

Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session, Monday, April 9, 1956

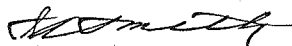
will be no attempt to anticipate or to directly influence legislation. Rather, we will seek to provide information on the basis of which the delegates and ex-officiis can determine how they wish to vote. Actual Conference debate will still be reserved for the legislative assemblies in the afternoon.

On the basis of a consideration of the problems that will come before the Conference, and the opportunities that lie before the church, we realize our human limitations. Under the weight of the responsibility that rests upon all of us, we turn to God in humble prayer for help, and we commend the spirit of humility and prayer to all who are gathered here in the name of Christ to seek wisdom and understanding, motivated by a love that reaches from our heavenly Father down to the humblest of our fellow members.

Let us try to enter into this Conference, by making reconciliation with God and man, with clean hands and clean hearts. Let us resist temptations that divide; let us avoid the spirit of contention in which the church would suffer needless hurts, and Christ would bleed from new wounds of our making. Let us remember the supremacy of the law of love, which our Savior proclaimed.

And now may God bless one and all as we move into the serious work of this Conference, that out of it the church may emerge stronger and better prepared for the great tasks and opportunities that lie before us. This is our prayer in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY



Mothers' Club Reception

The *Conference Program*, page 53, announces among the "Where to go between meetings" that the Mothers' Club will hold a reception Saturday, April 14. This fellowship is planned especially for those individuals and representatives of groups who have assisted the Club by their sewing or otherwise helping to furnish the nursery at the Sanitarium. Invitations have gone out, but in case of mail failure or someone being overlooked, this is to be considered an invitation.

The Seat of the Trouble

It's awful to run like the dickens to get a seat so some other good Latter Day Saint won't have one.

The 1956 General Conference assembled for its initial business session at 2:00 p.m., April 9, in the Auditorium, Independence, Missouri. Israel A. Smith, President of the Church, was in the chair. The Conference activities of Sunday, April 8, are covered in the *Official Program* of the Conference, as are the educational and devotional services for the entire week.

The national anthem was sung by the assembly under the leadership of Elder Franklyn S. Weddle, with Mrs. LaVern Taylor of Independence, Missouri, accompanying at the organ.

During the singing of the national anthem, Explorer Scout Denny Woodsmall carried to the platform the flag of the United States, accompanied by Scout Jackie Thomas and Cub Scout Daniel Brockman. Oriole Cynthia Heide, accompanied by Oriole Sharon Freeman and Skylark Deborah Martin, carried the church flag to the platform. President Israel A. Smith made the following statement, after which the flags of various other nations were unfurled:

We have sung the national anthem of the United States of America. This great republic is but one of the nations whose citizens comprise a world-wide church, the mission of which is to enlist the peoples of all lands in the cause of the kingdom.

As a symbol of unity in saintly allegiance, the flags of other countries of the world will be unfurled as the flags of the United States and the Church are set in place.

The hymn, "Redeemer of Israel" was sung and the invocation offered by Presiding Evangelist Elbert A. Smith.

Apostle Paul M. Hanson and Bishop G. Leslie DeLapp moved that the First Presidency preside over this Conference and be empowered to complete its organization. The motion was put to vote by Apostle Hanson, and it prevailed unanimously.

President Smith announced that the Honorable Robert P. Weatherford, Jr., Mayor of the city of Independence, was in the gathering and would address the assembly. He was escorted to the platform by Apostle Paul M. Hanson and Bishop G. Leslie DeLapp, where he greeted the Conference on behalf of the city of Independence.

Attention was called to the report of the Credentials Committee on pages 26 to 30, inclusive, and a supplement on page 63. The following corrections were noted: The name of a delegate from East-

ern Colorado District was corrected from Edwin P. Peterson to Edwin P. Anderson, and the name Perce R. Judd was inserted as the delegate from Hayhurst, Australia. The report was approved as corrected on motion by Bishop H. L. Livingston and Apostle C. R. Hield.

The following communication was presented, after which the chair stated that the Conference was duly organized:

To the General Conference:

In harmony with your action, we wish to announce the following appointments to perfect the Conference organization:

Secretaries: Charles D. Neff, Fred L. Young, Roy Stearns

Stenographers: Gladys Gould, Berneice Anderson, Rosamond Sherman, Marguerite Constance, Flora Hallier, Eleanor Minton

Music: Franklyn S. Weddle, with the privilege of choosing his assistants.

Press: Charles D. Neff, Evan A. Fry, Dick Ankney, Leonard Lea

Radio-TV: Kenneth Raveill, Norman Bernauer, Stele Bryant

Administration to the Sick: E. Y. Hunker, with the privilege of choosing his assistants

Ushers: James E. Campbell, J. W. Chapman

Housing: Fred Dickson, with the privilege of choosing his assistants

Decorations: Albert Handy, with the privilege of choosing his assistants

Messenger Service: Ralph Freeman

Communion Service (services already rendered): William Worth, Jr., Winfred E. Albright

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

Israel A. Smith

The following greetings and messages were read to the Conference by President W. Wallace Smith:

Church group in Japan earnestly praying for successful Conference.—Carl F. Crum, Tokyo, Japan

French Oceania sends greetings and prayers for a successful Conference.—Horahitu, Breckenridge, Butterworth

The members of the Northern District British Isles Mission in conference session send fraternal greetings to all at General Conference and pray that God's Spirit be with you in all your activities.—Arthur Mayne, *Secretary*, Manchester, England

With best wishes for a successful Conference, assuring you of our prayerful support.—Tom and Betty Worth, Birmingham, England

Our prayers and best wishes are for you.—Enfield Branch

Our prayers are for the success of the Conference. May the business transacted and the decisions reached be for the over-all good of

His work.—Leila and Tsunao Miyamoto, Peggy and Elwin Vest, Hawaii District

I have the regret to tell you that my beloved husband, John Mervin has passed away on the twenty-second of this [March] month. He had been in the hospital for eight days, and died of kidney troubles.

We are hoping that you're in good health. May God bless you in your work is our prayer.—Emeré Mervin, Papeete, Tahiti

Our prayers are that the Spirit, intelligence, love, and unity are present with you.—The Everett and Landon families and the Norwegian Mission, Oslo, Norway

The following document was read and was adopted without objection:

To the General Conference Greetings:

We recommend that the following be adopted to govern parliamentary procedure in General Conferences:

A yea and nay vote may be ordered on petition of one third of the delegates and ex officio present and voting.

A motion to suspend the rules, or to make any matter a special order of business, shall require a two-thirds majority vote.

The previous question, objection to consideration, and motions to limit debate may all be ordered by majority vote.

In all elections, voting shall be continued until a nominee receives a majority of the votes cast, except where otherwise previously announced.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
Israel A. Smith

The chairman called attention to the reports as published in the *Daily Herald*:

The following reports are published in the *Daily Herald*:

Report of the Council of Twelve, Paul M. Hanson, pages 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

Report of the Order of Evangelists, Elbert A. Smith, Presiding Evangelist; Lynn E. Smith, Secretary of Order of Evangelists, page 8.

Report of the Quorum of High Priests, Ward A. Hougas, President of the Quorum of High Priests, page 9.

Report of the Council of Presidents of Seventy, the Council of Presidents of Seventy, Z. Z. Renfroe, Senior President, Russell F. Ralston, Secretary, pages 9, 10.

Report of the First Quorum of Seventy, the First Quorum of Seventy, Glen H. Johnson, President, Virgil J. Billings, Secretary, pages 10, 11.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Grace-land College, Edmund J. Gleazer, Jr., President, pages 11-15.

Auditor's Report, Lloyd L. Bland, C.P.A., pages 12-13.

Report of the Independence Sanitarium, A. Neal Deaver, Administrator, pages 15-17.

Auditor's Report, Lloyd L. Bland, C.P.A., pages 17-18

Report of the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital, Independence Sanitarium and Hospital Board of Trustees, H. L. Livingston, Treasurer, page 18.

Report of the Board of Publication, Board of Publication, W. N. Johnson, Chairman; Kenneth L. Graham, Secretary-Manager, pages 19, 20.

Auditor's Report, Lloyd L. Bland, C.P.A., page 20.

Report of the Department of Statistics, Merle P. Guthrie, Statistician, pages 21-25.

Report of the Church Historian, John Blackmore, General Church Historian, pages 30, 31.

Report of the Society for Archaeological Research, Charles R. Hield, Chairman, page 31.

Church Auditor's Report of Examination, Lloyd L. Bland, Certified Public Accountant, pages 34-36.

The Financial Report of the Presiding Bishopric, Presiding Bishopric, G. L. DeLapp, H. L. Livingston, W. N. Johnson, pages 36-39, and with Exhibits and Schedules, pages 39-54.

Report of the Radio Department, Charles F. Church, Jr., Director of Radio, pages 54-56, with "Messiah Radio Network" report, page 56.

Report of the Music Department, Franklyn S. Weddle, Director of Music for the General Church, pages 57, 58.

Report of the Audio-Visual Department, Arthur J. Rock, Audio-Visual Director, pages 59, 60.

Report of the General Department of Women, Mrs. S. A. Burgess, pages 60-63.

Report of the Church Physician, Charles F. Grabske, M.D., page 63.

The reports were received and made a part of the record with the following statement from the chair: "Those whose names appear at the end of these reports and who wish to comment thereon will please file a statement to this effect with the chair, and time for such comment will be set apart."

The following communications from the First Presidency were presented for future consideration:

To the General Conference:

We suggest that in selecting members of the Council of Women we choose three from the Independence area for six-year terms, three for four-year terms, and three for two-year terms.

We also suggest that in selecting associate members of the Council from the general domestic field, we choose two for six-year terms, two for four-year terms, and two for two-year terms.

If this procedure is followed, it will give us a council membership of ten, including the leader of women (who is appointed) and nine from the Independence area and six from the remainder of the domestic field.

In line with the foregoing, and in consultation with the leader of the Department of Women, we wish to nominate as follows:

INDEPENDENCE AREA

Six-year terms

Pauline J. Arnson (Mrs. S. S.)
Marjorie Bandlow (Mrs. Earl)
Bertha Johnson (Mrs. Walter N.)

Four-year terms

Jeannette Nichols (Mrs. Wm.)
Bernice Six (Mrs. Herbert)
Rosamond Smith (Mrs. W. Wallace)

Two-year terms

Evelyn Velt (Mrs. H. I.)
Byrna Zerr (Mrs. C. Myron)

DOMESTIC FIELDS

Six-year terms

Dorothy Evans (Mrs. Cedric)
Aarona Kohlman (Mrs. L. W.)

Four-year terms

Blanche Mesley (Mrs. C. George)
Ena Slasor (Mrs. Otto W.)

Two-year terms

Ethel Squire (Mrs. E. LeRoy)
Madeline Ostertag (Mrs. Louis J.)

It will be noted that we have arranged the names of those who have served on the council in alphabetical order, and those recently selected follow them in alphabetical order.

In harmony with the action of the General Conference of 1954, nominations from the floor for membership in this council are in order.

It is suggested that after the council has been selected it be understood that the term of membership on the council be six years, and that a third of the council members be selected at every two-year period.

The method of voting will be to present the names of those suggested for the Independence area for six-year terms. If nominations are received from the floor these will be added to those here presented. The vote will then be taken and the three receiving the highest votes will be declared elected. The same procedure will be followed for four-year terms and for two-year terms, and the procedure with regard to the domestic fields in general will then follow the Independence pattern.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
Israel A. Smith

To the General Conference:

Preambles and resolutions in the matter of race relations within the church and in missionary endeavors were considered by the General Conference of 1954 (*Daily Herald*, April 9, 1954, pp. 94-95). By action of the Conference this matter was "referred to the three quorums of concurrent jurisdiction, the First Presidency, the Council of Twelve, and the Quorum of Seventy, to be brought back to the next General Conference [1956] for consideration."

The Council of the First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and the Quorum of Seventy, therefore, report and recommend that the following be adopted by the General Conference as a substitute for the preambles and resolutions on race relations submitted to the General Conference of 1954.

The gospel is for all mankind. It knows no distinction of race or color.

The possibility of sharing the gospel has always been influenced by racial, social, economic, educational, and political factors. This is still true.

The social patterns are changing in the direction of closer integration between the various groups comprising the total population. It is difficult to imagine segregated churches in a society which takes for granted integrated schools, sports, hospitals, and trades unions.

Wherever groups, missions, branches, and congregations are organized they should be formed as a matter of administration and not as a matter of racial discrimination.

In some areas, members of other races will be welcomed into our churches. This gives us hope for progress. There are other areas where we must first build up the will to welcome them, which condition gives us cause for great concern. In such situations discretion is important, but only as an essential factor in breaking down barriers.

We should welcome all who respond to the call of the Lord from among all races.

Persons of any race who are ordained to the priesthood should function freely according to their gifts and callings. Some may well receive church appointment. Such appointees should be assigned with reasonable consideration for the opportunities for ministry to their own race, but such assign-

ments should not be to that race only.

The appointing authorities should carry the needs of all men in their hearts with ministry being directed according to the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the general, local, and missionary presiding officers concerned. It should be shared in by the Saints in the spirit of fraternity, which is the spirit of Zion.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
Israel A. Smith
THE QUORUM OF TWELVE
Paul M. Hanson
THE SEVENTY
Z. Z. Renfroe

To the General Conference:

The *Saints' Herald* for February 6, 1956, contained official notice of an action of the Standing High Council taken January 26, 1955. This action was published in the official columns of the *Herald* for February 13, 1956, and reads as follows:

Resolved as a substitute for paragraph 69 of the Church Court Procedure that:
"All courts of the church have full power to hear and decide the issues involved in the cases submitted to them in accordance with the provisions heretofore set out, and their final decisions shall have all the authority, power, and effect of a branch, district, stake, or mission conference action of the jurisdiction of the parties concerned. In cases of expulsion from the church the judgment of the court is final and conclusive, but must be presented to the church (a properly constituted unit of church organization, such as a branch, district, stake, or mission, having jurisdiction of the person involved) in conformity with the law for removal of names from the church record:

And the elders shall lay the case before the church, and the church shall lift up their hands against him or her.—Doctrine and Covenants 42: 22.

The above statement is imperative and mandatory, not discretionary. When a duly appointed church court has found a member guilty of an offense which makes that member subject to expulsion from the church, after the time for filing an appeal has expired, or the appeal has been heard and overruled by the court, the finding of the trial court becomes final and the member is disfranchised and cut off from the church. Inasmuch as the one thus disfranchised is a member of a certain branch, district, stake, or mission, the members of this unit of church organization wherein he or she may have membership must thereafter by lifting up their hands remove his or her name from the membership of the church wherever located.

"In the event that the members of such branch or other unit of church organization shall under these circumstances fail to lift up their hands against the person involved in the aforesaid judgment of the court, the administrative officer in charge of that unit of church organization shall certify the matter to the next larger unit, such as for example from a branch to a district, and in the event of failure of the appropriate district, stake, or mission conference to act in the matter, or of branches in unorganized territory, the matter shall then be certified to the Standing High Council of the church for the necessary action on behalf of the church."

We present the resolution of the Standing High Council for such action as you deem wise.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
Israel A. Smith

Approval of the following resolution was moved by Elders F. Carl Mesle and Evan A. Fry, and action was deferred until a later business session:

To the General Conference:

The following resolution has been submitted to the First Presidency for presentation to the forthcoming General Conference:

WHEREAS, General Conference Resolution 317 (1886), concerning dancing, and General Conference Resolution 377 (1893), concerning dancing and card playing, and General Conference Resolution 671 (1912) concerning

theater going have been stated more affirmatively in General Conference Resolution 813 (1920), and General Conference Resolution 924 (1932), in an approach which stresses the spiritual welfare and the discretion of the individual, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That General Conference Resolutions 317, 377, and 671 be rescinded, and that General Conference Resolutions 813 and 924 stand as the more mature judgment of the church, and be it further

RESOLVED, That it is the belief and experience of this church that the repeated practice of social dancing by church members should be discouraged as likely to lead them toward temptation and away from Christ and his church, and from the higher spiritual life of his kingdom, and be it further

RESOLVED, That it is the considered conviction of the church that as stewards over time and talent, it is incumbent on each church member to make his leisure time activities contribute to his own mental and spiritual development, the service of his fellow man, and the building of the kingdom, and

That as a means to this end, the church should encourage and help to train all age groups among our membership in an appreciation of the best in art, drama, literature, music, painting, sculpture, and all allied cultural, artistic, scientific, educational, and recreational fields, in order that they may make wise, informed, and spiritually sound choices of activities for leisure time.

(Signed) CARL MESLE
EVAN A. FRY

The following documents were presented for future consideration at this Conference:

To the General Conference:

At the fall conference of the Columbia River District the following motion was adopted for presentation to this General Conference:

WHEREAS, The name the church is known by, that of "Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints," is very misleading and

WHEREAS, This name has had no proper official sanction, therefore, be it and it is hereby

Resolved, That the name, "Church of Jesus Christ Restored," be adopted by this Conference as the official name of the church.

In harmony with the district action we transmit this proposal for your consideration.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
Israel A. Smith

To the General Conference:

The Saints of the Columbia River District have taken action asking this Conference to authorize the change of the name of the church. Under these circumstances the Joint Council of Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric have authorized us to present to you the findings of a committee which have been giving careful consideration to this matter for many months. The committee consisted of Elders Israel A. Smith, President of the Church, Paul M. Hanson, President of the Council of Twelve, and G. Leslie DeLapp, Presiding Bishop.

A recent report of this committee to the Joint Council states that the members of the committee "are united in the conviction that it would be inadvisable to make any change in our present name, largely because it is not necessary. Our reasons for so believing come from the fact that we recognize our present name is but a combination of the name given by Divinity in 1838 with certain affixes of a descriptive nature for the purpose of identification.

"When the Reorganization movement was begun in 1852 and for quite a number of

years our name was The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the original name of the church, and this name was used until sometime in the 1860's—approximately 1866, when the word 'Reorganized' was affixed.

"That no formal action by the General Conference was the basis for such a change is quite understandable, because it is quite apparent to us that it was not considered as a change.

"As we analyze the matter, and as it was undoubtedly considered by our church leaders, the proper name of the ecclesiastical body had in no degree been abandoned: It was still 'The Church of Jesus Christ' with the original suffixes, 'of Latter Day Saints,' to distinguish it from the church in the days of Christ. They had but to add the prefix, 'Reorganized,' to prevent confusion in the public mind because of the 'Mormon' movement in the West that was at that time (1860's) resisting the United States Government in its attempt to extirpate or wipe out polygamy.

"They no doubt believed that they were in no way changing the name. The real name provided by Divinity was and still is preserved. The name, as we have already explained, was 'The Church of Jesus Christ.' That name stands, but for identification purposes there is a prefix and there are suffixes. . . .

"It is our thought, and we so recommend, that in implementing the name, emphasis be made on 'Church of Jesus Christ,' printing, where necessary, in small letters the words 'Reorganized' and 'of Latter Day Saints.'"

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
Israel A. Smith

To the General Conference:

WHEREAS, The administration of the church is one of the most fundamental acts in which the church as a whole does engage; and

WHEREAS, The effective administration of the church must involve the expenditure of moneys for administrative purposes such as the promulgation of religious, educational, and activity programs within districts and stakes, as well as missionary work, elder's expenses, office expenses, etc.; and

WHEREAS, The raising of these funds often creates difficult burdens for the various districts and stakes of the church; and

WHEREAS, These needs are always created, not only in the interest of the district or stake in particular but also in the interest of the church as a whole; therefore be it

Resolved:

1. That the church direct 10 per cent of the tithing submitted by the members of the church in the various districts and stakes back to those districts and stakes to be used by them to assist in meeting those administrative costs outlined above.

2. That the above shall apply only to tithing paid by a district or stake and shall not include offerings and other general contributions made by those areas.

3. That the payment of these funds by the church shall be done annually to the district and stake treasurers and that the expenditure of those moneys by the districts and stakes be the sole responsibility of those groups in accordance with their annual budgets.

4. That the amount of tithing returned to each district or stake shall not exceed one half (50 per cent) of the current budget of those districts and stakes, and that any tithing moneys available to be returned which are in excess of one half (50 per cent) of the current budget of each district or stake shall not be paid and shall not accrue to the benefit of those areas.

Southern New England Delegation
J. V. Pement, *Chairman*

The General Conference:

The Board of Appropriations recommend that action on the proposal to return a proportion of their contributions to districts be deferred, and that the First Presidency be requested to appoint a committee of seven members of this Board to study this problem and make recommendations to the next meeting of the Board of Appropriations.

It is further recommended that this committee consist of representatives of both districts and stakes.

THE BOARD OF APPROPRIATIONS
By *Israel A. Smith*

Elders George A. Njeim and Glen H. Johnson moved the approval of the recommendation concerning the release of Seventies. Action was deferred pending its publication:

To the First Presidency and General Conference:

As the numbers of the Seventy grow there continues to come before the Council of Presidents of Seventy the problem of regulating membership in the quorum or quorums of Seventy. Inasmuch as we are limited by law to seven quorums, or 490 Seventy, the need arises for releasing men from connection with the Seventy under certain circumstances in order to maintain a high standard of service of the Seventy of the church.

History shows that this has been a matter of concern of the Council of Presidents of Seventy from the beginning. In the *Journal of History*, Volume 7, pages 83 to 91 there is considerable reference to action taken by the Council of Presidents of Seventy in this regard. In the *Saints' Herald*, Volume 30, page 270, there is an apparent answer from the Presidency to questions concerning members dropped from the quorums of Seventy for (1) cause, (2) inactivity, (3) disability.

The responsibility for recommending release from the quorum or quorums of Seventy is inherent in the Council of Presidents of Seventy. As late as May 21, 1947, in answer to a proposed Conference Resolution regarding this, the First Presidency stated, "The Resolution of April 10 is acceptable. We would like to point out, however, that no action is needed in order to give you the power indicated in this resolution. You already have this power . . ."

To clarify this we set forth a statement of reasons for the release of men from the quorum or quorums of Seventy:

A. Cause

1. The imposition of silence because of unfitness to function as a minister
2. If a man becomes unqualified to serve under General Church assignment
3. If a man persistently rejects missionary assignment

B. Inactivity

1. Failure to report to the quorum president for two conference periods
2. Failure to function in the work and spirit of a Seventy in activities such as conducting missionary services, stimulating the Saints, and witnessing for Christ
3. Willful abstention from quorum function

C. Disability

1. Disability of a nature to make impossible further active service in the quorum of Seventy.

These reasons have been the basis for releasing men from the quorum or quorums of Seventy. Therefore, be it resolved that the foregoing statement of reasons for release be

included among the rules and resolutions of the church.

THE COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS
OF SEVENTY
By *Russell F. Ralston*

Letter from the Presidents of Seventy was read recommending the organization of a Second Quorum of Seventy. Elders Russell F. Ralston and James C. Daugherty moved approval, which motion carried:

To the General Conference:

The Council of Presidents of Seventy is happy to note that for the first time in many years there will be enough Seventies available to necessitate the organization of a Second Quorum of Seventy.

We therefore recommend to this Conference that action be taken providing for the organization of the Second Quorum of Seventy.

THE COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS
OF SEVENTY
By *Russell F. Ralston, Secretary*

Letter as follows was read concerning the ordination of bishops:

To the General Conference:

After careful thought and prayer we feel directed to recommend that Elders Frederick L. Dickson, Francis E. Hansen, and Hudson P. Grundy be ordained bishops. This recommendation has the approval of the Joint Council of the First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric, and also of the Order of Bishops.

In view of the wide discussion of these recommendations by those most likely to be well informed concerning the calling of the brethren, we do not think that extended affirmative discussion of the proposed ordinations will be necessary. Any who have any objections to urge should feel entirely free to do so.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
Israel A. Smith

Bishops G. L. DeLapp and H. L. Livingston moved "That we approve the recommendations and that the ordinations be provided for." Each man expressed his willingness to accept the ordination, after which each was approved unanimously.

A letter recommending the ordination of Elder L. Wayne Updike as a member of the Standing High Council was read:

To the General Conference:

At the General Conference business session held Sunday, April 11, 1954, members of the Presidency were authorized to fill the vacancy existing in the Standing High Council in the interim between Conferences, and to submit their action to this Conference for approval.

We discussed this matter with the Standing High Council and during the Conference interim have used Brother L. Wayne Updike as an emergency member of the Council. However, we preferred not to authorize the setting apart of Brother Updike to permanent membership on the Council without prior General Conference action.

We now request the Conference to authorize the ordination of Elder L. Wayne Updike as a member of the Standing High Council of the church.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
Israel A. Smith

Motion to approve was made by Elders Paul M. Hanson and Glen H. Johnson, and Brother Updike gave expression of his willingness to serve. Motion to approve carried.

The Presidency presented the resignations from the Standing High Council of Elders J. A. Becker and H. L. Barto:

To the General Conference:

Elder J. A. Becker has handed us his resignation as a member of the Standing High Council of the church. Elder Harry G. Barto has been called to membership in the Evangelical Order, and accordingly he, too, has resigned from this Council.

Brother Becker has served on the Council from 1920 to 1925 and continuously since 1940. Brother Barto has been a member since 1932. Both of these brethren have served with marked distinction and have won the abiding affection and respect of the other council members. The church is deeply indebted to them.

We suggest that the resignations be accepted by a standing vote, and that this vote indicate our appreciation of the faithful service of the brethren.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
Israel A. Smith

Elders Willard Hield and C. L. Olson moved to accept the recommendation. The resignation of each was accepted and appreciation expressed by a standing vote.

The hymn "Lord of the Living Harvest" was sung at this juncture.

The following recommendations were made by the First Presidency to fill the vacancies existing on the Standing High Council:

To the General Conference:

To fill the two vacancies existing in the Standing High Council of the Church, we recommend the selection and ordination of Elders Lloyd L. Bland and Sanford Downs.

The two brethren are at present members of the Standing High Council of the Center Stake, so that, if their ordination is approved, they will come to their new responsibilities with considerable prior preparation.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
Israel A. Smith

Upon a motion by Elders G. L. DeLapp and F. S. Weddle, the recommendation was approved, after each man expressed his willingness to serve.

The following document recommending the ordination of Seventies was presented to the Conference:

To the General Conference:

The Presidents of Seventy have recommended that the following named elders be ordained to the office of Seventy: Samuel E. Anderson, Flora, Illinois; Frederick C. Banta, Richmond, California; T. E. Barlow, Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Barnett W. Berridge, Madison, Wisconsin; Harry W. Black, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; E. W. Dickens, Aurora, Illinois; E. R. Fishburn, Nauvoo, Illinois; Calvin V. French, Middleton, Ohio; A. Leslie Gardner, Guelph, Ontario; A. Wayne Hough, Pisgah, Iowa; J. D. Imrie, Auckland, New Zealand; David A. Kaleikau, Jr., Jefferson City, Missouri; K. N. Kinart, Redlands, California; Richard Reid, Hot Springs, Arkansas; Oskar

E. F. Stuve, Hamburg, Germany; Alan D. Tyree, (Papeete, Tahiti) Independence, Missouri; Alfred Urban, Hannover, Germany; Robert I. Wakeman, Phoenix, Arizona.

In view of the fact that these calls have been attested by the Presidents of Seventy and approved by the Presidency, Twelve, and Seventy, we believe that it will not be necessary to take time for speeches on the Conference floor favoring these ordinations.

Any who may be opposed to the ordinations recommended are invited to confer with Elder Z. Z. Renfro, Senior President of Seventy, in Room 415 of the Auditorium, as soon as is mutually convenient. Such persons will be entitled to the floor later in the Conference when these names are presented for approval and the brethren recommended make their statements of acceptance.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By Israel A. Smith

President Israel A. Smith read the following communication regarding superannuation:

To the General Conference:

On behalf of the Joint Council of First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric, we recommend that the General Conference accord the honor of superannuation to Elder Taruiarii a Tauhiti (Horahitu), of the French Oceania Mission.

Elder Horahitu was ordained an elder in 1913 and a Seventy in 1951. He is widely known throughout the mission, and has rendered distinguished service. It is our thought that recognition of this honor shall be given Elder Horahitu on some suitable occasion when next one of the general officers of the church is available in the Islands.

We recommend that the honor of superannuation be granted Brother Horahitu by a rising vote.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
Israel A. Smith

Elders Joseph Yager and Alan Tyree moved approval, which carried by a standing vote.

Another communication regarding superannuation was presented:

To the General Conference:

On behalf of the Joint Council of First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric, we recommend that the General Conference accord the honor of superannuation to Bishop A. T. Trapp of the British Isles Mission.

Elder Trapp was ordained an elder in 1916, a high priest in 1921, and a bishop in 1930. He is loved throughout the British Mission where he has rendered distinguished service. He and his wife were present at the General Conference of 1947. It is our thought that recognition of this honor should be given Bishop Trapp on some suitable occasion when next one of the general officers of the church is available in the British Isles Mission.

We recommend the honor of superannuation be granted Brother Trapp by rising vote.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
Israel A. Smith

A standing vote of approval was given after a motion to accept the recommendation was made by Elders D. V. Lents and Edward Parker.

The following recommendation concerning the erection of signs was pre-

sented to the Conference and was approved upon a motion by Elders W. Wallace Smith and A. A. Oakman:

To the First Presidency and General Conference:

By action of the 1952 General Conference the Presiding Bishopric was appointed to give consideration to the erection of signs to inform tourists and travelers of the presence and locality of the headquarters of the church.

We have given this matter consideration and study and wish to report that while progress has been made, we feel that it would be advisable to ask for additional time for further consideration. To do this adequately a considerable amount of money will be required. This type of advertising should be related to the whole program of advertising for the General Church. Furthermore it would seem desirable to defer the placing of these signs until shortly before the General Conference of 1958 at which time it would be our hope that the Auditorium would be more nearly completed, as well as the landscaping. This would seem a more appropriate time to do any extensive advertising.

In the meantime we recommend the placing of small road signs, giving direction to those who wish to visit headquarters. An appropriation for this purpose is included in the recommendations to the Board of Appropriations.

THE PRESIDING BISHOPRIC
G. L. DeLay

High priesthood recommendations were presented as follows:

To the General Conference:

On the suggestion of the members of the Council of Twelve concerned, and with the approval of the Quorum of High Priests, we wish to recommend that the following named brethren be ordained to the high priesthood:

Elroy E. Hanton, Gaylor, Michigan
Duane E. Couey, Paris, Tennessee
Paul Henricks, Drummoyne, Australia
James N. Kemp, San Diego, California

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
Israel A. Smith

Apostles D. O. Chesworth and M. L. Draper moved to approve the ordinations. Each of the brethren expressed his acceptance, after which approval was given.

A recommendation from the Board of Appropriations concerning the Houses of Worship Revolving Fund was presented for later consideration by the Conference:

To the General Conference:

The following action of the Board of Appropriations is transmitted for your consideration and action:

WHEREAS, The Board of Appropriations has given careful consideration to the need for augmenting the Houses of Worship Revolving Funds to meet the many demands for Houses of Worship construction loans, and

WHEREAS, An amount of \$100,000.00 is suggested in the list of allocations of funds on hand to supplement the Houses of Worship Revolving Fund, and

WHEREAS, The Board has approved the allocation of \$500,000.00 from the Ministerial Reserve Fund to be loaned for Houses of Worship construction purposes at 3 per cent, and

WHEREAS, There is obvious need for such additional resources for Houses of Worship loan purposes, be it hereby

Resolved, That the Conference look with favor upon the allocation of said \$100,000.00 to increase the Houses of Worship Revolving Fund, and be it further

Resolved, That the Conference authorize the use of \$500,000.00 for Houses of Worship construction loans from the Ministerial Reserve Fund at 3 per cent; and that

Effective as of April 15, 1956, new loans from the Houses of Worship Revolving Fund are to be at 3 per cent, and that

Further, we encourage congregations and districts to repay outstanding loans as rapidly as possible.

Israel A. Smith
FOR THE BOARD OF APPROPRIATIONS

A document from the First Presidency suggesting a time limit for introduction of new business was presented as follows:

To the General Conference:

We suggest that the time limit for the introduction of new business be set at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, April 12. As is our custom, business coming from the quorums and General Conference committees is not affected by this action.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
Israel A. Smith

Motion to approve was by Apostles D. B. Jensen and R. E. Davey, which motion carried.

A communication from the First Presidency was read pertaining to the date of the 1958 General Conference. Elders R. E. Davey and H. Dean Hintz moved to approve. Action was deferred pending further consideration:

It has been our custom to hold General Conference during the week which includes April 6. However, at the Conference of 1954 it was decided to hold the Conference of 1956 a week later than would normally be the case in order to avoid a conflict between General Conference and Easter.

In 1958 Easter Sunday will fall on April 6. We are therefore suggesting that the 1958 General Conference be held April 13 to 20 inclusive.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
Israel A. Smith

The closing hymn was "O God, Give Strength to All Thy Saints." Evangelist Myron A. McConley pronounced the benediction, and the meeting was declared adjourned.

CHARLES D. NEFF
FRED L. YOUNG
W. R. STEARNS
Secretaries

Familiar Face

There were too many new faces at Conference for seventeen-month-old Leslie . . . until he saw a picture on the wall. "O Jesus!" he said, with the happy ring of recognition in his young voice. He too had found an old friend at Conference.

Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session, Tuesday, April 10, 1956

The General Conference convened in business session at 1:45 p.m., Thursday, April 10, 1956. President Israel A. Smith was in the chair.

The opening hymn, "Lord of the Living Harvest," was directed by Elder Charles F. Church, with Miss Norma Kendrick at the organ. A service of ordination followed.

Frederick L. Dickson was ordained to the office of Bishop by Presidents W. Wallace Smith and F. Henry Edwards.

Francis E. Hansen was ordained to the office of Bishop by President F. Henry Edwards and President W. Wallace Smith.

Presidents F. Henry Edwards and W. Wallace Smith ordained Hudson P. Grundy to the office of Bishop.

Paul Henricks was ordained to the High Priesthood by Apostles Maurice L. Draper and Roscoe E. Davey.

The minutes of Monday's meeting were read and approved as corrected.

The following communication from the Credentials Committee regarding replacement of a delegate was presented, and made a part of the record:

To the General Conference:

It has been affirmed to us by Mrs. N. L. Booker that at a called business meeting of the Miami, Florida, Branch, she was elected as a delegate to the General Conference to replace Robert Pieper who had previously been elected but found he could not be present.

We recommend that Mrs. N. L. Booker be seated as a delegate, and that the name of Robert Pieper be deleted from the list of certified delegates.

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
Merle P. Gutbrie
Fred O. Davies

The following documents from the First Presidency were read, and entered into the record for later consideration:

To the General Conference:

The following resolution was adopted at the Conference of the Center Stake of Zion held at the Stone Church Sunday, February 12, 1956.

RESOLVED, That members of the Center Stake Presidency are hereby requested to properly present the following resolution to the General Conference of 1956:

WHEREAS, The primary function of the General Conference is the adequate consideration of and action upon matters which properly come before it, and

WHEREAS, Certain delegates holding membership in the various priesthood quorums and councils have opportunity to discuss and act upon matters which originate with such quorums or which are referred to them by the General Conference; therefore be it

Resolved, That all delegates not holding membership in one of the established quorums or councils shall be organized as a legislative committee with freedom to originate legislation to be brought to the Conference, or to act upon legislation referred to it by the Conference. Be it further

Resolved, That the First Presidency shall appoint a chairman for this committee, which appointment shall be subject to the approval of the committee, and that time and space be provided in the Conference program for the meeting of this committee.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
Israel A. Smith

To the General Conference:

A proposal has been submitted to the General Conference looking toward the organization of "all delegates not holding membership in one of the established quorums or councils" of the church "as a legislative committee with freedom to originate legislation to be brought to the Conference, or to act upon legislation referred to it by the Conference."

Inasmuch as this proposal has to do with the basic structure of our chief legislative assembly, members of the First Presidency have given it careful consideration, noting both its anticipated values and its possible misuse. In light of this consideration we call attention to the following observations:

Members of the established quorums or councils are not on the same footing with delegates in General Conference since they have permanent responsibilities which are not shared by delegates. It is for this reason that they are organized into quorums. The fact that they are organized does not appear to us to afford sound reason for the parallel organization of delegates who do not have parallel responsibilities.

The proposed organization of delegates lends itself to the origination of legislation at General Conference by delegates. It is our carefully-arrived-at opinion that action should not be taken to facilitate the origination of legislation at General Conference

but, rather, that legislation should come to the Conference from the quorums and orders of the church or after branch, district, or stake conference action. This procedure would permit scrutiny and refinement of such action before it claims Conference time and attention.

In the proposed resolution the membership of the delegate group is not clearly defined as between those who are delegates only and those who are members of the various priesthood quorums and councils.

It might appear that elders (but not high priests or seventies) should be included in the proposed delegate group. If this should be done, the combined group would include the entire membership of the Conference, save only the high priests and seventy and some elders. This group would be of sufficient numerical strength to determine action on the Conference floor.

If the elders should be excluded from the delegate assembly, this exclusion, plus the setting up of the delegate assembly, would lead to the revision of the work of the mass meeting of the elders. It would also bring into being a delegate group with important group functions but constitutionally deprived of the guidance of members of the Melchisedec priesthood who, under the law, "hold" the several conferences (Doctrine and Covenants 17: 25a).

In addition to the foregoing we call attention to the classes on Conference legislation which were arranged before we knew of the motion in question and which are available to all members of the Conference. These classes are designed to acquaint those participating with the principles involved in Conference business.

Under these circumstances we respectfully suggest that the proposed motion looking toward the formation of "a legislative committee" composed of "all delegates not holding membership in one of the established quorums or councils" of the church and "with freedom to originate legislation to be brought to the Conference, or to act upon legislation referred to it by the Conference" be laid on the table.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
Israel A. Smith

Elders Albert L. Loving and J. C. Stuart moved the adoption of the following resolution regarding language of the Book of Mormon. Consideration was deferred until a future business session:

To the General Conference:

Notice has been given the First Presidency of the following motion:

WHEREAS, Many persons conversant with and friendly to the Book of Mormon believe the language of the same could be improved, made more understandable and effective, now, therefore, be it and it is hereby

Resolved, That the First Presidency be asked to appoint a special committee of three or more persons to consider wherein and if its language and wording may be improved, and make report of their findings and recom-

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mendations to the General Conference of 1958. Be it further

Resolved, That if in their judgment the language of the book should be changed in the interest of clarity or for other good reason, the Committee make report of their suggested changes to the same General Conference, or if more time should be required, to the General Conference of 1960.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
Israel A. Smith

The following recommendation concerning the above resolution was presented by the First Presidency:

To the General Conference:

We wish to recommend that if the motion having to do with editorial changes in the Book of Mormon is approved, it be understood that we will continue to publish the Authorized Version of the Book of Mormon and that any additional version will stand on its merits in relation thereto.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
Israel A. Smith

Communications as follows from the Order of Bishops were presented for future consideration of the Conference:

To the General Conference:

In harmony with the recommendation of the committee on road signs approved by this General Conference, the Order of Bishops recommend that an amount of \$1,000.00 be set aside as part of the special appropriations of General Conference to meet this need.

ORDER OF BISHOPS
W. N. Johnson, Secretary

To the General Conference:

WHEREAS, Bishop D. A. Alberts of the Australasian Mission has recommended special appropriations of General Church funds available in Australia in line with practices of recent years; therefore, be it

Resolved, That \$6,750 be appropriated to the Operating Reserve Fund and \$7,425 be appropriated to the Houses of Worship Revolving Fund and that Bishop D. A. Alberts be authorized to transfer these amounts from his general account to the above specified funds.

ORDER OF BISHOPS
W. N. Johnson, Secretary

A communication from the First Presidency concerning the Graceland College Board of Trustees was read, with the statement that it would be called up later for consideration at which time other nominations may be made:

To the General Conference:

The six-year terms of Elders Verne L. Deskin and Franklin L. Parsons, members of the Graceland College Board of Trustees, expired at this Conference.

After consultation with the members of the Council of Twelve and Presiding Bishopric, we suggest consideration of the names of Franklin L. Parsons, L. Merle Spence, Harold A. Tabor, and Gerald W. Swanson in making nominations to fill these two vacancies.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
Israel A. Smith

The actions of the Board of Appropriations concerning inheritances for appointees and the needs of Graceland College were read into the minutes for later consideration:

To the General Conference:

We submit the following action of the Board of Appropriations for your consideration:

WHEREAS, The General Conference of 1928 adopted a resolution (892) setting up rules governing allowances and inheritances for Conference appointees, which in principle established an equitable basis for providing such inheritances; and

WHEREAS, The intent of this resolution pertaining to inheritances was not carried out except in a minor degree due to the subsequent change in economic conditions and the inability of the church to specifically meet inheritance needs; and

WHEREAS, There was included in this resolution provision for life insurance and housing; and

WHEREAS, Provision for life insurance and housing has become commonly accepted, and in many instances our incoming appointees have already assumed obligations for both housing and insurance; and

WHEREAS, The cost of such housing and insurance is included as necessary items in each current year's budget of our families; and

WHEREAS, The establishment of the Ministerial Reserve Fund has now made feasible the financing of some of the provisions for inheritances, and

WHEREAS, There is need for clarification of policy to enable the Presiding Bishopric to administer family budgets equitably and according to the needs of individuals; therefore be it hereby

Resolved, That provision for inheritances may be included in the family budget on the current basis for housing and insurance, and that this policy be considered as in harmony with the intent and purpose of General Conference Resolution 892;

The further intent and purpose of this resolution being that of recognition of a situation which already exists in that a substantial portion of appointees now have both housing and insurance programs which are included in family budgets; and, further, that present long-time purchase programs for housing are now a part of our total economy; the further implementation of this program to be subject to review of the Presiding Bishopric, the Joint Council of the First Presidency, the Council of Twelve, and the Presiding Bishopric, thus harmonizing with the provisions of Resolution 892, which resolution also provided for and set up the methods for consideration of both inheritances and family allowances; and

Further, that Resolution 953, adopted by the General Conference of 1946, regarding the setting of family allowances, be considered as one of the factors included in the 1928 resolution:

Allowance to be made on the basis of needs and just wants, church, government, and other statistics, also the financial condition of the family and the budget request being determining factors.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
Israel A. Smith

To the General Conference:

The following action of the Board of Appropriations is transmitted for your consideration and action:

WHEREAS, There is obvious need for Graceland College to have further facilities to meet its current needs, and

WHEREAS, It is our established policy that we shall not borrow from outside sources to finance expansion, be it hereby

Resolved, That

- (1) We approve the allocation of \$100,000.00 for new construction at the College as recommended in the list of appropriations.
- (2) That we make provision in the two-year Conference period from 1956 to 1958 for the payment in cash of the \$233,000.00 of Graceland endowment bonds.
- (3) That we make every effort to provide additional funds either by appropriation at the next General Conference, or by obtaining loans through internal financing from members of our church sufficient to provide the needs for such a building in 1958.

THE BOARD OF APPROPRIATIONS
Israel A. Smith

The chairman called attention to the Report of the First Presidency as found on pages 65 through 70, and the Report of the Board of Appropriations on page 75 of the *Daily Herald*. These were received and made a part of the record.

The recommendations for ordination to the office of Seventy, as found on pages 73 and 74 of the *Daily Herald*, were brought to the attention of the Conference. Elders D. T. Williams and George A. Njeim moved to approve, which motion included the recommendation for ordination of A. M. Pelletier, Jr., whose name was omitted from the original list. Each of the brethren present made a statement of acceptance. Seventy Sylvester R. Coleman conveyed the acceptance of Elder Samuel E. Anderson who was unable to be present, and Seventy Russell F. Ralston spoke in behalf of Elder J. D. Imrie, who is in New Zealand. Seventy James C. Daugherty spoke for Elder Alfred Urban, who is in Eastern Germany. The ordination of each man was approved.

At this interval, the hymn "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" was sung.

The following letters from the Council of Twelve were presented recommending ordination to the evangelical order. The chair stated that the Order of Evangelists had concurred in these recommendations:

To the General Conference:

The Council of Twelve recommend the ordination of the following high priests to the evangelical order. These recommendations have been concurred in by the First Presidency;

Harry G. Barto, Independence, Missouri; Samuel G. Clark, New Westminster, British Columbia; E. E. Gamet, Butler, Missouri; Ralph A. Harder, Independence, Missouri; Alma Johnson, Seattle, Washington; Monte E. Lasater, Seattle, Washington; J. Edward Nicholson, Belleville, Illinois; W. J. Sherman, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Roy W. Smith, Hammond, Indiana; Howard C. Timm, Independence, Missouri; C. W. Tischer, Houston, Texas; Robert Lewis West, Denver, Colorado; Francis Roy Whipple, Overland Park, Kansas; and Samuel M. Zonker, Wellsburg, West Virginia.

Each of the brethren concerned has expressed his willingness to serve. These recommendations are now submitted for the approval of the Conference.

THE COUNCIL OF TWELVE
Paul M. Hanson

To the General Conference:

The Council of Twelve recommend the ordination of the following elders to the high priesthood and the evangelical order. These recommendations have been concurred in by the First Presidency: Shankland S. Arnsion, Kansas City, Missouri; E. L. Bowerman, Shellbrook, Saskatchewan; G. Earl Burt, Fort Wayne, Indiana; and Harry P. Jones, Waterloo, Iowa. Each of the brethren has expressed his willingness to serve. These recommendations are now submitted for the approval of the Conference.

THE COUNCIL OF TWELVE
Paul M. Hanson

Bishop G. Leslie DeLapp took the tribune and discussed the Financial Report of the Presiding Bishopric as found in the *Daily Herald* beginning on page 36.

The resolution from the Standing High Council concerning Church Court Procedure, as found on page 72 of the *Daily Herald*, was brought to the attention of the Conference. Elders Paul M. Hanson and C. L. Olson moved approval.

Elders Arthur A. Oakman and Thomas F. Gough moved to amend by inserting the word "appellate" in the eighth line

of the second paragraph between the words "the" and "court," making it read: "and overruled by the appellate court . . ." The amendment carried.

Elders C. L. Olson and Albert L. Loving moved to amend the third paragraph by inserting "General Conference or" between "the" and "Standing," making it read: "the matter shall then be certified to the General Conference or Standing High Council . . ." The amendment was approved, as was the amended document.

The following letter from the First Presidency was read concerning the Society for Archaeological Research:

To the General Conference:

In harmony with the General Conference action of 1944, authorizing the Presidency to nominate the executive committee of the Society for Archaeological Research, we submit the following: Charles R. Hield, president; Paul M. Hanson; H. I. Velt; Roy Weldon; and Melvin R. Fowler.

This involves no changes in the present Executive Committee.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
Israel A. Smith

Elders D. B. Jensen and H. L. Livingston moved to approve the nominations, which motion carried.

Messages of greetings were read as follows:

Victoria District sends greetings to delegates and prays for a successful Conference.—Alan F. Frater, Melbourne, Australia.

In New Zealand we are conscious of the arrival of the organization day of the church, and of the commencement of the General Conference in two days' time.

Saints and leaders here have joined with you all in the weeks immediately past in prayer for the enlightenment of your gatherings with such wisdom and purpose as is essential to the advancement of the kingdom.

Fraternal greetings are extended as we expect to share also in the spirit of this great occasion for the church.—J. D. Imrie (Appointee), Auckland, New Zealand.

With the singing of "Brethren, Breathe One fervent Prayer" and the benediction by Patriarch Charles Lee of Honolulu, Hawaii, the Conference adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

CHARLES D. NEFF
FRED L. YOUNG
W. R. STEARNS
Secretaries

Welcome Travelers

The youth mixer held Monday night in the upper auditorium of the Stone Church was an evening of accents. It combined the delightful brogues of young people from all corners of the earth.

Les Gardner started the parade of accents by leading the group in singing. He did it with such gusto that he had taught the kids an Australian camp song and had them singing it before they realized it was one they hadn't heard before.

Another red-head—Carl Mesle—took over where Les left off and exceeded the program the remainder of the evening. He was a combination Burt Parks and Groucho Marks on the Welcome Travelers mixer, interviewing all the various celebrities present.

The first of the "celebrities" interviewed was Allen Axelson from Youngstown, Ohio. His midwestern manner of speaking was a sharp contrast to the one of David Draper who was just back from Australia. David not only enjoyed his four year stay "down under," but he said he'd like to go back.

All of the guests chosen by the Center Stake committee to appear on the program were outstanding and talented. There were probably more presidents of organizations and more straight "A" students on the show last night than have ever been assembled in one place before.

The next guest Mr. Mesle talked to was Sigrid Duhnberg. She is an eighteen-year-old blond recently arrived from

Germany. She is enrolled in William Chrisman High School and plans to be an interior decorator.

The next four travelers again were from the middle west. They were Larrene Burgess from Kansas City; Barney Fuller, Duane Thomas, and Jerry Griffin from Graceland. Larrene represented the busy high school co-ed living in the Center Place and the three boys were from Graceland's basketball team.

The next two fellows came from opposite ends of the globe. Joe de la Cruz is a Graceland from Hawaii and Casper Kaat is a Hollander from Canada.

Japan came to the stage in the form of Kisuki Sekine and Saku Nishizawa. They are called Seki and Judy at Graceland, because no one on the hill seems to be able to master completely their Japanese equivalents.

The last traveler of the evening was Oskar Stüve from Germany. During his interview he told of his conversion to the Reorganized Church and how he had been healed from war wounds.

Threading throughout the service was a feeling of unity between the young people being interviewed and the audience. There were both happy and serious moments during the evening as different experiences were related by each of the guests.

Prayers by Oskar Stüve in German, Chun Ill Park in Korean, and Maurice Draper in English closed the service.

GORDON HEADY

Pickpockets

Religious groups who meet in large gatherings such as our General Conference are considered "easy pickings" for the pickpocket men. Women who carry handbags should keep them under their arms with a hand gripping the opening whenever a passageway becomes crowded. Billfolds in men's hip pockets are rather easy to pick in a crowded place. Use extreme caution when leaving meetings through the foyer.

Closed Doors

Lost Soul No. 1: Too bad we couldn't get in to that prayer service.

Lost Soul No. 2: Oh-oh, that's a priesthood class. Women can't get in there.

Lost Soul No. 1: Here's a room full of women. Let's go in.

Lost Soul No. 2: This is the nicest looking group I've seen—and everyone's so friendly!

Lost Soul No. 1: We won't need to feel out of place here until next service.

Voice from the Front: Now if there are any ladies here who aren't appointees' wives, please leave.
(Exit two lost souls.)

Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session, Wednesday, April 11, 1956

With President Israel A. Smith in the chair, the General Conference assembled in business session at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 11, 1956.

Hymn No. 254, "By Revelation Called of God," was sung under the leadership of Elder Harold Neal, with Mrs. Rhoda Wilson of Los Angeles, California, accompanying at the organ. The invocation was by Elder Paul Henricks of Australia.

In the ordination service which followed, L. Wayne Updike was set apart to the Standing High Council by Apostles P. M. Hanson and A. A. Oakman; Lloyd L. Bland was set apart to the Standing High Council by Apostles D. T. Williams and C. R. Hield; and Sanford Downs was set apart to the Standing High Council by Apostles E. J. Gleazer and D. B. Jensen.

Oskar E. F. Stüve of Hamburg, Germany, was ordained to the office of Seventy by Apostle D. V. Lents and Seventy Z. Z. Renfroe.

The minutes of the session of April 10, 1956 were read and approved as corrected.

A motion was made by Elders David E. Dowker and Charles R. Hield that a committee be appointed by the First Presidency to draft a suitable memorial to the Mervin family of Papeete, Tahiti, in memory of the late John Mervin. This motion carried.

Messages of greeting were read:

Greetings to the First Presidency, the Quorums, and all assembled in our world-wide General Conference. Be assured that the thoughts and prayers of the Saints in continental Europe and Scandinavia are with and for you in these momentous days. May the Spirit of God give direction to your deliberations and actions that the witnessing power of his church may continue to increase. May light and unity of purpose prevail. We sincerely anticipate sharing the news and the ministry of the Conference.—Appointees Compier, Everett, Landon, Urban, Webb, and Witte

Greetings from the membership of British Isles Mission. May God bless you in all ways essential to carrying out his purposes.—Eric Rowe, Thomas Worth, Alma C. Andrews, appointees to the British Isles

Attention was called to the report of the Committee on Ministry to College People on pages 85-87, and the report of the Department of Priesthood Education on pages 87-88 of the *Daily Herald*.

The resolution as follows concerning the School of the Restoration was received and read into the record for future consideration:

To the General Conference:

The Joint Council of First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric has approved the following, and we present it for such action as you deem wise:

WHEREAS, There is increasing need for trained personnel to do the work of the church in the various branches and districts, and

WHEREAS, This task is inherent in the work of the leading quorums of the church, and

WHEREAS, The work of training such personnel can best be done if there is an educational focal point for such activity, and

WHEREAS, The School of the Restoration has been organized for this purpose under the temporary leadership of a Board of Trustees appointed by the First Presidency, therefore be it

Resolved, That the General Conference do now hereby authorize the establishing of an institution of learning to be known as the School of the Restoration for the purpose of carrying out a leadership educational program, such school to be governed by a board of nine trustees, as follows:

- The members of the First Presidency
- The members of the Presiding Bishopric
- The President of the Council of Twelve
- The President of the Quorum of High Priests
- The Senior President of Seventy

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
Israel A. Smith

Two amendments were offered to the resolution on dancing, as found on page 72 of the *Daily Herald*. These were accepted for later consideration by the Conference:

To the General Conference:

WHEREAS, General Conference Resolutions 813 and 924 are affirmative in nature; and

WHEREAS, The resolution moved by Elders Mesle and Fry printed on page 72 of the General Conference *Daily Herald* is affirmative in nature, with the exception of paragraph 4; and

WHEREAS, Dancing is specifically mentioned in General Conference Resolution 924, which is not rescinded by the motion under consideration; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the motion presented by Elders Mesle and Fry, printed on page 72 of the General Conference *Daily Herald*, be amended by deleting paragraph 4, which reads as follows:

Resolved, That it is the belief and experience of this church that the repeated practice of social dancing by church members should be discouraged as likely to lead them toward temptation and away from Christ and his church, and from the higher spiritual life of his kingdom.

- Moved by J. T. Conway
Washington, D.C., delegation
- Seconded by Robert Carr
Washington, D.C., delegation

An Amendment:

Moved to amend (1) by striking out the last three paragraphs and the last four words of the preceding paragraph, and (2) by inserting after "Resolution 924 (1932)" in the first paragraph the phrase "and General Conference Resolution 929 (1934)" and (3) by inserting after "924" in the second paragraph the phrase "and, 929."

ROY CHEVILLE
ALMER SHEEHY

A substitute for the document found on page 74 of the *Daily Herald* regarding the dates for the 1958 General Conference was presented for later consideration by the Conference:

To the General Conference:

The brethren of the Presiding Bishopric have informed us that it is only with the utmost difficulty that they can secure reliable figures concerning the finances of the preceding year in time for presentation to the Appropriations Committee and April General Conference. Some consideration has been given to changing the fiscal year, and it was with this in mind that we recommended that the Conference of 1958 be held April 13-20 inclusive. We have now found that it is the consensus that a change in the fiscal year will be attended by difficulties which should be avoided if at all possible.

We therefore recommend, as a substitute for our earlier recommendation in this connection, that when this Conference adjourns it does so to meet at a time to be set by the First Presidency in consultation with the Council of Twelve and Presiding Bishopric and with the understanding that the date set will be May 4 to 11, unless further investigation shows that this date also involves conflicts which should be avoided.

In the event this substitute action should be adopted, we invite all who may be interested to write to the First Presidency expressing their views.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
Israel A. Smith

The following document was presented as a correction to the Financial Report of the Presiding Bishopric:

To the General Conference:

The following schedules are submitted as a part of the statement of fund equities of the Storehouse bottoms of pages 42 and 45 of the April 9, 1956

	STOREHOUSE TRUSTS
ASSETS	
Cash in Bank.....	
Real Estate Investment.....	
Investment in Walnut Park Development Association.....	
Due from General Fund.....	
TOTAL ASSETS	
EQUITY	
Balance—End of Period.....	
STATEMENT OF	
Total Fund Equities—December 31, 1954.....	
Additions for the Year 1955:	
Offerings for Special Funds and Normal Increase.....	
Excess of Income over Expense.....	
Appropriations from Other Funds.....	
Subtotal.....	
Deductions for the Year 1955:	
Normal Fund Disbursements.....	
Total Fund Equities—December 31, 1955.....	
TOTAL ALL FUND EQUITIES	

A statement of explanation was made by Bishop G. Leslie DeLapp.

A letter from the Presidents of Seventy listing the members of the First and Second Quorums of Seventy was read as follows:

To the General Conference:

The Council of Presidents of Seventy have assigned the men of the Seventy to the following quorums and send these assignments to you for your approval.

FIRST QUORUM

Andersen, Richard D.	Pement, J. V.
Anderson, Samuel E.	Potter, Floyd A. J.
Ashenhurst, Raymond	Puckett, John T.
Banta, Frederick C.	Ralston, Russell F.
Barlow, T. Ed.	Renfro, Z. Z.
Bevan, Frederick G.	Robbins, Cecil V.
Black, Harry W.	Rowe, Eric S.
Billings, Virgil J.	Scherer, Albert A.
Breckenridge, Allen J.	Simmons, Wayne E.
Burdekin, Alvin Floyd	Smith, Delbert D.
Burt, George E.	Smith, G. Wayne
Butterworth, F. Ed.	Sorensen, Vivian C.
Coleman, Sylvester R.	Stuve, Oskar E. F.
Daugherty, James C.	Tyree, Alan D.
Dickens, E. W.	Urban, Alfred
Doty, Harry L.	Vest, Elwin R.
Engle, Harry A.	Wakeman, Robert I.
Everett, James A.	Weldon, Clair E.
Fishburn, E. Robert	Wight, John G.
Gardner, A. Leslie	Winegar, H. E.
Gibbs, Arthur F.	Worth, Thomas E.
Guthrie, William T.	Yager, Joseph H.
Haden, William C.	Yale, Alfred H.
Harvey, Donald E.	
Horahito	

SECOND QUORUM

Hough, A. Wayne	Adams, Loyd R.
Imrie, John D.	Berridge, Barnett W.
Johnson, Glen H.	Fisher, Howard
Johnson, Stanley M.	French, Calvin V.
Kaleikau, David A.	Guthrie, Merle P.
Kinart, Keith N.	Hobart, C. Houston
Koehler, Arthur H.	Jackson, Wallace
Kornman, Charles	Menzies, James S.
Koury, Aleah G.	Renfro, James E.
Kyser, Donald L.	Reid, Richard M.
Landon, Donald D.	Theys, Eugene A.
LaPointe, Myron F.	Troyer, Luther S.
Larmour, David K.	Zonker, Louis
Ledsworth, Ernest A.	
Loren, John N.	
Loving, Albert L.	
Lynn, Herbert A.	
Marsh, Charles F.	
Minton, Harvey V.	
Moore, Philip W.	
Njeim, George A.	
Pelletier, A. M.	

THE COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS OF SEVENTY
Russell F. Ralston, Secretary

mittees, on page 82 of the *Daily Herald*, was moved by Brethren L. Wayne Updike and Vernon Ruoff:

To the General Conference:

Regarding the resolution coming to the Conference from the Center Stake I wish to move the following amendment:

Resolved, To amend so that the last two paragraphs will read as follows:

Resolved, That all delegates not holding membership in one of the established quorums or councils shall be organized in one or more legislative committees with freedom to originate legislation or to act upon legislation referred to them by the Conference, and be it further

Resolved, That the First Presidency shall appoint a chairman for each such committee, which appointments shall be subject to the approval of such committees, and that time and space be provided in the Conference program for the meeting of such committees.

L. WAYNE UPDIKE

Consideration was deferred to a later business session.

The discussion of the Financial Report of the Presiding Bishopric was continued from the previous session. Apostles R. E. Davey and D. O. Chesworth moved to approve the report. The motion to approve carried.

Elders E. Elwood Smith and Alvin Jones moved to approve the Recommended Appropriations for 1956 and 1957 on page 75 of the *Daily Herald*. During the discussion of this motion, President Israel A. Smith left the assembly and President F. Henry Edwards assumed the chair. The appropriations as listed were approved.

Elders John T. Puckett and A. Orlin Crownover moved approval of the Special Appropriations found on page 75 of the *Daily Herald*. Elders G. Leslie DeLapp and Emery Parks moved to amend by including the appropriations recommended by the Order of Bishops which appears on page 83 of the *Daily Herald*. The corrected schedule follows:

President W. Wallace Smith assumed the chair at this point.

Apostles P. M. Hanson and D. T. Williams moved approval of the calls to the evangelical order presented at Tuesday's business session. Each of the brethren present made statements of acceptance. Apostle A. A. Oakman spoke in behalf of Roy W. Smith who was not present, and Apostle P. E. Farrow spoke for E. L. Bowerman who was absent. Each of the brethren was approved.

The recommendation from the Board of Appropriations concerning the Houses of Worship Revolving Fund, found on page 74 of the *Daily Herald*, was brought to the attention of the Conference. Elders D. T. Williams and G. Leslie DeLapp moved approval, after which an amendment was moved by Brethren Jack Raveill and Fred McKane: "That any reference to interest whatsoever in the resolution be stricken from the document, and that the cost of operation of the Houses of Worship Revolving Fund be paid by a special appropriation." The motion to amend lost. The motion to approve the recommendation of the Board of Appropriations carried.

The singing of the hymn, "Once More before We Part," was followed by the benediction by Elder Joseph Broadway of Australia. The meeting was declared adjourned.

CHARLES D. NEFF
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Secretaries

replacements of the balance sheets and portions of the Treasury Fund appearing on portions of the 6, Conference daily edition of the *Saints' Herald*.

TREASURY FUND

	1954	1955
.....	\$ 6,082.37	\$ 8,910.55
.....	3,003.40	5,005.40
.....	9,600.00	23,600.00
.....	973.11	498.00
.....	<u>\$ 19,658.88</u>	<u>\$ 38,013.95</u>
.....	<u>\$ 19,658.88</u>	<u>\$ 38,013.95</u>

FUND EQUITIES

	Total	Storehouse Treasury
.....	\$ 4,647,013.69	\$ 19,658.88
.....	18,267.73	18,267.73
.....	207,525.30	87.34
.....	91,210.32	
.....	<u>\$ 4,964,017.04</u>	<u>\$ 38,013.95</u>
.....	522,598.69	
.....	<u>\$ 4,441,418.35</u>	<u>\$ 38,013.95</u>
.....	<u>\$ 22,096,679.85</u>	

MISSIONS ABROAD

French Oceania (Mission House).....	\$ 15,000.00
Hawaii (Grant for Church Building).....	20,000.00
Alaska (Mission House).....	15,000.00
Holland (Mission Headquarters).....	20,000.00
Missions Abroad Research Fund.....	10,000.00
	<u>\$80,000.00</u>

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

Nauvoo—Kirtland—Buildings—Landscaping.....	25,000.00
Auditorium Construction.....	200,000.00
Graceland College.....	100,000.00
Independence Sanitarium and Hospital.....	75,000.00
Missionary Reserve Fund.....	42,497.08
Operating Reserve Fund.....	100,000.00
Houses of Worship Revolving Fund.....	100,000.00
Districts, Administrative Budget.....	20,000.00
Financial Educational Program: Movie—Art Work—Posters.....	16,000.00
Armed Forces Manual.....	2,000.00
Road Signs.....	1,000.00
Unallocated.....	4,202.07
Total.....	<u>\$765,699.15</u>

AUSTRALASIAN MISSION

These funds are available in Australia for appropriation to these specific funds:

Houses of Worship Revolving Fund.....	\$ 7,425.00
Operating Reserve Fund.....	6,750.00
Total Appropriation of Australian Funds.....	<u>\$ 14,175.00</u>

Elders George A. Njeim and Harry L. Doty moved "that the document be approved and the Quorums set in order," which motion carried.

Approval of an amendment to the resolution regarding legislative com-

Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session, Thursday, April 12, 1956

The General Conference convened in business session at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 12, 1956, with President Israel A. Smith in the chair.

Under the direction of Franklyn S. Weddle, the hymn "With a Steadfast Faith" was sung, with Mrs. Edna Ehlers of St. Joseph, Missouri, at the organ, after which Elder Floyd Potter of Australia offered the invocation.

The minutes of the Wednesday business session were read and approved with the following corrections:

The last sentence, center column, of page 93 of the *Daily Herald* should read as follows: "The corrected schedule, which was approved, is as follows:"

The word "Elders" was deleted from the first sentence of paragraph 3, middle column, of page 93.

The chair called attention to the Report of the Department of Religious Education as found on pages 90-95 of the *Daily Herald*.

President Israel A. Smith surrendered the chair to President F. Henry Edwards.

The letter concerning nominations for membership on the Council of Women, found on page 71 of the *Daily Herald*, was called up for consideration.

Nominated for six-year terms from the Independence area were Mrs. S. S. Arnson, Mrs. Earl Bandlow, Mrs. Walter N. Johnson, and Mrs. Orris Salisbury. Elected were Mrs. S. S. Arnson, Mrs. Earl Bandlow, and Mrs. Walter N. Johnson.

Nominated for four-year terms from the Independence area were Mrs. William S. Gould, Mrs. William Nichols, Mrs. Orris Salisbury, Mrs. Herbert Six, and Mrs. W. Wallace Smith. Elected were Mrs. William Nichols, Mrs. Orris Salisbury, and Mrs. Herbert Six.

Brethren E. E. Closson and Henry Porter moved that the candidates nominated by the First Presidency be the choice of this body for the two-year terms from the Independence area, which motion carried. Nominated for the remaining

vacancy were Mrs. William S. Gould and Mrs. W. Wallace Smith. Elected were Mrs. W. Wallace Smith, Mrs. H. I. Velt, and Mrs. C. Myron Zerr.

Brethren Blair McClain and Walter Thorpe moved "that we accept all six nominations of the First Presidency for the domestic field." The motion lost.

Nominations for six-year terms in the domestic field were Mrs. Cedric Evans, Mrs. L. W. Kohlman, Mrs. Genevieve Lusha, and Lucinda N. Madden. Elected were Mrs. Cedric Evans and Mrs. L. W. Kohlman.

Nominated for the four-year terms in the domestic field were Mrs. William S. Gould, Mrs. C. George Mesley, Mrs. Earl Moore, and Mrs. Otto W. Slasor. Elected were Mrs. C. George Mesley and Mrs. Otto Slasor.

It was moved by Elders Daniel Belcher and E. E. Closson "that we have a standing vote to approve the nominations of the First Presidency on the two-year terms." The motion lost. Nominated were Mrs. D. O. Chesworth, Mrs. Genevieve Lusha, Lucinda N. Madden, Mrs. Louis J. Ostertag, Mrs. Florence Sinclair, Mrs. E. LeRoy Squire, and Mrs. J. L. Verhei. Elders James S. Menzies and Chester Davis moved that nominations cease, which motion prevailed.

Elected were Mrs. Louis J. Ostertag and Mrs. E. LeRoy Squire.

Approval of the following resolution was moved by Elders Gordon W. Mesley and Keith Harder:

To the General Conference:

WHEREAS, The General Council of Women of the church continues to give fine leadership to the work of the women of the church as a whole, and

WHEREAS, The church recognizes the consecration and devotion of the members of the General Council of Women and their appointed leader, and,

WHEREAS, The members of the General Council of Women are not members of the General Conferences of the church, unless their home districts or stakes elect them delegates to represent their home districts or stakes, therefore be it

Resolved, That members of the General Council of Women and the appointed chairman of that Council be made members of the General Conferences of the church and be given the same voting privileges afforded ex-officio members of the General Conferences.

GORDON W. MESLEY
KEITH C. HARDER

Elders Elroy Hanton and John Blackstock moved to defer, pending publication of the document in the *Daily Herald*. The motion to defer lost. Brethren Leonard Hoisington and Myron LaPointe moved the previous question. This motion carried. The original motion was defeated.

Hymn No. 203 was sung by the assembly.

President F. Henry Edwards surrendered the chair to President W. Wallace Smith.

The following proposed resolutions were read into the minutes for consideration at a later time:

To the General Conference:

WHEREAS:

A. Part of the twelve-point "Program for the Establishment of Zion" adopted by the General Conference of 1925 and adopted by the Joint Council of April, 1924, included the following,

9. That in looking to the completion of the surveys of man power, capital, markets, territories, etc., a bureau of research and service be established.

10. That the determination of the order of economic development should be given immediate consideration. And,

WHEREAS:

B. For various reasons the above steps have not been implemented, therefore be it

Resolved, That this General Conference reaffirm its interest and intent that the above points be implemented as soon as practicable.

To the General Conference:

WHEREAS:

(1) The General Conference represents the deliberate body of the church assembled for the conducting of business of general concern to the membership as a whole, and

(2) It is our understanding that transcripts of the General Conference proceedings, in whole or in part, cannot be made available to interested persons without the authorization of the Conference, and

(3) It is our understanding that the General Conference is an open and public meeting, with the press invited, and that the words that are spoken are "public property," and that it is possible for any person to make his own written notes in whole or in part, therefore be it

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Resolved, That the General Conference authorize a transcription of the shorthand notes (or other recordings) of the proceedings of the Conferences as a matter of historical record, and that individuals desiring copies of such proceedings, in whole or in part, be granted copies by paying for the cost of the secretarial and other expense involved in preparing same.

To the General Conference:

WHEREAS, The observance of the financial law is enjoined upon all members of the church, and

WHEREAS, At the present time it is possible for a member to contribute an unlimited amount of money for the specific purpose of building houses of worship which is one of the uses of surplus, and

WHEREAS, Under the present system of recording, this member does not receive credit for his contribution as such, and

WHEREAS, The present method of recording contributions at General Church headquarters does not give a true picture of the extent to which a member supports his local branch, and

WHEREAS, This failure was noted as long ago as 1930 in General Conference Resolution 905 which says in part "Resolved Further, That due credit shall be given by the Presiding Bishopric to each individual for all offerings made in the interest and support of local church work," therefore be it

Resolved, That from this time forward the contributions of the Saints for the purpose of building houses of worship in their branches

shall be accounted unto them as a consecration of surplus and so recorded on the records of the Presiding Bishopric.

E. J. Gleazer, Jr., President of Graceland College, presented a statement which the chair stated would be considered as a part of the report of the college found on pages 11-15 of the *Daily Herald*.

The recommendation of the Board of Appropriations found on page 83 of the *Daily Herald*, concerning Graceland College, was brought to the attention of the Conference. Apostles M. L. Draper and D. T. Williams moved approval of the recommendation. Elders L. O. Brockway and Noble Gault moved to amend by striking out the phrase "such a building" in the last paragraph, and inserting "new construction." The amendment lost. The chair stated that without objection the figure in paragraph 2 would be corrected to read \$233,300. The motion to approve carried.

After the singing of Hymn No. 281, and the prayer of benediction by Apostle D. V. Lents, the Conference adjourned.

CHARLES D. NEFF
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Secretaries



"Spiritual Treasures Available through Faith in the Restoration"

Seventy Vivian Sorensen of French Oceania was the speaker at the Stone Church Educational Building for the 9:45 service Sunday morning, April 8. The following is a resume' of his address.

There is a strong motivation in the human heart to seek hidden treasure. Some men have wasted their lives seeking buried treasure because it brings power. The real power that makes men's lives stand out is the power of knowledge.

Great men of all nations have used their power for the benefit of their people, not for accumulating wealth. Happiness and contentment come not by wealth but through service to others.

Should all the banks of the world crash, it would not affect those who have laid up treasures in heaven.

The search for spiritual wealth can be just as fascinating as the search for material wealth. Material and spiritual treasures must be controlled by spiritual forces. Are we spiritually mature? Can God trust us to be custodians over spiritual riches when we have not yet learned to control material wealth?

We benefit by the spiritual truths brought to us, through no effort on our part, when the One through whom they came had to give his life. Whenever discouragement makes us feel we have failed in our ministry, Satan takes all the spiritual riches and walks off with them. As spiritual gifts come to us we should not use them for personal aggrandizement, but rather for the glory of God.

their faith through persecution and deprivation until General Church assistance came to them.

He ended his sermon with this challenge: "We are a people of faith. Let us become a people of greater faith."

"A People of Faith"

for a new church building; how they traveled a hundred miles in small sail boats to attend a district conference. He also told of the example of steadfastness set by John Mervin, who only a few years ago was one of the islands' most prosperous shippers. After losing all his boats and finding himself heavily in debt, he was offered financial aid by the minister of another faith—without the necessity of repaying the gift—if he and his family would join that minister's church. John, choosing financial bankruptcy to spiritual loss, remained firm in his faith.

Keynote of Elder Tyree's sermon was that faith plus works equal righteousness. "When the two are wedded," he said, "the attributes and virtues of Christian personality are manifestations of the resulting righteousness. Offsprings of the marriage are devotion, sacrifice, consecration, and giving without hope of returns."

He told of the sacrifice and devotion which had resulted in the growth of the church in French Oceania. At one time the Saints were forced at bayonet's point to attend Catholic services. Some who resisted were killed; others were assigned to slave labor camps. During this difficult period they were also without leadership from the States, yet they held to



Elder Alan Tyree, recently returned to the States after three years of ministry in French Oceania, spoke at the 10:45 service Sunday morning, April 8, at West College Church. He used not only a scriptural text but a reading from *Church History* telling of the beginning of the Restoration work in Tahiti by Elders Wandell and Rodger to set the tone of his sermon. He drew freely from his experiences in the islands to develop his theme, citing the generosity and devotion of the natives as being true works of faith. He told how they labored from early morning until late in the evening to keep the church grounds beautiful; how many gave their complete savings

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Business Session, Friday, April 13, 1956

President Israel A. Smith was in the chair for the opening of the General Conference business session at 1:45 p.m., Friday, April 13, 1956.

The singing of the hymn "Christ for the World We Sing" was under the direction of Elder Evan A. Fry, with Mrs. Joy Harder Browne accompanying at the organ. Seventy Z. Z. Renfroe offered the invocation.

The minutes of Thursday, April 12, were approved as read.

A statement of memorial for Elder John Mervin, as requested by the Conference, was read for the information of the assembly:

Mrs. Tihoni Mervin and Family
Box 458
Papeete, Tahiti
French Oceania

Dear Friends:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is with a deep sense of grief that we learned of the passing of your husband and father. Please accept our sincere expression of sympathy and love in your loss. Your loss is also felt by the church.

Yet, we, with you, have many happy memories of his devoted service to his family, to the Saints wherever he met them, and to his God. We recall with appreciation his trip to the General Conference of a few years ago, and particularly his ministry as he bore his testimony of the divinity of Christ, and his deep convictions of the righteousness of the church as organized by our Savior.

Many who have been in French Oceania will always cherish the memory of his friendship. Many, many lives have been touched for good because of his example and teachings. You, with us, can find comfort and peace in God's justice and the assurance of a future life, where he may continue his ministry to mankind and his God, and where we may hope to have association with him and the righteous, without disease, death, or sorrow.

We of the General Conference of April, 1956, extend to all of you our love, and we pray that God may richly bless and comfort you. In the name of our Savior and Redeemer, we salute you.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1956
Israel A. Smith

The document on race relations, contained on pages 71-72 of the *Daily Her-*

ald, was called up for consideration. Motion to approve was by Elders John T. Puckett and Robert Seeley. The chair stated that, without objection, the document would be considered paragraph by paragraph. The following action was taken:

Paragraph 1, approved

Paragraph 2, approved

Paragraph 3: Elders J. C. Stuart and A. O. Crownover moved a substitute for the paragraph, as follows: "The social patterns are changing in the direction of closer integration by the various groups comprising the total population. It is difficult to imagine segregated churches in a society which teaches the gospel of Jesus Christ." The substitute was approved.

Paragraph 4, approved

Paragraph 5: Elders J. C. Stuart and A. O. Crownover moved a substitute for the paragraph, as follows: "There are areas where the church must first build up the will to welcome all races. In such situations discretion is important, but only as an essential factor in breaking down barriers." The substitute was approved.

Paragraph 6: Brethren J. C. Stuart and Frank Gray moved to amend by striking out the words "We should welcome" and inserting the phrase "The church welcomes." The motion to amend carried.

Paragraph 7, approved

Paragraph 8, approved

The resolution, as amended, was approved. The document, as corrected, is as follows:

The gospel is for all mankind. It knows no distinction of race or color.

The possibility of sharing the gospel has always been influenced by racial, social, economic, educational, and political factors. This is still true.

The social patterns are changing in the direction of closer integration by the various groups comprising the total population. It is difficult to imagine segregated churches in a society which teaches the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Wherever groups, missions, branches, and congregations are organized they should be

formed as a matter of administration and not as a matter of racial discrimination.

There are areas where the church must first build up the will to welcome all races. In such situations discretion is important, but only as an essential factor in breaking down barriers.

The church welcomes all who respond to the call of the Lord from among all races.

Persons of any race who are ordained to the priesthood should function freely according to their gifts and callings. Some may well receive church appointment. Such appointees should be assigned with reasonable consideration for the opportunities for ministry to their own race, but such assignments should not be to that race only.

The appointing authorities should carry the needs of all men in their hearts with ministry being directed according to the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the general, local, and missionary presiding officers concerned. It should be shared in by the Saints in the spirit of fraternity, which is the spirit of Zion.

The resolution pertaining to the Book of Mormon, as found on pages 82-83 of the *Daily Herald*, was presented for consideration. A substitute, as follows, was moved by Elders Roy Weldon and Sylvester Coleman:

SUBSTITUTE

Resolved, That the First Presidency be asked to appoint a special committee of three or more persons to have charge of a project to research the grammatical styles, composition, and so-called errors in the Book of Mormon with a view to determining the advisability of the eventual publication of a Book of Mormon with marginal citations or footnotes explaining to the reader the sources of its peculiar literary styles. . . . This committee to make report of its findings to the General Conference of 1958, or later Conferences as circumstances may make advisable.

After considerable discussion, Apostles M. L. Draper and R. E. Davey moved the previous question, which motion carried. The substitute lost, and the original motion to approve the resolution carried.

President Israel A. Smith surrendered the chair to President F. Henry Edwards.

The document on dancing, as published on page 72 (with proposed amendments on page 92) of the *Daily Herald*, was brought to the attention of the Conference. The following amendment was moved by Elders Roy A. Cheville and Almer Sheehy:

Moved to amend (1) by striking out the last three paragraphs and the last four words of the preceding paragraph, and (2) by inserting after "Resolution 924 (1932)" in the first paragraph the phrase "and General Con-

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ference Resolution 929 (1934)" and (3) by inserting after "924" in the second paragraph the phrase "and 929."

After discussion, Elders Sylvester Coleman and Charles R. Hield moved the previous question. This motion carried. The motion to amend was defeated, and the document as originally submitted was approved.

At this juncture, President F. Henry Edwards relinquished the chair to President W. Wallace Smith.

The communication from the First Presidency printed on page 83 of the *Daily Herald* concerning the Board of Trustees for Graceland College was called to the attention of the assembly. The chair called for nominations to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Elder Verne L. Deskin. The following were nominated: Verne L. Deskin, Franklin L. Parsons, L. Merle Spence, and Gerald W. Swanson. Elders John Whipple and Sylvester Coleman moved that nominations cease, which motion carried. Elder Verne L. Deskin was elected.

Nominations to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Elder Franklin L. Parsons were W. E. Ford, Franklin L. Parsons, Gerald Swanson, and Harold A. Tabor. The motion that nominations cease was by Elders James Menzies and A. Wayne Hough. This motion carried. Elected was Elder Franklin L. Parsons.

The chairman stated that the following documents would be printed in the minutes for later consideration:

To the General Conference:

WHEREAS, The whole matter of allocation of funds to stakes and districts has been under consideration and study by the Board of Appropriations, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Appropriations recommended the appointment of a committee to study the needs of stakes and districts in respect to administrative budgets and allocation of funds from the General Church income to said stakes and districts; and

WHEREAS, The studies that have been developed up to the present time and which have covered a period of several years reveal a number of problems incident to the implementation of any such program of allocation of funds; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Appropriations recommended the appointment of a committee to make further study of this particular phase of our financing; and

WHEREAS, Such committee has been appointed by said Board of Appropriations, and included in the personnel of such committee are those who are representative of district interests; be it hereby

Resolved, That the Order of Bishops recommends to the First Presidency and the General Conference that this matter be referred to the Board of Appropriations, pending receipt of recommendations from the committee appointed; and that the Board of Appropriations bring back to the next General Conference specific recommendations relative to this prob-

lem of allocation of funds to stakes and districts; and

WHEREAS, A resolution has been presented for consideration of the General Conference regarding allocation of funds to districts, be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be a substitute in lieu of the resolution coming from the Southern New England District printed on page 72.

THE ORDER OF BISHOPS
W. N. Johnson, Secretary

To the General Conference:

WHEREAS, After the death of President Frederick Madison Smith the General Conference appointed a committee "to draft suggestions for a memorial for the late President Frederick Madison Smith," and

WHEREAS, The committee has given this matter consideration from time to time, and

WHEREAS, The matter has been discussed in General Conferences subsequent to the death of the late President Frederick Madison Smith, and

WHEREAS, Suggestions have been made, for example that (1) a library be built, to be known as the "Frederick Madison Smith Memorial Library," to be located on the Campus at Graceland College; (2) that the Auditorium be completed and dedicated as a memorial to the late President Frederick Madison Smith; and (3) that the new Science Building at Graceland College be designated as a memorial; and

WHEREAS, In the opinion of the committee, none of these seem to be appropriate as true memorials to our late President and Prophet, Frederick Madison Smith, although in each there is evidence of his leadership and of his contribution in their final development, and

WHEREAS, It would seem that a memorial could more satisfactorily be designated which would be in memory of Joseph Smith, Jr., the Prophet of the Church, and Joseph Smith III, the President and Prophet of the Reorganization, as well as the late President and Prophet, Frederick Madison Smith; therefore,

The committee recommends as a Memorial for the Prophets, a campanile located on an appropriate site near the Auditorium, and of sufficient size to include historical data and valuable relics having special significance in the lives of our presidents and prophets;

And the committee further recommends that the plan for the financing of the memorial be kept within the other budgetary and fund-raising needs of the church. A goal of \$25,000 per year for a period of ten years, to be received from contributors in small sums, would enable a large number of people to participate in the achievement of such a goal.

E. J. Gleazer, Sr. Paul N. Craig
Alice Edwards G. Leslie DeLapp

Greetings were read as follows:

Greetings from Saints in Korea to General Conference. May God bless your every effort.—Floyd Engstrom

Our prayers and best wishes are for a wonderful Conference.—Mr. and Mrs. George Young, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Whiting

The closing hymn was "Praise Ye the Lord," the benediction was by Seventy Glen H. Johnson, and the Conference adjourned to meet at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 14.

CHARLES D. NEFF
FRED L. YOUNG
W. R. STEARNS
Secretaries

Rebels vs. Yanks

Thursday night the South won its first major victory since Lee's surrender at Appomattox. The occasion was the "Rebels vs. Yankees" volleyball game sponsored by the Center Stake Zion's League in the Memorial Building. The battle was waged according to the rule book, and no one was injured. Feeling ran high, but sportsmanship and good humor prevailed.

In the first skirmish, the southern forces advanced a lanky sextet of Independence All-Stars. Fighting with this bold band was Larry Hurshman, Roy Schaefer, Virgil Leibold, Gerry Winship, Wayne Sallee, and Jerry Hampton. Their worthy opponents, the Graceland All-Stars, boasted such volleyball greats as Dennis Knudson, "Bones" Gilberts, Ed Fuller, Gary Hannaman, Carl Morris, and Davie Harris, with Jim Elvin and Dana Freiburg acting as alternate cannon fodder.

The game was played in eight-minute periods, with the team winning two out of three being declared the victor. The Independence six decisively won the first tilt 13 - 5. In the second period, the Yanks from Graceland made a gallant comeback and edged southern foes 6 - 5. In the deciding match, the southern All-Stars impressed the audience with their prowess by winning.

Things looked black for the northern forces, but their hope rested with reinforcements from the rear echelons. The brave little band calling themselves the Graceland Faculty took the floor to meet their foes. Dick Carter, "Hap" Dennis, Alma Blair, Jim White, Dick Chevillie, Ed Gleazer, and Ned Jacobson were the members of this ill-fated band. The spirited Rebels also fielded a new and fresh force. This group was made up of General Church appointees who called themselves the Fightin' Preachers. Among their number was Almer Sheehy, Carl Mesle, Lee Hart, Delbert Smith, Barry Berridge, and Bill Guthrie.

The North thought it had the first period when the time limit ran out, and it was leading 5 - 4. However, the referee declared that a victory must be by a two-point margin, so the Fightin' Preachers proceeded to make three points in a row to win 7 - 5. The faculty sextet fought with renewed vigor and triumphed in the second period 7 - 4. However, there was no stopping the Rebels who had tasted victory, and they ruthlessly crushed the Graceland Faculty in the third period 5 - 3.

It was truly a day for the history books.

CLAUDE LEE

Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session, Saturday, April 14, 1956

With President Israel A. Smith in the chair, the business session of Saturday, April 14, 1956, commenced at 10:00 a.m.

The hymn "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues" was sung under the leadership of Elder F. S. Weddle with Mrs. Lois Spence at the organ, and the invocation was offered by Presiding Patriarch Elbert A. Smith.

The minutes of the business session of Friday, April 13, 1956, were approved as read.

Communication from the Seventy regarding organization of the Second Quorum of Seventy was read as follows:

To the General Conference:

In harmony with Conference action, and by the call of the Council of Presidents of Seventy, those designated as members of the Second Quorum of Seventy met in Room C 305 of the Stone Church Education Building, April 13, 1956, at 10:00 a.m. There were present the three members of the First Presidency, the President of the Council of Twelve, and the members of the Council of Presidents of Seventy.

The Senior President of the Council of Presidents of Seventy presided over the meeting and the Second Quorum of Seventy was organized. Russell F. Ralston was unanimously chosen as president, and Eugene A. Theys was selected as secretary.

THE COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS
OF SEVENTY
Z. Z. Renfroe, Senior President

Elders Paul M. Hanson and J. C. Daugherty moved to approve the following action of the Seventy. The motion to approve carried:

To the General Conference:

In harmony with his selection as President of the Second Quorum of Seventy, Russell F. Ralston has been released from membership in the First Quorum of Seventy.

We thus assign him as a member of the Second Quorum of Seventy and recommend your approval of this assignment.

THE COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS
OF SEVENTY
Z. Z. Renfroe, Senior President

The following document announcing the release of brethren from the Seventy was presented for the information of the Conference:

To the General Conference:

By action of this Conference Elder Taruiari a Tauhiti (Horahitu) was granted the honor of superannuation. In harmony with General Conference Resolution 579, he is released from membership in this Quorum.

By further action of this Conference the ordination of G. Earl Burt to the high priesthood and the evangelical order was provided for. Brother Burt is thus released from membership in this Quorum.

THE FIRST QUORUM OF SEVENTY
Glen H. Johnson

The two documents printed on page 72 of the *Daily Herald* concerning the name of the church were called up for consideration. Apostles D. T. Williams and A. A. Oakman moved the approval of the document submitted by the First Presidency. Elders A. O. Crownover and J. C. Stuart moved to defer consideration until the General Conference of 1958. The motion to defer lost. Elders Floyd Potter and Sydney Harvey moved to amend by adding to the end of the First Presidency's document the following:

and further, that whenever we must abbreviate the name of the church we should henceforth use the more significant phrase "Church of Jesus Christ" in lieu of the current use of the undignified "R.L.D.S."

Brethren A. M. Pelletier and Harold Carpenter moved the following as a substitute:

that the prefix "Reorganized" which now precedes the official name of the church, "the Church of Jesus Christ," be replaced by the word "Restored," and that the suffixes "of Latter Day Saints" be deleted from the name and the usage of the church.

Elders Stephen Robinson and Sylvester Coleman moved the previous question, which motion carried. The substitute offered by Brethren Pelletier and Carpenter lost. The amendment carried. The original document submitted by the First Presidency, as amended, was approved.

Brethren D. T. Williams and Leonard Hoisington moved the following:

That the Conference request the First Presidency to write a letter interpreting this document for distribution after the close of the Conference to the district presidents and pastors as well as general officers.

Elders Wayne Simmons and Oskar Stüve moved the previous question, which motion carried. The original motion was also approved.

The action of the Board of Appropriations concerning inheritances for appointees, as found on page 83 of the *Daily Herald*, was presented for consideration. Seventies George A. Njeim and John T. Puckett moved approval of this document. The motion to approve carried.

The chair called attention to the documents concerning legislative committees found on page 82, and the amendment on page 93 of the *Daily Herald*. Seventies Glen H. Johnson and Sylvester Coleman moved approval of the document submitted by the Center Stake of Zion. The above amendment, moved by Brethren L. Wayne Updike and Vernon Ruoff, lost. Apostles D. B. Jensen and R. M. Holmes moved that the document of the First Presidency be a substitute for the entire matter. The previous question was moved by Apostles R. E. Davey and P. E. Farrow. This motion carried. The substitute prevailed.

The Conference recessed at 12:00 noon after the singing of hymn No. 87, to meet again at 2:00 p.m.

The General Conference reconvened at 2:00 p.m. with President Israel A. Smith in the chair. Miss Anna Marie Smith was at the organ.

The following document was read for the information of the Conference as a result of a request at the morning session:

To the General Conference:

At this morning's session the Conference adopted a communication from the First Presidency and thereby disapproved the organization of "all delegates not holding membership in one of the established quorums or councils" of the church as a legislative committee of the Conference. Within the document presented by the Presidency occurs the statement, "It is our carefully-arrived-at opinion that action should not be taken to facilitate the origination of legislation at General Conference . . ." We stated then, and we are glad to repeat now for inclusion in the minutes, that adoption of this document does not thereby deny to Con-

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ference ex officio or delegates any of the rights they previously held, and, specifically, that properly elected delegates may still originate Conference legislation as heretofore.

This statement will be printed in the minutes of the Conference and will be appended to the document above referred to whenever it appears in the published list of Rules and Resolutions.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
Israel A. Smith

Elders Roy Cheville and Russell Rockwell moved approval of the recommendation of the Presiding Bishopric concerning personnel of the Board of Publication:

We recommend the continuation of the present personnel of the Board of Publication, which is

Walter N. Johnson
Harry G. Barto
David S. White
Howard P. Andersen
Arthur B. Taylor
Shankland S. Arnson
Montague L. Parker

THE PRESIDING BISHOPRIC
G. L. DeLapp

The motion to approve carried.

At this juncture President Israel A. Smith relinquished the chair to President F. Henry Edwards.

The resolution, printed on page 72 of the *Daily Herald*, concerning the return of tithing to districts and stakes was brought to the attention of the Conference. Brethren Myron Fisher and Marcelo Pagat moved approval. Approval of the substitute offered by the Board of Appropriations found on page 107 of the *Daily Herald*, was moved by Elders G. L. DeLapp and Charles Brockway. The substitute carried.

Elders Lewis Landsberg and Alfred Yale moved approval of the document concerning the School of the Restoration, as published on page 92 of the *Daily Herald*. The motion to approve carried.

The resolution regarding the establishment of a Bureau of Research and Planning, printed on page 98 of the *Daily Herald*, was presented. Approval was moved by Brethren Wilford Winholtz and Alma L. Nunamaker. The motion to approve carried.

Elders James C. Wardle and Wilford Winholtz moved adoption of the resolution regarding the transcription of General Conference proceedings. By agreement, the word "deliberative" was substituted for the word "deliberate" in the first paragraph. An amendment was moved by Elders C. R. Hield and Arthur Dixon that we add to the last paragraph "this manuscript to be furnished only at the discretion of the First Presidency." By agreement, the phrase "business session of the General" was inserted in the fourth line of the last paragraph of the document between the words "the" and "Conference."

Elders David Dowker and Leroy Beckham moved as a substitute for the entire matter "that a convenient number of recordings be made so that they will be available to those who are engaged in the business of research and made available to them at their convenience by the officials of the church." Brethren Richard C. Cochran and Sylvester Coleman moved the previous question, which carried. The substitute motion lost, as did the motion to amend and the motion to approve the original document.

The document on credit for contributions to Houses of Worship construction, as found on page 99 of the *Daily Herald*, was brought up for consideration. Brethren Russell Rockwell and Alma Nunamaker moved adoption. Elders Loyd Adams and Noble Gault moved to limit individual speeches to two minutes and total debate to sixteen minutes, which motion lost. Elders Walter N. Johnson and Lee R. Oliver moved adoption of the following as a substitute. The substitute carried.

To the General Conference:

WHEREAS, Contributions to local building and operating funds are essential and constitute an offering and are administered by local officers, and

WHEREAS, The law of the church is clear with reference to surplus as adopted by General Conference Resolution 977, therefore be it

Resolved, That the motion in regard to building funds being receipted and credited as surplus be laid on the table.

ORDER OF BISHOPS
W. N. Johnson, Secretary

Elders Franklyn S. Weddle and Earl Moore moved adoption of the recommendations of the committee regarding a memorial for the late President Frederick Madison Smith, as found on page 107 of the *Daily Herald*. Brethren Thomas McIntire and Marcelo Pagat moved as a substitute that we attempt to finish the Auditorium and then proceed to evangelize the world. The following was moved by Elders Fred Banta and Fred O. Davies as a substitute for the entire matter:

That as a memorial for the prophets of the church a suitable building in keeping with the over-all planning of the development of Graceland College facilities, and at the discretion of the Graceland College Board of Trustees, be erected on the Graceland College campus.

And further, that the plan for financing of the memorial be kept within the other budgetary and fund-raising needs of the church. A goal of \$25,000 per year for a period of ten years, to be received from contributors in small sums, would enable a large number of people to participate in the achievement of such a goal.

Brethren Delbert Smith and Anthony Lampe moved to lay the matter on the table, which motion lost. Brethren Elwood Smith and R. W. Conrad moved

the previous question, which motion carried. The substitute for the entire matter lost, as did the substitute offered by Brother McIntire. Elder Russell Rockwell called for a "yea" and "nay" vote, which motion was denied by vote. The vote on the original motion was taken. Apostle D. B. Jensen requested that the votes be counted, and upon the count being taken, the motion prevailed.

President F. Henry Edwards relinquished the chair to President W. Wallace Smith.

The chair stated that members of the committee making the report considered above were discharged, and thanked them for their service.

The matter of the dates of the 1958 General Conference was brought up for consideration. The chair called attention to the original recommendation and motion to approve on page 74, and the proposed substitute as published on page 92, of the *Daily Herald*. Brethren Lee Oliver and Clarence Langham moved approval of the substitute, which motion carried.

The document submitted by the Presidents of Seventy as found on page 73 of the *Daily Herald*, concerning release of Seventies, was brought up for consideration. The document as published was approved.

A resolution from the Order of Bishops concerning the completion of the Auditorium was presented:

To the General Conference:

WHEREAS, In the past two years the church has raised the amount of \$528,146.29, including Christmas Offerings, for construction work on the Auditorium, we, the Order of Bishops, wish to express our sincere and deep appreciation to the members of the church who have made this achievement possible. Furthermore, we feel that all those who have contributed to this should be most highly commended.

WHEREAS, Many of those who are here as delegates, as ex officio members, and as visitors to the General Conference have expressed appreciation for that which has been accomplished and are desirous of seeing the work continued; and

WHEREAS, Plans have been made for an extensive program of teaching the temporal law throughout the entire church during the two years, 1956 and 1957, for which program there has been developed the motion picture film *The Center Place*, and other materials to be made available to the priesthood and workers throughout the church; and

WHEREAS, There are unfinished portions of the Auditorium, including the main room, the facing of the front wings adjacent to the foyer, the lower auditorium, the ramps, and the landscaping; and

WHEREAS, The estimated costs of the main room, the organ, the seating, the east, west, and south entrances will be more than \$1,000,000 (which does not include the lower auditorium, the ramps, or the landscaping); and

WHEREAS, There is now on hand approximately \$750,000, including the appropriation of \$200,000 made by this Conference; and

WHEREAS, As stated herein, we think it is the wish and the intent of the members of the

church to continue this most important Auditorium project; and

WHEREAS, We should have a minimum of \$950,000 of cash in hand before letting the contracts for completion of the main room; and

WHEREAS, We believe that the raising of the additional money should be co-ordinated with and made a part of the total financial objectives for these years; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we make every effort to have an additional \$200,000 in hand not later than November 1, 1956. We therefore recommend the raising of this additional sum of \$200,000 by November 1 and a further additional amount of \$300,000 by December 31, 1957, to assure continuation of construction of this building, making every effort to finish the interior of the main auditorium before the Conference of 1958, including the seating and the organ; and, furthermore, that we pledge

ourselves to the continuous program of construction to these ends.

THE ORDER OF BISHOPS
W. N. Johnson, Secretary

Elders John Darling and Sidney Dabarn moved approval, which motion carried.

Hymn 119 was sung. The benediction was by Elder J. C. Stuart, and the Conference adjourned at 4:15 p.m., to meet again at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, April 15, 1956.

CHARLES D. NEFF
FRED L. YOUNG
W. R. STEARNS
Secretaries

Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session, Sunday, April 15, 1956

The final business session of the 1956 General Conference convened at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, April 15, with President Israel A. Smith in the chair.

The opening hymn 130 was sung under the leadership of Elder Franklyn S. Weddle. Elder Evan A. Fry was at the organ. The invocation was by Apostle R. E. Davey.

The minutes of the April 14 business session were read and approved.

Authority to call a meeting of the Board of Appropriations was granted upon a motion by Brethren John Wight and Leonard Hoisington. The motion carried.

To the General Conference:

WHEREAS, Changing economic conditions make it difficult to foresee economic trends which may affect the operations of the church over a two-year period; and

WHEREAS, It is important that the administrative officers of the church have the authority to make adjustments in the event that economic conditions change to make such adjustment imperative; be it hereby

Resolved, That the First Presidency be authorized to call the Board of Appropriations at any time in consultation with the Presiding Bishopric to review our financial situation and to take such action as may be necessary within reasonable budgetary restrictions, to adjust our finances to permit the carrying on of the work of the church efficiently.

THE PRESIDING BISHOPRIC
G. L. DeLapp

The following committees, to make a study of the language and wording of the Book of Mormon, were announced by the First Presidency in harmony with previous action of the Conference:

To the General Conference:

At the business session of April 14, you asked us to appoint a committee to consider wherein and if the language and wording of the Book of Mormon may be improved; this committee to make report of the findings, and recommendations to the General Conference of 1958 and to accompany this report with such changes as they might suggest.

In harmony with this action we wish to announce the appointment of the following committee:

Evan Fry, Chairman,
Elva Oakman
Leonard Lea
Herbert M. Scott
Russell Ralston

As an advisory committee to the above, we are naming:

Roy Cheville
M. L. Daper
Alice Edwards
Melvin R. Fowler
C. R. Hield
Evan Shute
Garland E. Tickemyer
James D. Wardle
Roy Weldon

It should be understood that the committee will be free to call on any specially qualified persons for assistance, and that if thought wise any such persons may be added to the main or advisory committee at the discretion of the First Presidency.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
Israel A. Smith

A resolution of appreciation was read by the First Presidency, after which it was announced that the chair would take the responsibility of writing additional letters of thanks to others who have contributed to the success of the Conference:

To the General Conference:

This Conference has had excellent coverage from the press, radio, and television. This has been a valuable service to those members who have not been able to attend, as well as the community and nation. We hereby wish to express the thanks of the Conference to the organizations concerned for their courtesies.

We further wish to record our thanks to the city of Independence for its courtesies and services in handling the traffic and extending police protection. This has been both indulgent and efficient. The extra burdens thrown upon the city during this Conference period have been met with all the consideration of a good and gracious host.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
Israel A. Smith

Elders D. T. Williams and J. C. Daugherty moved adoption of the following resolution regarding the grant of the Ford Foundation to the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital, which motion carried:

I move that we authorize the Presidency to formulate a letter to the Board of Directors of the Ford Foundation stating the appreciation of the General Conference for the gift of \$97,000 to the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital.

The business of sustaining church officers proceeded as follows:

It was moved by Elders Paul M. Hanson and L. S. Wight to sustain the First Presidency. The motion was put to a vote by Apostle P. M. Hanson and carried unanimously.

The motion to sustain the Council of Twelve carried unanimously, after a motion by Elders W. Wallace Smith and Glen H. Johnson.

Upon motions duly made and seconded, the following officers and departmental leaders were sustained by unanimous vote of the Conference:

The First Presidency
The Council of Twelve
The Standing High Council
The Presiding Evangelist
The Presiding Bishopric
The Presidency of the Quorum of High Priests
The Council of the Presidents of Seventy
General Church Secretary C. D. Neff and Assistant Secretary Fred Young

The Department of Religious Education
Clifford Cole, Director
Richard B. Lancaster, Young People
Clifford P. Buck, Church School
Athol B. Packer, Adults
Jack R. Evans, Children

The Department of Women, Mrs. S. A. Burgess, Director
The Radio and Audio-Visual Departments
Franklyn S. Weddle, Co-ordinator
Arthur J. Rock, Audio-Visual Director
Charles F. Church, Jr., Radio Director
Evan A. Fry, Radio Minister

The Department of Music—Franklyn S. Weddle, Director
Paul N. Craig, Assistant Director

The Church Historian—John Blackmore
The Church Statistician—Merle P. Guthrie
The Church Physician—Charles F. Grabske,
M.D.

At this juncture, Brother Henry Inouye of Hawaii directed a ceremony in which leis were presented to the general officers on the platform by women of the Hawaiian delegation.

Apostle Paul M. Hanson moved that a standing vote of confidence be paid President Israel A. Smith. The motion passed unanimously and the tribute was given by the entire assembly.

The minutes of the Sunday session to this point were read and approved.

President Israel A. Smith read the General Church assignments and asked those called to proceed to the platform and the wives to stand in their places:

FIRST PRESIDENCY

Israel A. Smith
F. Henry Edwards
W. Wallace Smith

COUNCIL OF TWELVE

P. M. Hanson—Representative of the First Presidency

D. T. Williams—Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Red River District, Illinois, including Nauvoo District, Northern Indiana, St. Louis and Southern Missouri Districts

E. J. Gleazer—Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Southern Indiana District

A. A. Oakman—Maine, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, Southern New England, and Washington, D.C., District

C. R. Hield—French Oceania, Latin-American Mission, Associate Minister in Central and Southwestern Texas District, Texas Unorganized, Arizona, and New Mexico

D. B. Jensen—Eastern Colorado District, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Western Texas District, and Spring River, Springfield, and Rich Hill Districts

R. E. Davey—Australasian Mission
M. L. Draper—The Central Stakes, Iowa, including Rock Island District, and Missouri Missionary Development Area

P. E. Farrow—The Prairie Provinces of Canada, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Unorganized North Dakota, South Dakota, British Columbia, and Hawaii

R. M. Holmes—California, Nevada, Utah District, Western Colorado, and Alaska

D. O. Chesworth—Ontario, Canada, and Michigan

D. V. Lents—British Isles and European Mission, Associate Minister in Central and Southwestern Texas Districts, Texas Unorganized, Arizona and New Mexico

PRESIDING EVANGELIST

Elbert A. Smith

PRESIDING BISHOPRIC

G. Leslie DeLapp
Henry L. Livingston
Walter N. Johnson

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D. O. Cato
Carroll L. Olson
Howard P. Andersen
Charles F. Grabske
F. S. Weddle
Amos E. Allen

Arthur B. Taylor
Howard W. Harder
C. Myron Zerr
L. Wayne Updike
Lloyd L. Bland
Sanford Downs

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Ward A. Hougas, President
Emery E. Jennings, Counselor
J. C. Stuart, Counselor

PRESIDENTS OF SEVENTY

Z. Z. Renfroe
Glen H. Johnson
George A. Njeim
James E. Daugherty
Russell F. Ralston
Harry L. Doty
Sylvester R. Coleman

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Fred L. Young, Assistant

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J. E. Baldwin, Bishop

CENTRAL MISSOURI STAKE

Harry J. Simons, President
Willard C. Becker, Bishop

LAMONI STAKE

Robert S. Farnham, President
Earl T. Higdon, Bishop

FAR WEST STAKE

Emery E. Jennings, President
Fred L. Dickson, Bishop

LOS ANGELES STAKE

Garland E. Tickemyer, President
J. Stanley Kelley, Bishop to October 1
Francis E. Hansen, Bishop, after October 1

DETROIT INTERNATIONAL STAKE

W. Blair McClain, President
O. Kenneth Byrn, Bishop

DEPARTMENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Clifford A. Cole, Director
Clifford P. Buck, Church School
Jack R. Evans, Children's Work
Richard B. Lancaster, Young People's Work
Athol B. Packer, Adult Work

CHURCH PHYSICIAN

Charles F. Grabske, M.D.

CHURCH HISTORIAN

John Blackmore

CHURCH STATISTICIAN

Merle P. Guthrie

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

Franklyn S. Weddle, Director
Paul N. Craig, Assistant Director

RADIO AND AUDIO-VISUAL DEPARTMENTS

Franklyn S. Weddle, Co-ordinator
Arthur J. Rock, Audio-Visual Director
Charles F. Church, Jr., Radio Director
Evan A. Fry, Radio Minister

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN

Mrs. S. A. Burgess, Director

GENERAL CHURCH

Appointees Assignment, 1956

Adams, Loyd R.—New York Metropolitan District

Alberts, Donald A.—Australasia; Bishop
Andersen, Richard D.—Columbia River District

Anderson, Samuel E.—Northeastern Illinois and Chicago Districts

Andrews, Alma C.—British Isles Mission, President

Ashenhurst, Raymond J.—Independence Sanitarium and Hospital, Chaplain

Baldwin, Joseph E.—Kansas City Stake, Bishop

Banks, John W.—Owen Sound District
Banta, Frederick C.—San Francisco Bay District

Banta, R. Wayne—Central Texas District, Houston objective

Barlow, T. Edward—Northern Indiana District

Beck, T. A.—Spokane, Seattle, Southern Oregon, and Columbia River Districts, Bishop

Becker, Willard C.—Central Missouri Stake, Bishop

Benton, Donald E.—New Mexico and Arizona

Berndt, G. Everett—Supervisor, Auditorium and Guide Services

Berridge, Barnett W.—Wisconsin District
Billings, Virgil J.—Lamoni Stake

Black, Harry W.—Kirtland District and Akron

Black, Stephen A.—Hawaii District
Blackmore, John—Church Historian

Blackstock, John W.—Southern Ohio District

Bobbitt, Ralph A.—Southern Ohio District
Booth, John E.—Southwest Iowa District, Council Bluffs objective

Boren, John H.—Assistant to Presiding Bishopric

Bradley, John W.—Detroit-International Stake

Breckenridge, Allen J.—French Oceania
Breshears, W. Joseph—Rock Island District

Buck, Clifford P.—Department of Religious Education, Church School

Burdekin, A. Floyd—New Zealand
Butterworth, F. Edward—French Oceania

Byrn, O. Kenneth—Detroit-International Stake, Bishop

Cackler, Harold W.—Center Stake of Zion, Bishop

Carmichael, N. Ray—Assistant to Presiding Bishopric

Carpenter, Calvin M.—Unorganized Ontario and Ottawa

Cash, Harold S., Jr.—Assistant to Presiding Bishopric in Southern New England, New York Metropolitan, Philadelphia Metropolitan, Scranton, Maine, and Washington, D.C., Districts

Chelline, Warren H.—South Central Michigan District

Clinefelter, William R.—Youngstown and Pittsburgh Districts

Cole, Clifford A.—Department of Religious Education, Director

Coleman, Sylvester R.—Hawaii District
Coltharp, N. G.—Memphis and Arkansas-Louisiana Districts

Compier, Antonius D.—Holland and Assistant to Presiding Bishopric in Continental Europe

Conway, John T.—Washington, D.C., District, and Washington, D.C.

Conway, Walter J.—Northwest Ohio District
Couey, Duane E.—Memphis District

Crinzi, E. Paul—Spokane District and Spokane

- Crownover, A. Orlin—Toronto District and Metropolitan Toronto
- Curtis, J. Frank—Spokane District
- Curtis, Jack M.—West Virginia District
- Darling, John R.—Mobile District and Mobile
- Daugherty, James C.—Spokane and Columbia River Districts
- Davies, Charles A.—Australia, Director of Priesthood and Religious Education and Missionary at Large
- Davies, Fred O.—Kansas City Stake, President
- Dickens, Eldon W.—Alaska
- Dickson, Frederick L.—Far West Stake, Bishop
- Doty, Harry L.—South Central States Mission
- Downey, H. T.—Center Stake of Zion, Bishopric
- Ettinger, Cecil R.—Des Moines District, Des Moines objective
- Edwards, Lyman F.—Detroit Stake
- Evans, Jack R.—Department of Religious Education, Children's Work
- Everett, James A.—Scandinavian Mission
- Farnham, Robert S.—Lamoni Stake, President
- Fishburn, E. Robert—Nauvoo District and Guide
- Fisher, Howard—Minnesota and Red River Districts
- Fisher, Kenneth G.—Alberta District
- Francis, Melvin E.—Tulsa District and Tulsa
- Frater, Alan S.—Australia; Victoria District
- French, Calvin V.—Philadelphia Metropolitan District
- Fry, Evan A.—Radio Minister
- Fry, Frank A.—Eastern Nebraska District and Omaha
- Gardner, A. Leslie—New Zealand
- Gibbs, Arthur F.—Nebraska District
- Gorker, John G.—Central Illinois District
- Graham, Charles V.—Center Stake of Zion, President
- Green, Kenneth T.—Kirtland Temple Minister
- Grice, John R.—Great Lakes Mission
- Grundy, Hudson P.—Assistant to Presiding Bishopric
- Gunning, Alfred R.—Australia; Sydney District
- Guthrie, Merle P.—Eastern Michigan District
- Guthrie, William T.—Missouri Missionary Development Area
- Haden, William C.—Seattle District
- Hansen, Francis E.—Assistant to Presiding Bishopric until October 1, 1956; Los Angeles Stake, Bishop, October 1, 1956
- Hanton, Elroy E.—Chatham District
- Harder, Peter H.—Rich Hill District
- Harford, E. Merle—Northern Michigan District
- Hart, Lee O.—Los Angeles Stake
- Harvey, Donald E.—Far West Stake and St. Joseph
- Harvey, Keith E.—Saskatchewan District and Winnipeg
- Henson, O. Chester, Jr.—Unorganized Florida
- Higdon, Earl T.—Lamoni Stake, Bishop
- Hobart, C. Houston—Utah and Western Colorado Districts
- Horn, William F.—New York and Scranton Districts
- Hougas, Ward A.—Eastern Colorado District and Denver
- Hough, A. Wayne—Northwest and Southwest Iowa Districts
- Huggett, Raymond—British Columbia
- Hunker, E. Yewell—Central States and East Central States Missions
- Imrie, John D.—Australia; Sydney and Victoria Districts
- Jacka, Sydney—Australia; Hunter-Manning District
- Jackson, Wallace A. A.—Oklahoma City District
- Jennings, Emery E.—Far West Stake, President
- Johnson, C. F.—Far West Stake
- Johnson, Glen H.—Northern California
- Johnston, Glenn E.—Upper Michigan Peninsula District and Manitoulin Island
- Jordan, John F.—Eastern Colorado District
- Kaleikau, David A. K., Jr.—Missouri Missionary Development Area
- Kelley, J. Stanley—Los Angeles Stake, Bishop; after October 1, 1956, Assistant to Presiding Bishopric
- Kemp, James N.—Southern California District and San Diego area
- Kinart, Keith N.—Southern California District
- Kohlman, Leslie W.—Canada, Bishop
- Kornman, Charles E.—Toronto District
- Koury, Aleah G.—Central California District
- Kyser, Donald L.—Maine District
- Lancaster, Richard B.—Department of Religious Education, Young People's Work
- Landon, Donald D.—Scandinavian Mission
- Landsberg, Lewis E.—Michigan, Bishop
- LaPointe, Myron F.—Pensacola and Mobile Districts
- Lively, Herbert C.—Center Stake of Zion
- Lynn, Herbert A.—Western Texas and Western Oklahoma Districts
- Mair, Perry M.—Lansing, Michigan District and Lansing
- Manuel, Ronald E.—St. Louis District and St. Louis
- May, J. Charles—Referred to the President of Twelve for special assignments
- McClain, W. Blair—Detroit-International Stake, President
- McConley, M. A.—Direction of the First Presidency
- McDowell, Floyd M.—Revival Minister in Domestic Fields
- Menzies, James S.—Kansas District
- Mesle, F. Carl—Young People's Camps, Ministry to College Students, and Ministry to Armed Forces Personnel
- Moore, Philip W.—Central Missouri Stake
- Mundorff, Charles R.—Central Michigan District
- Neff, Charles D.—Assistant to First Presidency
- Njeim, George A.—Central States Mission
- Oliver, Lee R.—Pensacola District and Pensacola
- Olson, C. L.—Assistant to Presiding Bishopric
- Packer, Athol B.—Department of Religious Education, Adult Work
- Page, M. N.—Kansas-Colorado District
- Patterson, William—South Central States and Northwestern Missions
- Pearson, Russell W.—Northwest Iowa and Southwest Iowa Districts
- Pelletier, Al. M., Jr.—Ontario
- Pement, Jacques V.—Southern New England District
- Phillips, James C.—Grand Rapids District and Grand Rapids
- Potter, Floyd A. J.—Australia; Brisbane-Bowraville area
- Pray, Jack A.—Spring River District
- Puckett, John T.—Central Texas District
- Ralston, Russell F.—East Central States Mission
- Reid, Richard M.—Arkansas-Louisiana District
- Renfroe, James E.—Southern Indiana District
- Renfroe, Zenos Z.—Rock Island District
- Robbins, Cecil V.—Southeastern Illinois District
- Rock, Arthur J.—Audio-Visual, Director
- Rowe, Eric S.—British Isles Mission
- Ruch, Verne D.—Eastern States Mission
- Russell, R. Melvin—Flint-Port Huron District, Flint objective
- Saunders, H. E.—Utah District, Salt Lake City objective
- Scherer, Albert A.—Kansas City Stake
- Scott, Herbert M.—Center Stake of Zion, Stone Church objective, Assistant Pastor
- Seeley, Robert M.—Southern Oregon District
- Sheehy, Almer W.—Flint-Port Huron District and Port Huron
- Sheehy, Howard S.—Seattle District and Seattle
- Simmons, Wayne E.—Southwest Texas District
- Simons, Harry J.—Central Missouri Stake, President
- Smith, Delbert D.—Hawaii District
- Smith, E. Elwood—Columbus, Ohio, District and Columbus
- Smith, G. Wayne—Idaho District
- Smith, Glaude A.—Center Stake of Zion, Stone Church objective
- Smith, Lynn E.—Central Stakes
- Sorensen, Vivian C.—Des Moines District
- Spencer, Geoffrey F.—South and West Australia
- Stobaugh, K. E.—Springfield, Missouri, and Spring River Districts
- Stoft, Arthur E.—Center Stake of Zion
- Stuart, J. C.—London District and London
- Stüve, Oskar E. F.—Germany
- Tacy, Lester I.—Southern New England District
- Taylor, Robert E.—Center Stake of Zion, Young People
- Theys, Eugene A.—Center Stake of Zion
- Tickemyer, Garland E.—Los Angeles Stake, President
- Troyer, Luther S.—Western Montana, Northern Plains District and Wyoming
- Turner, Robert V.—Latin-American Mission
- Tyree, Alan D.—Missouri Missionary Development Area
- Urdike, L. Wayne—Assistant to First Presidency in charge of Priesthood and Leadership Education
- Urban, Alfred—Germany
- Velt, Harold I.—Southern and Southern Border States Missions
- Vest, Elwin R.—Northwest Iowa District
- Vreeland, Charles E.—Sacramento District
- Wakeman, Robert I.—New Mexico and Arizona
- Webb, R. Vern—Germany, Mission President
- Weddle, Franklyn S.—Director of Music, Co-ordinator of Radio and Audio-Visual
- Weldon, Clair E.—Latin-American Mission
- Whalley, Peter S.—Southern California District
- Whipple, John L.—Minnesota District, Minneapolis-St. Paul objective
- Wight, John G.—St. Louis and Southern Missouri Districts
- Williams, David J.—Center Stake of Zion
- Williams, William E.—Kansas City Stake
- Witte, Victor J.—Holland
- Woodstock, Lyle W.—Chicago District
- Worth, Thomas E.—British Isles Mission
- Yager, Joseph H.—Alabama District and Georgia
- Yale, Alfred H.—Kaw Valley District
- Zonker, Louis C.—Nauvoo and Northeastern Illinois Districts

It was moved by Brethren Roy A. Cheville and Franklin Riske that the assignments be approved. The motion to approve carried unanimously.

Following the singing of "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go," President Israel A. Smith presented a message of challenge to the ministry to the church.

Brethren Harold Tabor and Harry Horsely moved to adjourn, which motion carried. The chair declared the Conference would adjourn sine die.

With the singing of hymn 381, and the benediction by Presiding Patriarch Elbert A. Smith, the 1956 General Conference was brought to a close.

CHARLES D. NEFF
FRED L. YOUNG
W. R. STEARNS
Secretaries

Missionary Rally Saturday Night

A thoroughly inspiring service climaxed the week-day activities of Conference. Under the leadership of the Council of Twelve, members of the church were reminded very forcefully of their obligation to spread the gospel.

There were several high lights in the rally, but perhaps the top one was the dramatic presentation by the White Masque Players, "Why Didn't You Tell Me?" presented high in the choir loft of the balcony. It depicted a "good" Latter Day Saint at judgment discovering that his major weakness was failing to tell his next door neighbor the Restoration story.

This dramatic bit immediately followed the distribution by the missionaries of a "missionary kit" containing four distinctive tracts.

Earlier in the service representatives from Alaska, Australia, Holland, Germany, and French Oceania expressed their thanks for the gospel having been brought to their part of the world. Representatives of Japan and the British West Indies appealed for the church to make missionary outreach to these areas.

Just before the closing hymn and benediction, Apostle Maurice L. Draper led the congregation in a directed dedicatory meditation.

On the rostrum were flags of the nations now having church organizations. Large replicas of the Three Standard Books also added to the background decorations. President W. Wallace Smith represented the First Presidency at the service, and Bishop Henry L. Livingston represented the Presiding Bishopric. The Presidents of Seventy and many from the Quorums of Seventy also participated in the program.

I Have the Floor

By Dick Ankney



MIS-TER PRESIDENT: President Israel A. Smith gave his parking sticker to his sister Audentia Anderson who is here for the Conference. A Boy Scout stopped him the only time that he has had to drive to the Auditorium. Brother Smith asked, "Son, don't you know who I am?" True to his duty the boy answered, "Sir, it wouldn't make any difference. No one can be allowed in without a parking sticker." Brother Israel explained that he was the president of the church. After conferring with another Boy Scout, Scout No. 1 said, "Well, if you're president of the church, I guess we can allow you to park here."

"Kansas City Star" reporter Fred Schulenberg was telling President Smith about his ulcer. Israel quipped, "That's why I have counselors. I let them do the worrying."

Ava Gardner attended the Conference. Not the movie star—but almost as pretty—she's Missionary Les Gardner's wife. They are off to New Zealand. . . . That pretty gray-haired woman in the Snack Bar was Mrs. Vada Allen. . . . KU's director of Radio and TV Ed Browne, his wife, Joy, and their four children drove back and forth each day.

Former World Champion Cowboy Irby Mundy was all dressed up in his finest clothes. When someone complimented him, he blushing said, "These are the sorriest clothes I got."

"Some people are more experienced at getting the floor. Some wave their arms and yell—others yell and THEN wave their arms."—President F. Henry Edwards

The delegate that stood on his chair trying to get recognition was Elder Lester Tankersley of Miami Springs, Florida.

Lamoni's Charles Hyde claims this was the best Conference ever. His wife, Mabel (Carlile), wonders if there's any correlation between its goodness and the fact that Mr. Hyde has never attended a Conference and stayed the whole time. . . . Word has been received from G. Stewart Wight on Formosa that he is conducting services in his home. . . . Seventy Jimmy Renfroe and wife, Mary, are expecting the stork. It'll be his third visit. . . . Oral Surgeon Danny Waite and wife Alice were in from Iowa City for the last days of the Conference.

A delegate addressed the chair and asked, "I move a substitute to the substitute. Is that proper?" President Edwards said, "I don't think so, but we're doing it."

C. J. Swanson and wife, Nelle, were here for the Conference after wintering in Florida. They got a frostbite tan, or don't you read the weather reports from the Sunny South? . . . Famous architect D. Dane Morgan was in Independence working around the clock on plans for the "San." . . . Air Force Senior Instructor Bob Allison was in from Del Rio, Texas. . . . Fisher Junior College exec, Albert Fisher, reports that he was also captain of a Graceland tennis team back in 1931, and his son, Peter, who was captain last year still can't beat him. Tennis anybody? ? That was Elder Gerald Evans baby-sitting while his wife, Mary Beth, attended the teachers' meeting. . . . The Center Stake's Zion's Leaguers will produce a summertime Chautauqua the last week in June. They're planning to bring in some big names. . . .

When the Hawaiians came to the platform and presented leis to the men there Leonard Lea quipped, "There are some compensations for positions of leadership."

Seventy Sylvester Coleman and Bishop Leslie Kohlman and their wives were waiting to see Bishop Livingston. When the bishop told the secretary that he would see Mr. and Mrs. Coleman, she made the announcement. Bishop Kohlman who lives in Canada and who is going back to Canada went into the bishop's office with sister Lavona Coleman. As the bishop started to tell them to prepare to go to Hawaii, he noticed it was Leslie Kohlman instead of Sylvester Coleman and replied, "Get back to those Eskimos. You're not going to Hawaii."

(Lots of folks mix up these wives—Lavona Coleman and Aarona Kohlman)

CALLING DR. KILDARE: Baby doctor Jim Van Biber was all excited during the past week because his dog had pups. . . . Coach Ervin Ultican and wife, Junebelle (Zonker) have a new baby and the poor child's initials are K.Z.U. . . . **WOMEN'S HANDICAP:** Mrs. Dagmar Root lost her voice and couldn't talk during most of the Conference.

Overheard after business meeting: "This church is really saving money. Hope someday it will be worth something."