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Clean Worship Assembly Opens Under Ideal Surroundings

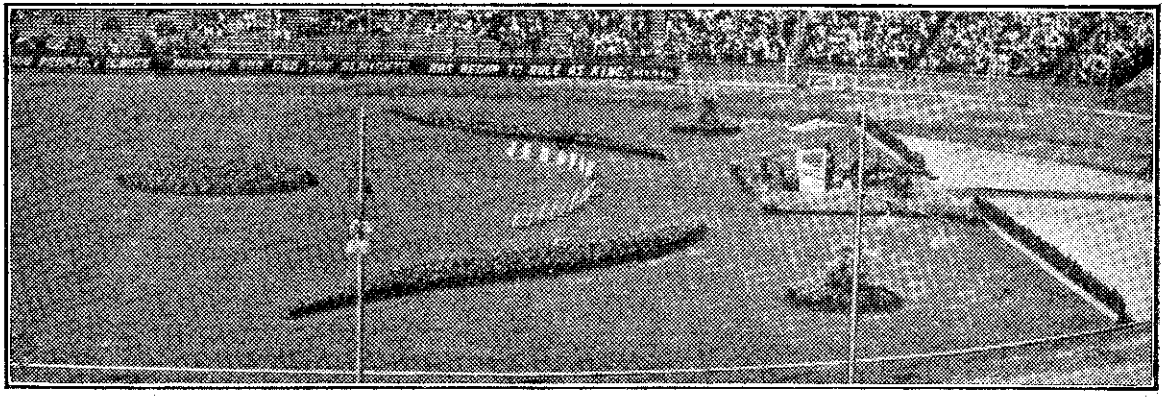
IT was a great joy to all Jehovah's witnesses in the British Isles when we first learned that there was to be a convention here in 1951. This announcement was made by the president of the Society at the Yankee Stadium at the close of the International Convention in August, 1950, with an invitation to those present to attend.

Very soon efforts were made to locate a place that would accommodate the large numbers that would most certainly be present. As the months rolled by the news was confirmed, but the location of the auditorium was not disclosed. Conjecture ran high. Then came *The Watchtower* announcement: Wembley Stadium, one of the largest sports arenas in the British Isles and the centre for the major national and international sporting events held in this country. This was to be a great occasion and every effort must be put forth to rally all to an appreciation of the importance of this great international gathering.

Wheels of organization commence to turn: thousands of accommodations sought; preparations to feed the visiting crowds from the British Isles and other lands; advance advertising for the greatest of all conventions in Britain. The *Informant* from early February carries enthusing news and information. Months melt to weeks. Then comes July, pre-convention month when, as always, excitement mounts. The convention spirit is in the air, service meetings country-wide trumpet the stirring call, "Come to Wembley!" They came. At the same time arrangements were being made in other lands so that by convention time 40 different nations were represented in the crowds that gathered at the stadium. Delegates from far Australia, twelve thousand miles away, mingled with those from Wembley itself, within the shadow of the stadium. London welcomed its Christian visitors and Jehovah will bless all those who gave hospitality ungrudgingly.

The night of July 31 saw the weary travellers from other lands arrive and these sought their beds early. The faithful band of pre-convention workers showed their neighbour love by making ready the great arena for Clean Worship. The customary activities of the stadium would continue and it was necessary for the convention installation crew to strip the arena of all stalls, banners, signs, etc., after the afternoon sessions on Thursday and Saturday and replace everything by first thing the following morning so that no one would detect any change. This difficulty was successfully overcome.

August 1, the opening day, and a warm sun beamed down on a vista of New World peace. The beautiful setting of the platform with its thousands of flowers caused a gasp of delight. Then at last the long-looked-for opening session, with Kingdom songs heralding praises to Jehovah's name from thousands of joy-filled hearts. The theme of clean worship was manifest on every hand. Flanking the arena were two 140-foot banners proclaiming the yeartext wherein the invitation is extended from heaven itself to peoples of good will in all nations to "Praise Jah, you people" for Jehovah's glorious name is holy, sanctified. Those on earth who bear that name must likewise be clean and must worship Jehovah in spirit and in truth.



The platform in a setting of flowers

WARM WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN OFFICIALLY OPENS ASSEMBLY

Nearly 19,000 in Attendance

"LIFE-GIVING KNOWLEDGE" DAY

Promptly at 9:15 on the morning of August 1 the conventioners assembled for the opening session which commenced with the singing of song 59 in praise to Jehovah. This was followed by the opening prayer and a talk by S. E. Reynolds of the London Bethel on "Ministers of Life-giving Knowledge". Service instructions followed and immediately the convention crowds dispersed to take up their place out in the field to extend life-giving knowledge to all who would receive it.

Official Opening

At 2:15 p.m., under sunny skies, the convention chairman, E. C. Chitty, of the London office, welcomed the 18,886 attenders at the official opening of this assembly for clean worship. "Jehovah invited us to this assembly. It is His assembly" and the call was well expressed at Psalm 95, verses 1-7. "Treat Wembley Stadium as our Kingdom Hall" counselled the chairman, "and attend all meetings with good behaviour, for not without good reason is this called 'Clean Worship' Assembly".

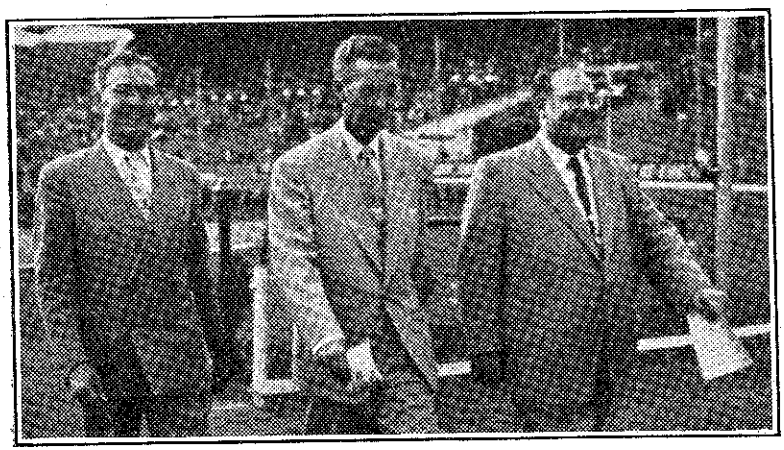
Sounding Jehovah's Praise

Then followed J. Nathan, of Canada, who launched into his theme of "Praise to the New World's Founder" by stating that it is time this generation woke up to realize how near they are to salvation or destruction. The old world kingdoms, powers and nations right from Babylon had no rightful birth; they were born in defiance of Jehovah, they are not true sons. He showed how the New World Government, God's kingdom, was born in 1914, and God's Word directs that we should praise the New World's Founder. Revelation, chapter 12, shows that in 1914 Satan was cast down, not exalted, and the proof of this is that Jehovah's witnesses are no longer in captivity, but are free, happy, and praising Jah, "because Jehovah our God, the Almighty, has begun to rule as king".

Proper Conduct

The next item on the program was a timely symposium: "Met together in my name". D. M. Bradbury of the London Bethel, under the title of "At the Same Place" stressed the importance of uniting together at the Kingdom Halls and the necessity for keeping our place of worship clean. T. H. Gibson, also of the London Bethel, under "Conduct in God's Household" exhorted to conduct at the Kingdom Hall that would be a credit to the One in whose name we meet. A. N. Bower, a circuit servant in Britain, pointedly rounded off this symposium with "Kindness to Strangers" in which he reminded all of the need for extending a warm invitation to the strangers and welcoming them into the family circle. Said the speaker: "Kindness means having the feelings natural to those of the same family; to show consideration to others".

E. C. Chitty



J. Nathan Grant Suiter P. Chapman

King at the Temple

The afternoon session closed with a discourse by P. Chapman, the Canadian branch servant, entitled "New World's King at the Temple". The speaker brought forth uncontradictable arguments proving Christ's

second presence would be invisible, but discernible by the signs of the times, and through the eye of faith. Jesus said, "Blessed are your eyes for they see." If you cannot see the New World's King at the Temple, it is not because he is not there, but because there is something wrong with you. The only remedy is that you must cleanse yourself and you will see the King. The speaker drew notice to the fact that Isaiah says in chapter six, "I *see* the Lord." Those who see the New World's King at the temple must continue in the cleansed condition, singing the glorious song and turning the people's eyes away from this old world rule and aiding them to see the New World's King enthroned in his glory.

This "Life-giving Knowledge" theme was continued during the evening session when it was shown how this knowledge is received through the 'servant' organization. We witnessed a demonstration of a meeting of the servants with the circuit servant during the latter's visit to the company. Herein was stressed the need of a positive outlook, accepting the Society's call for 34 per cent increase as a God-directed certainty if worked at with vision and enthusiasm.

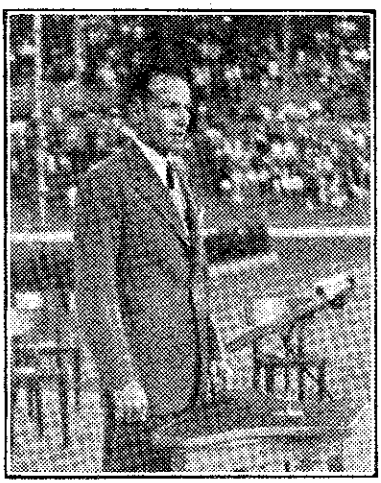
R. Gough and H. C. Fairfax demonstrated the need for personal organization in helping the newly interested into field service and attendance at all meetings; also the need for enthusiastic example by mature publishers.

"Sign" People

"The Guiding Sign". Under this title a talk was delivered by G. E. Hannan, of the Brooklyn Bethel, who has been a full-time servant in the Bible and book production factory for many years. The speaker asked, "Would you like to travel at high speed on a dark highway that is not provided with lights or signs, or a straight, well lighted highway equipped with plenty of signs?" The answer is obvious. All mankind are on the move to some final destination. Jehovah has provided a proper guide and sign leading the people of good will from disaster to New World salvation. The great guide of all is God's Word. Building a boat on dry land was the sign provided by Jehovah before the flood. The rainbow a further sign after the flood. The ten plagues were a sign to Pharaoh. The virgin birth of Jesus was a great sign given through Isaiah. Jesus healed the sick, performed miracles and preached, this was sufficient sign for the meek who wanted to be guided in right worship. Not so the religious clergy. Jesus told them they observed the weather but not the times. Who is to guide the people today? Jehovah's "sign" people. Should we expect something spectacular to convince us of the importance of the times? All who are not satisfied with the sign of Christ's coming as manifest in the earth today will be sadly mistaken if they do not act upon what they can see now. Look to Jehovah and his Word, the Bible, to his Great Shepherd, Christ Jesus, and to his Theocratic organization. Join the "sign" people in proclaiming the message from door to door. Don't wait for something more spectacular but carry on clean worship.

Will the Stones Cry Out?

Under this interest-catching title, M. G. Henschel then came to the microphone. Summarising his remarks, we were reminded that God has purposed that a mighty witness must be given world-wide at this end of the world. He has purposed it and none can stop it. Jesus said that if the disciples did not preach, the stones would cry out. The increase of the testimony now brings increased opposition. Efforts are now being made in some countries to stop the Kingdom work but it will go on. Psalm 91 shows the protection that Jehovah has over his organization and over his people.



M. G. Henschel

Take strength from this and be faithful now. It is not necessary for the stones to cry out because God's Word shows that he will have his servants on earth right now. We will go on faithfully as a body of God's servants throughout the earth and praise the name of Jehovah evermore.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE MEETINGS

For the benefit of the many delegates from other countries foreign language sessions were held both at the stadium and at two of the nearest Kingdom Halls. On the mornings of two of the days when the English-speaking publishers were out in the field witnessing, at least four different meetings were in progress at different locations inside the stadium. These meetings were addressed by branch and circuit servants from the respective countries and judging from the applause that punctuated the meetings there was much enthusiasm and appreciation. The highlights of the talks given at the stadium were related to the delegates in their own language. Then, too, many had interesting experiences to relate from their own countries as well as while journeying to the convention, and these contributed to the lively interest that was manifest. The attendances at these foreign-speaking meetings were: Danish, 475; Finnish, 107; French, 105; German, 310; Hollandish, 103; Norwegian, 100, and Swedish, 360. There can be no doubt about the keen appreciation that was felt by those who were able to gather together and hear the latest information about the assembly.

One interesting experience was given by the brothers who came by boat from Helsinki, Finland. They applied to use the ship's public address system but were told that no religious services could be held. The captain told them, however, that they could make announcements, but that there must be no music. As a result, the 60 brothers on board were able to hold a public meeting on the ship, which was followed by an interesting *Watchtower* study—and all this over the ship's address system! A really good witness was given to all those on board.

Ministers Working with a Purpose

MINISTERS OF GOD DAY

Due to the stadium being closed to us for the evening, Thursday's program began at 9:00 a.m. with songs and experiences. Interesting experiences were related from Denmark, The Philippines and Switzerland, as well as from the British field.

Theocratic Ministry School

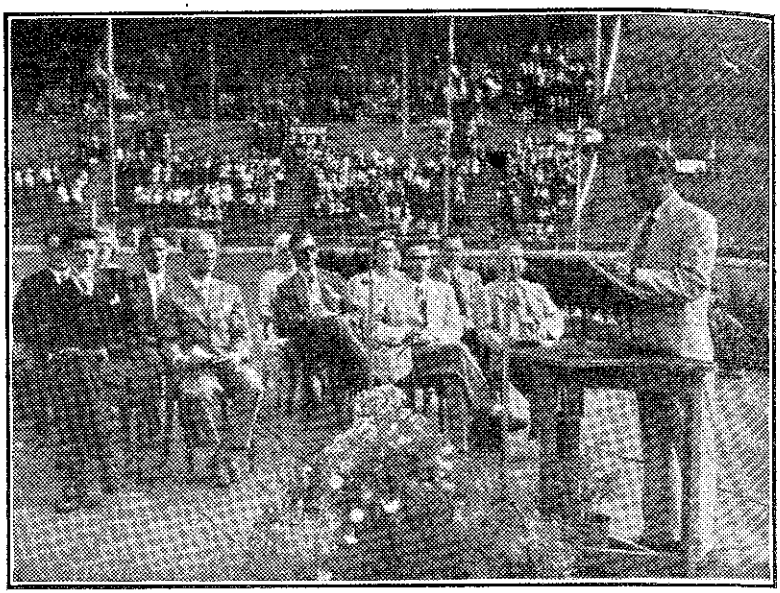
Right on time the Theocratic Ministry School was staged, setting a pattern for early and punctual meetings. A model meeting followed with greatly-appreciated instruction talk, student talks, and finally the mature counsel given by M. G. Friend, the Gilead instructor. Two phrases in the counsel given by this school servant will help all. Counselling one speaker, he said, "He counted his words and made his words count", and, "He said what he meant and meant what he said".

Purposeful Service

The next speaker was K. M. Jensen from Brooklyn Bethel, who discoursed on "Working with a Purpose". We were told that Jehovah had a purpose and always had a reason for his purpose. Christ Jesus had a mind similar to Jehovah's. He studied the Bible in order to be aware of Jehovah's purpose, as shown at Hebrews 10:7. He remembered that his Father's name must be made known and he worked to that end. The apostles had a purpose, too, and so must we. Strength is now given us for the final witness. "Don't be mechanical in your work", he urged. Then stressing the importance of Bible education he reminded us that the Society recommends one Bible study per publisher, and although very few achieve that goal, it still stands. He illustrated the achieving of our purpose by well-conducted Bible studies, namely, the teaching of people of good will so that they too become Kingdom publishers.

Glorify the Ministry

Three British circuit servants, F. W. Adams, L. A. Hunt and J. Pinder presented a helpful symposium. The question was asked, "Who ordains us?" and we were referred to Luke 4:18 for the answer. Proof of our ordination is seen in the results of our ministry. The ministry is accomplished not by might or by power, but by the spirit of Jehovah. The need was shown for advancing to maturity. It is both possible and necessary and is accomplished by a study of God's Word, by feeding at the one table spread for us, and by staying with the New World organization.



THEOCRATIC MINISTRY SCHOOL IN SESSION

Voices from Other Lands

The afternoon session opened with four brothers giving account of the ministry of the Word in their respective countries. First to the microphone was M. F. Anderson, of NORWAY, with a message of love from the Norwegian brothers. He told us that there were 80 present at the assembly and those not able to come were with us in spirit. The country of Norway is mountainous and rough. The work there entails hardship but all are glad of the privilege of service.

SWEDEN was represented by O. F. Hakanson, who told of the self-satisfied condition of the people of Sweden. Not having suffered by recent wars they are satisfied with their way of life and put off Bible study until a later time. Despite all obstacles good progress is being made and the Kingdom publishers in Sweden are working hard to assist the "other sheep" in that land.

From DENMARK came the voice of J. Poulsgaard telling of the enemy opposition to the Kingdom work in that land. The propaganda by the combined religious opposers has not deterred the work in Denmark, for three peaks of publishers had been reached in the last three months. He reported that of the 3,063 publishers in the country, 400 were present at the convention.

Speaking on the work in EIRE, F. Metcalfe said that Eire might be described as lying behind the Eirean curtain which the Vatican had made out of something with which Britishers are familiar—blackout material. To the delight of his audience he told how large holes are being pierced in this curtain through which the light of truth is beaming. In this clergy-controlled country Theocratic tact is the prime requirement, and after years of patient service the truth is being established in Eire.

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FOUR NEW TRACTS

EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENTS FOR SERVICE

Confidently Facing the End

At 3:15 the conventioners welcomed to the microphone the Society's president, N. H. Knorr. This was his first appearance and all settled with eager anticipation to receive the spiritual refreshment that would come from his discussion of this timely subject.

"Jehovah is the biggest optimist in the universe". With this arresting statement Brother Knorr launched into his theme, and continued by proving that although the world may look upon Jehovah's witnesses as pessimists, because for the past seventy years they have been preaching the end of the world, they are the greatest optimists on earth today, since expecting this old world to end means looking for a New World to begin with most wonderful opportunities for living.

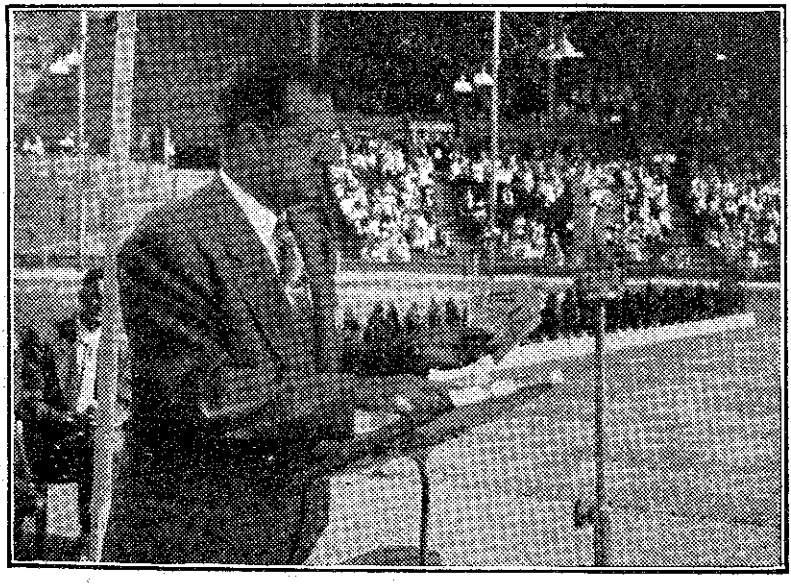
Comparing the situation today with that of the pre-flood period, Brother Knorr challenged our critics: "Where, we ask, would this race of humanity be today if this one man Noah and his family had not withdrawn their support from this antediluvian world and prepared for its end by building a great chest—an ark—for man and beast to be preserved in? Noah was not to build an interplanatory rocket ship to get away from the earth. No, he was to stay right there and build an ark. Persons today, who are informed of the world's end would be wise to imitate their ancient forefather and withdraw their support from this doomed world and walk with God."

We were urged not to feel ashamed or embarrassed because the world thinks us queer and unscientific. It is something over which to feel grateful to God, because we have preferred to suffer reproach with him and his Son. The evil spoken of Noah did not prove him wrong for he survived the deluge, whereas the evil speakers were flooded out of existence.

Then we were reminded of the early Christians who recognized that the world was condemned and did not wish to remain a part of it. Thus they set an example for us, and like them we must be wise and recognize that we are making a record now for our judgment before God. We must live according to the New World standards and withdraw our love and support from this world if we wish to escape destruction with it.

After speaking of the urgency with which the apostles wrote of the coming world's end, the question was put, "How can you be sure the complete end is not another nineteen centuries away?" Peter's letter, because it was written about seven years before the destruction of Jerusalem A.D. 70 may have induced him to write the way he did, but today Christendom, the modern counterpart of unfaithful Jerusalem, is in worse anguish, and we see fulfilled since 1914 all the signs of the complete end which Jesus described in his prophecy. The complete end of all things of this world has drawn close and the time remaining is most precious now. If this is our confidence we must prove it by the way we live and act. Finally, Brother Knorr exhorted: "As a Theocratic organization we must push on through 1951 and the remaining time of God's forbearance towards this world. We must hold together by love, unitedly fighting, unitedly serving God, unitedly enduring and praying throughout all the earth. . . . Onward with the preaching of this good news of God's kingdom in all the earth for a witness, not stopping until the accomplished end comes and Jehovah God arises for his witnesses, and his New World follows into which we shall survive to his everlasting praise by Christ Jesus!"

Then came a surprise—the introduction of four tracts with the titles "What Do Jehovah's Witnesses Believe?", "Hell Fire. Bible Truth or Pagan Scare?" "Jehovah's Witnesses, Communists or Christians?" and "Awake from Sleep". Brother Knorr expressed the hope that brothers would carry them in their pockets and sisters in their handbags so that they could be used at every opportunity. When supplies are available the tracts will be obtainable at 6/- for 1,000 copies, 3/- for 500, or 2/- for 250. The news was greeted with loud applause and soon excited conventioners were collecting their sample copies from attendants at the exits.



PRESIDENT RELEASES THE TRACTS

WEMBLEY STADIUM AND ITS SURROUNDS

The stadium at Wembley made an impressive setting for the greatest international convention Britain had ever seen. Situated on a hill and in spacious grounds, it is visible from a considerable distance, a fact which enabled conventioners to readily locate this centre for the CLEAN WORSHIP ASSEMBLY of Jehovah's witnesses.

Those who approached along Olympic Way were greeted by a banner, "Welcome Jehovah's Witnesses" hung high above the roadway; and beyond, stretched across the front of the stadium, another huge banner displaying the title of the public talk, captured the eye. The thousands who trekked along Olympic Way on the opening day took note of the cafeteria tents on the left as one reached the stadium itself. The cafeteria remained a hive of industry during the five days of the convention, and catered well for our material needs.

Attendants, on duty from the start, were able to direct the crowds to the entrances and stands. The sense of space outside continued when one reached the interior. The wide corridor beneath the stands and encompassing the stadium, made a very suitable place for the various departments, which were easily identified by well-displayed signs.

The Platform

Seated in the stands it was refreshing to the eyes to look down on to the beautifully-kept green carpet of grass, with the platform of lighter green, situated at the east end of the playing pitch, and flanked on either side by 38 conifers. In front of the platform and stretching across the lawn were five artistically-arranged flower beds composed of 3,000 vivid red geraniums, together with marigolds, and edged with blue lobelia. It added to one's pleasure in this lovely display to know that the flowers had been grown by the brothers especially for this auspicious occasion. In white letters, standing out of the grass, were the words "JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES". So striking was the platform lay-out that press comments were frequent, and the crowd at the Thursday evening sporting event applauded the decision of the stadium officials to allow the flowers to remain in place. The day before the opening of the convention busy hands had been setting the beds in peat, resting upon tarpaulin sheets to protect the grass. As the sun shone on the scene it brought into relief this beautiful scheme centred around the speaker's stand. A red carpet was placed along the approach to the platform used by the speakers.

Signs

On the north and south sides of the arena the words of the yeartext stood out in bold red letters on a black background: "Praise Jah, you people, because Jehovah our God, the Almighty, HAS BEGUN TO RULE AS KING", Rev. 19: 6, *NW.*, the last six words being high-lighted in bright red luminous paint.

Lifting one's gaze from the arena and above the stands the eye lingered on the two artistic banners, one at each end of the stadium, exhibiting the title "CLEAN WORSHIP ASSEMBLY". The tote, which might accord ill with a clean worship assembly, was covered effectively with khaki canvas, relieved with a huge white circle bearing the initials "J W" in red.

Orchestra

Along the north side of the stadium, over the Royal Box, runs a spacious glass-fronted gallery, beautifully furnished, and commanding a full view of the arena. A part of this gallery was devoted to the orchestra, a well-balanced ensemble of 54 pieces at the beginning of the convention and augmented to 90 pieces by Sunday. The volunteer personnel of the orchestra was international, and among their number were professional musicians. On Sunday the augmented orchestra rendered a symphonic arrangement of twelve Kingdom songs.

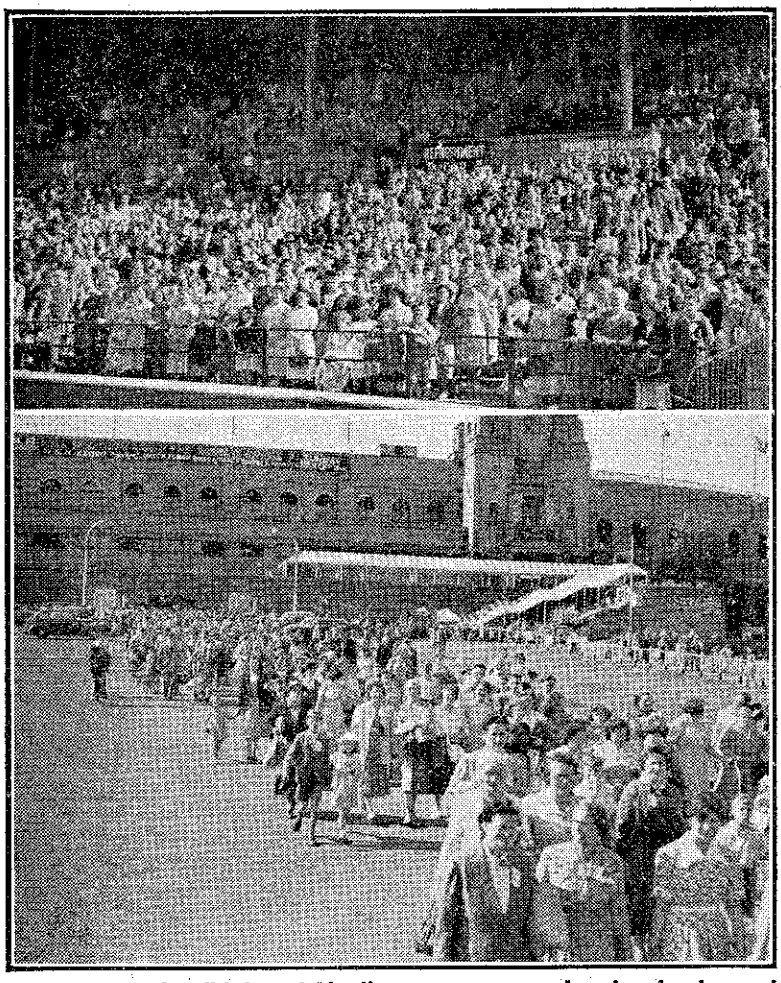
Choir

Immediately below the enclosure and in front of the orchestra the choir of 150 choristers of various nations led the singing. Microphones suspended from the roof gave the needed volume for the vast arena, so vast that the problem of co-ordinating orchestra, choir and assembly was a very real one. This, however, was overcome in a most ingenious way. The music was 'canned', that is, it was confined and set apart from the assembly and sent to the principal conductor, who, standing in the centre of the vast green pitch, picked up the orchestra immediately by wearing earphones during conducting. Both the choir conductor and orchestra conductor watched the principal conductor and in this way perfect synchronisation was achieved.

Sound Equipment

The stadium's public address system, amplified by the Society's system gave exceptionally clear reception throughout the stadium and grounds. A press reporter, enquiring as to the reason for this said that never before had he heard such clear and adequate reception.

Moving about the stadium and grounds the throng of conventioners completed the colourful scene; the bright summer dresses of the sisters and holiday attire of the brothers interspersed here and there with picturesque national costumes from other lands. Between sessions one could see happy conventioners picnicking in the warm sunshine, and enjoying ice cream and refreshments which were obtainable in abundance. Old acquaintances were renewed and new ones made, and everywhere was seen the joy in worship and fellowship which causes the bystander to remark that a spirit pervades among Jehovah's witnesses that is not to be found elsewhere.



Immersion Candidates at Meeting

Leaving for Immersion

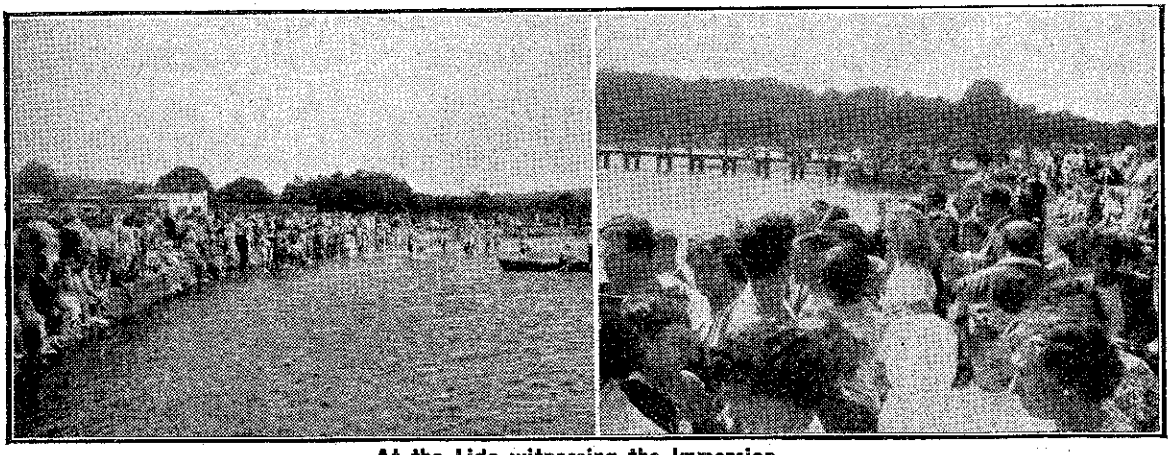
1,123 BAPTIZED at LIDO

Weather Conditions Ideal

"SONS AND DAUGHTERS" DAY

Of very special importance is the day chosen for the baptism of those presenting themselves before Jehovah as his prospective children for water immersion, symbolizing their life consecration to him.

It was thrilling to see so many gathered in the section of the stadium where they were addressed on the subject of baptism by E. A. Clay of the London Bethel. They were told by the speaker, "Baptism to you will be a great blessing from the Most High and you will be able to look back on it with great joy and gratitude to the great Giver of all good things. Baptism is not a time feature; it is a feature of the heart, therefore there should be no delay." The candidates for immersion were told that it is the action of the heart which determines whether one should be immersed. There will be difficulties to meet, but a Christian's life is never weakened by difficulties but strengthened. Many of those who were immersed on this occasion will remember the words, "Never let anyone take you from the Lord's activity. Remember that this is your particular day. Be filled with lovingkindness one to another and to the Lord. Jehovah will bless your way and at the end of your course grant you multitudinous



At the Lido witnessing the Immersion

blessings in the New World of righteousness."

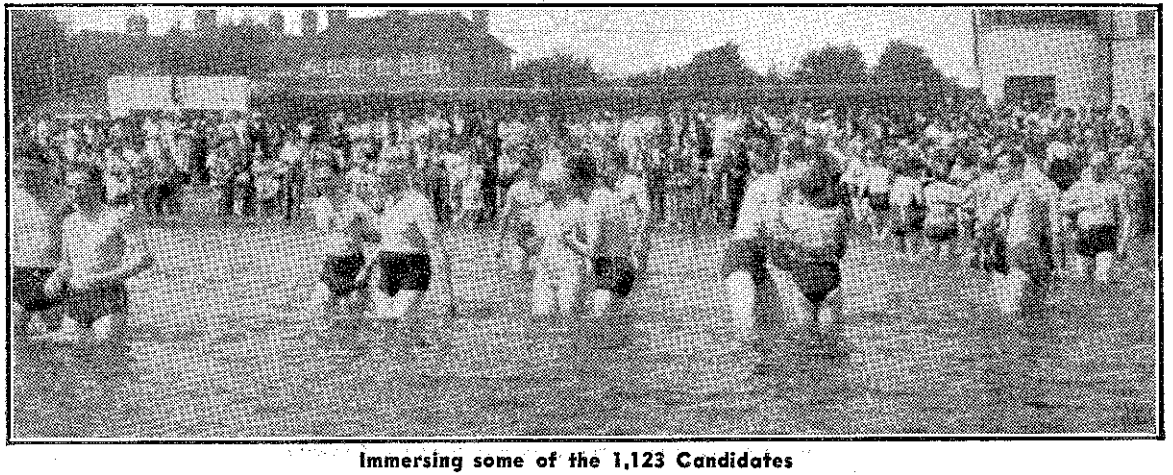
To the Lido for Baptism

The 1,123 that were later immersed, together with many of their friends, then made their way to Ruislip Lido, some distance from the stadium. It was a thrilling sight as we watched the many newly interested make their way determinedly to the place of immersion. "Galilee Comes to the Lido" was the heading to one newspaper report of the scenes at the pool.

Here is what one reporter of a leading national newspaper said concerning the immersion: "Shortly afterwards I was chatting with a young American and he said: 'This is reminiscent of the days of John the Baptist and the river Jordon'. Those remarks give a clue to the almost frightening earnestness of Jehovah's witnesses who were at the Lido for a mass baptism. It was a grand setting. Sunlight, water, a cool breeze. A man in bathing trunks waded in and stood at middle depth, smiling and waving invitingly. He was the first minister or immerser. At once scores of men waded towards him. Then came the women. . . . Some women were old, many middle-aged and many young. And some of the swim-suits were as attractive as their wearers. But don't doubt the sincerity of these people, disagree with them as you may."

The oldest candidate was 85 years of age, one of the 673 sisters to be immersed. 445 brothers made up the grand total. It was a scene long to be remembered.

Sunny Weather in Beautiful Setting



Immersing some of the 1,123 Candidates

CONVENTION REJOICES AT THEOCRACY'S INCREASE

MISSIONARY REPORTS FROM AFAR

Reports from six different countries delighted the 20,850 assembled for the afternoon sessions.

CYPRUS: The publishers, said the branch servant, have to carry on their work under difficult circumstances. Religious fanatics have tried hard to break up their meetings, but the work is making good progress, so much so that whereas in 1946 there were only 28 publishers preaching the word, there are today 311.

GREECE: In this country although there is much persecution, yet persons of good will are manifesting themselves. One brother was sent to prison and witnessed to an official there and this official is now in the truth. Despite the fact that there are no conventions or company meetings allowed in Greece since 1945, there has been steady increase. In June, 1950, there were 2,800 publishers reporting, but in March, 1951, the number had increased to 4,160 publishers of the Kingdom message.

LEBANON: Two years ago there were 70 publishers reporting in Lebanon, but this year there has been a peak of 401 publishers. It is usual in the villages to ring the church bell when anything outstandingly important has occurred. A villager came into the truth and was so filled with zeal that he immediately went and rang the church bell until all the villagers were gathered around him, when he told them the message of the Kingdom and also stated that he had not the time to come round and tell them individually so he thought he would tell them collectively.

GOLD COAST: The branch servant told of the difficulties with the importation of the literature. The publishers are very zealous as is witnessed by the fact that they average 15 hours per month and walk 15 to 20 miles to do their public witnessing. There are now 3,500 publishers in the Gold Coast.

NIGERIA: This country has experienced 10 new peaks of publishers in 12 months with a peak of 10,300 publishers. As many cannot read or write, lessons are now being given in the Kingdom Halls to those who want to learn.

SOUTH AFRICA: Twenty-six years ago there was only a small company of publishers in South Africa, but today they have reached 9,399. In 1951 there have been seven new peaks in publishers.

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F. W. Franz, the Society's vice-president, had just returned from a visit to the brothers upholding the Theocratic banner in the AZORES, PORTUGAL and SPAIN. We listened for fifty minutes with keen interest as we accompanied him through these Hierarchy-controlled domains. We heard of the tactful handling of dangerous situations, the joyful meeting with our brothers, and a talk and discussion with a group of Adventists. We were told of meetings and baptisms in isolated spots, and of the necessity for wisdom and caution in Spain where all ears are listening and all eyes are watching. Nonetheless, the house-to-house work is carried on and we rejoice to learn that there are 60 Kingdom publishers in and around Barcelona. They use the Douay Bible in their approach. The cry from Spain is for more Gilead graduates.

Conventioners throng the pleasant Stadium Grounds

Youthful Witnesses Proclaim the Good News

"Out of the Mouth of Babes"

Young Witnesses

Experiences related by these young publishers from the platform brought a warm response from the audience.

One lively boy said he had been a regular publisher since he was seven years old. While vacation pioneering he met a lady and witnessed to her for an hour, arranged for his mother to back-call her and she is now a regular publisher. He also conducts a Bible study with another boy on Wednesday evenings.

Another young girl publisher said she had been going to the doors on her own for three years and she also takes other young publishers and trains them. She obtained four subscriptions during the *Watchtower* campaign and a sister started a Bible study with one subscriber as a result.

Two young children whose parents are pioneers then related their experiences. The boy said he had been a publisher since he was quite young and once he placed a booklet which was the means of bringing a whole family into the truth. They study *The Watchtower* with their mother every day.

One young publisher aged nine was handing out handbills in Piccadilly Circus advertising the Wembley talk when a man selling newspapers came over to him and asked if he could have a leaflet. On handing him the handbill the man said, "No! give me a bunch of them". Rather puzzled, the boy watched him put one in each newspaper and then proceeded to sell them in the normal way. From the smile he gave the boy he evidently admired his courage and wanted to help him out.

Children Witnesses

Sons and daughters as a theme was emphasized with the item, "Out of the mouth of babes". A. B. Cross showed that the course of a child was marked by his godly upbringing when examining the record of children of Bible-mention such as David, Samuel, Jeremiah and others. Jehovah required young and old alike to honour him as effective publishers of the good news. Only by acknowledging him can they hope to live under the incoming new system of things. There followed a series of interviews with young publishers proving to the delighted assembly that these publishers of tender years are fully qualified to take the good news of the established Kingdom to those ears meek enough to accept the voice of the Right Shepherd in a child-like manner. One youngster told of his having placed literature which resulted in several persons becoming publishers.

Rearing Children in Divine Favour

A. D. Schroeder, Gilead Registrar, showed how important is the responsibility of Christian parents to teach their children in the right way. Theocratic children in Bible times were subject to four distinct fields of training: (1) at home, (2) on the work, (3) congregationally, and (4) nationally at Jerusalem. At home the father took the lead in training his children. From an early age the children were taught to read and write. They were instructed in correct manners and behaviour. Singing psalms enabled children to express themselves from the heart in their loving devotion to Jehovah. The evening meal was an occasion when

Relating Experiences

thrilling experiences and happenings from afar were discussed, but the children only listened and learned. Home in Biblical times was the basic centre for training the children. Three times a year parents took their children to the temple at Jerusalem. Parents must make every effort to rear their children in the hope of getting life in the New World. Give that hope of everlasting life in the New World to your children. Give them the New World culture which is wholesome, practical and leads to everlasting life. Let us all stand as one big international family ever praising Jehovah's name.

A. D. Schroeder at Microphone

Thrilling Discourse by F. W. Franz

Baptism of Salvation and Fire Baptism

The voice of F. W. Franz, the Society's vice-president, was again heard on Friday afternoon in a convincing discourse on "Baptism for Salvation and Fire Baptism". Many

F. W. Franz

of the assembly speakers emphasized the parallel between Noah's days and the presence of the Son of man, and Brother Franz brought to our attention this parallel by revealing how Christ Jesus was foreshadowed by Noah. The ark built by Noah pictures a new system of things created by the Greater Noah. The seven who went into the ark with Noah had to have confidence in him as Jehovah's prophet. They had to be attached to him and walk with him as he walked with God. In this way they were baptized into Noah the ark builder. It was pointed out how this symbolized the baptism into the Greater Noah of those who come into the ark of safety, the new system of things.

This led on to a discussion of the occupants of the ark, and for the first time in dealing with this prophetic drama, special mention was made of Noah's wife. It was with joy that we heard how she pictured the bride of Christ, the 144,000, represented on the earth today by the remnant company. This 'bride' began forming 19 centuries ago, well prefigured by the fact that Noah's wife was with him long before the end of the ungodly world of his day. Noah's three children and their wives correspond to the great crowd of men and women, boys and girls flocking to Jehovah's Theocratic organization.

Brother Franz continued to show how after the order to construct the ark was issued, God patiently waited for several decades. Correspondingly today, in the presence of Christ, we have already lived three decades since 1914. God has set the day and the hour and he will hold to his time schedule. Nothing that Satan the Devil has already done and can yet do will cause God to move the day and hour back and delay the fiery baptism of destruction upon the world. The apostle Peter makes a strong plea for a good conscience wholly baptized into the Greater Noah in this time of the end. We cannot be baptized into the ark unless we go after a clean conscience like Christ Jesus always had, and always kept throughout all his suffering. Amid applause Brother Franz encouraged: "So then by all means let every one of us here request and keep a good conscience before God, for in that way we shall be happy in that day of Jehovah's anger when it is expressed in ridding the earth of the wicked with fiery destruction. We, on the other hand, will look to the Greater Noah for our everlasting salvation."

"Let Us Go With You"

After listening to some very interesting experiences from Kingdom publishers, the British branch servant, A. P. Hughes, in dealing with Zechariah 8: 23, showed the similarity of God's organization today to that of Jerusalem of old. Jehovah decreed increase and provision was made for those who came. Jerusalem is an unwalled city free to all. Clean worship exists there. Jehovah's splendour is within this growing city, God's organization. All within her must be alive and active. Thousands are yet to come to God's organization. We must help them to make their decision. The question to settle is, "Do I stay in this old world system or do I go with the New World?" Jehovah's witnesses alone are qualified to help the people. Thousands will be helped and will say, "Let us go with you".

"Enter Into the Joys of Your Master"

Under this title, Brother H. H. Riemer of the Brooklyn Bethel and who has been in the Lord's service for many years, joyfully entered into his subject. "Joy", he said, "stands at the very apex and climax of all Christian attainment. We might say that the vindication of Jehovah's name is higher, but if that does not give us joy it means nothing to us. We must keep the joy of the Lord glowing in our hearts by the study of his Word. We must get more and more acquainted with Jehovah and especially in our day. The joy of the old world is misnamed and likened to a meteor rushing across the heavens and which suddenly burns out and is gone into darkness. The joy of the Lord is your strength. Draw nigh to God. Have him ever before you. He will never fail you and your joy will carry you through until you enter into the everlasting joy of the Lord. May that be your happy lot".

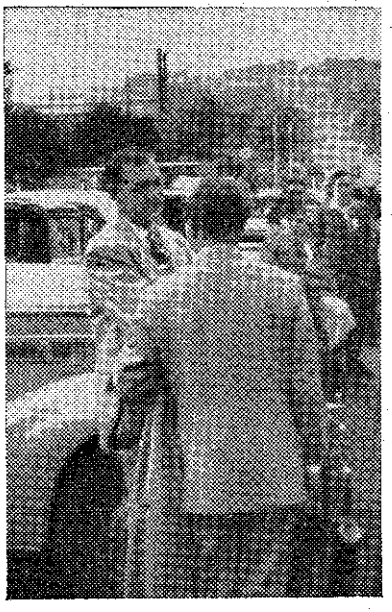
Overcoming Our Problems

Once more Brother Henschel steps to the microphone. The title of his talk is specially attractive since problems beset those who are consecrated to the Lord and serve him. Christ Jesus set the pattern and showed Christians how to live and how to overcome problems of Christian living. The wise thing to do is to put our career in the new system of things first. Think only of things before and not of the things behind is the principle to be observed. The things of God should come first at all times. Divided families are a problem. This can best be overcome by sticking to our godly service. Be mature. If you make mistakes, admit them and do not try to save face. Sometimes gossip causes problems. Avoid it. Do not become busybodies in other people's matters. Problems can be overcome if we live according to God's Word.

TRANSFORMATION OF MIND NECESSARY TO ENDLESS LIFE IN NEW WORLD

—Counsels President

Making Your Mind Over for New World Living

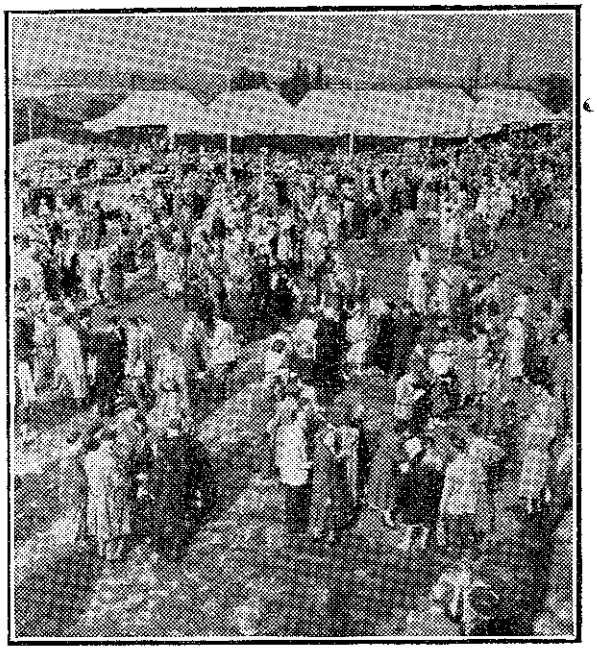


Continuing to show how the transforming of a Christian takes place, Brother Knorr stressed that being made a new personality which stands out from this world results from knowledge, accurate knowledge, of the Creator. His Word reveals him, what he thinks and what his rules of action are. We can be made new, becoming like him—in his image—by conducting ourselves, thinking and expressing ourselves like him, and meeting his requirements for us. This new mind dictates a new rule of action but since we have a new life in an old body and brain, conflict arises. Our mind's desire finds it easy to gravitate to sin and selfishness. To supplant this we need to have our minds made over with knowledge. With our superior knowledge from God's Word we must train our minds in right ways of thinking. What we think on habitually greatly affects and influences us and induces us to take a certain way. We must think lovingly toward Jehovah God, and that means thinking to please him by obeying him and taking a faithful course that honours his name and furthers his Kingdom.

We were further counselled to keep our thoughts on the obligations ahead, and how we are going to meet them. This includes the preparation of talks, demonstrations for service meetings and many other things which God has in reservation for his servants. Having acquired a new mind, Brother Knorr exhorted, "Let us keep that mind renewed by faithfully doing his will, and live now as blessed proclaimers of God's kingdom, as inhabitants of that glorious New World. Then after surviving the battle of Armageddon and we enter into that New World alive we shall have new bodies, and we shall have new minds wholly in tune with the righteous New World."

A Word with the President

As a climax to the day's program Brother Knorr came forward to deliver this thought-provoking discourse. After leading into his subject by declaring that Jehovah was ahead of all modern thought and science, he showed how modern thought of this old world is fashioned according to wrong thinking. Credit for this system of things is not according to God's mind, that is why this system of things must go. It is now on its way out. These facts elicited the statement, "Today we appreciate more than ever the goodness of Paul's advice to the Christians at Rome. He said, 'Quit being fashioned after this system of things, but be transformed by making your mind over that you may prove to yourselves what is the good, acceptable, complete will of God'." The low mental, moral and spiritual state in Paul's day was shown to be what prompted the apostle's statement and since then it has had over eighteen centuries to grow worse. The people of this system of things have a blinding veil over their eyes and are being led by the Devil into destruction. We want to be transformed with the hope of endless life and happiness in the New World. To this end we need the knowledge that is contained in God's Word. We were reminded of how Jesus prayed for his followers, "Sanctify them through the truth. Your word is truth". The reason why it does this is because it is different from what this world thinks, says, writes or teaches! A burst of applause revealed the audience's appreciation of this statement.



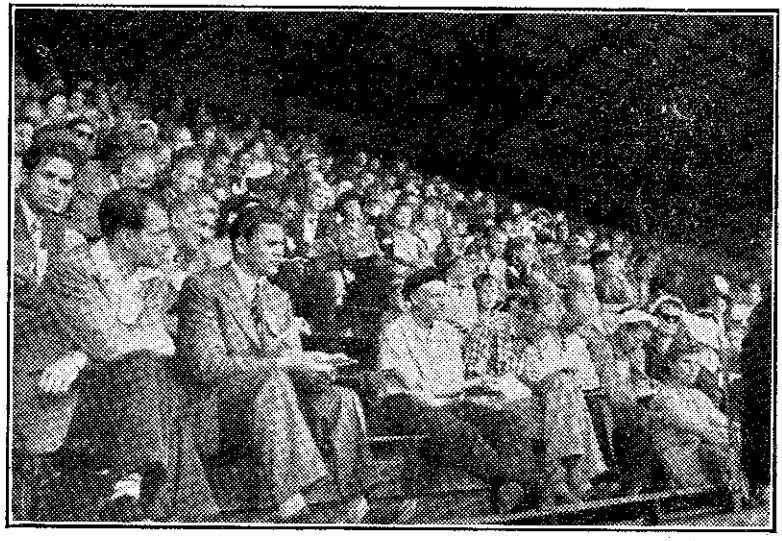
Between Sessions

Reports of Expansion Thrill Conventioners

PUBLISHERS' INCREASE DAY

Saturday morning was devoted to field service and the advertising of the public talk: "Will Religion Meet the World Crisis?" This was widely advertised throughout London in the underground trains, on the hoardings, in the buses, as well as in many of the local newspapers. In all the public thoroughfares smiling publishers were to be seen holding the placards announcing the talk that was to be given by the president of the Society on the Sunday afternoon. Many interesting experiences were related as the people of London saw the publishers from other lands, who in many instances were unable to speak in the English language, but by their presence and the board they carried, they were able to take an active share in convention activity.

At the stadium there were four separate foreign language meetings held during the morning. Reference to these is made elsewhere.



Addressing Swedish Meeting

Messages from Many Lands

Reports from ten countries heightened the appreciation of the 22,250 assembled for the afternoon sessions. From each country came the same heartening news of increase in publishers despite opposition and obstacles, whether from worldly authorities, geographical limitations, economic barriers, or the mounting power of godless communism. The rising upsweep of Theocracy's increase is as certain and irrefutable as the rising of each day's sun. From places as widely separated as Australia, Finland and Central Africa comes the news of those joyful hearts swelling the anthem of "Praise Jah, you people".

AUSTRALIA was represented at the microphone by R. L. Moyle, who assured the conventioners that their fellow witnesses in Australia were thinking and praying for the success of the convention. Progress of the work in Australia is manifest. From the first month of the service year right on there has been fruitful increase with a peak of 5,464 publishers of the Kingdom message.

W. E. Voigt, the branch servant from AUSTRIA, said that in 1947 there were 700 publishers in all Austria, but now there are 2,700. 94 per cent of the population is Roman Catholic but most of these are catholic in name only.

The report for BELGIUM was given by C. H. Holmes, the branch servant from that country, who said: "Belgium is a land of many churches. In Belgium in 1950 there were 2,289 publishers but in 1951 that had increased to 790 more".

From FINLAND the voice of W. H. Endres was heard telling of the increase there; with a total population of four million inhabitants there are 5,076 publishers—one to every 780 persons.

I. Jenson from ICELAND gave a description of this land of ice and snow. Difficulties and hardships have to be met in reaching the outlying places, but the work goes on and the people are hearing the Kingdom message.

J. Forhan, a pioncer from INDIA told of the hundreds of different religions that exist in that land which have led the nation into great confusion and darkness. Despite the few publishers by comparison with the teeming millions of India, the Kingdom work is making increase.

The branch servant from ITALY, J. A. Romano, spoke of the domination of that country by the Roman Catholic Hierarchy for 1,500 years. The man in the street attributes the cause of the present conditions to the Hierarchy. They call it "The Business" and that it what it really is. Five years ago there were a little more than 100 publishers, but today there are more than 1,700 preaching the Word in Italy.

LUXEMBOURG was represented by V. G. Nelson, who told of the inauguration of street witnessing of recent times and the good work that is now being done. The Kingdom publishers in that land send their love and assurances that they are united with you in clean worship.

E. R. Cooke from SOUTHERN RHODESIA spoke concerning this tropical British colony in the middle of the vast continent of Africa where there are two million inhabitants and 8,800 publishers of the Kingdom message—one publisher for every 230 of the inhabitants. Many company publishers work 100 hours every month.

SWITZERLAND report was given by J. B. Robb ,who told of the steady increase in publishers and the problem of three different languages spoken. Despite the strong religious opposition the work makes good increase.

NEW BOOK RELEASED!

WHAT HAS RELIGION DONE FOR MANKIND?

The Triumph of Clean, Undefiled Worship

Here, from the publisher's standpoint, was the thrill of the whole assembly, and by this time more had found their way to the stadium. The focus of the world is always upon the public talk on Sunday afternoon, but this day is the time when intimate, warm family relationship is at its height and we can expect to hear that which is for Jehovah's assembled children. We were not disappointed.

We were 'on our toes' when the president admitted Satan's victory over Christendom, and then in sharper tones said: "Now at this late day everything shows that Christendom is beyond all hope of recovery and her fate is locked up with the fate of the pagan world. Satan's victory over Christendom seems to seal him as the winner in the centuries-old contest over the question of whose worship will triumph, Jehovah's or Satan's? But has Satan totally triumphed in the field of worship or religion? Has he succeeded in wiping Jehovah's worship from the face of the earth by all his means of destructive violence? Jehovah's witnesses assembled in their thousands here at this international convention in London, England, answer with an unequivocal 'NO!' and so do hundreds of thousands of Jehovah's witnesses give that same answer in other parts of the earth."

And then as our minds raced along with the swiftly-unfolding argument against false religion and voicing the triumph of clean, undefiled worship, we were electrified by the totally unexpected surprise statement, "Would this international assembly of Jehovah's witnesses like to know what religion has done for mankind? I am sure you would. This new publication is entitled *What Has Religion Done for Mankind?* and I hope the 22,250 persons here this afternoon will enjoy very much reading this book and taking it to the people of good will so that they may know the difference between the false and the true in plain talk."

The Thrilling Moment!
PRESIDENT RELEASES NEW BOOK

The sun came out brightly for the first time this afternoon as Brother Knorr held up this new book to reflect in its own colour the same light as the sunshine. This brought to a close the sessions for the day, but it was a long time before the crowds around the stadium were dispersed. Expressions of delighted amazement were heard on every side. With such an abundance of releases at the Yankee Stadium last year, none thought of a *new book*. A booklet, maybe, but not a new book! Yet Jehovah knows the need of his people and the equipment necessary for the work that is yet to be done. We could see immediately the wonderful work this new instrument would perform.

New Book Released

The closing song and prayer of thankfulness found us all thronging the corridors to gain our copies from the attendants who were equipped with cartons of them near the exits. Up until the commencement of the meeting only a handful of persons knew that the books were there and so it was a complete surprise to the convention.

Reflection on the theme of the day, "Publishers' Increase" surely showed us all how multitudes will come out for clean worship as a result of making their minds over for New World living with the aid of the new book. All thanks and praise to Jehovah!

The evening was reserved for the final advertising of Sunday's public talk and many hundreds filed out of the stadium bearing their placards under their arms and carrying handbills for the last-minute invitation to Londoners to come, see and hear why Jehovah's witnesses have come to Wembley.

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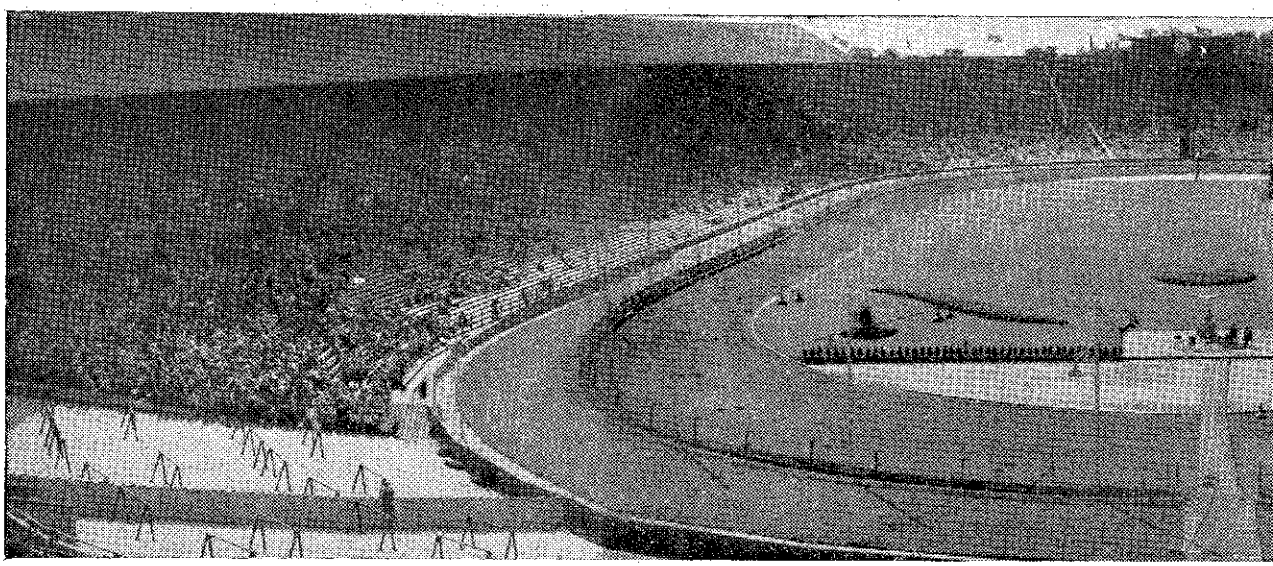

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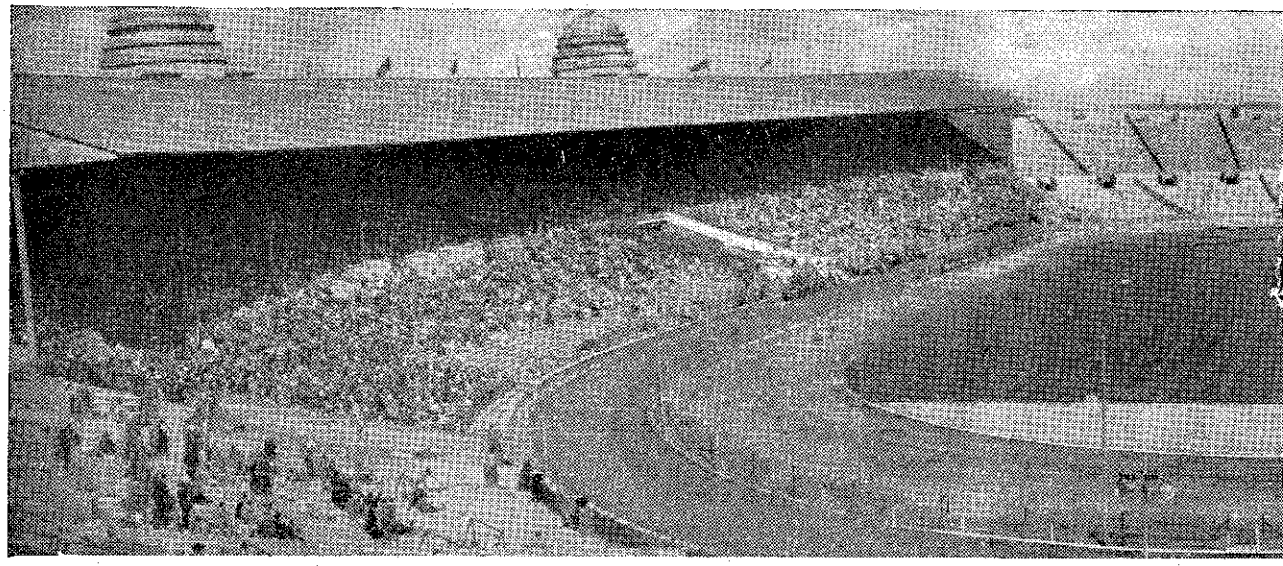

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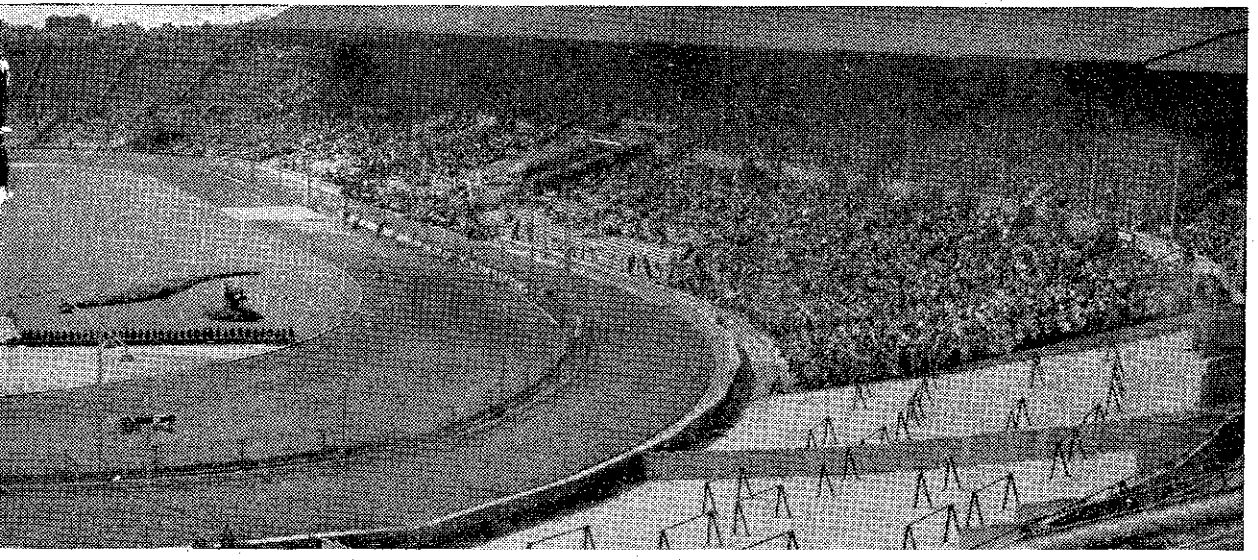

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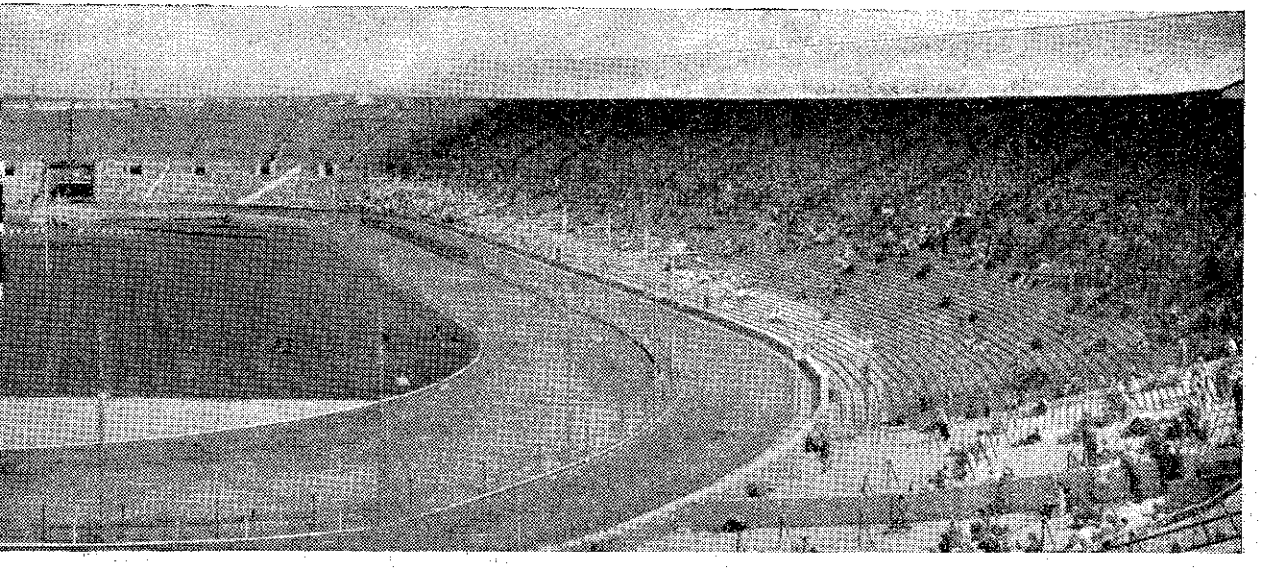

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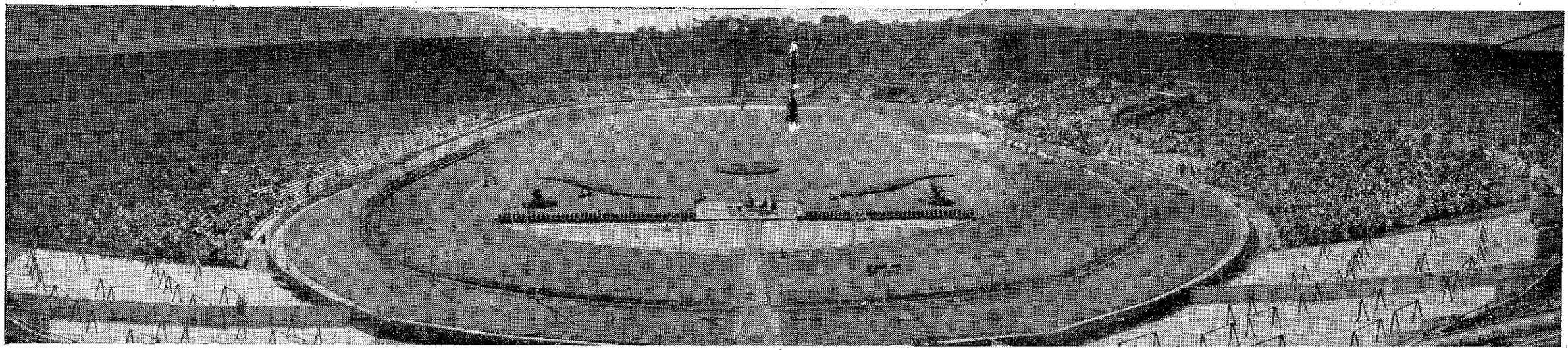

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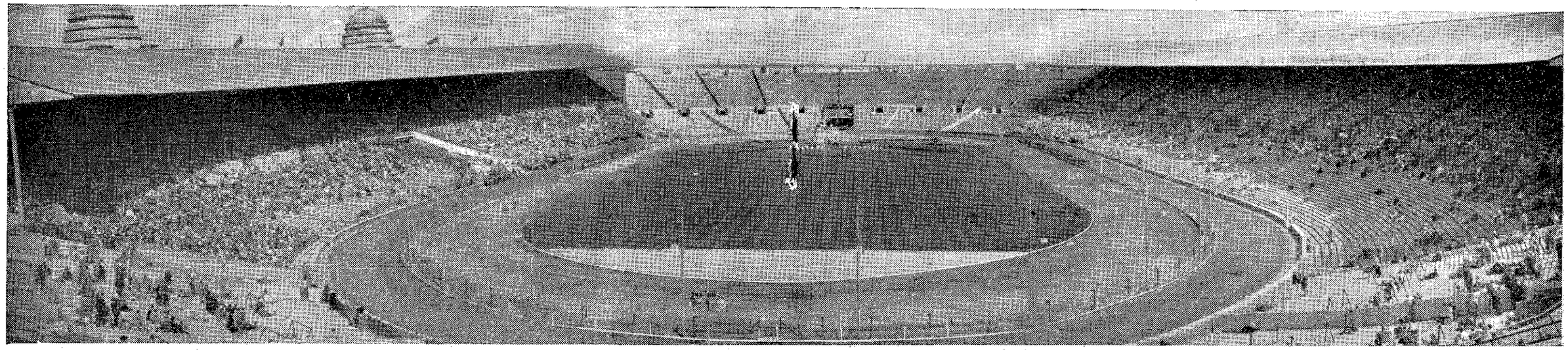

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FINAL DAY OF ASSEMBLY BRINGS MANY BLESSINGS

"PRAISE JEHOVAH AS KING" DAY

Expectancy Runs High!

Conflicting feelings of pleasure mixed with a tinge of sadness must always be expected on the last day of a happy assembly. This is the day when the result of our labours will be seen in the attendance at the public talk. Expectancy runs high. What will be the figure for the public talk? There has been much hard work and months of preparation. What a blessing to know that the results can be left in the care of Jehovah! We know also that with the close of this day another chapter ends.

Refreshed, stimulated and strengthened we shall go back to our assignments again tomorrow taking up with renewed vigour the treasure of service that is ours. Certainly we shall wield the "sword of the spirit" with a keener determination to break the shackles of ignorance from those still held captive to false religion. Who knows what thrilling things will have happened before we meet again in such a convention! Yes, all these thoughts crowd through our minds as we start this new day and make our way to the stadium.

Songs and experiences open the day's program at 9:30 a.m. It certainly is good to hear the orchestra strike up and the voices mingled in songs of praise to Jehovah, together with the expressions of gratitude as related in the experiences given.

"A Vessel for an Honourable Purpose"

A. Hopley, who addressed the convention at 9:45, tells us that the vessel referred to at 2 Timothy 2:20-22 is one filled with zeal to pour out the truth to others: not only a container of the truth, but a dispenser of the truth. The most honourable way for the vessel of honour is the pioneer ministry. Many more will undoubtedly take up the golden privilege of being a pioneer. This stadium has witnessed the greatest athletes competing for fame and honour. Now it witnesses thousands of men and women, and children, who have cast aside many hindrances—not for their own fame but as an honour to Jehovah and in vindication of his name. This assembly will be the means of many more stripping as runners to the barest necessities in order to take full advantage of their privileges as vessels of honour. An appeal was then made to those assembled, "Register as a pioneer and become a vessel for the greatest ministry of all, for Jehovah's praise and glory".

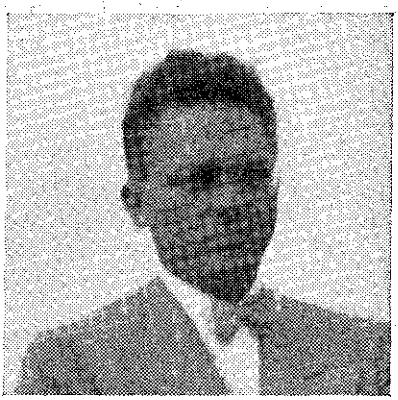
Praising Jehovah in Canada, Germany and United States

Many for whom this was their first assembly were having impressed on their minds the world-wide scope of Jehovah's visible organization, and for all, news of our brothers in other lands is a matter of keen interest.

P. Chapman, speaking of the work in CANADA showed how that "Quebec's burning hate", of which we have heard much in recent years, had failed to quench Jehovah's praise. In that province, where mob violence has been rife, there are now over 1,000 publishers as compared with 250 in 1946.

E. Frost, branch servant in GERMANY, told of the bitter persecution in the Eastern Zone, but the praise of Jehovah as King continues. This is exemplified in the ever-increasing number of Kingdom witnesses.

R. E. Morgan, reporting on the UNITED STATES branch, told of splendid progress in true worship. The number of publishers had increased from 66,000 in 1946 to 135,000 in 1951. We were told that New York City is big enough to keep two circuit servants busy. In January, 1951, there were 111,000 Kingdom publishers, by March it had reached 123,000 and April 135,000, this being an increase of 25 percent for the whole country. After telling of the work accomplished at the Brooklyn factory the speaker said: "We shall push ahead with our work, by the Lord's grace, thankful for the privilege we have in serving, not only in the United States, but serving our brothers everywhere throughout the world".



H. C. Covington

These grand reports prepared our minds for the rousing discourse of H. C. Covington, the Society's Counsel:

"Put Up a Hard Fight for the Faith"

Ever since Christ came to the temple in 1918 there has been a great cleaning work going on in the visible organization on earth. One of the great moves for cleaning up was when light was thrown on the true meaning of the Higher Powers. In 1914 Christ Jesus declared war on the Devil and his organization and since that time we have been thrown into a fight. The great warriors who put up a hard fight for the faith have helped us to put up a hard fight in this day. There are also modern-day examples which encourage us. Stirring was the news of the fight for true true worship in Eastern Germany, Quebec, Greece, U.S.A. and other countries. It was stirring too to hear of the triumph of clean worship and the confounding of the enemies. Brother Covington concluded his discourse with an exhortation to "keep on putting up a hard fight for the faith right up to death, not up to your death but the death of your enemies".

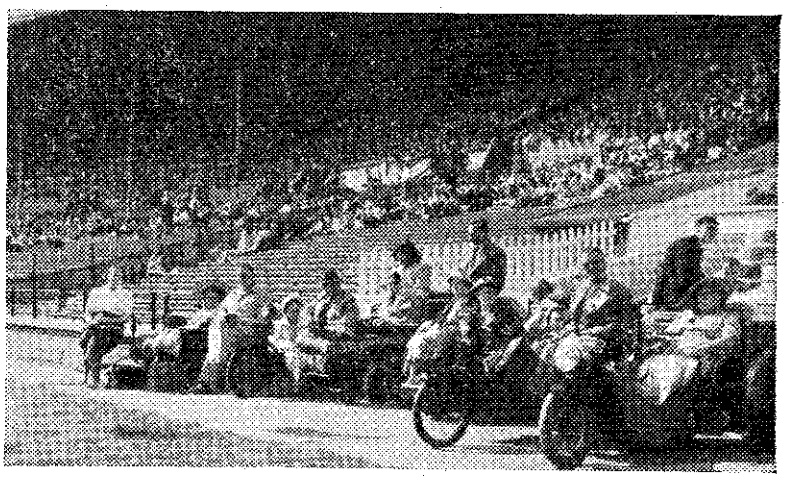
Serving in Justice and Faithfulness

"PRINCES SHALL RULE IN JUSTICE"

Praising Jehovah as King logically opened the way for the discussion by F. W. Franz of Isaiah 32: 1 identifying the princes who would rule in justice when the King reigns in righteousness. In the past this verse has been used in conjunction with Psalm 45: 16 and applied to the thousand year reign of paradise after the battle of Armageddon. However, the prophecy indicates that these princes become as "a hiding place from the wind" and "a covert from the storm". This protection will not be necessary in the Messianic millenium and it was explained how the prophecy is in effect now.

The Hebrew word 'Sar' was shown to have great breadth of meaning and was applied to a leader or captain of even a small group. Then came the question, "Since Christ Jesus began reigning in 1914, are we to understand then that his 'princes' have been visible rulers in righteousness on earth?" All ears were alert for the answer: "Yes, but from the year 1919 onwards". Isaiah's prophecy relates to a time of restoration and it was in 1919 that Jehovah released and restored his people after the period of 'captivity' during World War I. The 'princes' were then shown to be the servants properly appointed to carry on the work. "These theocratically made servants in the organization must exercise justice and impartiality with heavenly wisdom", said Brother Franz, "and will serve as a protection to God's Theocratic people". "Serve on, then, everyone of you" came the exhortation, "everyone in his position of responsibility in justice and faithfulness".

Dismissal from the morning session found us taking advantage of the smoothly-working cafeteria arrangements. Then many hurried off to call for persons of good will and shepherd them to the stadium for the public talk in the afternoon.



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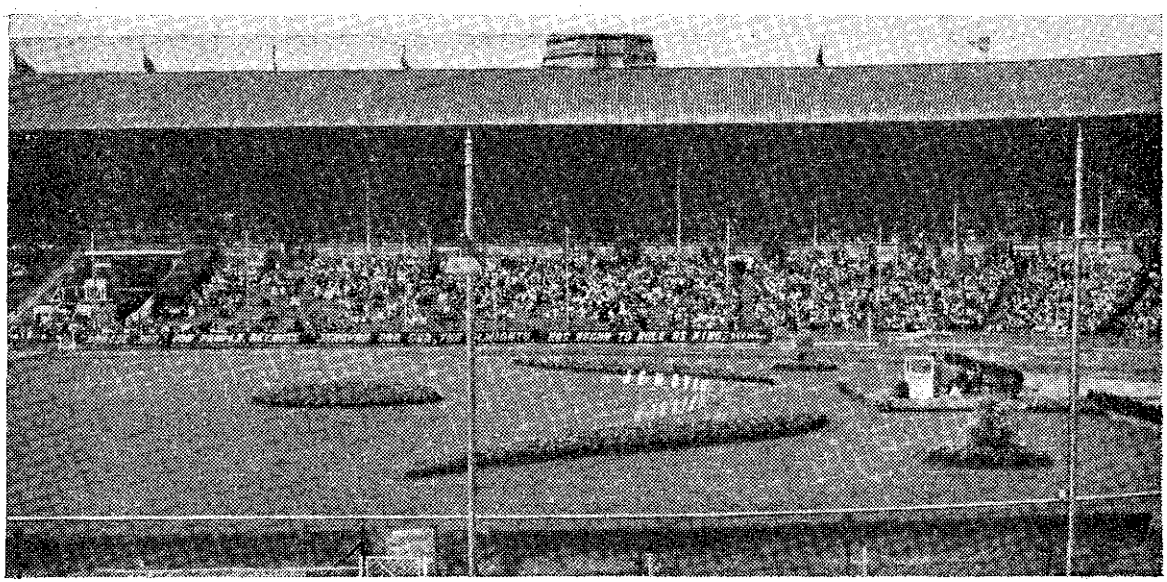

View of Platform and North Stand

36,315 Hear Public Talk:
WILL RELIGION MEET THE WORLD CRISIS?

Record-breaking Numbers for Britain! Vast Audience Thrilled!

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At 2:30 the strains of a hidden 90-piece orchestra could be heard playing a selection of the new songs to Jehovah's praise, much to the delight of the listening thousands. As the minute hand took its direct upright position denoting 3:00 p.m., the convention chairman came forward to announce N. H. Knorr's delivery of the widely-advertised public discourse "WILL RELIGION MEET THE WORLD CRISIS?" The 36,315 persons present in the audience listened attentively while conclusive proof was presented of the utter failure of worldly religion to bring salvation to the people. The hypocritical pose of false religious leaders was fearlessly exposed. Finally the triumph of clean and undefiled religion was heralded and acclaimed by the applause of those delighted thousands.

The release of the booklet containing the full text of the talk enabled all to reassimilate the evidence given and check the scriptural proof so amply proffered.

Time and again the audience applauded the statements made regarding the failure of the clergy of this world. They had no real outstanding message, because they had forsaken God's Word. Instead they looked for the political rulers and economic planners, backed by military might, material wealth and industrial organization, to point out the way. "They depend on bullets more than Bibles; on bombing missions more than on gospel-preaching missions". Thunderous applause greeted this and the following statement, "The pope is now advertised widely as the world's greatest bulwark against the Communist onrush. Outside Russia, Communism has its largest parties in the Roman Catholic lands of Italy and France. If the pope could not keep Communism out of his own backyard how can he be relied upon to halt the onrush of anti-Christian Communism throughout the rest of the world?"

"Have no part with the religious clergy and the Communists and other worldly people in persecuting Jehovah's witnesses who preach the Kingdom of God and that alone", said the speaker.

The unstinted applause which followed Brother Knorr's closing remarks showed the deep appreciation for their release from stupifying mental bondage that many had experienced. A note of sanity had been sounded in a mad world of confused thinking. Praise Jah yet again!

Happy Conventioners with the Booklet, *Will Religion Meet the World Crisis?*

Final Remarks by Assistant Convention Servant, Chairman and Convention Servant

The Convention Report

A brief interval allowing all to obtain copies of the booklet, free of charge, and then contentedly back once again into the auditorium for those final and pleasing chats which always conclude our blessed assemblies. S. Woodburn, the assistant convention servant, presented the convention report. From the facts and figures he presented we learned that accommodation for 13,300 visitors had been found by the London publishers. Twenty homes were offered by the public free of charge, complete with key, showing how the owners trust Jehovah's witnesses! 750 volunteer workers in the cafeteria had served 90,000 meals, 188,000 sandwiches, 90,000 cakes, and 200,000 cups of tea. 6,500 lbs. of tomatoes were used, 8,700 lettuces and 10,000 lbs. of fruit. One brother, a chef, had baked 2,000 lbs. of cake.

It was also reported that 2,200 pioneers were present from 30 different countries, 800 being from overseas.

We were told that in advertising the public talk 10,000 posters were used, while 100 large 16-sheet posters lined the route from London to Wembley. Banners up to 145 feet were placed in prominent positions, but perhaps most effective of all were the 40,000 badges worn by the conventioners throughout the five days of the assembly.

Convention 'High Notes'

Convention impressions and comments came from the chairman, E. C. Chitty, who referred to the theme of clean worship. This theme he likened to a musical rendering composed of high notes and undertones. To him one of the 'high notes' was the statement "Jehovah is the greatest optimist. . . . Jehovah's witnesses are the greatest optimists on earth". Our optimism is based on a sure foundation and our clean worship, accurate knowledge, creates it in us. There must also be determination to live up to what we have learned and a sense of responsibility which makes us faithful in that which is least. Real appreciation was stressed as a necessary quality, and a final injunction to help ourselves and our neighbours to maintain and live up to what is really meant by clean worship.

Love and Unity

Convention servant, A. P. Hughes, expressed the sentiments of us all when he referred to the joy of being present at the assembly and of seeing so many in attendance. The brothers in Britain were happy to have had Brother Knorr with them and all who had come from other shores to rejoice with them in all the evidence of Jehovah's favour. This had been an international assembly with 40 nations represented. The love and unity of the Lord's family was further shown when Brother Hughes announced that greeting cables had been received from far away places including Bombay, Jerusalem, Germany, Azores, Tokio, Cyprus, Switzerland, Denmark, Mauritius, Australia, Panama, New Zealand, Yugoslavia, Peru, Brazil, Bahamas, Portugal, Rhodesia, Sweden, Puerto Rico, Fiji, Gold Coast, Chile, Belgium, Eastern Germany, Mexico, Greece, Bermuda, Turkey, Surinam, Canada and U.S.A.

Convention Servant and Platform Photographer

The conventioners applauded the expression of gratitude to the stadium officials for their co-operation throughout all the convention arrangements. "We have never experienced officials so ready and so willing to help us", he said.

We were finally encouraged to show our thanks to Jehovah for all his goodness by making his praises resound throughout the land so that his name might be magnified more and more.

The Cafeteria Tents

President's Closing Talk

Jehovah's witnesses to take whole load of responsibility

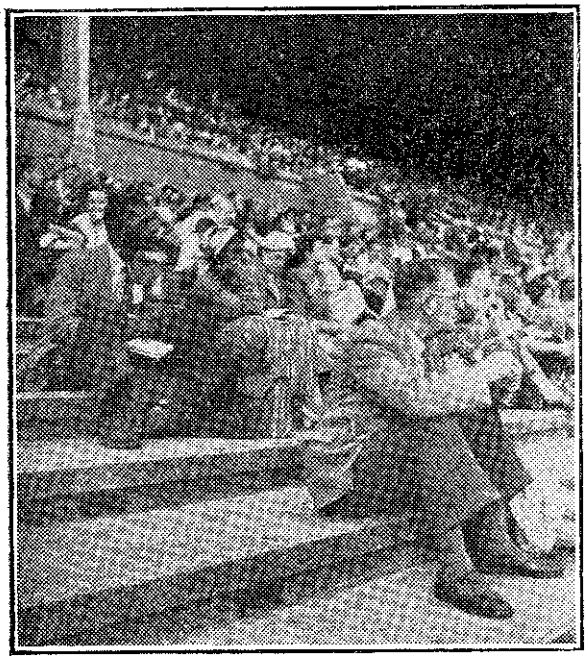
Relaxed and just talking to the brothers in an earnest, conversational manner, Brother Knorr brought the assembly to a grand conclusion. He recalled that four years ago at Earls Court the attendance was 18,000, and now this afternoon it was just double that figure. One hundred percent increase in four years is not bad anywhere in the world! A lot of people have come to this meeting. Jehovah's witnesses must not forget them. We are interested in them; not to have them join Jehovah's witnesses, because there is nothing to join. But we are interested in people, in bringing them pleasure and happiness in living. Jehovah's witnesses, engaged in clean worship of the Most High God, have real pleasure in living. We do not have the same problems, or connections with the old world to keep us worried. The truth has made us free. We are a free people because we are not of this world. We are in the New World society. It is not just a matter of a few years. We are going to live for eternity, not just for a short period of time. This old world has passed out of the picture. It is doomed to destruction. We know that and we have known it for a long time.

We have lots of privileges of service. That is what a convention like this impresses upon our minds. It makes us stop and think seriously. Speaking of our responsibilities, Brother Knorr said that we have to prove that we are worthy of the positions we hold as God's servants in the earth, whether it be as director of the Society or company servant, missionary or company publisher. The responsibility is there to prove that we are worthy of the job that was given us to do. Being one of Jehovah's witnesses is not just *saying* you are one, or coming to a convention or going to our meetings. It is *being* one of Jehovah's witnesses; it is *talking*. It carries the responsibilities of preaching the Kingdom. It is serious. We cannot be lax and think, 'I will associate with them for a few years, and do a little bit'. Do you think the Lord is going to make you a ruler over many cities because you do nothing or very little? Do not say, 'I can't take studies or go from door to door'. *You can if you want to.* We should have indelibly impressed on our minds that the clergy have failed totally to help the people gain the truth. All right. We, as Jehovah's witnesses, let us take on the whole load of responsibility. Everyone of us who claims to be one of Jehovah's witnesses, let us get to work. Perhaps we need more training. We can get it if we bend our minds in the right direction. The Lord is there to help and he will help.

Referring to the new book, Brother Knorr announced, "Later on in December we are going to have a campaign and really hit hard in every part of the earth and help the people to learn what religion has done".

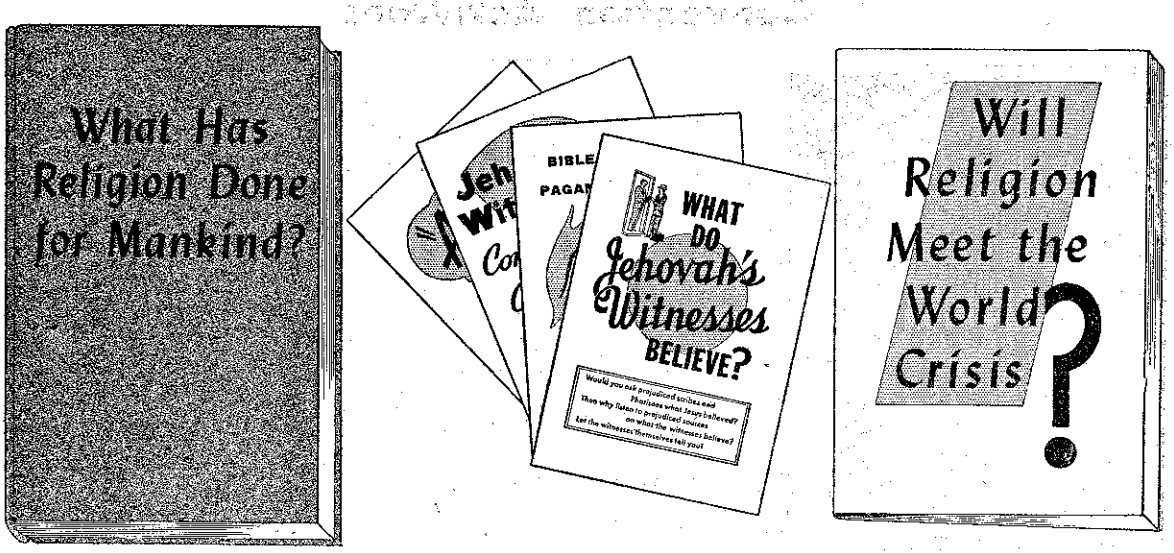
Millions of people are sighing and crying throughout this world because of the abominations that have been done. We must help them take away those tears—not be sad and moody and melancholy and feeling they want to end it all. We want them to feel the way any natural person should feel, loving life and loving to praise Jehovah God; the way we feel.

And that is how we did feel at the close of this most glorious assembly.

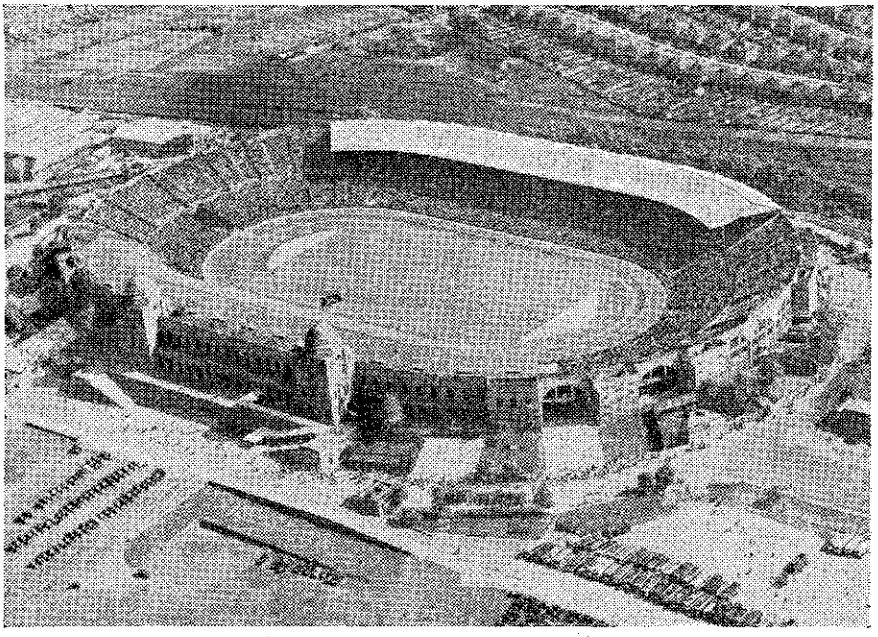


Rapt Attention of Audience

New Releases

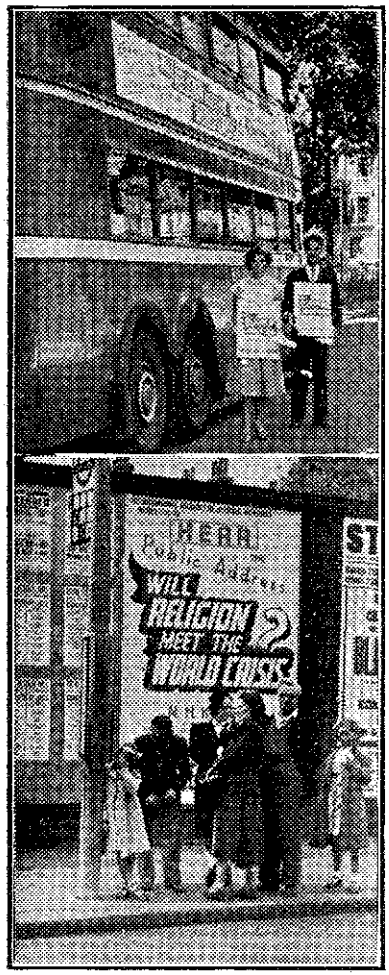


A New Book! What a surprise! But that was not all; there were the four new tracts, just what we need and filling a long-felt want. But a new booklet, too! What an abundance of divine blessings which brought prolonged applause from conventioners.



Wembley Stadium from the Air

Convention Activities



Advertising by Bus, Placard and Poster

Much pre-convention activity is necessary in preparation for an assembly such as the Clean Worship Assembly at Wembley Stadium. The fact that there were delegates coming to the assembly from distant lands necessitated a good deal of preparation for their reception and accommodation, as well as the feeding of large numbers in the limited time available between sessions. It is always a source of amazement to those on the outside that so much can be accomplished in a short time by willing workers recruited from inside our own ranks.

Rooming Accommodations

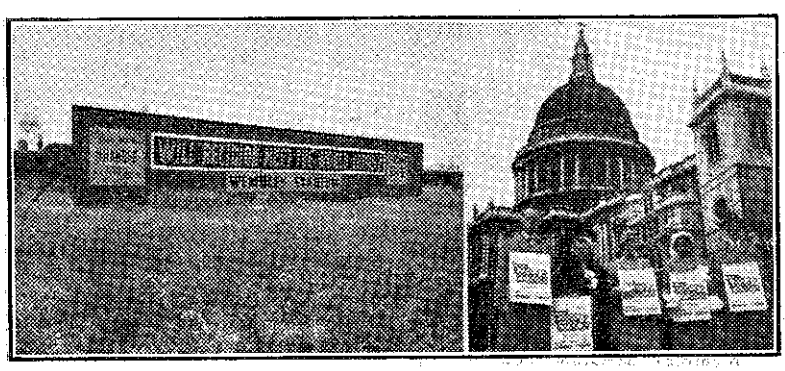
One of the chief undertakings was the finding of rooms within reach of the stadium for the thousands of witnesses that would attend the assembly. The headquarters for this activity was at the Kingdom Hall, Craven Terrace, and the actual visiting of the people in their homes, seeking the rooms was done by the London company publishers. Four Kingdom Halls located in North London served as bases of operation. The response from the territory covered was heartcheering, and as an interesting sidelight, no less than twenty homes were offered for our use while the occupants were on vacation; the keys being left with the publisher securing the accommodation. One thousand free accommodations were provided by Jehovah's witnesses themselves for delegates from overseas.

Advertising

The advertising of the public lecture on Sunday, August 5, entitled "Will Religion Meet the World Crisis?" called for preparation long in advance of the assembly date. Throughout Greater London the Kingdom publishers distributed half a million "teaser" leaflets, these being small leaflets bearing the words: "Will Religion Meet the World Crisis? When? Where? By Whom?" These paved the way for the wider distribution of two million handbills giving full information of the lecture. Streamers were carried on the sides of the London buses, large posters on the hoardings, and smaller posters on all the stations in central and north London.

A novel feature of advertising and which has proved very effective for many of our assemblies was the wearing of lapel badges. All who came to the stadium were given these and displayed them prominently on their person throughout the assembly days. It was easy to identify Jehovah's witnesses and many interesting experiences were related directly bearing upon this badge.

An interesting feature of the advertising campaign was that the City Police were approached regarding the display and distribution of advertising matter in the city limits. (This embraces what is known as the square mile of the City of London). The importance of the occasion was emphasized and the fact that thousands of Jehovah's witnesses would be visiting London from other lands and that with the spirit of 'festival' abroad, they might grant freedom to do this during the convention period and immediately before. Permission



On the left is a view of the 100-feet poster located on the railway siding near Wembley Stadium where electric trains to the city pass every few minutes. Thousands saw this poster every day.

Right: Witnessing in the city with St. Pauls Cathedral in the background.

was granted and full use made of the privilege much to the astonishment of the police on duty. Time and again explanations had to be given and confirmed at Police Headquarters.

Cafeteria

To meet the material needs of such a large gathering it becomes necessary to set up an efficient cafeteria organization and this was arranged for by the erection of six large tents

Enjoying their Meal

on ground adjoining the stadium and in close proximity to it. Here the meals were served in cafeteria style with each person passing along a line and picking up his tray and then standing at a line of tables to eat. In this manner it becomes possible to feed the multitudes that require to be fed in a limited space of time between the sessions in the stadium. In addition to the cafeteria in the tents, there were buffets located in the corridors and on the outside of the building which catered for drinks and light refreshments.

Sound Equipment

The stadium is equipped with loud speakers, but while these meet the need of the stadium for announcements, they were found to be inadequate for our purposes and it was found necessary to install additional speakers all around the stadium. These had to be placed on the girders high up over the stands by the sound technicians in advance of the opening day.

Volunteer Service

In order to meet the heavy demand for volunteer workers in all the departments it is necessary to have the workers register for service. Prior to and during the assembly almost 6,000 applications for service were filled in. Almost every one who volunteered accepted his assignment without hesitation.

Transportation

The transportation department was kept busy with the receiving of the many delegates from abroad. Air travellers were arriving at all times of day and night as well as trains bringing delegates from the Continent of Europe. These were met and as far as possible helped to their destination.

Pioneer Registration

Will you be one? There could have been but one answer if you had witnessed the smiling faces of some 2,200 full-time ministers as they converged on this Clean Worship Assembly. Over 800 came from overseas, representing 30 countries or more. From Australia, Egypt, India, and other far-flung corners of the earth they came, distance being no barrier to them, and throughout Wednesday morning they lined up in hundreds to register their presence at the assembly and to express, in their different languages, their appreciation for the provisions made for them. Others were stirred to sign up for pioneer service.

Much can be said regarding the work done by the many other departments, including Installation, First Aid, Information, Lost and Found, Cleaning, etc. All did their part well and while the deepest appreciation is felt to all who volunteered their services, all credit and honour is due to Jehovah, who has made all these things possible by his spirit outpoured upon creatures who love righteousness, motivating them to use their time, strength and faculties to the honour of his name and for the comfort and help of their fellow Christians.

Room Assignment Workers

Why Not Join Up?

Experiences Before, During, and After Convention

On the "Empress of Canada" a group of pioneers approached the captain and suggested that a Bible lecture be included in the day's program of activities. This was agreed and advertised in the printed program circulated to all passengers; attendance 50, of which 36 were strangers.

A public address was advertised on the "Nieuw Amsterdam" coming from New York. This was attended by 50 persons including four clergymen. One of them came to the *Watchtower* study afterwards and said: "Though we do not agree with all your teachings, we do admire you and we are grateful for the stand your people are taking in the U.S. Courts."

An English sister wrote in March to friends in Belgium and told them about the Kingdom and the coming assembly at Wembley. During the assembly when walking around the stadium she ran right into her friends, much to her surprise. After receiving the sister's letter they contacted the friends in Belgium and are now witnesses for Jehovah and their boy was immersed during the convention.

A brother from Texas gave this as his experience: Tired out after his 24-hour journey by air, he went to bed on arrival at his rooms in daylight. Two hours later he woke up, glanced at his watch and noticed that daylight was streaming through the window. "Gee! we've slept 14 hours" he said to his wife. They hurried into their clothes and went downstairs to greet the householder with a pleasant "Good morning". "Good morning!" she said, "why you've only just gone to bed, it's only 9 o'clock". It appears that the twilight, which was a new experience for the Texan, deceived him into thinking it was morning, whereas it was 9 p.m. and still daylight. Tired eyes thankfully found their return to much needed rest.

One sister was a former Methodist Sunday school teacher. She heard the truth from a publisher on Sunday, attended a meeting the next Wednesday and was publishing the following Sunday. Her whole family is opposed but she gave up secular work to attend Wembley convention, and expects to take up pioneer work as soon as that is possible.

A man and wife had taken in a young American couple for the convention. They were impressed by the fact that they had come all the way just to hear some religious talks. Living near the stadium they were able to see the crowds, and the lady when out shopping noticed a crippled sister in a wheel chair advertising in the street. She spoke to her and learned about things at the stadium. This led the lady to decide that she would like to help. She went to the stadium and asked if she could help in the cafeteria, and she was accepted and shared in the duties there. Entering into the spirit of things, she told her husband and this resulted in both coming to the later sessions of the convention. They are now attending the local Kingdom Hall and enjoying the meetings.

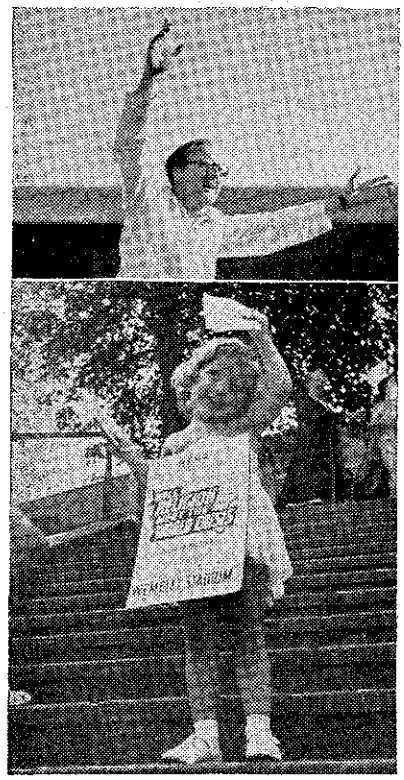
The plants from the platform display were sold to the conventioners on Sunday night. Two of the officials from the stadium took an enthusiastic part in handing them out. It was interesting to hear them cry out, "Would you like two geraniums, sister?"

The weather was good during the days of the convention but the day following there was drenching rain. We praise Jehovah for his loving-kindness.

Under Shelter of the Trees

More Smiles!

Public Press Comments



Top: Conducting the Singing
Bottom: Children say "Come!"

Representatives of all the leading newspapers were welcomed and given information regarding the assembly by the publicity department. On the whole there were good, straightforward reports given in the press. News releases were sent out in advance of the convention and every facility was afforded the pressmen.

Typical of the reports appearing in the press were the following: "The bus clippie wasn't far wrong. 'Dearie', she said, 'it's like Cup Final day'. All roads to Wembley were crowded with people. The buses were crammed, coaches rolled in from all over Britain. Jehovah's witnesses have a five-day booking of the great stadium. Inside, the shouts were not 'Up United' or 'Come on, Blackpool', but cries of 'Jehovah! Jehovah! Jehovah!' multiplied in volume by the microphones."

Regarding the advertising campaign, one newspaper said: "Flashy green and mauve posters must be hitting the eyes of anyone going about the streets these days. 'Will religion', goes the slogan, 'meet the world crisis?' This must be one of the most extensive street campaigns ever. You see the posters everywhere. There are handbills by the thousand. Mind you, there is no soliciting. The organizers—Jehovah's witnesses—seem out to make their effect by quiet weight of numbers and contrast in banner-bearing; for these range from children to adults of many different nations."

Of the public lecture, the press faithfully reported the telling points made, such as: "Amid a mighty cheer, he added: 'The religionists of this day are the adulterous bed-mates of the politicians of this world'."

The baptism at Ruislip Lido was given wide publicity and pictures appeared in newspapers far and wide.

In the local press a clergyman raised his lone voice to express his objection to our coming to Wembley, but he could not resist the temptation to be present and in a letter to the press he said: "I attended one of the meetings of Jehovah's witnesses at the stadium last week. . . . At the meeting I attended I was favourably impressed by one talk I heard giving a simple and challenging exposition of New Testament ethics. . . . I will say this: their familiarity with the Bible and their constant reference to it are commendable and would put many Christians to shame. But . . . . . ."

Of the condition at the stadium, the press said: "Although hundreds of families picnicked around the stadium, Wembley officials were last night considering the witnesses their tidiest-ever visitors. One reason was the absence of empty cigarette packets and cigarette stubs. The witnesses consider smoking an unclean habit."

Further press comments were: "Many discourses were delivered yesterday, but all the time one had the feeling that behind them was a concentrated and efficient organization."

"They had the air of ordinary people enjoying themselves, and if there was fanaticism in their hearts, there was none, to be sure, in their faces."

Queueing for Meals

All ready for it!

The Scriptural Beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses

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

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

Christ Jesus

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

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

Thus Jesus qualified to be the King of God's kingdom. He is the "Seed" that will bruise Satan's head. (Genesis 3: 15) God's undeserved kindness also provided through Jesus Christ's death another thing necessary for his purpose: a ransom from the sin and death brought on by the rebellion of Adam, the father of the human race. It is the Kingdom under Christ that will destroy all wickedness and wicked ones, bringing in, not only perfect government, but also perfection of life to everyone who obeys the Kingdom rule.

The Church and "a Great Crowd"

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

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

"And I heard the number of those who were sealed, a hundred and forty-four thousand, . . . After these things I saw, and, look! a great crowd, which no man was able to number, out of all nations and tribes and peoples and tongues, . . . And they keep on crying with a loud voice, saying: 'Salvation we owe to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb.' "—Revelation 7: 4, 9, 10, *New World Translation.*

Time of the End

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

Armageddon

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

away, as the leaf fadeth from off the vine, and as a fading leaf from the fig-tree."—Isaiah 34: 2-4, *Am. Stan. Ver.*

Will those on earth of the church, or their companions, have anything to do in the fight? Will they destroy any of these things? Not at all. But they will receive Jehovah's protection and survive the battle.

Blessings of the Kingdom Rule

What is in store afterward for those surviving? Those of Christ's body, the Church, will be resurrected at death to join their fellow body members in the heavens. All such receive immortality, the highest form of life in heaven. The companions of the remnant, men of good will who today hear and accept the Kingdom by exercising faith and publicly proclaiming the truth will find themselves directly on the road to life on earth in the new world: "For with the heart one exercises faith for righteousness, but with the mouth one makes public declaration for salvation."—Romans 10: 10, *New World Translation.*

Certainly God will not destroy his own heavenly abode, neither will he burn up this planet which he spent many thousands of years to prepare as the everlasting home for righteous men. He says, "The earth abideth for ever." (Ecclesiastes 1: 4) The "heavens" and "earth" that the Bible speaks of are the invisible and visible parts of the system of things controlled by the Devil, who the Bible says is "the god of this system of things".—2 Corinthians 4: 4, *New World Translation.*

How will the people be governed in the new world? Christ Jesus and his 144,000 immortal heavenly associates will constitute the Kingdom of heaven, the ruling part. On earth will be faithful men resurrected from those long dead: Abraham, Moses, David and others whom Christ will bring forth and install in office as princes. Faithful men now living will also become visible princes of the Kingdom of heaven. Regulations for living according to the will of God will then be made known by Jehovah through Christ, and the people will be judged as being worthy or unworthy of life according to their obedience to the regulations then set forth.

Concerning those dead ones in the grave, Jesus' own words are: "Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment."—John 5: 28, 29; Revelation 20: 12, 13, *New World Translation.*

Those living during Christ's 1000-year reign of uplift of mankind to human perfection will be privileged to bring forth children and rear them in righteousness, having part also in subduing and beautifying the earth. The prophet Isaiah gives us a glimpse of the glorious new world conditions when he says, "And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. . . . They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for calamity; for they are the seed of the blessed of Jehovah, and their offspring with them." (Isaiah 65: 21, 23; 11: 6-9, *Am. Stan. Ver.*) Happy will be their lot!

The Soul

Only Christ and his 144,000 body members ever receive immortality. From this we can see that man is not immortal, nor does he have an immortal soul. The living creature, the intelligent person having life, *is* a soul. Since "soul" is sometimes used in the Scriptures in the sense of life as a conscious creature, animals are called souls by the Bible writers, as at Numbers 31: 28. When a man dies, the soul dies, as it is written of Christ Jesus, "He hath poured out his soul unto death." (Isaiah 53: 12) When he dies, therefore, he is really dead; he 'knows not anything'. (Ecclesiastes 9: 5) The Bible indicates the unconsciousness in death when it says of the faithful witness Stephen, "He fell asleep in death." —Acts 7: 60, *New World Translation.*

Hell

The Scriptures teach a punishment for the willfully wicked: eternal destruction or cutting off from life. Nowhere does the Bible teach that the God of love is a fiend more cruel than fallen mankind, that he would torture his creatures forever. God says the wages of sin is death, not torment. (Romans 6: 23) Revelation 20: 10 is one of the chief texts used by hell-fire supporters: "And the Devil who was misleading them was hurled into the lake of fire and sulphur, where both the wild beast and the false prophet already were; and they will be tormented day and night for ever and ever." (*New World Translation*) In the first place, the wild beast and the false prophet are admittedly symbolic of organizations, therefore the lake of fire is symbolic. It symbolizes complete destruction, just as Sodom and Gomorrah are said to have undergone the "punishment of eternal fire". These cities were burned up completely, forever, and are not still burning. At Revelation 20: 14 hell itself is shown as being cast into the lake of fire, and then the account says, "This is the second death." So this lake pictures destruction, the final and permanent destiny of the willfully wicked.

Attitude of Witnesses

Jehovah's witnesses do not think that all other persons are "goats". They take the attitude that every person they call upon wants to serve God. They leave all judgment of individuals to God. Their viewpoint is this: There may be many more good-will persons yet to take a stand for the Kingdom than there are Jehovah's witnesses at present.

The Issue Faced Today

What should one do today? He should face squarely the issue, which is, Shall we serve God and his kingdom under Christ, or shall we continue to put our hope in the present failing systems of this world? Jesus said, "This means everlasting life, their taking in knowledge of you, the only true God, and of the one whom you sent forth, Jesus Christ." (John 17: 3, *New World Translation*) Jehovah's witnesses stand ready to help anyone, of whatever race, nationality or religion, to study God's Word and take in this life-giving knowledge.

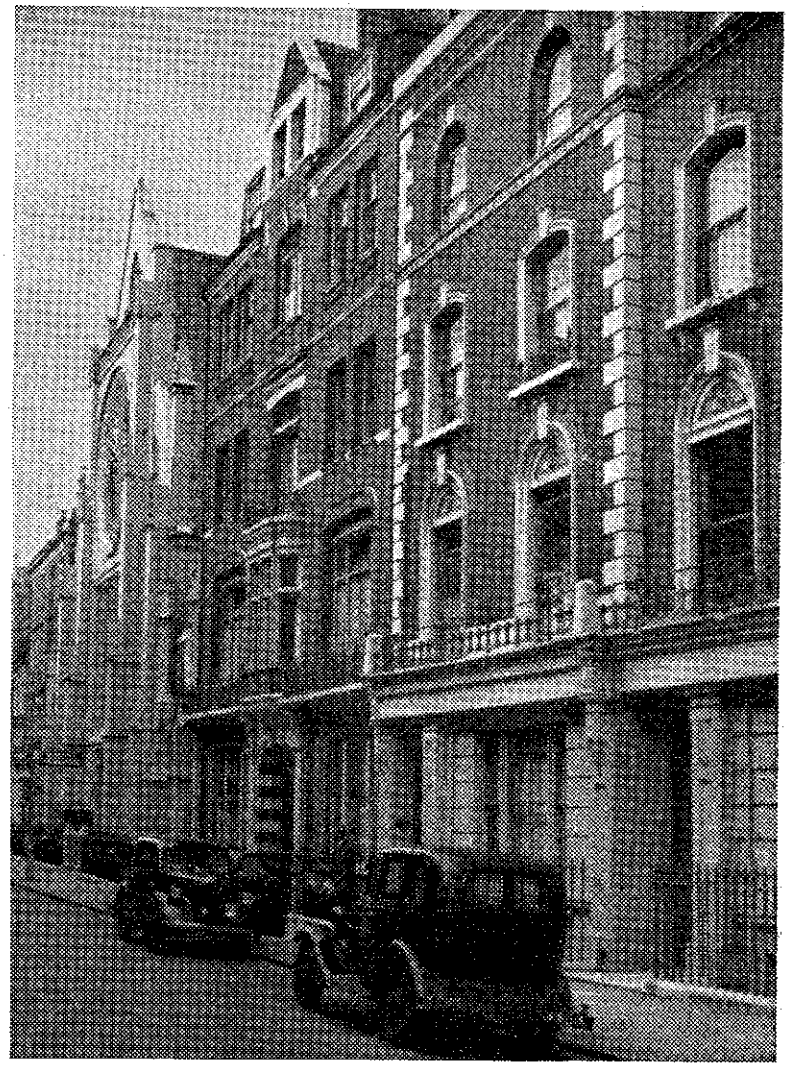
Progress of the Kingdom Work in the British Isles

In the year 1900 the first branch office of the Society outside of America was established in London, and since 1911 the headquarters of the Kingdom work in Britain has been located at 34 Craven Terrace, London, W.2. The picture on this page shows the frontage of the branch property with the Kingdom Hall adjoining. The Bethel home is located here with the office and printery at the rear.

Organization

A branch organization of the Society is a separate administrative unit exercising supervision over the companies, pioneers, and, in fact, all ministerial activities of Jehovah's witnesses located in the country. The branch itself is subject to direction from the president's offices at Brooklyn, New York. A group of assistants aid the branch servant in the management of the Kingdom interests. This group forms what is known as the Bethel family. All live together in the home provided by the Society where the branch office and Bethel home are located at the same place. The same rules of operation govern the Bethel homes throughout the earth. The chief requirement is that each one in Bethel, which means "house of God", must be a consecrated servant devoted to the Lord and the Kingdom service.

In a branch territory will be found a number of congregations of Jehovah's witnesses. In Britain there are 635 such congregations to which travelling representatives are sent periodically to aid the local company in its organization and to strengthen them spiritually. There are 26 such servants in the British field and these are known as circuit servants. Literature and other supplies, as well as service instructions for the Kingdom witness work reach the companies through the branch organization. Pioneers are appointed and sent to different cities and isolated territories, and of these there are at present 1,350 operating in the British Isles. Monthly reports are made to the branch by all these and in turn are relayed to the president's office at Brooklyn, and so a complete record of Kingdom service world-wide is kept. Each branch office gets the bulk of its supplies of literature from the large publishing house of the Society at 117 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York. The number of active Kingdom publishers in the British Isles is now nearing 26,000, and the branch despatches literature to these Kingdom publishers so that the people can be visited in their homes and assisted in their study of God's Word with these Bible helps. In order to supply the needs of the British field, printing equipment is maintained at the London headquarters where forms, letters, advertising folders, *Informants,* tracts and booklets are produced.



London Headquarters, 34 Craven Terrace, London, W.2

Expansion

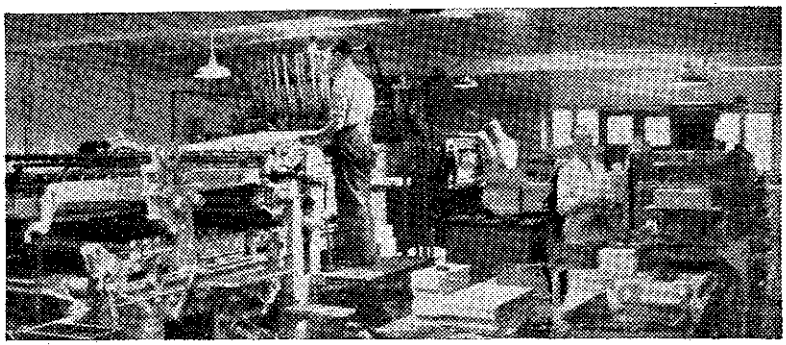
The active publishers of the Kingdom message have grown with the years. Looking back over many years of Kingdom activity by Jehovah's

witnesses in Britain, we see that a large volume of Kingdom proclamation has been made despite the combined opposition raised against it by religious adversaries.

Jehovah's witnesses, no matter where they are or what tongue they speak, have the same ideas and desires and are filled with the same spirit to share in the vindication of Jehovah's name. In each land there are honest-hearted ones who are disgusted with organized religion and seeking to know more of the simple truths of the Bible. World-wide a separation is going on between the sheep and the goats, as Jesus foretold in his parable. As we enter the atomic age, it is apparent that more and more thousands are desiring the comfort of the Kingdom message which alone can erase the fear and perplexity from their minds due to world conditions. Jehovah's witnesses know that Jehovah alone is supreme and they will do all in their power to let the people know that he is the sovereign ruler of all the universe, and that in his Kingdom alone lies hope for suffering mankind.

Work Accomplished by Jehovah's Spirit

The work accomplished over the years could never have been done by human creatures alone, rather it has been made possible by Jehovah through his outpoured spirit upon his consecrated witnesses, as recorded at Zechariah 4: 6: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith Jehovah of hosts", *ASV*.



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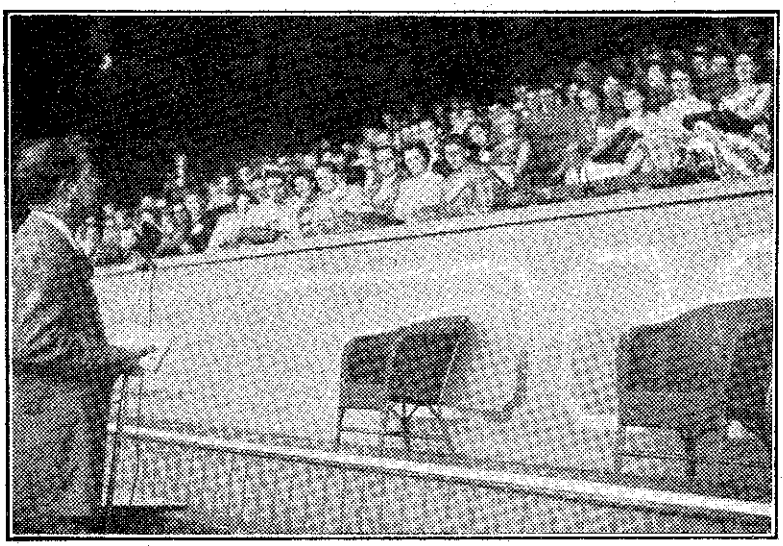
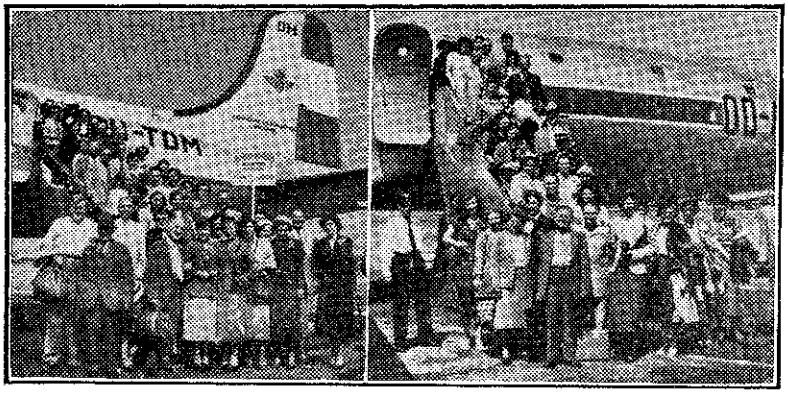


Jehovah has ever been mindful of the needs of his witnesses and down through the years he has supplied ever-increased light of truth from his Word, the Bible, and as his witnesses have received this truth they have been diligent to reflect it out to others. To this very day the faithful band of witnesses of Jehovah in Britain has continued on in performance of their divine commission to preach this gospel of the Kingdom and to sound the joyful invitation to all people to "Praise Jah, you people, because Jehovah our God, the Almighty, has begun to rule as king."

Gilead Bible School

In order for one to attend Gilead and receive its special training one must be wholly consecrated and devoted to the Lord's service. He must be a student of the Bible, having a good knowledge of its contents.

In the adjoining picture we see the president of the Society addressing 237 applicants for Gilead training from 15 different countries.



Delegates from 40 Different Nations

1. Arriving by Air from United States and Canada.
2. Crowds at close of happy day.
3. Arrivals from Australia and Switzerland.
4. View of Car Park.
5. Busy Cloakroom.

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