to attend the breakfast to be held in Long Beach on Saturday, August 26, at 7 a.m. Sponsored by the Women's Missionary Council, this event is one of the highlights at each biennial General Council.

Guest speaker for the breakfast, to be held in the International Ballroom of the Lafayette Hotel, will be Mrs. Joseph Gerhart, wife of the superintendent of the Northern California-Nevada District. A special Missionettes feature will add to the inspiration and enjoyment of the breakfast program.

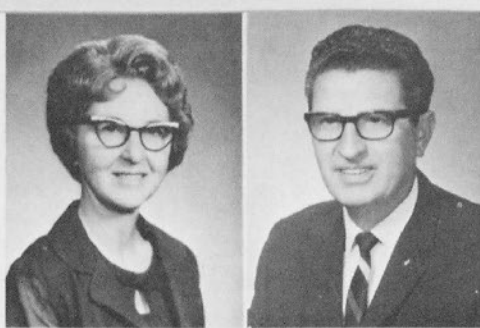
Another Council highlight of special interest to women and girls will be two workshop sessions on Thursday afternoon.

The first session will feature Angelyn Dantuma, director of the Women's Bible Ministry of the Nar-

Photo 1: Long Beach skyline. The Arena is at the right.

Photo 2: Missionary rally at the 31st General Council.





Mrs. Joseph Gerhart (left) and Glen Bonds, speakers for the WMC and MF Saturday breakfasts respectively.

ramore Christian Foundation, Rosemead, Calif. She will speak to the women on evangelizing through coffee shops and coffee klatches and day-to-day spontaneous witnessing. She is the former dean of women at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.

Harry L. Bascom, director of chaplains of Christian Jail Workers, Inc., will conduct the second workshop. His topic will be ministry to women in prisons and jails.

A seminar for district WMC presidents will be conducted on Wednesday, August 23, the day before General Council opens. Seminar topics to be discussed include conducting WMC retreats, working with the Young Women's Missionary Council, and women in evangelism.

NATIONAL SECRETARY TO SPEAK AT MF BREAKFAST

GLEN B. BONDS, national secretary of Men's Fellowship, will be the featured speaker at the Men's Fellowship breakfast on Saturday, August 26, at 7 a.m. Brother Bonds is the second layman to head a national department, being appointed in June 1966.

As national secretary, he supervises Light-for-the-Lost, literature fundraising program; Royal Rangers, youth program for boys; *Team*, magazine for Assemblies of God laymen; and Action Crusades, men's evangelistic outreach.

The breakfast meeting, which always draws hundreds of laymen and their pastors, will be directed by Howard S. Bush, executive director of MF, and will be in the Municipal Auditorium. Various challenging programs of the MF Department will be brought before the men.

Additional meetings are planned by Men's Fellowship. District Royal Rangers chaplains will meet Thursday, August 24, at 5:30, in the Lafayette Hotel for a banquet.

A Light-for-the-Lost—Foreign Missions luncheon will be held Monday, August 28. In addition, the Southern California District LFTL board will host a LFTL national council luncheon on Saturday, August 26.

YOUTH RALLY TO FEATURE TOP TEEN TALENT

THE SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE at General Council will be a great youth rally featuring the winners of the Teen Talent Search. The speaker will be Evangelist Louis G. Neely of El Paso, Tex.

Teen Talent Search winners will be chosen from the competitions scheduled for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday morning. Thursday's activities include competition for keyboard ensembles at 3 p.m., vocal solos at 4 p.m., instrumental ensembles at 5 p.m., and vocal ensembles at 9:30 p.m. (following the opening service of General Council).

Keyboard soloists will meet at 12:30 p.m. and instrumental soloists 5:15 on Friday.

All talent competition will take place in the Concert Hall of the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium, adjacent to the Long Beach Arena.

Bible Quiz contestants will begin a series of seven rounds on Thursday. Competition will be held on Thursday at 2 p.m., 3 p.m., and 4 p.m.; on Friday at 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 5:15 p.m.; and on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. If a winning team has not been determined after seven rounds, further competition will be held preceding and following the 2 p.m. service Saturday. All quiz competition will be in the Lafayette Hotel, convention headquarters hotel.

Special C. A. vespers will be held Saturday, Sunday, and Monday nights at 6 p.m. Speakers on those nights will be, respectively: Marvin Gorman, former Louisiana D-CAP; Bob Pagett, Oregon D-CAP; and Bob Clayton, Eastern D-CAP.

On Friday night from 10 to 12, the National Christ's Ambassador's Department will sponsor a cruise on Long Beach harbor. Tickets will be available to interested C.A.'s at the C. A. booth for \$2.

There will also be a Chi Alpha

luncheon Saturday for all college students present at General Council, and a luncheon Monday for all former and present D-CAP's (district C. A. presidents).

GLOBAL CONQUEST DAY RALLY TO FEATURE MARK BUNTAIN

THE SPEAKER at the Global Conquest Day rally, Sunday afternoon, August 27, at 2 p.m., will be Mark Buntain, missionary-pastor in Calcutta, India. Brother and Sister Buntain pastor Calcutta Assembly of God and operate the Christian Training Institute and a Christian day school.

The missionary rally, always a General Council highlight, will feature a grand parade of missionary representatives wearing costumes of various foreign fields. Special music will be presented by a 30-voice choir from the Marshall Islands. The recently Spirit-filled members of the group are paying their own fare to General Council. Accompanying the choir is Sam Sasser, pioneer Assemblies of God missionary to the Marshall Islands.

Greetings to General Council delegates will come by wire, radio, or phone from missionaries in foreign lands.

Telephone calls will be received from all parts of the nation reporting the Global Conquest Day offerings received for GOOD NEWS CRUSADES in the churches that morning. The sum of the day's offerings, including cash and pledges received in Long Beach, will be announced from the platform. The offering goal for GOOD NEWS CRUSADES is \$100,000.

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Housing is still available for those planning to attend the General Council. For information write: General Council, Assemblies of God, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Municipal Auditorium, Long Beach, California 90802. Or call: 213 (area code)—436-1236.

Speakers for the C. A. vespers are (left to right): Marvin Gorman, Bob Pagett, and Bob Clayton.



MY ASSIGNMENT was to prepare an article on the value and importance of extension department ministry. I therefore set out to interview several persons living in Springfield, Missouri, who had been receiving the benefits of this ministry.

I had obtained from Noel Perkin, extension department superintendent of Central Assembly, the names of several people who receive this ministry, and Brother Perkin had very kindly made appointments for me to visit them.

As I drove to the first appointment, I made some mental plans for the interview. I was about to visit an elderly couple. I would ask certain questions. Their answers would tell me how they felt about the extension ministry and the visitors who had called on them from time to time.

I confess I thought of myself as a reporter going from place to place gathering facts, rather than as a representative of the church setting out to minister to these people. But before the first "interview" was over, my attitude was quite different. I had changed roles completely!

I found a devoted wife caring for her husband. He was in a wheel chair and had been partially paralyzed by a stroke several years before. He spends his hours watching the activities outside the large living-room window. Occasionally she ventures out as far as the little store up the street. This dear couple has very little contact with anyone except the students from Central Bible College who come to visit once or twice each month.

They were so moved at my visit that they wept softly and sometimes laughed for joy. I found it difficult to leave. Their eyes pleaded for me to stay longer.

The next couple I called upon are in their mid-80's. They used to be so active in church work in the years before their hearing and sight became so poor. How they enjoyed talking about the things of God. I listened as they told of their experience in the Lord's work. It wasn't necessary to question them to find out how they felt about the extension visits.

While he took me out to see the little garden he keeps behind the house, he told me how much they miss the fellowship of the saints—but he said the visits from extension department workers several times each month surely help.

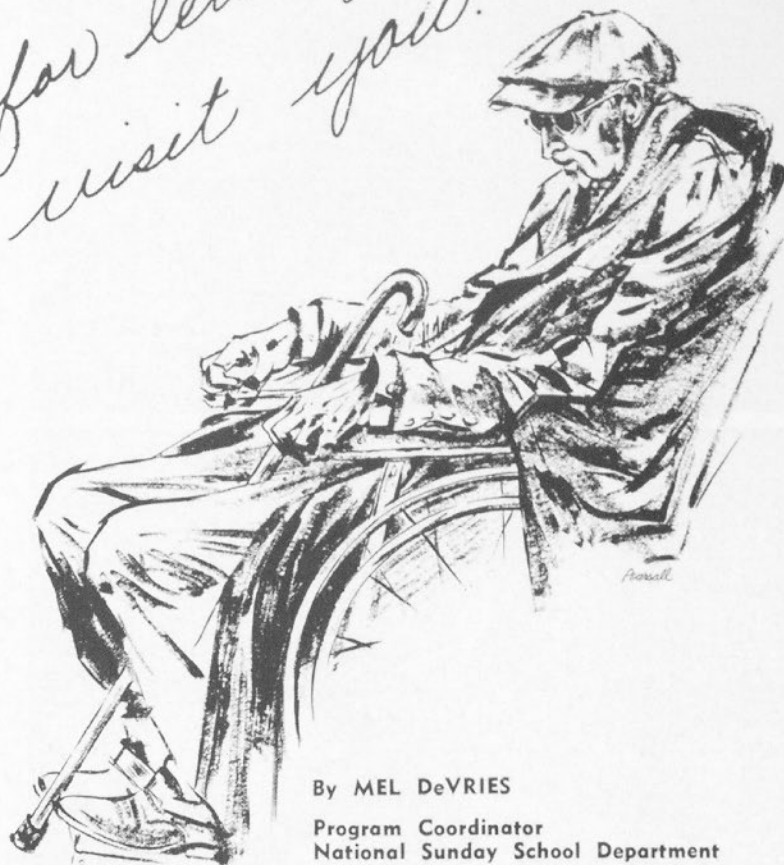
My mission was growing more exciting with each visit. I was finding that to call on people like these is to bring cheer, encouragement, and blessing—and to receive blessing myself!

Then there was the couple who had just celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary. They live with their daughter. It was evident that they had been staunch pillars in the church. Their son, daughter-in-law, and another daughter from California were there when I called. As we visited, read the Scripture, and prayed together, the blessing of God came down upon each of us.

The son walked with me to the car and told me how much it means to him to know his parents are being ministered to in this way.

Yes, something in my heart was being reawakened as I went from appointment to appointment. No longer were these calls a perfunctory duty for the purpose

*Thank you
for letting me
visit you.*



By MEL DeVRIES


Program Coordinator
National Sunday School Department

of writing an article. They were bringing back memories of my pastoral ministry when I had the privilege and joy of contacting extension members of our Sunday school.

I remembered the elderly couple who shook my hand with such evident gratitude as I left. The young fellow in the county jail the sheriff had asked me to counsel. The sickly gentleman who couldn't sit for an hour in a church service. The many confined to the Old Soldiers Home.

So by the time I had kept the last appointment with Central Assembly's extension members, my heart was full. I had sought to be a blessing, but felt I had received much more than I had given. I recalled this was the way I used to feel after those visits I made in former days. I wondered why it was this way.

As I meditated, the answer came. It was not merely the satisfaction received from performing a service (although the Word does say it is more blessed to give than to receive). It was not that. Neither was it the glow from any public recognition received, for extension work is a behind-the-scenes ministry. What was it then? It was the overwhelming expression of appreciation that comes from the extension members toward the one who befriends them. It was the joy of performing a little service for someone who really is thankful for it.

May I say it? Yes, for the experience gained and the benefit received, I must say it. Thank you, extension members, for letting me visit you. 



CINCINNATI,



Announcer Tom Smithers has aided greatly in promoting release of "Revivaltime" over WFCJ-FM.

CINCINNATI is a pulsating metropolis serving several million people. Dignitaries arrive and depart hourly, most of them receiving little, if any, public attention. So when we learned that *Revivaltime* Evangelist C. M. Ward was coming to First Christian Assembly of God, we knew we were faced with a real promotional challenge.

As a result of the dynamic radio speaker's four-day crusade, *Revivaltime* and the Assemblies of God in general acquired thousands of new friends. Let me tell you how we went about introducing C. M. Ward to Cincinnati.

Five weeks prior to the scheduled campaign with Evangelist Ward, a barrage of advertising and public relations material was sent to all media in the city—radio, television and newspapers. Every letter, each phone contact had been a matter of earnest prayer. We were trusting that doors would be opened and key personnel would be interested enough to talk with us concerning C. M. Ward's visit to our city.

The initial response was as expected—cold and indifferent.

However, as more information was made available concerning Brother Ward's background, interest started to rise among local radio and television personalities. A

TOP: Randall Ball, pastor of First Christian Assembly, accompanied Evangelist C. M. Ward during his interview with Ann Russell, religion editor for the "Cincinnati Enquirer."

CENTER: A 25-minute appearance on Cincinnati's top-rated "Afternoon Show" highlighted the extensive coverage of C. M. Ward's crusade by local news media. The program is cohosted by Miss Della Chiesa and Nick Clooney.

BOTTOM: Powerful WKRC's popular radio program, "Kaleidoscope," interviewed Evangelist Ward for over three hours.

MEET C.M. WARD

By TOM SMITHERS

major factor was the soul-winning miniature prepared last summer by Evangelist Ward titled, *The Farther I Probe Into Space the Greater My Faith*, the story of space scientist Dr. Wernher von Braun.

This item seemed to interest everyone, and things began to happen.

The first public exposure began with a Wednesday "taping session" in the studios of station WKRC for the popular afternoon radio program, "Kaleidoscope." Evangelist Ward was guest on this talk-music program for three-and-a-half hours!

Next on the schedule was an interview with the religion editor of the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, Miss Ann Russell. This noted and respected writer devoted an entire column to her chat with C. M. Ward.

Early the next morning, First Christian Assembly's pastor, Randall Ball, and Brother Ward were on their way for what was scheduled as a 15-minute interview on station WPFB's early morning "talk" program, "The Jerri Hart Show." His 15 minutes extended to almost an hour!


Friday gave us probably the most coverage of all and opened doors that would normally seem impossible. WLW Radio and Television is one of the most powerful and respected broadcasting facilities in the nation. After several letters and numerous phone conversations with producer Chet Lishawa, we were delighted to learn that C. M. Ward would be guest on the area's top-rated "Afternoon Show," starring Metropolitan Opera star Miss Vivienne Della Chiesa as hostess, and cohosted by Nick Clooney, brother to popular singer, Rosemary Clooney.

This is a colorcast beamed over the Avco Stations, and the rapport between Brother Ward and Miss Chiesa resulted in a stimulating 25-minute guest appearance that accomplished more for our churches than thousands of dollars in advertising.

We were given public service announcements on 15 local radio stations, and our local *Revivaltime* outlet, WFCJ, offered two interviews with Brother Ward.

The results of the extensive media coverage and promotion were clearly reflected in the four days of services at First Christian Assembly. We welcomed visitors from every conceivable denomination, and the spiritual attitude of the local members has been so strengthened that I'm confident our growth and influence will be greater than ever before.

Every evangelist who visits your church is there to help you extend your local outreach. You owe him an introduction to those to whom he will minister.

The tremendous impact of Evangelist C. M. Ward upon the city of Cincinnati is a reminder that a little effort and a lot of prayer put forth in the name of the Lord can bring remarkable results. 

TAKE IT WITH YOU

"You cannot take it with you,"

*We hear some people say;
And so they lightly squander
What they've gained in life's short day.
But the truth of such an adage
As yet I've failed to find;
And I plan to take "it" with me—
It'll not be left behind.*

Our status in the future—

*Those never-ending years—
Is the product of the way that
We spend our substance here;
A misspent life will follow
To prey upon the mind
Of all who face God's judgment:
They'll not leave that behind!*

The "rich man died...was buried,"

*The sacred Scriptures tell;
Too late he asked for mercy,
Lifting up his eyes in hell;
When in the flames tormented
For some relief he whined;
Since haunting ghosts of mem'ry
He could not leave behind.*

But righteous deeds and holy

*In God's "show-up" will appear;
And seeds of acts unselfish
That we have scattered here
We'll harvest in the future,
As golden sheaves to bind;
They'll follow us to heaven—
They won't be left behind.*

True riches of this lifetime

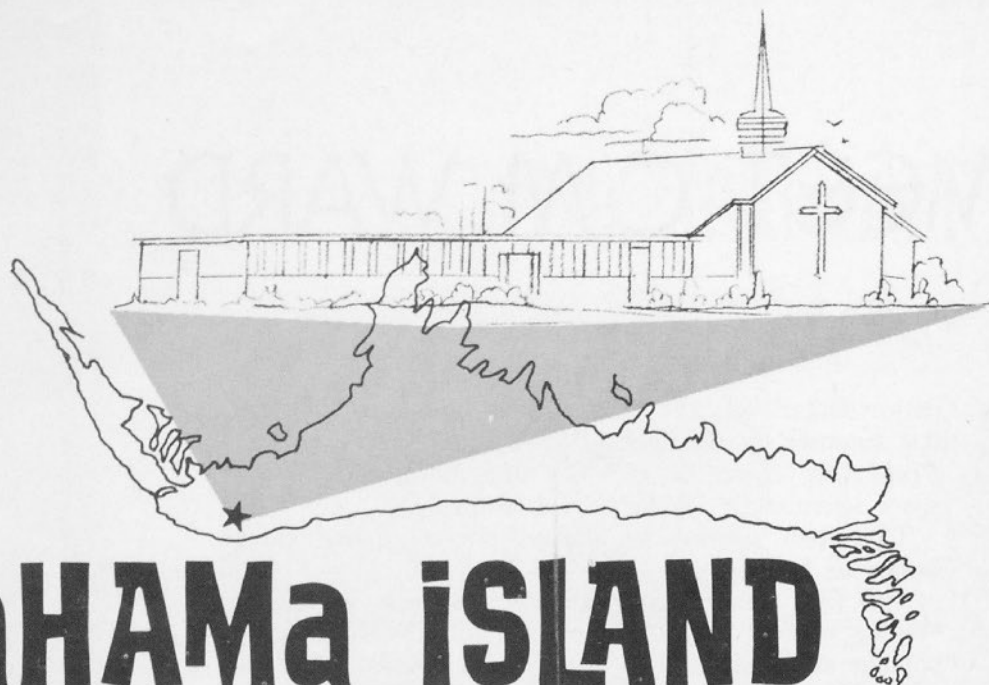
*Are not mere lands and gold,
Nor forms of worldly pleasure
That some so tightly hold;
Let's look at all things earthly
With eternal views in mind,
For true and lasting riches
We will not leave behind.*

Lord, help us use our substance—

*Our talents and our time—
That when we've made our move
To heaven's blessed clime,
We'll not regret one moment
Through all this earthly grind
As we meet them over yonder—
For they won't be left behind!*

—CLARENCE SIMEON WAY

Church Planned for



GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND

By DAVID A. WOMACK • Foreign Missions Editor

JUST 78 NAUTICAL MILES due east of West Palm Beach, Florida, lies one of the most needy foreign mission fields in the world. Grand Bahama Island had only 9,500 people four years ago; but now it has a population of 30,000, and by 1970 it will have more than 85,000 inhabitants.

Yet there is not a single Assemblies of God church on the entire island!

Holiday Inns of America, Inc., are there. So are the Gulf Oil Corporation, The Royal Bank of Canada, and many other businesses and banking firms. But there is no full-gospel church on the island.

Well, why doesn't somebody do something about it?

The same question occurred to Robert E. Ferguson, American pastor of Evangelistic Temple in Nassau,

Bahamas. When he saw the rapid developments taking place on Grand Bahama Island, he accepted God's call to open an Assemblies of God work there and applied for regular missionary appointment with the Foreign Missions Department.

But Missionary Ferguson does not have the length of time to itinerate among the churches that new missionaries normally have. The pressure



The Foreign Missions Department fully supports this new project to build an Assemblies of God church on Grand Bahama Island. Here Executive Director J. Philip Hogan discusses plans for the missions project with the Robert Fergusons, missionaries to the Bahama Islands. The construction must begin by December 1 and be finished one year from that time.

is on him to act for God and to do it fast, for the governing body of the island has placed a time limit on his entrance to this new work.

The Grand Bahama Port Authority will grant a 99-year lease to the Assemblies of God to build a church on a two-acre lot right in the heart of Freeport, the island's only city—if Brother Ferguson can begin construction by December and finish a \$40,000 building (the minimum requirement) within one year!

It was one thing for the missionary to say "yes" to God; but it will be yet another thing for 400 people to agree to give \$100 each toward this urgent project.

What has happened to inspire this pastor to leave his thriving Nassau church to pioneer an Assemblies of God work on Grand Bahama Island?

The story of this Caribbean island is unique. First recorded on the Turin Map of 1523, it was inhabited by the gentle Lucayan Indians—the same Indian civilization that greeted Columbus farther south on San Salvador Island. The Spanish moved most of these aborigines to Cuba to work in the mines. They died there, leaving their original home without Indian inhabitants. Only a small community of fishermen have lived there since.

About 25 years ago, Wallace Groves, an American financier, purchased a small lumber company on Grand Bahama Island and developed it into a business which employed

2,000 people. He also organized and became president of The Grand Bahama Port Authority, which in 1955 signed an official agreement with the acting governor of the Bahama Islands, granting to the Port Authority certain special privileges for Freeport—a new, planned city.

This agreement—the Hawksbill Creek Agreement—provides that until 1990 there can be no taxes on income, capital gains, real estate, or personal property. Until 2054 there will be no import or export duties and no excise taxes.

The result is a modern boom town with some of the world's leading industries going in to take advantage of the tax-free opportunity. Examples of this are a \$50 million cement plant (a subsidiary of U. S. Steel), a \$7-million freight and passenger service with Miami, one of the largest oil bunkering stations in this hemisphere, and other such industrial investments.

Multimillion-dollar projects are now in progress for ultramodern hotels with 1,200 new rooms planned for completion this year. Also, the Port Authority has supervised the building of a Jet-Port, second to none in its capability to handle the largest jets.

Grand Bahama Island is also fast becoming a pleasure and gambling center. Its subtropical beaches, numerous night clubs, gambling casinos, and easy accessibility from the United States promise to make it one of the major tourist capitals of the Western Hemisphere.

The two main attractions of Grand Bahama Island, then, are tax-free in-

dustry and foreign pleasure, a combination that no doubt will make this island as heathen a place as can be found anywhere on earth.

But as in all projects like this, those who will reap the fast money will be few and only those who can afford the worldly pleasures will take part in them. There will also be many thousands of common people—some of them faithful, church-going folk—who will go to Grand Bahama Island in search of jobs in the great variety of industries.

The Foreign Missions Department shares Missionary Robert Ferguson's concern for the spiritual welfare of Grand Bahama Island. The Assemblies of God must establish a church as a Christian witness in the city of Freeport.

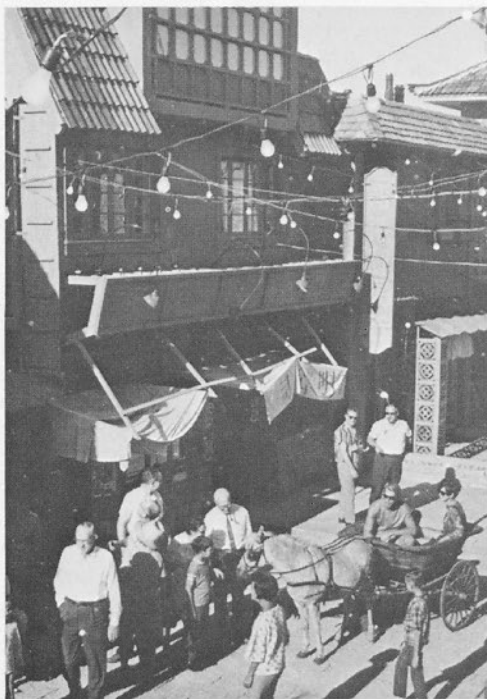
Each person who gives \$100 or more to this project will have his name inscribed on a bronze plaque which will be permanently placed in the Freeport church.

To make this vision a reality, the construction of the Freeport church must begin by December 1—or we lose this opportunity to preach the gospel on Grand Bahama Island.



With its unusual opportunities for banking and industry, Grand Bahama Island is attracting people from all over the world. On this site there will soon be built an oil refinery, a pharmaceutical plant, a cement plant, and one of the largest oil bunkering stations in the Western Hemisphere. It is imperative that the Assemblies of God have a work on this island to care for the spiritual needs of the people.

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Beth Jeffers



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DON'T EVER GIVE UP!

By BETH JEFFERS and DOROTHY STONE
Los Angeles, California

MANY JEWISH PEOPLE do not respond favorably to the gospel the first time they hear it. It is as we keep praying, visiting, and supplying gospel literature—and above all, keep loving them—that they finally change.

Rivka, a precious Russian Jewess, is an example. Since she found Christ, she has confessed to us that she had not liked anything we told her at first, and that she had hated us with perfect hatred when she heard us pray for her three years ago.

Yet a few weeks ago she said with tears: "O girls, don't ever give up on my people. You will never, never know what that prayer you prayed did for me.... From that moment on, God began to deal with my heart. Don't ever give up. He will bring my people back to Him. You must believe it, for look at me."

These words are an encouragement to us as we continue to reach the Jews in this area with the gospel. With the help of two ladies from Assemblies of God churches in the city, we mail some 300 pieces of literature

to Jewish homes each month. We expect soon to increase the number to 700. Included in our "parish" are about 100 deaf Jewish families, and God is working among these too.

The literature helps open doors when we make a follow-up visit. Naturally, not all of it is well received, but many who responded negatively at first eventually open their hearts to the Lord.

As we visit in a different area each day, talking with the people in their homes, God moves in many ways.

Another Jewess was seemingly not open to the gospel when we first contacted her. Even when she was at home, she would always have the door closed and the shades drawn when we visited, indicating simply that we were not welcome.

We continued to write to her and to send literature, even though she did not respond. About a month ago we were in her area again, and this time she invited us in and made us welcome. The following week she prepared lunch for us and since that time has welcomed us each week. She is reading the Gospel of Matthew, and the Lord is certainly dealing with her. She is not far from the Kingdom.

We do not persevere with each person to this extent, but we do keep witnessing as long as the Holy Spirit leads. It is our prayer that His great love will continue to burn within our hearts that we may faithfully break the Bread of Life to His ancient people. Many are still waiting for Christians to love them beyond their hurts and beyond their prejudices, bringing them into the perfect law of liberty through Jesus the Christ.

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Editor's Note: Both Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Jeffers have recently been appointed by the National Home Missions Department to minister among the Jewish people. They are not new to this field, however, for they have been active in witnessing among the Jews for quite some time. Mrs. Jeffers has ministered both in Philadelphia and in the Los Angeles area. Both are able to minister in the sign language, and they have been used in reaching the deaf as well as the hearing Jews with the gospel.

GROUND BROKEN FOR NEW SPANISH CHURCH

Gustavo Jimenez, pastor of the new Spanish Assembly of God at 4110 Lemon Street, Tampa, Fla., turns the first shovelful of dirt at the ground-breaking ceremony for the new church. Others in the picture, from left: J. Foy Johnson, Penninsular Florida District superintendent; A. L. Shell Jr., assistant superintendent; Antonio Fernandez, Juan Ortiz, and Sixto M. Lopez.

The church has already started a radio broadcast, "Ecos de Avivamiento" (Revivaltime), on WSOL reaching 145,000 Spanish people. This broadcast is heard in Tampa, Sun City, Ruskin, Bredenton, Lakeland, and St. Petersburg.



SUMMER VACATION would soon be beginning, and I was very disturbed. The previous semester I had enrolled at Central Bible College. It seemed that everyone I talked to soon would be out in active ministry. I spent many hours praying for God to show me His will, but it seemed I was facing a stone wall every time I prayed. That was my plight last summer as I prepared to return home to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

When I arrived home, I began to look for a job. I applied at several places but was turned down at each place. One day, while I was talking to a city councilman whom I know, I asked him if he knew of any employment available. That day he called me and informed me of an opening as police dispatcher in my hometown.

My first reaction was to turn down a job like that. I had thought about working in a Christian organization. I thought it seemed unrealistic for someone preparing for the ministry to work at a police department. However, the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart, and I accepted the offer. Little did I realize that this was God's way of working out His will for my life for summer ministry.

As I became engrossed in my duties, I discovered opportunities for witnessing opened up before me. Each prisoner booked or released while I was on duty had to be checked in or out through me.

During my first week, I checked an elderly man out of jail. The following week it was my task to call his relatives and inform them of his death. The horror of the situation caused me to realize that I was dealing with men's souls. It was then that I knew I had to seize every possible opportunity to present Christ.

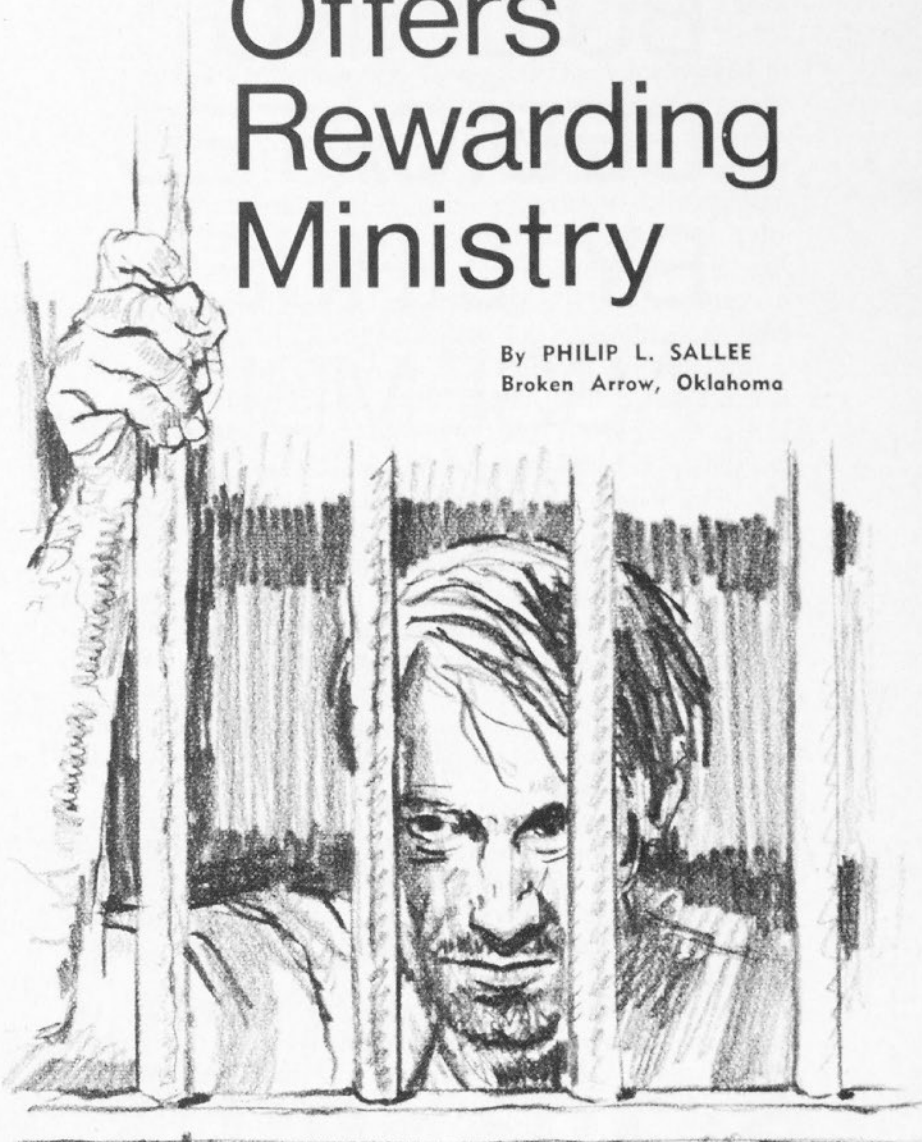
Whenever the prisoners in our custody would ask for something to read, I would hand them a Bible or a piece of religious literature. Then I would tell them about Someone who had died for them, Someone who cared for and loved them. Many times a person in these circumstances feels no one is interested in him. He feels the whole world has turned its back on him. I could see a gleam in a man's eye when, for the first time for many years, he realized there was Someone who cared.

My ministry did not stop with the lawbreakers. The relatives of those we had in custody usually waited in my office. They seemed quite surprised to see an open Bible lying on my desk. This opened up an avenue for conversation which led to my telling them about Christ.

There were some whose relatives had committed or

Prison Job Offers Rewarding Ministry

By PHILIP L. SALLEE
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma



attempted to commit suicide. I was able to comfort their troubled hearts.

I encourage anyone who is looking for a place of ministry to explore the possibilities of city jails. All the time I was employed at the police department, not one person ever came to hold services! No doubt this situation prevails in countless towns and cities across America.

There is much potential for the kingdom of God at this very moment lying in dark cells. The human beings locked there are craving the truth and hope only the gospel can bring. It is the responsibility of our churches to present One who is able to give the prisoners life, joy, and peace in their hearts. Each church should consider organizing jail squads who regularly would visit those shut away from society.

Before visiting your jail, get permission from the proper authorities. In most cases in smaller towns, the chief of police of the city will be happy to grant you permission to hold periodic services. He realizes that his job will be made easier if that alcoholic trades his bottle for a Bible.

The National Home Missions Department welcomes opportunities to give guidance and help to those interested in extending their ministry to city or county jails.

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RENOVATED BUILDING DEDICATED BY LIHUE ASSEMBLY

THE FACILITIES of Lihue Assembly of God in Kauai have been completely renovated. The structure has been extended and an additional education building (replacing an old wooden barracks-type building) has been erected.

A dedication service was held May 27, 1967. Peter Funk, superintendent of the Hawaii District, was the dedicatory speaker.

The Garden Island, a local newspaper, commended the pastors (the Robert Allens) and the parishioners who did all the work on the building, except for adding the outside tile. Every window in the building was changed. The back area now is all glassed providing a beautiful mountain view.

The new church will comfortably seat 130 to 140 persons. Following the dedication service, the Robert Allens made plans to return to the mainland. William Ashpole arrived on June 9 to take the pastorate.

The Assembly of God in Lihue, Hawaii, was recently remodeled. Peter W. Funk, superintendent of the Hawaii District (at the right in the lower photo) congratulates the Robert Allens on the attractive church building.



CONGRATULATIONS TO HAWAII



HAWAII IS THE FIRST Assemblies of God district to qualify for the attractive certificate promised to districts having 85 percent cooperation of their churches in the 1967 Home Missions *Branch Out* rallies. The district had 95 percent!

Hawaii includes 45 national pastors and evangelists, and 25 organized churches with an average weekly Sunday school attendance of 3,000. Outstations are main-

tained on the islands of Hawaii, Kauai, Maui, and Oahu.

The native work of Hawaii is now under the supervision of the Home Missions Department. Several missionaries who previously served under the Foreign Missions Department have transferred to Home Missions appointment. They are: Robert E. Allen, Harold B. Headrick, and Glen R. McCollister.

I WAS LESS THAN A YEAR OLD when I suffered my first serious ear infection. From that time on, for 38 years, I suffered from chronic infection and increased loss of hearing.

When dizziness was added to the problem, our family physician sent me to a group of nationally known ear surgeons. They recommended surgery, which would include a mastoidectomy and tympanoplasty (building a new eardrum).

It was early in 1966 when I shared my problem with our WMC group during the weekly prayer meeting. They gathered around me and prayed. The Lord met us too! I felt a warmth flood over my body in a way

God Creates New Eardrum

I had not experienced before. The pain and throbbing in my head was gone instantly.

I praised the Lord, and felt confident that surgery would not be necessary. However, the date was set and I entered Cedars of Lebanon Hospital on schedule. It was not until the day I left the hospital that the doctor told me the repair I had anticipated had not been done. He said the infection had spread so far that, had it gone unchecked, it could have caused meningitis or facial paralysis.

Instead of building a new eardrum, the doctor had removed all the bones of the middle ear and all the eardrum as well. This left me deaf in that ear. He said if all went well I could return for another operation in a year, and he would attempt a partial repair.

I confess my faith really sank. I had been so sure I had not needed surgery; so sure the Lord had healed me, only to learn that it was worse than expected. I knew God's Word is true and that He never fails, but I must say I went through a few days of trial.

Three weeks after surgery when I returned for a post-operative check-up, the doctors discovered to their amazement a new eardrum was growing! I even have a bridge that has grown to compensate for the bones that were removed. The Jewish doctors declare it to be an act of God.

The healing has been a gradual process—almost six months in all—but it is taking place in God's own way. The hearing in that ear is not perfect yet, but it will be, I know. God does not do things halfway. I can already hear my watch with it.

The God who created the ear in the first place has re-created the parts that were surgically removed. It is truly a miracle, and I can't thank Him enough!—Mrs. Florence Hawley, San Pedro, Calif.

(Endorsed by Pastor Ralph I. Salzman, First Assembly of God, San Pedro, Calif.)

THE GROUNDWORK laid by Agnes Rodli for the Assemblies of God in Tok continues to produce gratifying results. Pastor and Mrs. Patrick Donadio credit Miss Rodli for visitation work and starting the Sunday school which now averages 40.

In September, 1966, the Donadios moved to Tok to begin a building program for the growing congregation. The Alaska District sponsored the work and purchased \$4,000 worth of materials for the exterior construction. Churches which support the Donadios purchased inside furnishings and finishing materials. Mrs. Irene Sheriff of Lacombe, Oreg., a resident of Tok before an Assemblies of God church opened there, donated a Thomas organ.

Brother Donadio preached at the dedication service on February 19. The interior of the 16- by 32-foot building is finished in mahogany paneling except for the white wall behind the pulpit on which is hung a five-foot redwood cross. The altar and pulpit are of white birch. The exterior of the church is California redwood. A seven-foot cross above the roof appears to be hanging in midair when it is illuminated at night.

Tok is surrounded by Athabascan Indian villages. Some of these are accessible by road only in the summer. A concerted outreach to these villages is underway during the summer while two Bible school students are assisting Brother Donadio.

Tok is one of the coldest spots in Alaska. Temperatures dropped to 80 degrees below zero last winter.

PROGRESS AT Tok





David Spares Saul's Life

Sunday School Lesson for August 6, 1967
1 SAMUEL 24:1-7; PSALM 25:4-10

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

AT THIS JUNCTURE IN HIS FLIGHT FROM SAUL, David was hiding in the wilderness of Engedi, a beautiful spot near the shore of the Dead Sea, characterized by rich vegetation and groves of trees.

Returning from a battle with the Philistines, Saul received news concerning David's hiding place and at once went to that area. Arriving there, Saul slipped into a cave and took a nap, unaware that David was hiding there.

DAVID'S TEMPTATION

1. *Tempted by Circumstances.* It appears that David, at least momentarily, thought his circumstances indicated it was God's will for him to kill Saul, but he changed his mind in the light of divine principles.

We need to be very careful how we interpret circumstances—especially when they are in our favor or run parallel with our own natural desires. Circumstances must never be interpreted as indicating God's will when they run contrary to His Word. Circumstances must

HOW TO GET RID OF AN ENEMY



always be interpreted in the light of the Word and the leading of the Spirit, never in the light of human reasoning alone.

2. *Tempted by Friends.* David's friends too misinterpreted the circumstances and unconsciously became tools of the devil. Temptation often appears in subtle and disarming forms and through unexpected channels. We must turn a deaf ear to the dearest voices when they do not harmonize with the voice of the Lord. (See Acts 21:10-14.)

3. *Tempted by Misapplication of God's Promises.* We do not know just when and where God promised David victory over Saul; but we may be sure David's friends both misquoted and misapplied that promise. Similarly, many people are led to do very foolish and sometimes very sinful things because they do not rightly divide the Word of Truth.

Satan quoted Scripture in tempting Christ—and he has been tempting Christ's followers in the same way ever since. Our safeguard is to know the Word, understand its principles, and consider every Bible verse in the light of the context.

DAVID'S SELF-RESTRAINT

1. *David Respected Saul's Office.* Saul was still reigning as king by divine appointment; to resist him would have been to resist the ordinance of God (Romans 13:1, 2). David was more afraid of sin than of Saul; he preferred a blameless conscience to personal safety.

2. *David Refused to Take Matters into His Own Hands.* Since God still saw fit to allow Saul to continue as king, David would not interfere with God's prerogatives. David's self-restraint is all the more admirable when we remember that he knew God had chosen him as Saul's successor; but unlike Jacob, he did not try to help God out and promote himself. It is quite evident that the glory of God was supreme in the life of David.

This leads us to an all-important truth:

The only promotion worth having is that which is appointed of God and brought about by God. How sad and profitless it is when we seek to exalt or promote ourselves. Why do we sacrifice eternal gain and stoop to carnal scheming, political wire-pulling, and diplomatic back-slapping to gain a position, influence, and power? If we are truly free from all desire for personal aggrandizement, we will be satisfied to leave the matter of our promotion entirely in the hands of the Lord.

DAVID'S PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

Psalm 24 may be appropriately linked with David's sparing Saul, for it was written by David. In this psalm he prayed for the guidance of God he so definitely needed when coaxed by his friends to take Saul's life.

"Show me *thy* ways, O Lord; teach me *thy* paths. Lead me in *thy* truth, and teach me; for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day."

This psalm may roughly be divided into three stanzas of seven verses each, with the last verse forming a conclusion.

The first division consists of a prayer for (1) protection, (2) guidance, (3) forgiveness. The second division contains a contemplation of God's divine character; while the third turns again to prayer for deliverance. In the final verse David enlarges the scope of his prayer and seeks God for the welfare of the nation he loved and over which he would soon reign.

ISRAEL'S ANSWER TO THE CRITICS

(Continued from page 9)

The meaning is obvious. In the time appointed, Jews will return to their homeland either through inducement or because of persecution. Since 1948 the Israeli government has offered attractive positions to Jewish doctors, teachers, engineers, and scientists, and by so doing has "fished" a multitude of valuable workers from the countries of the world. The "hunting" procedure, however, must be regarded as one of the darkest episodes of human history. No living Israeli will ever forget the emaciated flesh and the ovens of Dachau.

Since the recent outbreak of hostilities in Palestine, it seems the modern critic should look at a further fulfillment of the divine plan, long expected by students of the Scriptures. In the predictions of Israel's return to her own land, there is no mention whatever of a dual tenure of Jerusalem by Jews and Arabs. In the last days Jerusalem is entirely Jewish (Zechariah 12:8, 9). At this time of writing the city is in the hands of the Israelis, though it must be granted that with the cease-fire declaration, the territorial claims of the victors are still unresolved. The outcome will be awaited with profound interest by Christians everywhere. If the Israelis retain possession of the city, the veracity of the Bible can be further urged upon those who doubt it.

Israel's amazing ventures in soil fertilization and agricultural experimentation afford additional evidences of the confirmation of prophecy. In speaking of the future restoration of Israel, Ezekiel predicts: "I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you. And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen" (Ezekiel 36:29, 30). It is certainly true that much of the land of Israel, desolate prior to 1948, is becoming under Jewish agriculturists a veritable Garden of Eden (Ezekiel 36:35).

Significantly enough, the Scriptures indicate that the vocation in which the Jew finds the greatest success is not merchandising, but farming. As in the distant days of the Old Testament patriarchs when the Philistines stared in wonderment at the bumper crops of Isaac, so tourists in our day have gaped incredulously at the products of Israeli *kibbutzim*.

There is a word here for Christians who also serve the God of Israel—not through tables of stone but through the redemptive fountain of Calvary. The present activities of Israel should mean much to us.

On the Mount of Olives, near the close of His glorious ministry, our Lord stated in the plainest terms that when Israel regained complete jurisdiction over the city of Jerusalem, the times of the Gentiles would come to their conclusion. "And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24). There is no distress for the child of God in this statement. Rather is there renewed hope and inspiration, for these are the days in which believers are to look for the coming of their Lord.

From all the evidences at hand it is indisputable that Israel is loudly declaiming her twofold message to the world. To the critic she admonishes, "Trim your libel." To the Christian she advises, "Trim your lamp."

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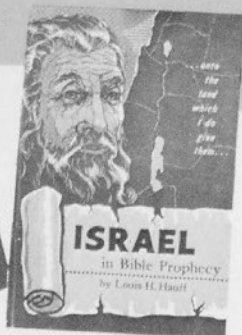
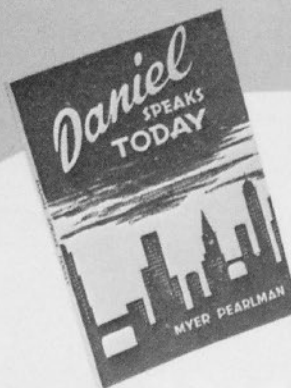
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IT WAS MY PRIVILEGE to be present more than 46 years ago when a religious awakening reminiscent of the earliest days of Pentecost swept over a large rural community about 30 miles northeast of Bismarck, North Dakota.

This mighty Holy Ghost revival began in a men's prayer meeting on a Saturday night in January 1921, when 12 of those men were gloriously filled with the Spirit according to Acts 2:4. Some said they were sure the schoolhouse where the meeting was held was shaken as by an earthquake. All felt lifted in spirit into the very presence of God.

Mrs. Andrew Trygg was keenly disappointed that she was not allowed to attend that Saturday night prayer meeting with her husband. She had never witnessed anyone being filled with the Spirit, but her heart was hungry. As she retired for the night she humbly asked the Lord to fill her with the Spirit. She went to sleep, but about the time her husband was being filled with the Holy Spirit in the men's prayer meeting, she awakened and she was filled also, speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

After the initial outpouring, the revival fires grew to such great proportions that the boards of two rural schools decided to dismiss school every day at noon so that teachers and pupils could attend afternoon tarrying meetings in private homes.

For weeks these daily meetings drew such crowds that there was scarcely room for the people to kneel. Members of some of the leading families in that area were swept into this glorious experience of the fullness of the Spirit.

The Andrew Tryggs' teen-age son Elmer received the Holy Ghost during these meetings. For many years he has been a pastor in the Montana District.

Charles Trygg was one of the 12 who received the Baptism in the men's prayer meeting. His daughter Mildred taught in a school which was dismissed at noon during the revival. This gave her an opportunity to be in the prayer meetings. She was wonderfully filled with the Holy Spirit and was a great blessing to other young people. Later she spent a number of years in ministry with her husband Roy Smuland, who passed on to his reward some years ago. Mrs. Smuland has served as national secretary of the Assemblies of God Women's Missionary Council since 1960.

Herman G. Johnson, North Dakota District superintendent for many years, also received the Baptism during this revival. His three sons, Samuel, Daniel, and Joseph, are Assemblies of God ministers today.

Prior to the revival, Mrs. Frank and I went to that community to preach the Pentecostal message at the invitation of some people who had attended our meetings elsewhere several months before. The man who was to be our host came for us in his Ford touring car. After riding 20 miles over bumpy roads and trails in that Model T, side curtains flapping in the cold January wind, we arrived at their humble home.

The two-room house consisted of a kitchen, which afforded the only entrance, and a large living room. The side of a hill had been cut away to provide part

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By FRED G. FRANK • Seattle, Washington

of two walls for the kitchen, which had a concrete floor.

The meetings were held in a school house. A pioneer minister in those days could not expect someone else to do the "chores" for a Pentecostal meeting in a new field. Walking the three miles to stoke the furnace several hours before meeting time gave me a wonderful opportunity to pray for the meeting each night.

Crowds gathered every night, singing by the light of kerosene lamps while Mrs. Frank played the reed-type pump organ. Behind the organ our little daughter Eunice (now Mrs. Paul Trulin) slept soundly each evening on several horse blankets.

The blessing of the Lord was upon the services, but we had not yet had a real "break." In answer to prayer, we were able to get Mrs. Etta E. Reckley of Baltimore to come for a week. She was one of the outstanding women preachers of that day, greatly used of God in pioneer gospel work.

Our host extended her a cordial invitation to share their home, and she came to live in that already overcrowded two-room home which had no modern con-

veniences whatever. Since our host and his wife occupied the only bed, and Mrs. Frank, our little daughter and I occupied a davenport bed at the other end of the room, with a thin curtain as a partition, we wondered where more sleeping space could be found.

Regardless of how one looked at it, there simply was not room for anyone else to sleep in the living room. Then, remembering my consecration to "do what You want me to do, dear Lord," I looked at the concrete kitchen floor. There was enough room to spread blankets and make myself a pallet. While I considered the sub-zero temperature, the fact that the floor would be cold, and that there was not much resiliency in concrete, the assurance came from the Lord, "My grace is sufficient for you." After all, I had come to propagate the gospel of Christ and not to enjoy a holiday in luxurious surroundings.

Living arrangements thus settled, we proceeded to work and plan for the meetings. Night after night, under the mighty anointing of the Holy Spirit, Mrs. Reckley laid a scriptural foundation which prepared the people to receive the Baptism.

At the close of the first week of meetings with Mrs. Reckley, the Lord led us to announce a Saturday night prayer meeting for men only. This was something new for that community, and a good crowd of men gathered for the occasion.

Although the people were generally receptive to the Pentecostal message, some hesitated to seek the baptism in the Spirit because of fears built up in their minds by unsympathetic preachers.

After a brief exhortation on overcoming such fears, we went to prayer that Saturday night. Each man responded to the Lord in heartsearching and deep humility. God filled 12 with the Spirit that night and they became a kind of firstfruits of a revival during which others were saved and filled, some were healed, and many prayers were answered.

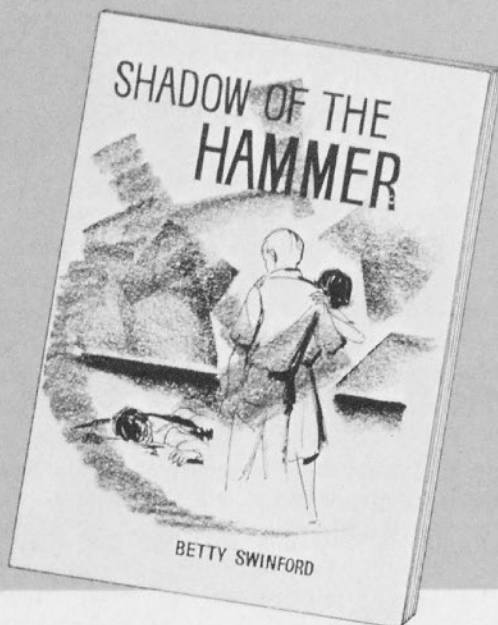
Mrs. Reckley returned later and was a great blessing to the many souls who sought the Lord in the afternoon meetings. On this occasion she was entertained in the very comfortable home of the Andrew Tryggs.

None of us had any idea at that time how far-reaching would be the influence of that revival, born of prayer and sacrifice, and the fire of God poured out upon receptive, humble hearts.



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by Betty Swinford

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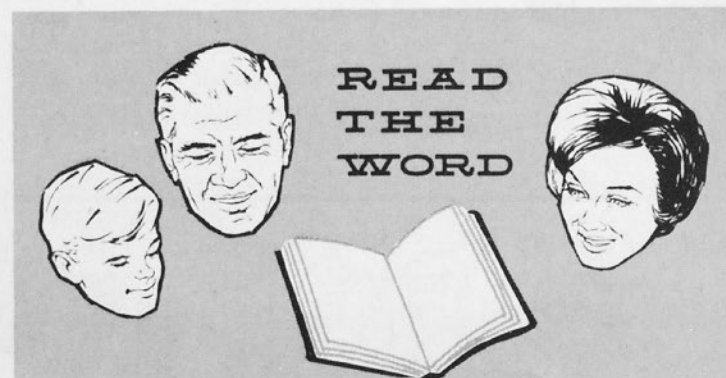
By **RICHARD H. PHILP**

Pastor, Evangel Tabernacle, Stanwood, Washington

WHEN I CONSIDER the terrifying events of the end time as portrayed in the Book of Revelation, I am enthralled with the fact that man's antagonism to God has so little effect on affairs in heaven.

While a man of straw is strutting around on earth "showing himself that he is God" (2 Thessalonians 2:4), there is not so much as a tremor in heaven. Elders, angels, and cherubim unperturbedly continue to pervade the celestial atmosphere with holy adoration.

Of so little significance to God is man's effrontery against Him that He laughs at it! If there is such a thing as humor in the Scriptures, I think it is indicated by the attitude of God as described in Psalm 2: "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh. The Lord shall



CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 30—AUGUST 6

Sunday	1 Kings 21, 22	Thursday	Romans 5, 6
Monday	2 Kings 1, 2	Friday	Romans 7, 8
Tuesday	Romans 1, 2	Saturday	Romans 9, 10
Wednesday	Romans 3, 4	Sunday	Romans 11, 12

"And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left (1 Kings 22:19).

have them in derision." So little does man's audacity disturb God.

Can you imagine God hurriedly rearranging heaven to guard against atomic fallout or anticipated invasion? Ulcers, frustration, anxiety, and fear are all unknown to God. In the light of the serenity of His eternal existence, how glorious is the Biblical promise to all who rejoice in the Lord and who trust in Him: "The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7).

Sad to say, the stress and strain of the days in which we live have disturbed many. Their dilemma recalls the sorry picture depicted in Isaiah 59:10, 11: "We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men. . . . We look for salvation, but it is far off from us."

But no one need grope like the blind in the midst of the present-day confusion and distress. Salvation is *not* far off from us. As the apostle Peter declared, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21).

Peter made this declaration on the Day of Pentecost. In his address he spoke of ominous events which would transpire in the "last days." He said that before the great day of the Lord comes, "the sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood." But in saying this Peter was driving to the overriding conclusion: "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." As the apostle viewed the end time, it was not the ominous which captured his attention, but the fact that the risen Lord is still reaching humanity with His saving power!

In spite of *everything* the gospel remains "the power of God unto salvation to *everyone* that believeth" (Romans 1:16). We find further assurance in John 1:5 which states, "The light shines on in the dark, and the darkness has never quenched it" (New English Bible). That light broke out on the Day of Pentecost, when tongues of fire proclaimed to the world that the weakness of God is stronger than men, and that the foolishness of God is wiser than men (1 Corinthians 1:25). It shines on in today's darkness, and happy are they who walk in the light of it.

In that sordid picture which Isaiah painted, God not only consoles His people with the knowledge that He is greater than His own adversaries, but He states He is greater than theirs. He warms the hearts of those who trust Him, helpless though they may seem, by saying, "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him" (Isaiah 59:19). In this glorious promise God is not speaking of heaven's defense against an enemy. He is speaking of man's defense—the security of every child of God.

Is it possible for God to loom too large upon our horizon of faith? Silly question! Solomon said that the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him. Yet we try to wrap Him up in the rags of human predicaments! What we need to remember is that it is "not by might, nor by power, but by *my* Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

Our repose as Christians is in the fact that God is God. A logical appendage to this fact is that it doesn't



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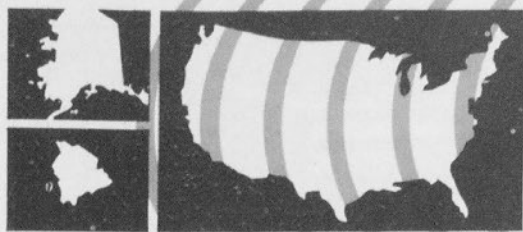
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matter a whit what predicament we are in, if faith sees God in proper perspective!

For the child of God to be smothered by the heavy layer of futility covering the earth today is to be oblivious of the One who still sits upon the throne, whose ways are not our ways, and whose thoughts are as much higher than our thoughts as the heavens are higher than the earth. (See Isaiah 55:8, 9.) Above all of earth's pompous boasts and spit-wad satellites, the predestined program which God ordained before the world began is soaring to completion.

Bathed in the love of God the people who know the Lord stand secure in the most troubled times. Watched over by an Eye that never slumbers nor sleeps, upheld by the Everlasting Arms, the people of God may rest in peace. For it is written: "They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever" (Psalm 125:1, 2).



GLIMPSES OF SPECIAL MINISTRY FIELDS OF THE HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

HOMEFRONT HIGHLIGHTS

AMERICAN INDIAN

No Interpretation Was Needed

An unusual anointing of the Spirit was upon the choir of American Indian Bible Institute, Phoenix, Ariz., as they ministered recently at the Pima mission in San Tan, Ariz.

One of the students gave a message in tongues, but no interpretation came although there was a gracious response in the congregation.

"At the close of the service," Missionary Anna Staley reports, "we learned why there had been no interpretation. A Navaho young lady under the Spirit's inspiration had been speaking to the Pimas in their own language—even though she didn't know that language!"

Reading Classes Create Enthusiasm

Recently one of the Wycliffe Bible translators, Faith Hill, conducted several reading classes for our Apache ladies as part of our weekly WMC meeting. The ladies were very interested. Some of them made a good start in learning to read the New Testament in their own language.

Last spring we had several outstanding services. One weekend five people were saved and one was filled with the Holy Spirit.

On Easter Sunday we had 162 in attendance. We closed the day's activities with a campfire service. One of our Apache young men, home from Southwestern Assemblies of God College, spoke to the people as they sat around the fire.

We wish you could have seen

the expressions on the faces of the Apaches. As the Spirit moved, they were broken before the Lord and many were speaking in other tongues. There in the open air they raised their voices in praise and thanksgiving for a risen Saviour. What a reward this is to the missionary!

—ERVIN HILLARD JR.
Whiteriver, Ariz.

A Heart for Home Missions

Bethel Church of Redding, Calif. (Victor Trimmer, pastor), is providing a well for the Indian Assembly at Bita Hochee (Indian Wells), Ariz., where Helen Burgess ministers.

Several men from Bethel Church have volunteered to help put in the well, and one of them is giving a considerable amount of his own money to the project.

When Miss Burgess presented her Indian ministry in Bethel Church, she mentioned that she drives 40 miles one way for water. One of the church members had visited her mission station and was impressed with the work. As a result Bethel's church board voted to raise the money for a well.

When the need for a new Indian church at Pine Cove, N. Mex., was presented in the Oklahoma District, District Superintendent Robert Goggin encouraged his churches to contribute generously to the building of this mission pioneered by Lula Morton and Marguerite Shaw. Now a lovely new church has been dedicated in Pine Cove.

These stories have been repeated over and over because of the vision and burden of districts, local churches, and individuals.

The Indian work of the Assemblies of God has made strides in the last few years. Many churches have been pioneered successfully because God's people and their leaders have cared enough to support the ventures of faith.

DEAF

Tour Is Successful

Karen L. Crews of Fort Worth, Tex., completed a 1,800-mile tour through Texas to arouse interest in the deaf ministry. Accompanied by three students of the language of signs from Southwestern Assemblies of God college, Waxahachie, Tex., she visited churches in the North, South, and West Texas Districts.

Many people saw the language of signs and heard of the needs of the deaf for the first time. Their response was enthusiastic.

Sister Crews attended the North Texas District Council in June. Mrs. D. L. Kreeger, interpreter for the deaf of Glad Tidings Assembly of Austin, assisted her in interpreting for the deaf who were present.

Approximately 55 hearing people attend the language of signs classes which Miss Crews conducts. She is also teaching the method to Teen Challenge workers.

New ministries to the deaf were established in Austin, Houston, and Baytown in the past year.

Congregation Is Featured

On March 11 *The Flint Journal* featured Pastor and Mrs. Robert Nathan and the deaf congregation of Riverside Tabernacle in Flint, Mich. The newspaper has published six articles depicting the

ministry to the deaf by various churches in the area.

Riverside's deaf congregation numbers approximately 35. In addition 20 pupils from the Michigan School for the Deaf attend regularly.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Spanish Eastern District Marks Milestone

The 25th Council of the Spanish Eastern District convened June 12-16 at the Christian Church John 3:16 in the Bronx, N. Y.

Chas. W. H. Scott, executive director of the Home Missions Department, addressed the Council at the WMC meeting and at the ordination service when eight individuals were set apart for the ministry.

Dr. Carlos J. Lastra, chancellor of the Inter-American University of San German, Puerto Rico, also a speaker at the Council, attended a banquet honoring him and Brother Scott on June 14.

During the 25-year period, the Spanish Eastern District has grown to a membership of 17,762 Christians, worshipping in 169 churches under the leadership of 188 ministers.

Brother Scott extended congratulations from the Executive Presbytery of the General Council. He also presided at the business session for the election of officers.

Elected to serve the district are: Adolfo Carrion, superintendent and home missions director; Augusto Castillo, assistant superintendent; Luis Arce, general presbyter; Jose Caraballo, secretary; and Ricardo Tañón, treasurer.

Some of the Apache ladies who took the reading class taught by Faith Hill (third from right). The pastor's wife is at the extreme right.



Robert Nathan teaching a Sunday school deaf class at Riverside Tabernacle, Flint, Mich. ("Flint Journal" photo.)



Home Missionary News Notes

New Appointees

N. Jay Cole of Philadelphia, Pa., recently received Home Missions appointment to Teen Challenge ministry.

During the past year Brother Cole has served with Bob Bartlett, director of Teen Challenge in Philadelphia. His responsibilities include Bible clubs, story hours, and street meetings for children.

In September, 1966, Brother Cole began serving as chapel pastor and as one of the staff evangelists.

Prior to his association with Teen Challenge, he assisted Monty Garfield on weekends in the Jewish ministry.

Brother Cole attended Waynesburg and Eastern Baptist colleges in Pennsylvania and was graduated from Northeast Bible Institute, Green Lane, Pa., in 1966. He is licensed with the Eastern District.

S. Dianne Harvey, Mobridge, S. Dak., is now recognized by the Home Missions Department as an appointed missionary to the American Indians.

Miss Harvey has experience in jail ministry as well as children's work. She was graduated from Southwestern Assemblies of God College, Waxahachie, Tex., in 1966, and received her license from the North Texas District in 1967.

Miss Harvey is assisting the Leo Banksons in the Indian work at Mobridge.

Dorothy J. Scott of Baton Rouge, La., recently received Home Missions appointment for ministry to the deaf.

Miss Scott was graduated from Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo., in 1951 and in 1953 received a license to preach from the Iowa District.

In 1951-52, Miss Scott laid the foundation for the deaf work at Riverside Tabernacle in Flint, Mich. From 1953-56 she established the deaf church in Des Moines, Iowa, but had to leave due to poor health. Recently the Lord healed her. Prior to going to Baton Rouge, she had been assisting the Robert Nathans in their ministry in Flint.

The deaf church at Central Assembly in Baton Rouge opened on February 5. There are approxi-

mately 2,000 deaf living in the area and the State School for the Deaf is located there.

Gerald R. Silliman of Memphis, Tenn., received appointment recently by the Home Missions Department for Alaska.

While completing two years of religious education at Central Bible College, he pastored the Brown Springs Community Church. Brother Silliman received his license from the Tennessee District this year.

After completing his itinerary to raise support, Brother Silliman will be working with Patrick Donadio at Tok, Alaska.

Changes on the Field

Rowena Chaves is regaining strength after recent heart trouble. She writes, "It makes my heart sing to be able to minister to these precious Indians again." Sister Chaves is now assisting the Charley Greathouses in their mission at Maricopa.

The Daniel Stevens are again assuming the responsibilities of the Navaho assembly at Manuelito, N. Mex., and will erect a church building.

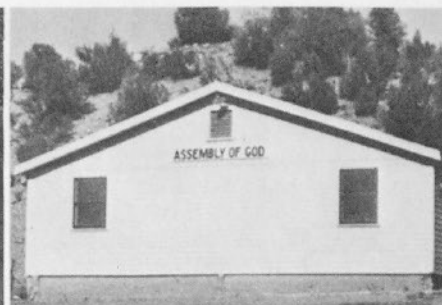
The Floyd Beckstrands resigned the Indian church in Rapid City, S. Dak., effective April 1, and are now in Rolla, N. Dak.

Olline Dingman is improving in health and is returning to her former work among the Indians in the Chandler, Ariz., area.

The Albert Hollands have recently returned to their work among the Indians at Lower Brule, S. Dak.

The Richard Hoopingarners resigned their Indian work in Farmington, N. Mex., and are taking a needed rest in Sunnymead, Calif.

After 13 years of service at Fort Hall, Ida., the J. G. Bennetts are now pastoring the Wood, S. Dak., Assembly. Located seven miles north of the Rosebud Indian Reservation, they plan to establish an outstation among the Sioux at the town of Mission.



MISSIONARIES COMPLETE DECADE OF SERVICE

April 24 marked the completion of 10 years of ministry by the Elmer Kaufmanns to members of the Fort Apache Indian reservation located in Carrizo Canyon among the White Mountains of Arizona.

Their first church was a brush arbor built on a hillside which was cleared of abandoned *wickiups*. Their first convert accepted the Lord as she sat by the graveside of her newborn baby. She has remained true to the Lord.

At least three medicine men have taken the "Jesus way" before leaving this life.

Recently W. A. Nelson, a blind Navaho evangelist who is a graduate of the American Indian Bible Institute, Phoenix, Ariz., held a successful revival in Carrizo.

With the prayers and gifts of God's people, the task of preaching the gospel has brought blessed results. "But there is much yet to be done," Brother Kaufmann adds.

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

LOCAL COMMITTEES NAMED FOR GENERAL COUNCIL

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Committees assisting with plans for the 32nd biennial General Council business meeting in Long Beach, Calif., August 24-29, have been announced by J. Philip Hogan, national chairman of the Committee on Arrangements.

National coordinator is Warren F. McPherson, Assemblies of God secretary of public relations. Serving as local coordinator is L. E. Halvorson, superintendent of the Southern California District.

Assemblies of God ministers from the Long Beach area will chair committees on equipment, exhibits-trucking, publicity, personal evangelism, and ushering.

Serving on the equipment committee will be Ralph I. Salzman, San Pedro, chairman; Marrles W. Moore, Compton; Warren L. Hill, Huntington Park; and Robert M. White, Long Beach.

Grant A. Wacker, La Palma, will head the exhibits-trucking committee. He will be assisted by Harlin C. Hines, Orange; and Howard P. Wilde Jr., Burbank. Verne B. MacKinney, Springfield, Mo., coordinator of "Speed-the-Light," is national chairman.

Serving on the publicity committee will be Wesley P. Steel-

berg, Los Alamitos, chairman; Raymond A. Schoch, Los Angeles; and Ronald E. Cottle, Inglewood. Warren F. McPherson and Thomas A. Gerdis, public relations assistant, will handle national publicity.

Homer Menzies, manager of Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, will be in charge of information.

Leonard M. Nipper, Wilmington, will direct the local committee on personal evangelism. Other members are Roy G. Sapp, Wilmington; Lavoyn L. Shipley, Long Beach; and Ted S. Singleton, Paramount. Glen B. Bonds, Springfield, national Men's Fellowship secretary, will be national chairman.

Members of the ushers committee will be Edward L. Hughes, Torrance, chairman; George H. Boatright, Lynwood; N. E. Carlson, Torrance; and Thomas O. Grams, Lomita. William G. Eastlake, Springfield, manager of literature sales for the Assemblies of God, is national chairman.

Richard G. Champion, managing editor of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, will be platform coordinator for the convention. He will be assisted by Harry M. Myers of Chickasha, Okla.

WITH CHRIST

PETRONILA B. LOZADO, 74, of Chicago, Ill., went to be with her Lord March 27, 1967. Sister Lozado received a license to preach in 1962 from the Latin American District. She served as an evangelist.

JOHN L. MILLER, 84, of Everett, Wash., went to his eternal reward May 3, 1967. Brother Miller was an ordained minister in the Northwest District. He served as an evangelist and as pastor in Oak Harbor, Camas, and Mukilteo, Wash. He is survived by his wife Jessie and one daughter Cherie Miller of Kirkland.

MAUD AINSWORTH, 80, of Corsicana, Tex., went to be with Jesus May 23, 1967. Ordained to the ministry in 1915, Sister Ainsworth served as an evangelist and as a pioneer pastor in Alma, Crockett, Buffalo, Marquez,

Jewett, and Corsicana, Tex. She is survived by her husband Jim.

LINUS HEIDT, 71, of Elmore, Minn., went to be with the Lord May 26, 1967. Brother Heidt began preaching in 1929. An ordained minister, he was a member of the Minnesota District. He pioneered churches in Naper, Nebr., and Spirit Lake, Iowa. He also served as pastor in Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Estherville, Iowa; and Elmore. Brother Heidt is survived by his wife Marie, three sons, one daughter, and 11 grandchildren.

TIMOTEO MARES, 57, of Sterling, Colo., went to be with the Lord May 15, 1967. Brother Mares, a licensed minister in the Latin American District, served as an evangelist. He is survived by his wife Eloya, nine sons, four daughters, and 14 grandchildren.



The air-conditioned sanctuary of Calvary Temple seats 600. Pastor Edward R. Skane inset.

MASSACHUSETTS CONGREGATION DEDICATES NEW BUILDING

LYNNFIELD, MASS.—The congregation of Calvary Temple dedicated its new building here recently. The former site of the church was in Malden, Mass., some six miles distant.

David Flower, superintendent of the Southern New England District, was the dedication speaker. Carl Lindberg, superintendent of the Northern New England District, offered the dedicatory prayer.

Following the dedication service and a fellowship dinner, Evangelist

Hansel Vibbert of Evansville, Ind., began 10 days of services.

Located on three acres of beautifully landscaped grounds, the brick building seats 600 and is fully air-conditioned. A large estate home on the property is used by the Sunday school.

The property has been appraised at \$400,000.

The church is continuing to grow and many new people are visiting the services, according to Edward R. Skane, founder and pastor of Calvary Temple.

CHICO, TEX.—The Assembly of God here enjoyed two weeks of wonderful services recently with Evangelist and Mrs. Sam Walley of Fort Worth, Tex. Hearts were encouraged nightly through the preaching of the Word of God.

—Melvin Gipson, pastor

COLUMBIA, MISS.—A spirit of revival has swept First Assembly here since special meetings with Evangelist Al D. Hewison of Springfield, Mo., several months ago. Several have been saved, and others have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

A water baptismal service, the first in many years, has been planned. Average attendance has increased, and a building fund was

begun, with actual construction scheduled for sometime next year.

Missions giving is at an all-time high. The church also began sponsoring *Revivaltime* broadcasts recently.

—Marshall Lee Dodd, pastor

FREDONIA, N. Y.—The joy of the Lord swept the Full Gospel Church here as five persons were saved and three were filled with the Holy Spirit during 10 days of special meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Wayne Marshall of Salineville, Ohio.

Attendance was unusually good for the services.

The anointed messages produced a spirit of compassion and soul winning still evidenced. The

church has seen a good ingathering of souls over the past three years and is now seeking to move forward with a strong evangelistic emphasis.

—Lyman A. Jollay, pastor

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PARIS, ARK.—First Assembly here was inspired and blessed under the ministry of the Jack Martz team. One young lady was saved, and a teen-ager was healed of double vision.

The evangelists showed pictures on drug addiction in the local high school. The local radio station donated a free broadcast every morning. Attendance at the services was excellent.

—J. W. Farrell, pastor

JAMESBURG, N. Y.—Special meetings at the Assembly of God here had a marked impact upon the church and the community.

Evangelist and Mrs. Roy T. Johnson of Paterson, N. J., led the revival—the first one in the history of the church to last more than a week.

Two people were saved and five reclaimed during the meetings. Young people were especially touched, coming to the altar to pray through in tears until God met their needs.

The daughter of the assistant pastor had her eardrum pierced by a sharp object and was in great pain. But when she was prayed for, she was instantly healed.

The revival spirit has spread to other churches. A united prayer meeting has been held each morning with ministers and members of a Baptist church and a Pilgrim Holiness church.

—Frank P. Marcucci, pastor

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MALVERN, ARK.—Oak Grove Assembly here was blessed spiritually during two weeks of services with Evangelist and Mrs. J. C. Nichols of Leland, Miss. Eight were saved, eight were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and 11 were baptized in water. The Sunday school is growing and there is a spirit of unity throughout the church.

—J. D. Chambers, pastor

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TOLEDO, OHIO.—Calvary Assembly here recently concluded four weeks of evangelistic meetings with "The Musical Vanns" (Evangelist and Mrs. A. R. Vander Ploeg).

Nearly 100 persons made decisions for Christ. A number of people were baptized in the Holy Spirit. On the closing night of the meeting 45 people followed the Lord in water baptism.

Large crowds attended the services nightly with hundreds of visitors present, thus opening the doors for further contacts.

—J. Donald McManness, pastor

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOMEcoming—Aug. 13, Assembly of God, Burton, Ohio.—by R. E. Milligan, pastor.

HOMEcoming—Aug. 13 at Crump Assembly, Whitewater, Mo.—by J. D. Smith, pastor.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ark.	Bauxite	First	Aug. 7—	Tom F. Ogden	Willis Brothers
	Hope	First	Aug. 1-13	Jerry & Linda Knibbe	Bob Willhite
	Houston	A/G	July 23—	A. C. Calaway	Charley Rood
	Norman	¹ First	July 23-28	Ethel W. Calaway	Bowman Messer
	N. Little Rock	Rose City	Aug. 2-13	Lindell & Mrs. Ballenger	W. N. Harris
Calif.	Bakersfield	¹ Bethel Temple	Aug. 6-11	Knouse-Stovall Tm.	Harry Hodge
	Carlsbad	Gospel Tab.	Aug. 9-13	The Tanner Team	P. A. Zimmerman
	Glendale	Bethel	Aug. 1-6	The Tanner Team	Arthur Slater
	Hayward	Bethel Temple	Aug. 2-7	Ernie Eskelin	William Thornton
	La Jolla	A/G	Aug. 8-13	Joel & Mrs. Palmer	Kenneth Solberg
	Long Beach	Calvary Temple	Aug. 6-13	William Holcomb	L. L. Shipley
	Salida	A/G	Aug. 1-13	Stephens Brothers	Hugo Williams
	Tahoe Valley	South Shore Chapel	July 30-Aug. 4	Loretta Kaupanger	Gerald Boyd
	Copperas Cove	A/G	Aug. 7-16	Calvin Durham	Joe Hefflin
	Crestview	Westside	Aug. 6—	David L. Scruggs	T. V. Kolmetz
Fla.	DeFuniak Springs	First	Aug. 7-13	Jerry & Ann Johnson	Cary Richards
	St. Petersburg	¹ Glad Tidings	July 31-Aug. 4	Gary & Annes Chapin	Kenneth Squires
	Sarasota	¹ First	Aug. 7-11	Gary & Annes Chapin	Norman McCutchen
Ga.	Cordele	First	Aug. 7-20	Randall A. Walker	J. H. Blanton
	Tifton	First	Aug. 6-27	Burnie Davis	O. L. Stokes
Ill.	Macomb	¹ A/G	Aug. 9-13	Carl E. Gammel	Oliver Knell
	Metropolis	First	Aug. 2-6	The Singing Lunsfords	Doyle Long
Ind.	Morocco	¹ A/G	Aug. 7-11	Dedelow-Friederici Tm.	Marlin H. Nolin
Iowa	LeClaire	Full Gospel Tab.	Aug. 9-13	The Singing Lunsfords	William E. Lane
Kans.	Kansas City	Gospel Temple	July 26-Aug. 6	Tommy & Esther Lance	Burl Rogers
Ky.	Padukah	Bethel	Aug. 1-13	I. D. Rayborn	Ivan Jones
La.	New Orleans	² Camp Grounds	July 31-Aug. 4	Paul Hild Family	Don Logan, Dir.
	W. Monroe	¹ First	Aug. 6-11	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	F. D. Wall
	Westwego	A/G	Aug. 9—	Gene & Mrs. Thompson	Paul Radke
	Lonaconing	First	Aug. 8-27	Chief Thum-Sunshine Party	Chas. E. Fussell
Md.	Dundee	A/G	Aug. 1-6	John Higginbotham	Harold Bilotta
Mich.	Bismarck	A/G	Aug. 6-20	Glenna Byard	Charles Leathers
	DeSoto	First	Aug. 1-13	Loyd & Rebecca Middleton	A. M. Roberts
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	Kirkwood	¹ A/G	Aug. 6—	Gladys Voight	Clem Pankey
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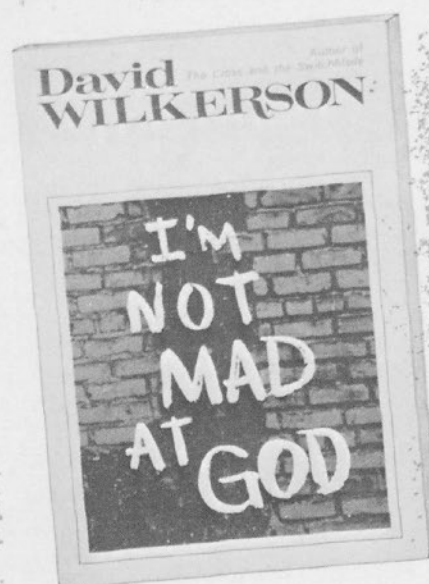
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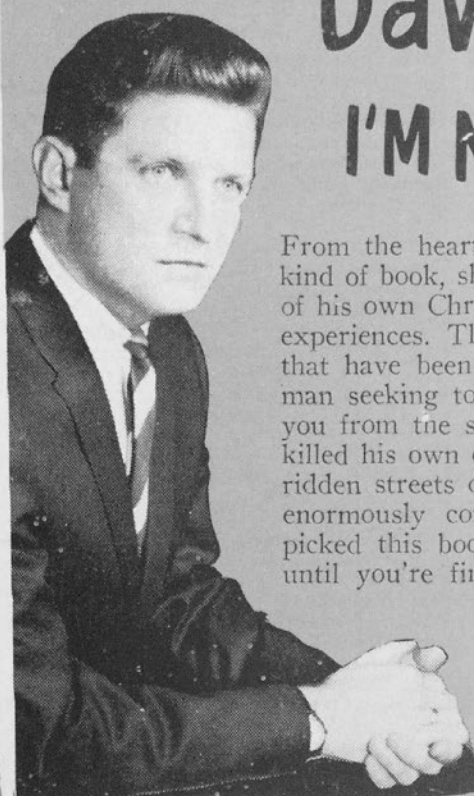
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