

Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session, Monday, April 5, 1954

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE of 1954 assembled for its first business session at 2:00 p.m., April 5, in the Auditorium, Independence, Missouri, with President Israel A. Smith in the chair. The Conference activities of Sunday, April 4, 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. Clayton Wolfe of Independence, Missouri, accompanying at the organ.

During the singing of the national anthem, Boy Scout Wayne Tucker carried the flag of the United States accompanied by Scout David Smith, Color Guard, while Oriole Mary Sue Carter, accompanied by Girl Scout Donnis Graham, carried the church flag to the platform. President I. A. Smith made the following statement:

We have sung the national anthem of the United States of America. This great republic is but one of the nations whose citizens comprise the 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 world unity in Christian 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 flags of various other nations were unfurled during the ceremony.

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

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

The chairman expressed appreciation on behalf of the Presidency for the confidence of the delegates.

Attention was called to the report of the Credentials Committee found on pages 23 to 27 of the April 4, and page 35 of the April 5, 1954, *Daily Herald*s. On motion of Elders H. L. Livingston and George A. Njeim, the reports of the Credentials Committee were approved, and the delegates named were seated.

The following communication was presented by the chair, after which it was stated: "On this action of the Conference the chair declares the General Conference of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints duly constituted."

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, C. B. Hartshorn, D. D. Landon, Dick Ankney

Radio-TV: Kenneth Raveill, Norman Bernauer

Administration to the Sick: J. A. Thomas, with the privilege of choosing his assistants

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

Housing: O. K. Byrn, with the privilege of choosing his assistants

Decorations: Thomas Deal, with the privilege of choosing his assistants

Messenger Service: Jay E. Keck

Communion Service: William Worth, Jr., Winfred E. Albright, Henry Stahl

Respectfully,

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
ISRAEL A. SMITH

The following messages of greeting to the Conference were read by President W. Wallace Smith:

La ora na from Society Islands. Tahitian Saints mingle prayers, desires with yours for spiritually successful Conference.—Sorensen, Tyree

The Saints in Hawaii are praying for the Conference the blessings of our Heavenly Father.—A. Orlin Crownover

Greetings from the Saints of the church abroad in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, and Holland. We join you in thought and prayer. May God's spirit be with you.—Victor Witte

Greetings to everyone attending General Conference and especially those priesthood in charge. Our prayers are for you and the success of the Conference. May God preside over and bless all services with his Spirit.—Members in Korea

Thinking of you all and sending best wishes for a most successful Conference.—Tom and Betty Worth

Greetings and best wishes for successful Conference. Our thoughts and prayers are for you.—Enfield Branch

Saints of the British Isles Mission send greetings and unite in prayer that the Conference may be successful.—Donald V. Lents

The Saints of the Australasian Mission unite in prayerful support of the General Conference. The spirit of fellowship which unites us in the cause of Zion around the world turns our minds and hearts toward the Center Place at this time. Our prayers are offered to our Heavenly Father that the President of the church will be divinely favored in his prophetic office, and that he and his associates will be blessed with wisdom and strength in the discharge of their important functions. We also pray that all the quorums and orders of the priesthood will be divinely guided and in holy fellowship will be able to give effective leadership and ministry in all the functions of the Conference.—Maurice L. Draper, D. A. Alberts

The following appointees from abroad were introduced by the chair:

Elder C. A. Davies (and Mrs. Davies), Australia

Elder Eric Rowe, England

Elder Anton Compier, The Netherlands

A document from the First Presidency regarding Rules of Order was read:

To the General Conference:

On page 2 of the *Daily Herald* for April 4, will be found the following statement concerning the Rules of Order:

"Few copies of the Book of Rules published by the church in 1921 are now available. For the guidance of the General Conference we therefore recommend that the following parliamentary rules be recognized as applying in this Conference:

"A ye 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."

We would like to add to this the words: "except where otherwise announced." And

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EDITORS: *The First Presidency*: Israel A. Smith, F. Henry Edwards, W. Wallace Smith. ASSISTANTS: Leonard J. Lea, Associate Editor; Chris B. Hartshorn, Managing Editor; Naomi Russell, Assistant Editor; Paul A. Wellington, Assistant Editor; and Audrey Stubbart, Copy Editor. BUSINESS MANAGER, Kenneth L. Graham.

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recommend that the Conference approve the document with this addition.

Very sincerely yours,
THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

Elders Russell F. Ralston and Glen Johnson moved the adoption of the document, which motion prevailed.

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

Department of Statistics, Merle P. Guthrie, Statistician, pages 3 to 6.

Council of Presidents of Seventy, Z. Z. Renfro, Senior President, Russell F. Ralston, Secretary, page 6.

First Quorum of Seventy, Glen H. Johnson, President, Virgil J. Billings, Secretary, pages 7 and 8.

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

Quorum of High Priests, Ward A. Hougas, President, pages 8 and 9.

Department of Priesthood Education, Floyd M. McDowell, pages 9 and 10.

Department of Religious Education, Reed M. Holmes, Director, pages 10 to 14.

Radio Department, Franklyn S. Weddle, Director of Radio, pages 14 and 15.

Audio-Visual Department, Arthur J. Rock, Audio-Visual Director, pages 16 and 17.

Music Department, Franklyn S. Weddle, Director of Music, pages 17 and 18.

General Department of Women, Mrs. S. S. Aranson, Chairman, pages 19 to 21.

Society for Archaeological Research, Charles R. Hield, President, page 21.

Church Historian, John Blackmore, pages 21 and 22.

Credentials Report, Merle P. Guthrie, Fred O. Davies, pages 23 to 27.

Graceland College, Edmund J. Gleazer, Jr., President Graceland College, Verne L. Deskin, Secretary Board of Trustees, pages 27 to 31.

Church Auditor, Lloyd L. Bland, Certified Public Accountant, pages 40 to 42.

Board of Publication, W. N. Johnson, Chairman, pages 58 and 59.

Independence Sanitarium and Hospital, H. L. Livingston, Treasurer, pages 60 and 61.

Committee on Ministry to College People, L. O. Brockway, Chairman, pages 62 to 64.

Council of Twelve, Paul M. Hanson, President, pages 38-39.

Presiding Bishopric, G. L. DeLapp, H. L. Livingston, W. N. Johnson, pages 42 to 57.

First Presidency, I. A. Smith, F. Henry Edwards, W. Wallace Smith, pages 35 to 37.

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 communication from the First Presidency was read:

To the General Conference:

At the time of the preparation of our report, the statement contained therein regarding the Presiding Councils of the church was correct. Since that time circumstances have changed, and we are under the necessity of announcing that C. George Mesley has tendered his resignation as a member of the Council of Twelve, and as an appointee min-

ister of the church. This resignation we have accepted.

Respectfully yours,
THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

The chairman read a communication from the Presidents of Seventy:

To the General Conference:

The Presidents of Seventy have made the vacancies in their Council a matter of prayer, and after consideration they are happy to present the name of Harry L. Doty to this body for approval for ordination to the office of President of Seventy.

This recommendation has been approved by the First Presidency, the Council of Twelve, and the Quorum of Seventy.

Respectfully yours,
THE COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS
OF SEVENTY
By RUSSELL F. RALSTON, Secretary

Elders Arthur A. Oakman and G. Leslie DeLapp moved to approve. Brother Doty expressed his willingness to serve the church as indicated. Elder Z. Z. Renfro spoke in support of Brother Doty, and the motion to approve the ordination prevailed.

The following communication from the First Presidency was read:

To the General Conference:

After consideration extended over a number of months we have felt led to recommend that High Priest O. K. Byrn shall be ordained to the office of Bishop. We have discussed this with the Joint Council of the First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric and have their full support. We therefore present this recommendation for your consideration and action.

Very sincerely yours,
THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

Following the motion to approve by Elders L. Wayne Updike and T. A. Beck, Brother Byrn gave expression to his willingness to serve. A supporting statement was made by Bishop G. L. DeLapp, after which the motion to approve prevailed.

Document from the First Presidency regarding the ordination of non-appointee bishops was presented:

To the General Conference:

The basic law of the church calls for the ordination of bishops in districts and large branches (D. and C. 117: 10 b). From time to time a few non-appointee bishops have been called and have served in their home districts. But the number of these local bishops has been comparatively small. In part, this has been due to our concern lest men who are properly ordained to the bishopric might be retained in that office beyond the point where they could serve more effectively in some other high priestly functions.

We have now felt directed to move forward in the ordination of local bishops. It is not our thought that many such bishops shall be called, but only that we shall move forward when we have full assurance of divine direction.

Our thinking in this connection has been brought into focus in the following statement of principles:

Bishops should be selected from among the high priests on the initiative of the Presidency. Only in emergencies should elders be ordained to the bishopric without prior high priestly experience.

Ordination to the high priesthood followed by ordination to the bishopric might well be followed by a lifetime of ministry in the bishopric. But this is not necessarily so. There appears to be no reason in the law why a bishop should not thereafter serve as a high priest without specific bishopric responsibility.

The ministry of non-appointee bishops should not be casual and temporary, but such as is rightly dignified by ordination. Transfers from the work of the bishopric to work in other high priestly positions should only be made when concurred in by the Presidency, Presiding Bishopric, and minister in charge.

We present this statement of principles for the information of the Conference, and in line therewith ask your approval of the ordination of the following high priests to the work of the bishopric:

John Alexander Cadwell, Guelph, Ontario
W. E. Ford, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Brewton Greene, Mobile, Alabama

Very sincerely yours,
THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

The motion to approve the document was made by Elders J. C. Daugherty and P. E. Farrow. Brother Cadwell expressed his willingness to serve, and supporting statement was made by Apostle E. J. Gleazer. Brother Ford expressed his willingness to serve, and supporting statement was made by Apostle A. A. Oakman. Brother Greene expressed his willingness to serve, and supporting statement was made by Apostle P. E. Farrow. Bishop G. Leslie DeLapp and President W. Wallace Smith also made supporting statements. The motion to approve the document and the ordinations prevailed.

A letter of recommendation from the First Presidency was read:

To the General Conference:

We have felt led to suggest to the Joint Council of First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric that Elder Antonius Daniel Compier be recommended to General Conference for ordination to the high priesthood. It is our custom to have such consultation when the person involved is under appointment.

We now have the full approval of the Council to recommend to the Conference that the ordination of Brother Compier to the high priesthood shall be authorized, and we are glad to so recommend.

Very sincerely yours,
THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

The motion to approve was made by Elders A. A. Oakman and Glen Johnson. Following a statement of acceptance from Brother Compier, Apostle Oakman spoke in favor of the recommendation, and the motion carried.

Elders Jasper O. Dutton and James C.

Page moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, There is a growing tendency on the part of a small percentage of the priesthood to cater to the prefix "Reverend," and, WHEREAS, Jesus Christ said we should not answer to such: "But be not called Rabbi; for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren" (Matt. 23: 8). Therefore, be it Resolved, That we discourage the use of "Reverend" and that we use the titles that God has given to the officers of his church and kingdom.

ELDER JASPER O. DUTTON
ELDER JAMES C. PAGE

The motion to adopt carried.

President Smith stated that we have representatives from missions abroad present today whom it might be well to present. Members from England and Australia were called to the platform and greeted by the assembly.

At 3:35 p.m. the chairman suggested adjournment until 2:00 p.m., April 6. Announcements were made, "O Jesus, the Giver of All We Enjoy" was sung and the benediction was offered by Apostle E. J. Gleazer.

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

Watch Your Money

It is a good policy to "trust in God," but he has never put a premium on carelessness. The thought of being suspicious of the people around you at General Conference is repugnant to all R.L.D.S. members. Pickpockets know that Christian people are naturally trusting souls and find it profitable to attend religious conventions. These thieves look like other people to the unwary, but they are wolves in sheep's clothing. C. B. H.

James Daugherty

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at the center and that eternal life is for all who will accept the gospel. "We will always have a Garden of Eden, because the people continue to choose to do their own will rather than the will of God," he declared.

Adam was commanded to build an altar and offer sacrifices as a symbol of the eternal sacrifice to be made by Christ. Abraham was promised a seed to bless the nations in the meridian of time. Isaiah was told, "This shall be a sign unto thee: a virgin shall conceive and bring forth a son. He shall be called Immanuel, God with us." Christ took the scar of the cross to heaven and made it a thing of grace and beauty. He reminded the audience of Paul's statement, "Other foundation can no man

lay than is laid which is Christ Jesus."

"It is no accident that Joseph Smith had the vision in the woods. It was a part of the divine plan. God has a plan for every man's life. It is up to him to accept or reject it. Jeremiah was destined to be a prophet. He had the agency to reject the call. John the Baptist was to be the forerunner of the Messiah. This is not just another church or fraternal organization. If we are not willing to pay the price, we are not worthy to share in the glory of the redeemed," declared Elder Daugherty.

"We stand on the threshold of marked progress as a church. There is no longer room in the church for misunderstanding and division," he concluded. C. B. H.

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Russell Ralston

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Each person has twenty-four hours a day, and he is a steward over that time. "What do we do with our twenty-four hours a day?" Brother Ralston asked. There are many choices to make regarding use of time, and often it is not a matter of choosing the good over the bad, but choosing the best from among the good. Organization of time is one of the best tests of whom we serve.

According to Brother Ralston, "mammon" means devotion to the pursuit of wealth. While the love of money is called the root of evil, the love of things money can buy is also an evil. He cited the biblical case of the rich young ruler who came to Jesus to learn the way to perfection and emphasized that he "went away sorrowful, because he had great possessions." The rich young ruler could not make a choice; he wanted both wealth and perfection.

ALICE CROSSAN

Church Court Procedure

February 15, 1954

*To the First Presidency and
General Conference:*

General Conference of 1952 requested the undersigned committee to rewrite the Church Court Procedure and make up a glossary index of terms and phrases, also an index for the procedure.

The committee has carefully gone over the procedure but has made no changes of any of the paragraphs except the rewording of about two thirds of the various paragraphs in an attempt to clarify same, except that we have added two paragraphs; namely, 88 and 89. We feel that the High Council has the inherent powers mentioned in those paragraphs and has exercised them at all times, but that they should be included in the Church Court Procedure.

Attached to the front of the revised court procedure you will find a table of contents which should be of some assistance. At the back of the procedure you will find a glossary index of words and phrases and an index for the entire Church Court Procedure.

Trusting that this will in some measure meet the requirements of the church, we are

Very truly yours,
ARTHUR B. TAYLOR
HOWARD W. HARDER
J. D. ANDERSON

CHURCH COURT PROCEDURE

I. COURT ACTIONS

1. There may be but one form of court action between members in this church, called a "Member Action." The member complaining shall be called the plaintiff and the adverse member the defendant.

2. Between the church and a member there may be two forms of action: One shall be known as a "Church Action," in which the church is the plaintiff and the adverse party the defendant. The other shall be called a "Withdrawal Action," in which a member files an application requesting severance of membership.

3. Church actions shall be brought in the name of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, plaintiff, versus the member complained of, defendant, and shall state the branch or other jurisdiction where the defendant holds membership.

II. LIMITATIONS OF ACTIONS

4. Member action shall be denied against a member whose whereabouts is unknown or who was not duly notified thereof, unless he waives notice or willfully evades service thereof. The court shall accept evidence of such waiver or

Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session, Tuesday, April 6, 1954

The General Conference convened in business session at 2:00 p.m., April 6, 1954, with President I. A. Smith in the chair.

The opening hymn, "Christ for the World We Sing," was directed by Elder Harold Neal, with Miss Doris Gray at the piano. The invocation was offered by Apostle D. T. Williams.

The minutes of the April 5 business session were read and approved.

The statement below from the First Presidency correcting the organization of the Conference was entered on the minutes with no objection from the floor:

To the General Conference:

In the announcement of appointments to perfect the Conference organization, the chair inadvertently omitted the Church Press Committee, composed of C. B. Hartshorn, Naomi Russell, and Paul Wellington. If there are no objections, this will be corrected and entered on the minutes of the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

President W. Wallace Smith read a number of greetings from Saints in missions abroad:

Dear Brethren:

I would like to take this final opportunity as the appointee representative of the church in this land of extending greetings to the assembly of the church as it meets in General Conference.

I can assure you that the majority of the Saints in this country hold a considerable degree of interest in the events which will transpire and the decisions which will be made during that period. With some that interest will be of a caliber comparable even with those permitted to be in attendance.

We do trust that the sort of light and guidance for our future direction may be received and that unity and purpose will prevail at all times. We shall be earnest in expectation to share the knowledge of these things to the full and to play our part in the testimony and witness to the gospel's power in these far-flung lands.

J. D. IMRIE
Auckland, New Zealand

Dear Brethren:

I have the desire to send to you and all the Saints for the Conference, God's blessings. May you and all the men of the church have a connection with God through his great power. Christ says in John 17: 19, "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth."

I am in the spirit and in my prayers with you. May God's Spirit be present in all the meetings.

God's blessings to you and with you.

FRANZ BEIL
Hannover, Germany

Greeting to the

General Conference from Iran:

Our prayers are and have been that each of us of the church might have been able to condition himself in such a way that the Lord will be able to give direction, inspiration, and instruction to the Conference.

ROLLA, GWEN, and GWYNETH AMSBERRY
Meshed, Iran

To the First Presidency:

Dear Brethren of the First Presidency, Council of Twelve, Seventy, Bishops, High Priests and all others attending the Conference.

In the name of all members from this part of Germany, I send you, my dear brethren and sisters, the heartfelt greetings and best wishes.

May the Spirit of God during these days of the Conference be with you so that this Conference might be a blessing to the whole church.

Even though we can't be with you, you can be assured that we are with you in spirit and in our prayers. The Lord bless you and give you peace.

ALFRED URBAN
Missionary, East Germany

To the First Presidency:

To the First Presidency as well as all the Quorums and Saints of General Conference in Zion, we send our hearty greetings.

May the Lord accept the day of fasting of March 7 as a small offering from the whole church and hear our prayers for the success of the General Conference.

May his leading and his strong Spirit richly be shared by all who are meeting together there, so that a strong testimony of the power and revelation of God will be carried into all the world toward the building of the kingdom of God upon this earth.

These are the good wishes of the Springe (Germany) Branch for the General Conference.

ELDER AUGUST WEBER, *Pastor*
Springe, Germany

The secretary read the following motion by Elders J. C. Stuart and J. T. Conway to reconsider previous Conference action regarding the use of the term "Reverend":

At all recent General Conferences instructions have been given to delegates who desire to speak to motions before this body to use the traveling microphones available in delegate sections.

These microphones were not in evidence when a motion was presented to this body at yesterday's meeting and there was some resulting confusion on the part of those who would otherwise have had views to express with respect to the business of the day.

We, therefore, respectfully request the indulgence of this Conference in reopening the question of restrictions on the use of the term "Reverend" by the ministers of this church in order that opportunity may be given for consideration of all viewpoints on this subject, or for referral to a smaller qualified group for study and recommendations.

Considerable difficulty has been experienced in the church as the result of negatively stated Conference resolutions. Our purpose in reopening the matter is that this resolution might be stated affirmatively.

We, therefore, move that the motion discouraging the use of the term "Reverend" be reconsidered by this body.

Elder Garland E. Tickemyer spoke on the motion of reconsideration, which carried. A substitute motion was offered by Elders Garland E. Tickemyer and J. L. Verhei:

Resolved, That the use of the distinctive terminology of the church as applied to titles of local and general officers should be encouraged in all church publications, communications, and church programs.

After discussion, Elders Orman Salisbury and Richard Jones moved that the matter be laid on the table. The motion to lay on the table carried.

The following letter from the High Priests Quorum relative to the selection of a member of the presidency of that body was presented:

To the First Presidency and General Conference:

The vacancy which has occurred in the presidency of the Quorum of High Priests, as a result of the death of Brother John F. Sheehy, has been of considerable concern to us. After considerable meditation and prayer, we are happy to recommend the ordination of Elder J. C. Stuart to fill this vacancy. We present it to you for your further consideration and action.

QUORUM OF HIGH PRIESTS
WARD A. HOUGAS, *President*
W. J. BRESHEARS, *Secretary*

Unanimously approved by
Quorum of High Priests
April 5, 1954

On motion of Elders Almer W. Sheehy and Stephen A. Black, the recommendation was approved.

The following document from the First Presidency and Presiding Bishopric regarding the acceptance of the resignation of Church Architect Henry C. Smith was read by the chair:

To the General Conference:

We present the following preambles and resolution for your consideration and action:

WHEREAS, Elder Henry C. Smith, the original architect of our Auditorium Building, has served the church many years as General Church Architect; and

WHEREAS, This service has greatly benefited the church at headquarters and in many of the stakes, districts, and branches of our church; and

WHEREAS, This Auditorium and other buildings throughout our church stand as evidence of his great contribution to the church; and

WHEREAS, His present state of health is such that he is unable to continue to carry the load of responsibilities which he has carried previously as General Church Architect, therefore be it hereby

Resolved, That we release Elder Henry C. Smith from further responsibility as General

Church Architect, but that as we do so we express to him our deep gratitude for the outstanding service of his lifetime which has been given with generosity, with devotion, and with high skill.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By *Israel A. Smith*
THE PRESIDING BISHOPRIC
By *G. Leslie DeLapp*

Elders George Njeim and Henry Schaefer moved to approve. The motion prevailed by a standing vote of tribute.

A communication from the Council of Presidents of Seventy was read by the chair:

To the General Conference:

The Council of Presidents of Seventy has met in prayerful consideration of the task of selecting men for recommendation for ordination to the office of Seventy. The following names were recommended and have received approval of the First Presidency and the Council of Twelve: Wallace A. Jackson, John G. Wight, Howard W. Fisher, Cecil V. Robbins, Clair E. Weldon, Richard D. Andersen, Charles E. Kornman, Myron LaPointe, Delbert D. Smith, Donald D. London.

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

A statement of acceptance was made by each of the brethren recommended for ordination to the office of Seventy. Following supporting statements, each recommendation was approved.

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 8. As is our custom, business coming from the quorums and General Conference committees is not affected by this action.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By *Israel A. Smith*

Nominations to fill vacancies in the Graceland College Board of Trustees were contained in the following letter from the First Presidency:

To the General Conference:

The terms of office of three members of the Board of Trustees of Graceland College expire at this Conference. The trustees concerned are Dr. Lawrence O. Brockway, Dr. H. Voas Meredith, and Mrs. Blanche Mesley.

After consultation with the Council of Twelve and the Presiding Bishopric, in Joint Council, we present Dr. H. Voas Meredith, Mrs. Blanche Mesley, Dr. Ronald G. Smith, Merle E. Spence, and T. Howard Elliott as our nominees to fill these positions. Dr. L. O. Brockway is not available for further service on the Board.

We suggest that these five names and any others presented from the floor be considered in filling each of the vacancies.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By *Israel A. Smith*

Elders Richard Jones and F. Edward Butterworth moved that the nominations cease. The motion carried. Elders D. Blair Jensen and Noble Kelley moved

that the three nominees receiving the highest number of votes be elected to fill these vacancies. This motion lost. At this point, President Israel A. Smith relinquished the chair to President F. Henry Edwards.

The vote was taken and the following were elected:

Dr. H. Voas Meredith
Mrs. Blanche Mesley
Dr. Ronald G. Smith

The following communication relative to ordinations to the high priesthood and evangelical order was read:

To the General Conference:

The Council of Twelve has recommended the ordination of the following elders to the high priesthood and the evangelical order. These recommendations have been concurred in by the First Presidency:

Loyd Alfred Whiting, Richland, Washington
Wilfred John Vaughan, Australia
Arnold J. Ourth, Nauvoo, Illinois
Harry Jacka, Australia
Miles Standish Whiting, Longview, Washington

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

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By *Israel A. Smith*

Motion to approve was made by Elders D. T. Williams and J. L. Verhei. Statements were made supporting each of these recommendations, and the motion to approve carried. During the consideration of this matter President Israel A. Smith left the assembly.

With the singing of the hymn, "In Christ There Is No East Nor West," accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Norma Smith, and the benediction by Elder Eric Rowe, the Conference adjourned subject to provisions of the official program.

Report of the Board of Appropriations to General Conference

To the Conference Assembled:

The Board of Appropriations, consisting of the First Presidency, the Council of Twelve, and the Order of Bishops, met Saturday, April 3, 1954, to consider the financial needs of the General Church and its departments for the years 1954 and 1955.

We are submitting herewith the schedules covering both the regular and special budgetary requests for the years 1954 and 1955 recommended by the Board of Appropriations for the consideration and approval of the General Conference.

We are also submitting supplemental recommendations involving some of the

historic buildings of the church and the use of the Christmas Offering for 1954. These supplementary recommendations are presented to the Conference for its consideration and approval.

Respectfully submitted,
THE BOARD OF APPROPRIATIONS
Israel A. Smith, *Chairman*

Special Appropriations Recommended

Houses of Worship Revolving Fund \$150,000.00
This increases this fund from \$850,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00

Houses of Worship Revolving Fund (for Missions) \$100,000.00

This will add to the Houses of Worship Revolving Fund, but will make this amount available for missions. By action of the Joint Council, this fund will be administered on the following basis:

Loans available to apostolic and district missions on approval by Apostle concerned and committee appointed. Maximum loan per mission, \$7,000.00. Loans granted equal to cash raised by mission, with no other debt on the completed building. Interest charged at 1 per cent per annum.

When mission is organized into branch, the loan shall be transferred to General Houses of Worship Revolving Fund, if money is available in that fund.

Scandinavian Mission \$50,000.00

This is to provide for the establishment of a headquarters building, including residential facilities, tracts, office equipment, etc., for establishing our work in Scandinavia.

Holland Mission \$50,000.00

This is to provide for a small chapel and church headquarters for the mission in Holland.

Latin-American Mission \$20,000.00

To provide funds for the establishment of headquarters in the Rio Grande Valley on the Mexican Border.

Missionary Reserve Fund \$52,199.01

This is to rehabilitate this fund for withdrawals from it made during the years 1952 and 1953, covering expenses of interim appointees for 1952 and 1953, books and tracts, personal evangelism, part of the cost of property purchased in Hannover, etc.

Operating Reserve Fund \$100,000.00

While there are pressing needs for funds in other areas of church work, it is deemed advisable to increase this fund at least this amount in keeping with our policy of maintaining adequate Operating Reserve Funds.

Auditorium Fund \$250,000.00

This amount should make it possible to continue work inside of the main auditorium, while at the same time raising additional funds for the completion of the interior.

Graceland College \$340,000.00

This will provide a Science Building for our educational institution and make

Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session, Wednesday, April 7, 1954

The business session of Wednesday, April 7, was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President W. Wallace Smith, who presided throughout the session. The hymn, "Great God Attend While Zion Sings," was directed by William Worth, Jr., accompanied by Mrs. Edna Ehlers at the organ. Apostle A. A. Oakman offered the invocation.

The minutes of the business meeting of April 6 were read, corrected by changing the name of Merle E. Spence to L. M. Spence and the name of Noble Kelley to Noble Gault, and approved.

The following communication from the Council of Presidents of Seventy, relative to the ordination of Seventy Sylvester R. Coleman, was presented by the chair:

To the General Conference:

The Council of Presidents of Seventy has continued to give prayerful consideration to the matter of selecting one to fill the remaining vacancy in their council.

In accord with the inspiration we have received we are happy to recommend that Sylvester R. Coleman be ordained to the office of President of Seventy. This recommendation has been approved by the First Presidency, the Council of Twelve, and the Quorum of Seventy.

We submit this recommendation to you for your consideration and such action as you feel best.

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

Brethren Robert Gould and Eugene They moved to approve the recommendation. Following a statement of acceptance from Brother Coleman and a supporting testimony from Elder Z. Z. Renfroe, the motion carried unanimously.

The chairman read the following communication regarding recommendations for ordination to the Evangelical Order:

To the General Conference:

The Council of Twelve has recommended the ordination of the following High Priests to the Evangelical Order:

James A. Damron, Sacramento, California
Ralph Lester Macrae, South Gate, California
William John Moyle, Lomita, California
Francis Marion Bishop, Springfield, Missouri
Albert Livingston, Omaha, Nebraska
V. D. Ruch, Council Bluffs, Iowa
Floyd Marion McDowell, Independence, Mo.

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

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Elders D. O. Chesworth and C. V. Graham. Each of the High Priests recommended for ordination who were present stated to the body his willingness to serve as indicated. Supporting statements were made, and the motion on each of the brethren carried unanimously. In a statement from Presiding Evangelist Elbert A. Smith, those approved for ordination to Evangelist were welcomed into the Order.

A letter from the First Presidency regarding the selection of a Church Secretary and Assistant Secretary was presented:

To the General Conference:

It is with deep regret that we report to you the death of Elder Frank McDonald which occurred May 4, 1953. Brother McDonald was selected as Church Secretary in April, 1950, and filled this office with distinction. It will be hard to replace him.

Elder P. G. Fairbanks served as Assistant General Church Secretary from April, 1946, to March 16, 1953, when he resigned because of leaving Independence.

The death of Brother McDonald, and the resignation of Brother Fairbanks, left us without General Church secretaries. In this emergency the Presidency appointed Elder C. D. Neff, the following announcement appearing in the *Herald* for May 18, 1953, page 4:

"Charles Neff has been appointed to act as secretary of the church in the stead of the late Frank McDonald. This appointment is subject to the approval of the next General Conference.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By ISRAEL A. SMITH"

We now recommend that Elder Charles D. Neff be selected as General Church Secretary and that Elder Fred L. Young be selected as Assistant General Church Secretary.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

Upon motion by Apostles D. T. Williams and A. A. Oakman, the recommendations prevailed.

The following resolution on theatergoing was submitted by the New York District:

Resolution 671, Adopted April 9, 1912, reads as follows:

"Resolved, That the practice of theatergoing should be discouraged and that members of the church should be urged to avoid the practice as detrimental to spirituality."

WHEREAS, The practice noted as theatergoing in Resolution 671 has an entirely different connotation today as opposed to 1912, and,

WHEREAS, Both the legitimate stage and moving picture are used today by church groups and by educational institutions for the purpose of instruction as well as entertainment, and,

WHEREAS, Theatergoing as practiced today can be wholesome and enlightening entertainment, and,

WHEREAS, The Resolution quoted does not reflect the attitude or the practice of the individual members of the church today, be it hereby

Resolved, That Resolution 671 be stricken from our records and replaced with a new resolution to read as follows:

Resolved, That members who make a practice of theatergoing should be encouraged to evaluate the plays and motion pictures they attend as well as the frequency of their attendance so that the practice may not become spiritually detrimental to themselves or a stumbling block to others.

Brethren Ralph Miller and Jack Voltmann moved to approve.

The chair recognized Elder Evan Fry who asked that a proposed substitute motion be read. This request was granted, after which Elders Fry and F. S. Weddle moved the substitute:

WHEREAS, G. C. R. 377 (1893) concerning dancing and card playing and G. C. R. 671 (1912) concerning theatergoing have been stated more affirmatively in G. C. R. 813 (1920) and G. C. R. 924 (1932), in an approach which stresses spiritual welfare and the discretion of the individual, be it

Resolved, That General Conference Resolutions 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 considered conviction of the church that, as stewards over time and talent, it is incumbent on each church member to make all of his leisure time activities contribute affirmatively, and constructively, to his own mental and spiritual development, the service of his fellow men, and the building of the kingdom, and

That as a means to this end we 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, and educational fields, in order that they may make wise, informed, and spiritually sound choices of activities for leisure time.

GENERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 813

Adopted April 13, 1920

WHEREAS, Considerable discussion has arisen of late as to the propriety of using moving pictures in our houses of worship: Be it

Resolved, That we place ourselves on record as favoring the use of such mediums of education in so far as they conduce to the proper education of humanity and the glory of God.

GENERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 924

Adopted April 14, 1932

That while we appreciate the seriousness of the problems of commercialized recreation, dancing, speculation and exhibitions of greed, Sunday observance, etc., we respectfully suggest that the statements of the Doctrine and Covenants and General Conference Resolutions touching these matters be left without specific reaffirmation or repudiation at this time; but that we urge the spiritual and educational

authorities of the church to present articles, outlines, etc., through the church press which will assist the ministry and parents of the church in a patient explanation of the law and in kindly counsel and godly example through which the members of the church, both young and old, shall be inspired to reach forward to the objectives of the church and earnestly to endeavor a life such as becomes the Saints.

Such an affirmative program of spiritual education will require the complete co-operation of the leaders and parents of the church, and in connection therewith we call special attention to the definite objectives approved by this Conference.

Apostle D. T. Williams moved that action on this matter be deferred and made the first order of business tomorrow. Elder Joseph White seconded, and the motion carried.

The following letter was read regarding Church Court Procedure:

To the General Conference:

On pages 68 to 72 of the Conference Daily for Tuesday, April 6, will be found the report of the General Conference Committee appointed to rewrite the Church Court Procedure and to make up a glossary index of terms and phrases with an index of the revised procedure.

We recommend that the report be adopted and that the Committee be discharged with the thanks of the Conference.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

By ISRAEL A. SMITH

Elders William Bolinger and E. C. Burdick moved the adoption, which motion carried.

The closing hymn was "The Church's One Foundation." Elder Anton Compier pronounced the benediction and the meeting was declared adjourned.

CHARLES D. NEFF

FRED L. YOUNG

W. R. STEARNS

Secretaries

Eat at South Crysler Church

The ladies of the South Crysler congregation (Thirty-first and South Crysler streets) will serve the evening meal to Conference delegates and visitors. Serving (cafeteria style) will start at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights. They will continue to serve till 7:00 o'clock.

If you want free transportation look for cars with a label "SOUTH CRYSLER" in front of the Auditorium.

Anderson Etching Presented to Church

DR. EVAN SHUTE of London, Ontario, has presented the etching shown above to the church to be featured in the Auditorium as a part of the art exhibit being sponsored by the Committee on Ministry to College Students and the students themselves. "The Potato Pickers" is the work of a young Canadian, David Anderson, who first studied under the famous Nicholas Hornyansky in Canada, then with Professor Ziegrosser in Philadelphia, and Steinberg at the Art Students' League in New York. "The Potato Pickers" is his second attempt with the recently perfected semi-hardground (lift-ground).

Dr. Shute has this to say of his contribution:

At the meeting of the Ministry to College People at Graceland College two years ago, it was suggested by some of those present that the meetings should be commemorated in some tangible way. The most obvious was to make some small gift to the church, and that gift presumably should be something cultural which would reflect the character of the group making the donation. It was decided that the presentation of a small work of art might not only meet this bill but also beautify the church building. With this in mind, those attending the last two meetings have made small contributions which might be used to help purchase some work of art. If it were well chosen, this would increase in value throughout the years and would continue to bring pleasure to all who saw it. It may tend to



elevate the cultural attitude of members and indicate this to visitors to church buildings.

To this explanation Dr. Shute adds:

It has also occurred to me that many private collectors throughout the church might be glad to donate works of art, either at their deaths or during their lifetimes, toward this picture collection. There must always be a crystal dropped in a saturated solution to precipitate further crystals, and I hope that this small etching which I have donated may be that crystal. In time our buildings could house attractive and important and valuable works of art if there was any general response throughout the church. I feel that members attending Conference should make some donation to the church, whether in money or gifts of other kinds, just as the Jews of old presented gifts to the Temple when they went to visit.

NAOMI RUSSELL

Cowboy Tradition

Last Sunday evening I sat a few rows behind Irby Mundy, that tall fellow from the West. There was a smile on his face, and candy kisses in the pockets of his Western clothes. People were constantly coming up to shake his hand and to let their children collect their candy kisses. Practically every child, after receiving his candy, would stare at the cheerful cowboy. In their childish minds Irby Mundy was just as important as the thrilling cowboys they admired. In fact he was more important, for he was here at Conference and not just a figure on a movie or television screen.

In the years to come those same children will repeat to their children and their grandchildren the tradition of Irby Mundy and the candy kisses. And in repeating that tradition, they will repeat the principles of the church, for no one can speak of Irby Mundy without knowing that he represents the doctrine of the church of Jesus Christ.

EMMA M. PHILLIPS

Reception for Writers and Artists

The third Writers and Artists' Reception was held Tuesday afternoon at 4:15 in the Choir Room at the Auditorium. Chris Hartshorn made some preliminary remarks in reference to the editors' use of the red pencil. A sign advertising "fish for sale here" can easily be cut to one word—"fish," he explained.

Madelyn Galbraith was introduced as the author of *Feather in the Wind*. She thanked the editors for their use of the editorial pencil. Brother Hartshorn then introduced Margaret Gibson, author of *Emma Smith, the Elect Lady*, newest Herald House book.

A need for more tracts to acquaint people with Christ was expressed, and Brother Njeim felt that the meaning of the word "sin" should be stressed in children's literature put out by the church.

Approximately seventy-five writers, illustrators, and photographers were present for the informal gathering, at which refreshments were served. A. S.

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Business Session, Thursday, April 8, 1954

The business session of Thursday, April 8, was called to order by President Israel A. Smith at 2:00 p.m. The hymn, "God of Our Fathers," was directed by Elder F. S. Weddle, Mrs. Hazelle Withee of Memphis, Tennessee, accompanying at the organ. The invocation was offered by Apostle C. R. Hield.

The minutes of the business meeting of Wednesday, April 7, were approved as read.

The chair presented a communication from the secretary of the First Quorum of Seventy supplementing the report of that body:

To the First Presidency and the General Conference:

In the report of the First Quorum of Seventy as appearing in the *Conference Herald*, page 7, the names of Wayne Simmons and Alfred Yale were omitted from the list of those ordained during the past two years. We would like to add this supplementary report to the report of the First Quorum of Seventy adding these names to those ordained.

THE FIRST QUORUM OF SEVENTY
By Virgil J. Billings, *Secretary*

This supplementary report was received and, without objection from the floor, incorporated in the minutes.

At this juncture, President Smith introduced the Honorable Robert P. Weatherford, Jr., Mayor of the city of Independence, who greeted and addressed the Conference.

President Israel A. Smith relinquished the chair to President W. Wallace Smith at this juncture. While the following document was being distributed to the delegates, the chair invited the Hawaiian delegation to the rostrum where they were greeted by the assembly:

WHEREAS, G. C. R. 377 (1893) concerning dancing and card playing and G. C. R. 671 (1912) concerning theatergoing have been stated more affirmatively in G. C. R. 813 (1920) and G. C. R. 924 (1932), in an approach which stresses spiritual welfare and the discretion of an individual, be it

Resolved, That General Conference Resolutions 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 we state our position in regard to dancing as follows: It is the belief and experience of this church that the practice of dancing tends to lead one away from Christ and His church, 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 all of his leisure time activi-

ties contribute affirmatively, and constructively, to his own mental and spiritual development, the service of his fellow men, and the building of the kingdom, and

That as a means to this end we 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, and educational fields, in order that they may make wise, informed, and spiritually sound choices of activities for leisure time.

Moved: EVAN A. FRY
Seconded: CARL MESLE

After the document was read, Elders Evan A. Fry and F. S. Weddle requested permission to withdraw their substitute motion. This was granted by the chair without objection. Elders Evan A. Fry and F. Carl Mesle then moved that the above document be substituted for the original motion. Elder C. A. Davies of Australia spoke on the question and moved that the matter be laid on the table. Apostle D. T. Williams seconded the motion, which carried.

President I. A. Smith resumed the chair, and read the following communication regarding superannuations:

To the General Conference:

On behalf of the Joint Council of the First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric, we recommend that the General Conference accord the honor of superannuation to Elders J. A. Koehler, Peter S. Whalley, and D. J. Williams.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

Elders John T. Puckett and G. L. DeLapp moved the adoption of the recommendation. President Smith called each of the brethren and their companions to the platform. This was done while members of the Conference stood at attention. As each couple arrived at their place, President Smith read a communication from the First Presidency:

To the General Conference:

Elder J. A. Koehler was ordained a priest in 1907 and an elder four years later. He was ordained a Seventy in 1915, a High Priest in 1916, and a Bishop in 1920. He is known and respected throughout the church for his stimulating teaching in the field of the bishopric, and we recognize with appreciation the important contribution which he has made to the development of our kingdom understanding.

We ask that the honor of superannuation be granted him by a rising vote which shall include our thanks for the splendid services of Sister Koehler.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

To the General Conference:

Elder Peter S. Whalley served the church as a teacher and an elder prior to his ordination to the high priesthood in 1930. He has been under General Church appointment since 1924 and his missions include service in the British Isles from 1930 to 1945. Brother Whalley has brought to his ministry a fine devotion and pastoral skill.

We recommend that the motion according Brother Whalley the honor of superannuation be adopted by a standing vote which shall at the same time recognize the splendid services rendered by his companion.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

To the General Conference:

Elder D. J. Williams served the church as a deacon, a priest and an elder prior to accepting General Church appointment in 1913. He was ordained to the office of Seventy in 1914 and to the high priesthood in 1950. Brother Williams has served in many fields in the United States and Canada and in Hawaii, and has always represented the church in harmony with the finest traditions of our ministry.

We recommend that the motion granting him the honor of superannuation be affirmed by a rising vote, and that this same vote recognize the parallel contribution of his fine companion.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

In each instance, approval was given by a rising vote. The chair requested the brethren and their companions to stand while our gracious Director of the General Council of Women, Sister Pauline Arnson, presented each of the brethren with a superannuation pin and each of their companions with a corsage of red roses. President Smith extended official greetings to the brethren and their companions, and they returned to their places on the floor of the Conference.

At this point, Mayor Weatherford left the assembly, escorted by Bishop G. L. DeLapp.

The chairman stated that "we wish to announce that we have on the table proposals having to do with Race Relations and the Transcription of General Conference Proceedings. These will be received as having been introduced prior to the time limit for the introduction of new business, and will be printed with the minutes and held for later consideration":

To the General Conference:

WHEREAS:

1. We recognize that one of the major and controversial issues of our day is that of racial discrimination and segregation when peoples of different races and nationalities are brought together in our various communities and neighborhoods. It is therefore realized that any group endeavoring to implement a social program must face the issue of how to integrate these different racial and ethnic groups into a united whole, thus overcoming the prejudice and beliefs that are prevalent today. This problem has been clearly pointed out in recent years by our Presiding Patriarch, Elbert A. Smith (*Saints' Herald*, July 25, 1949), as follows:

Furthermore, the question is one that we ourselves of the church must consider and decide upon before we accomplish any work of considerable consequence among colored people. Shall we endeavor immediately to mix them in the white congregations? Or shall we establish missions among and for colored people, and presently organize them into branches, ministered to by colored men, divinely called and trained for the work, trusting the course of time and development of good will to bring about increasingly better relationships and understanding between the two races?

There is no question but that this racial problem is of considerable importance in the United States and Canada. . . .

As far as we as a church are concerned, we have never accomplished much by haphazard, hit-or-miss methods in reaching the colored population. If and when we are ready to attack the problem with any hope of success, we must do so with a well-defined, well-organized program, and with a definite decision as to the best way in which to minister to and organize converts from among the colored people. While our decisions cannot be made for us by some other church, the experiences of the peoples of other churches are worth taking into consideration.

2. We realize that the problem has been a recurring one for many years, as noted for example in the *Saints' Herald* editorial, February 15, 1875, by President Joseph Smith III, quoted in part as follows:

We think it derogatory to the teaching of Jesus, as found in the New Testament, Book of Mormon, and Doctrine and Covenants to insist upon a separation of the races. The same God that made the white man white made also the black man black, and if He chooses to say to all, "There is neither male nor female, bond or free, black or white; but ye are all one in Christ Jesus," we think his ambassadors should not let dislike of race, or prejudice against color, influence them in their ministration.

3. A precedent has been set in previous General Conferences to deal with the special and unique problems of the Lamanite, by the appointment of a continuing committee to study the methods and techniques of preparing an effective program to take the gospel message to the Lamanites. Therefore be it

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed, composed of General Church appointees and lay ministers of professional competence in the field of social relations, to study and make recommendations on the problems involved, and to prepare recommended outlines of methods and procedures for activating an effective program for carrying the gospel message to colored peoples, and with particular emphasis to the immediate problems in the United States and Canada where most of our present members reside. Be it further

Resolved, That we urge and recommend to the membership at large a careful and prayerful consideration of the "Declaration of Human Rights" adopted by a 46 to 0 vote of the United Nations General Assembly in December, 1948, and also to the membership of the United States "The Report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights" as recommended by a distinguished list of American citizens headed by Charles E. Wilson in 1947, and that wherein possible we participate and co-operate in the achievement of these goals

and objectives consistent within the framework of Christian ideals and belief.

Respectfully submitted,
MUIRI ROBINSON, Elder
Battle Creek, Michigan
JAMES EVERETT, Elder
Salt Lake City

*To the First Presidency
and the General Conference:*

WHEREAS:

1. The General Conference represents the deliberative body of the church assembled for the conducting of the general 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," therefore be it

Resolved, That the General Conference authorize a transcription 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 at the cost of the secretarial expense involved in preparing same.

Respectfully submitted,
DON ROSS, Jr., Elder
Washington-Baltimore Dist.
JAMES WARDLE, Elder
Salt Lake City

E. J. Gleazer, Jr., after being recognized by the chair, addressed the Conference regarding the Graceland College Report, found on pages 27 to 31 of the *Daily Herald*.

President Israel A. Smith left the assembly at this juncture, President F. Henry Edwards taking the chair.

The chairman called attention to the Financial Report of the Presiding Bishopric as found on pages 42-57, and the Church Auditor's Report of Examination on pages 40-42. Motion to approve was by Elders W. Wallace Smith and T. A. Beck.

Bishop DeLapp took the tribune and discussed the financial report, after which the motion to approve prevailed.

A new hymn, "From Isles and Continents Afar," music and words by Elders F. S. Weddle and Evan Fry respectively, was sung by the Seventy's Chorus.

The report of the Board of Appropriations was presented by the chairman, as found in the *Daily Herald* of April 7, pages 79 and 80.

A motion to adopt was sponsored by Apostles Paul M. Hanson and D. O. Chesworth. The chairman suggested that the question be divided and the items be considered separately. Bishop DeLapp gave an analysis of the Recommended Appropriations as found on page 80 of the *Daily Herald*. The following items were considered and voted upon separately, and adopted by unanimous vote:

	1954	1955
Ministerial—Active	\$835,830.05	\$887,700.40
Ministerial—Retired	86,244.47	90,315.89
Administrative Exp.	334,622.50	361,498.50
Payments to Graceland	98,200.00	98,200.00
Houses of Worship	14,905.00	13,585.00
Miscellaneous Items	17,000.00	18,500.00
Equipment (Furniture and Equipment)	22,505.00	15,488.80
(Automobile)	80,184.00	51,205.00

The operating appropriations as a whole were then approved.

The hymn, "Ye Wandering Nations," was sung by the assembly.

Recommendations for Special Appropriations were taken up for consideration.

Bishop DeLapp discussed the Houses of Worship Revolving Fund. The appropriation of \$150,000 was approved.

The proposed appropriation of \$100,000 for Houses of Worship Revolving Fund for Missions was discussed and approved.

Bishop DeLapp and Elder Edward Larsen discussed the appropriation proposed for the Scandinavian Mission. The amount of \$50,000 was approved.

The proposed appropriation of \$50,000 for the Holland Mission was approved.

Latin-American Mission, \$20,000, was discussed by Bishop DeLapp and approved.

Explanation of the Missionary Reserve Fund was offered by Bishop DeLapp. The proposed appropriation of \$52,199.01 was approved.

Operating Reserve Fund, \$100,000, was approved.

The proposed appropriation of \$250,000 for the Auditorium Fund was unanimously approved.

The appropriation for Graceland College of \$340,000 was presented and approved.

The proposed \$125,000 appropriation for the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital was approved after Bishop DeLapp answered an inquiry from Elder John Blackstock.

Explanation of the appropriation for Kirtland-Nauvoo was offered by Bishop DeLapp, and the proposed appropriation of \$10,000 was approved.

The appropriation for Washington, D. C., of \$17,179.00, and the one for Ottawa, Canada, in the amount of \$5,000 were discussed and approved.

Bishop DeLapp discussed a proposed appropriation of \$3,352.15 for the Settlement of an Estate at Deselm, Illinois, which was approved.

The \$18,000 appropriation for the Australasian Mission was approved.

The Non-cash Appropriation for Graceland College (for taxes) of \$3,899.83 was approved.

The total of the above Special Appropriations Recommended was approved.

The Supplemental Recommendations regarding Historic Buildings and the Christmas Offering proposal were approved.

With the singing of "Open My Eyes, O Lord," and the benediction by Elder Arthur Mayne, the Conference adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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

Nine Presiding Bishops Since 1831

BROTHER MARK SIEGFRIED has brought to our attention some interesting facts about our Presiding Bishops. From the appointment of Edward Partridge as Presiding Bishop in 1831 to the present day, our church has enjoyed the services of nine financial leaders.

Bishop Partridge was only thirty-seven years old when he entered this office and served the church well for nine years. Succeeding him was George Miller, Presiding Bishop at the death of the prophet, Joseph Smith. He was called to this office at the age of forty-seven and served only four years. He was dismissed by Brigham Young soon after the 1844 tragedy. (Newell K. Whitney was appointed to take his place.)

Israel L. Rogers served as the first Presiding Bishop of the Reorganization. He was ordained April 7, 1860, at the age of forty-two and served twenty-two years. In 1882, George A. Blakeslee succeeded Rogers and served eight years.

Then came the venerable dean of Presiding Bishops, Edmund Levi Kelley, in 1891. Ordained at the age of forty-six, he has the distinction of presiding in this office twenty-five years—longer than any other Presiding Bishop. Benjamin R. McGuire, the youngest Presiding Bishop in the Reorganization, was ordained in 1916 at the age of thirty-nine. He was followed in 1925 by the oldest "P. B.," Albert Carmichael, sixty-two years of age when ordained.

L. F. P. Curry assumed the duties of this office in 1932 at the age of forty-five. In 1940 he was ordained a member of the First Presidency and was succeeded in the bishopric by his able associate, our present Presiding Bishop, G. Leslie DeLapp.

In addition to Brother DeLapp, two former Presiding Bishops are still living—L. F. P. Curry and Albert Carmichael. All are honorable, respected men in the Independence vicinity. P. A. W.

Winter Scene at Campus



Headlines Were Made at Campus in Distant Past

THE CAMPUS is a very popular spot in Independence these days. But it has not always been such a pleasant and friendly place, for a number of gruesome incidents occurred in what is now known as the Campus Building in the fall and winter of 1909.

The building and twenty acres surrounding it was once the palatial estate of the Swope family. (Colonel Thomas H. Swope is especially remembered as the one who gave the Swope Park property to Kansas City in the early 1900's.) But soon after the home was erected, tragedy struck this family. In 1900, Logan O. Swope died of natural causes and left his estate to his wife, Margaret, and other members of his immediate family. Colonel Thomas Swope, his brother, was asked to operate the estate, which he did very successfully for several years.

Then in October, 1909 (on Monday, the third, to be exact), Colonel Swope became suddenly ill and died within a few hours. The colonel's cousin, James Moss Hunter, had also died very suddenly just two days earlier. Two months later, several nieces and a nephew of the Colonel became ill with typhoid fever, and Chrisman Swope, the nephew, died on December 6.

The unusual circumstances surrounding the deaths led to an investigation, and following an autopsy it was discovered that Colonel Swope had been poisoned with strychnine. From evidence submitted at a coroner's inquest early in February, 1910, a jury held that death came from poison in a capsule administered under the direction of Dr. B. C. Hyde, husband of one of the Colonel's nieces. Dr. Hyde was also accused later of killing Mr. Hunter and placing typhoid germs in

the water supply, thereby contributing to Chrisman's death. Sensational trials followed, but due to several technicalities the doctor was never convicted. He continued to live in the state of Missouri until his natural death a few years ago.

The church purchased the Campus property May 5, 1923, from the Swopes. With the assistance of the Zimmermann family, and in co-operation with the youth organization in Independence, the purchase price of \$50,000 was subscribed. The Institute of Arts and Sciences, an accredited night high school, met in the Campus Building during the 1920's and until the depth of the depression days of 1931.

Later, the Campus Shop, a social service organization, carried on its work in the building until it outgrew the facilities. This same organization moved to its present North Liberty Street location in 1950 and received a new title: the Social Service Center.

Nowadays the Campus is a beehive of activity from the moment the first green leaves come on the trees in the spring until the last ones fall in the autumn. Starting early in June and continuing into September, the Campus is also the scene of Sunday evening combined church services held in the open-air amphitheater there. Every weekday and weeknight finds hundreds of young people swarming over the recreational facilities.

The Campus is also offered to the city as a general recreational area on many occasions. William Chrisman High School sports teams use it for practice, and the R.O.T.C. regularly drills there. It has proved to be a very wise and useful investment and is expected to increase in use value as the years progress. P. A. W.

taining their identity than remembering the purpose of God's covenant with them. Ezekiel maintained his identity that he might strengthen the background of his identity. We want to retain our identity, but we must temper our desire for that with a great concern for other people.

Latter Day Saints often interpret the hastening time as a time to gather to Independence rather than a time to "gather in the sheaves." It is well to look into our own neighborhoods—the gospel to them has not yet been restored.

It might be well to reverse our slogan for a time. Instead of "Evangelize the World and Zionize the Church" we should "Evangelize the Church and Zionize the World." As Jonah was swallowed up by the whale, we are swallowed up by a whale of a lot of ideas and concerns.

Instead of being the fellowship of unconcerned, we must be the fellowship of the concerned. No institution can long endure which serves self only. Much of our teaching and preaching is to ourselves; much of our testimony is to ourselves; much of the tithe is spent on ourselves—yet we have significant answers for a world in need. We hold in our faltering hands the hope of the world.

Jonah lacked enthusiasm; he lacked a sense of wonder; he lacked a sense of the love of God for all people. We must go forth from here with a mounting concern for others, or we shall be like Jonah in 1954.

Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session, Friday, April 9, 1954

President Israel A. Smith called to order this Conference business session at 2:00 p.m. Elder B. Scott Liston, Painesville, Ohio, led the assembly in singing "The Spirit of God Like a Fire Is Burning," accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Dorothy Higgins of Independence, Missouri. Apostle D. Blair Jensen offered the invocation.

The minutes of the business meeting of April 8 were corrected by the striking out of the word "unanimously" from the report of the action regarding the Auditorium appropriation, and the changing of the word "wandering" to "wondering" in the title of the opening hymn, and then approved.

President I. A. Smith introduced to the assembly Mrs. Margaret Gibson of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, author of the book *Emma Smith, the Elect Lady*, who addressed the Conference.

José Aranda, formerly of Guatemala, presently engaged in translating the Book of Mormon into Spanish, was presented by Apostle C. R. Hield. Brother Aranda spoke regarding the project in which he is engaged.

The following statement from the Order of Bishops regarding completion of

the Auditorium was read by the Secretary:

To the First Presidency and the General Conference:

WHEREAS, Construction has been started on the Auditorium to complete the front center and foyer, funds for which have been provided previous to the action of this General Conference; and

WHEREAS, It is highly desirable to continue the work of construction until the Auditorium building is completed; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that a minimum amount of \$450,000 is required (exclusive of the cost of seating, the organ, and architectural services) to complete the main assembly room; and

WHEREAS, The amount of \$250,000 was approved by the General Conference for the purpose of continuing the work in the main assembly room; and

WHEREAS, This amount needs to be supplemented in order to assure said completion of the main assembly room; be it hereby

Resolved, That the Order of Bishops recommend that special effort be made to raise funds for the completion not only of the main assembly room but looking toward the completion of this structure, and that in the next two years this project be considered second only to the raising of the budget approved by this General Conference;

And that the Saints be called upon to make sacrificial effort during this time to enable the church to complete this project;

And, further, inasmuch as there has been expressed a desire on the part of a number of the people to give support to this movement by outright pledges and contributions at this Conference, that we afford such opportunity at a specially designated hour—namely, 2:15 p.m., Saturday, April 10 (or at such time as may be designated by the Chair) to give such opportunity to all who are desirous of seeing this most important project undertaken and completed;

Further, that all such contributions shall be credited properly to stakes, districts and/or congregations in which such contributors reside; and

Further, that in view of the fact that the recommendation suggests this as a period of sacrifice on the part of the Saints, quotas shall be assigned only where stake, district and/or branch administrators decide that such quotas will prove helpful;

Further, that the co-operation of business and professional men and women and others interested and willing be solicited and their help obtained by further solicitation for such funds throughout this period of time and such further period of time as may be necessary, until this building project is a complete reality;

Further, as hereinbefore stated, the raising of these funds must of necessity be in addition to the raising of our budgetary needs.

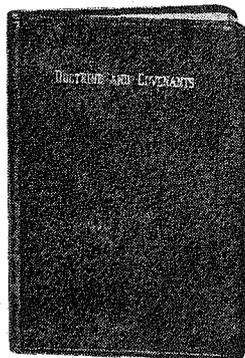
THE ORDER OF BISHOPS
By G. L. DELAPP

Elder Stephen Robinson and Wesley Elvin moved approval of the statement.

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Speaking on the question were Brethren G. L. DeLapp, George A. Njeim, Andy Jones, Charles F. Putnam, Francis M. Bishop, and Paul M. Hanson. Elders James Menzies and James Everett moved the previous question. The chair stated that without objection the vote on the original motion would be taken, which motion carried.

The Secretary read the following report and recommendation:

To the First Presidency and General Conference:

At the General Conference of 1947 action was taken regarding a memorial for the late Frederick Madison Smith. This action is covered in the following resolution:

To the First Presidency and the General Conference of 1947:

Having been appointed at the 1946 Conference as a committee to draft suggestions for a memorial for the late President Frederick Madison Smith, we have considered the various suggestions submitted and report as follows:

1. It is our opinion that a memorial for a leader of such character as the late president should possess certain attributes commensurate with his qualities. It should to a certain extent represent his interests; and it must have dignity, beauty, and permanence. These requirements would be best met, it seems to us, by a public building.

2. At the same time, it does not seem expedient in view of the many needs of the church and its institutions, to divert funds for building purposes, unless such a building, in addition to its memorial character, be capable of filling some immediate and urgent need.

3. After considering these requirements, we suggest that the memorial for the late president consist of a building to be known as the Frederick Madison Smith Memorial Library, located on the campus of Graceland College, at Lamoni, Iowa.

4. The funds necessary for this purpose may be obtained by subscription. It is estimated that the cost of a suitable building of this nature, at present price levels, would be in the neighborhood of \$250,000.00, which may be raised over a period of five years, if necessary.

5. It is our belief that a memorial library, housing as it does the fruit of the wisdom of the past, and dedicated to the use of the young people of the church, who are the hope and promise of its future, will stand perpetually as a tribute to a leader who worked and dreamed for the future of our church, and who devoted his life to the justification of his faith.

Very sincerely yours,
G. L. DELAPP
J. F. GARVER
PAUL N. CRAIG
ALICE M. EDWARDS
E. J. GLEAZER, SR.
HENRY C. SMITH

The committee wishes to report that, due to the pressing needs of the church, there has been no special effort put forth to raise funds for this purpose. In reviewing the situation, it is the recommendation of the committee that it would not seem inappropriate to allow a lapse of at least ten years from the time of the death of the late president before instituting an intensive program of fund raising to fulfill the intent of this resolution.

In the meantime, the contributions of those who wish to contribute to this fund will be gladly accepted and reserved for this purpose.

The First Presidency has appointed President Israel A. Smith to succeed the late J. F. Garver.

G. L. DELAPP, *Chairman*

Elders Lewis Landsberg and Henry Schaefer moved the approval of the document. Brethren D. T. Williams and Chester Davis moved the following substitute:

"That we request the Presidency and the Presiding Bishopric to present to us a properly framed document which will do honor to our previous president and at the same time make arrangements for the designation of the new science building at Graceland College to be built as a memorial to our previous President and Prophet Frederick Madison Smith."

Apostle E. J. Gleazer spoke in favor of the substitute. Brethren William Patterson and Emery S. Parks moved as a substitute to the substitute that the Auditorium Building when completed shall be dedicated as a memorial to the late President Frederick Madison Smith. Elders Cecil V. Robbins and Edward Larsen spoke on the motion. Elders Stewart Wight and J. L. Verhei moved to defer action until the next General Conference. Motion to defer prevailed.

The following document regarding the Board of Publications was read:

To the First Presidency and General Conference:

We submit as our nominees for members of the Board of Publications the present members of the Board, who are

Walter N. Johnson
Harry G. Barto
David S. White
Howard P. Andersen
Arthur B. Taylor
Shankland S. Arnsen
Montague L. Parker
THE PRESIDING BISHOPRIC
By G. L. DELAPP

Elders W. Wallace Smith and T. A. Beck moved to approve the recommendation. Motion to approve prevailed.

The following document was read into the minutes for subsequent consideration:

To the General Conference:

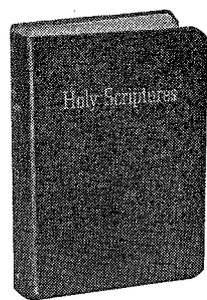
At the request of the Joint Council of First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric we recommend that the General Conference rescind the action on procedure in ordination which was adopted April 12, 1932 (G. C. R. 916, page 105), and substitute the following therefor:

Men are called to the priesthood by God through his Son Jesus Christ by the power of his Spirit (Matt. 9: 38, A. V.; Heb. 3: 1; Rom. 10:15; 1 Cor. 7: 17; Heb. 5: 4; Alma 19: 115; Moroni 8: 1, 2; D. and C. 17: 12; 102: 10; 124: 7).

Calls to the priesthood must come through those holding priesthood and in administrative authority (D. and C. 43: 1, 2; 99: 5; 125: 4; Mosiah 11: 17, 18).

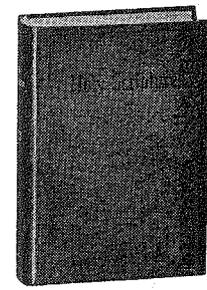
Calls in unorganized territory must be endorsed by the minister in charge.

Calls to the Aaronic priesthood in branches and districts should be approved by branch presidents, district presidents, ministers in charge, branch and district business meetings. Calls to the Melchisedec priesthood in branches and districts should be approved by branch presidents, district presidents, ministers in charge, First Presidency, branch and district business meetings. In cases of emergency in branches and districts, ordinations may be provided by the minister in charge.



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All calls to the priesthood in stakes must be approved by the stake presidencies, the stake high councils, and the stake conferences, and calls to the Melchisedec priesthood must also be approved by the First Presidency.

In cases of emergency within stakes, ordinations may be provided by the stake presidency in consultation with the stake high council and the First Presidency.

The substitution proposed involves no change of principle, but recognizes changes in our stake organization and makes other minor adjustments.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

The First Presidency presented the following communication:

To the General Conference:

The matter of a report of General Church activities coming from the New York and Philadelphia District which was considered at the 1952 General Conference (*Daily Herald*, pages 84 and 111) was considered by the Joint Council of the First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric.

The following recommendations are submitted for your consideration and action:

That a committee consisting of one member of the First Presidency, one member of the Council of Twelve, and one member of the Presiding Bishopric, together with such others as they may call to their aid, be set up to study methods of informing the members and departments of the church concerning the activities and objectives of all General Church quorums and departments; this committee to report to the First Presidency with a view to the improvement of both general and regional reporting procedure, suggest the form of reporting, and the frequency of such reports.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

The above recommendations regarding a report of General Church activities was approved upon the motion of Brethren P. E. Farrow and Leonard Hoisington.

Elders G. Leslie DeLapp and W. Wallace Smith moved to approve the following recommendation regarding the 1956 General Conference, which carried:

To the General Conference:

We suggest that when this Conference adjourns it does so to meet Sunday, April 1, 1956.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

The proposed resolution regarding Race Relations published on pages 94 and 95 of the *Daily Herald* was called to the attention of the Conference. The motion to adopt was made by Elders Muir Robinson and James Everett. Elders J. C. Daugherty and Russell F. Ral-

ston moved the following which motion prevailed:

To the General Conference:

In as much as this involves a doctrinal point of view and the missionary policy of the church we move that this be referred to the three Quorums of Concurrent Jurisdiction, the First Presidency, the Council of Twelve, and the Quorum of Seventy, to be brought back at next General Conference, for consideration.

JAMES C. DAUGHERTY
RUSSELL F. RALSTON

The chair called attention to the document relating to a transcription of the proceedings of the Conferences found on page 95 of the *Daily Herald*. Elders James Wardle and Don Ross, Jr., moved the adoption of the document. Brethren James Wardle, D. T. Williams, W. Wallace Smith, and Raymond Troyer spoke on the question. Elders Arthur A. Oakman and Orman Salisbury moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion to lay on the table carried.

New Dedication Hymn By Evan A. Fry

A vocal chorus composed of men from the Quorum of Seventy rendered the first public performance of a new hymn, written by Evan A. Fry, at the Thursday business session of Conference.

Brother Fry wrote in response to a challenge to find words that would most ably catch up the dedicatory spirit of appointee men as they are sent out to their world-wide fields of service at the end of Conference. Within one hour after he placed the first word on paper, the song was finished. And since the close of that hour of inspired writing no single change has been made.

Brother Fry placed the words on General Music Director Franklyn S. Weddle's desk soon after they were written. Within a few days, Brother Weddle returned with the melody. Later, Brother Fry added the harmony notes—and the new song was born!

Although the song was written especially for full-time missionaries, it is also appropriate for any member who determines to serve his fellow man by spreading the good news of the Restoration gospel of Christ. It is expected that the

A recommendation from the First Presidency regarding architectural service was read:

To the General Conference:

The release of Elder Henry C. Smith from his position as Church Architect leads us to recommend that the First Presidency be free, in consultation with the Presiding Bishopric, to solicit the advice of members of the church who are competent architects in the study of architectural questions, and to employ competent local architects whenever specific local building needs so require.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

Upon the motion of Elders William Worth, Jr., and Delbert D. Smith, the recommendation was approved.

The assembly adjourned after the singing of "This God Is the God We Adore," and the benediction by Elder C. A. Davies.

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

new Saints' Hymnal now in preparation will contain the words and music of this hymn. In a few years, Latter Day Saint congregations throughout the world will probably be singing it just as sincerely and devotedly as they now sing "The Old, Old Path."

"From Isles and Continents Afar" is the title given this latest musical creation. Here are the words:

From isles and continents afar,
O'er mountains and the stormy sea,
Of many races, many climes,
The sons of men now call to me.
In busy marts, in city crowds,
In quiet of the countryside,
In humble homes, in courts of kings,
They wait, the men for whom Christ died.
It is not mine to choose, O Lord,
My place of service, nor the hour;
Where'er thy voice shall bid me go,
I shall go gladly, in thy power.
In strength divine I'll speak thy word,
The battle join, or wait on thee;
I'll go or stay, nor count the cost,
Thy people serve, where'er they be.

Watch for the music. It will be available one of these days soon.

P. A. W.

Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session, Saturday, April 10, 1954

President F. Henry Edwards was in the chair at the opening of this Conference business meeting, April 10, 1954. After the meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., Apostle R. E. Davey offered the invocation, following the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" by the assembly. Frederick O. Weddle led the singing and Oliver C. Houston, Jr., played the organ accompaniment.

After a minor correction, the minutes of the April 9, meeting were approved.

President Edwards presented to the assembly Mrs. B. M. Anderson of Omaha, Nebraska, who addressed the Conference regarding the autobiography of her father, Joseph Smith III. Sister Anderson's daughter, Mrs. Harlow Fredrick of Orlando, Florida, accompanied her to the rostrum and was introduced.

The chair recognized E. J. Gleazer, Jr., President of Graceland College, who introduced Miss Mariette Delahaut, a citizen of Belgium, who is serving as an exchange teacher on the Graceland College

faculty this year. Miss Delahaut addressed the assembly.

In harmony with the Conference action of Friday, Bishop G. L. DeLapp directed the effort of obtaining pledges and contributions from the Conference toward the completion of the Auditorium. A number of brethren were introduced by the Bishop, each of whom spoke in support of the matter of completing the building. During this time, envelopes and pledge cards were distributed, and later collected.

A document was distributed to the assembly regarding the department of women for subsequent consideration.

To the General Conference:

In our report to the Conference we indicated that we would present specific recommendations for broadening the work of the Department of Women and reorganizing the Council. We now have pleasure in presenting an outline of the principles which we believe should govern in those matters:

1. The Department of Women, general and local, should be concerned with the whole

range of kingdom activity among the women of the church, and should seek to give specific guidance to its members in the building of Zion, homes, evangelism, community betterment, public morality, adult education, literature and the arts, social service, and similar areas of interest.

2. We believe the Leader of Women who works in close harmony with the First Presidency should be assisted by a Women's Council composed of members from the general vicinity of Independence, Missouri, and of advisory members from more distant parts of the church; those council members representing the various age, interest, and activity groups of our church women.
3. The Leader of Women should be appointed by the First Presidency with the approval of General Conference.
4. Members of the Council should be appointed by the First Presidency in consultation with the Leader of Women.
5. The Leader of Women should be sustained at the General Conference of the Church.
6. The Women's Council should be reconstituted at the General Conference of 1956 with the proviso that at the time the Council members shall be selected for 2-4- and 6-year terms, and that all selections thereafter shall be for 6-year terms.
7. Vacancies occurring between Conferences should be filled by appointment from the First Presidency in consultation with the Leader of Women.

The First Presidency, after proper consultation, will appoint from among the present members of the General Council and others not now on the council, a sufficient number to hold special interest committee chairmanships to give some assurance of continuity of effort.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY
By ISRAEL A. SMITH

The following communication pertaining to the date of the 1956 Conference was presented for later consideration:

To the First Presidency and General Conference:

The Quorum of High Priests favor a reconsideration of the action of the Conference of yesterday fixing the dates of the next General Conference.

Inasmuch as April 1, 1956, is Easter and this Sunday means so much in the Christian life of each branch and community, we recommend that the dates of the Conference of 1956 be set to avoid Easter Sunday; and further, the Quorum respectfully requests the First Presidency to avoid Easter Sunday in recommending dates for future Conferences.

THE QUORUM OF HIGH PRIESTS
By EMERY E. JENNINGS
C. J. SMITH

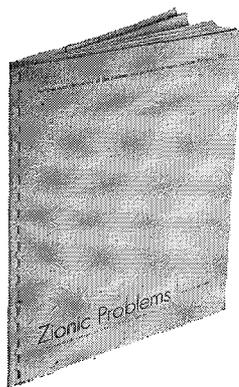
At this point the assembly paid tribute to the Laurel Club by honoring its oldest member, Mrs. Nelle Goodrich. The president of the Laurel Club presented a corsage to Sister Goodrich during which time the assembly stood in tribute.

The chairman announced that we have for the attention of the Conference a document presented by President Israel A. Smith already considered by the various Councils, Quorums, and Orders. President W. Wallace Smith read the document:

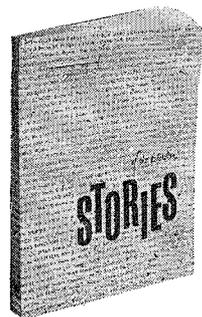
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April 7, 1954

To the Councils, Quorums, and Orders of the Church and to the General Conference:

1. When I was in England in 1952 I was given the assurance that Donald V. Lents, a high priest, was called to be an apostle. Now that there is a vacancy in the Council of Twelve, and realizing the great need for apostolic ministry and direction, I have made it a subject of prayer, and I am directed to submit this name to you, the voice of inspiration to me being:

2. "My servant Donald V. Lents is called and he is now chosen to the holy office of an apostle and should be ordained to that office as soon as practicable. Pending that time he should be placed in charge of the English and European Missions."

3. The voice of inspiration to me also is as follows:

"It is wisdom for the church to accept the direction of the Council of Presidents of Seventy and complete their organization. My servants of this council should not be over-careful in selecting elders, under the law, to occupy as seventies. The field of opportunity in new places is great in all areas, and there are many who earnestly desire to do missionary work who are called to be seventies, and when they are ordained to that office the church should devise ways and means, as far as practicable, for them to be given missionary assignment.

4. "The growing desire for missionary work will be amply rewarded and the church will be blessed even more than in the past."

(Signed) ISRAEL A. SMITH
Servant of the Church

Elders E. E. Jennings and Lewis Landsberg moved to receive the document presented by the President of the church and approve it and authorize its publication in the Doctrine and Covenants.

The following statements from the Councils, Quorums, and Orders were presented:

April 10, 1954

To the General Conference:

The Counselors to the President of the church have considered the document presented by President Israel A. Smith and we are happy to endorse it as being of divine origin and the will of God to the church.

F. HENRY EDWARDS, *Counselor*
W. WALLACE SMITH, *Counselor*

April 9, 1954

President Israel A. Smith:

This is to inform you that the Council of Twelve "endorses the first two paragraphs of the document submitted by the President of the church as the word of the Lord, leaving the balance of the document without approval or disapproval by the Council of Twelve."

D. O. CHESWORTH,
Secretary pro tem

April 7, 1954

To the First Presidency and the General Conference:

This is to advise that the Order of Bishops have given careful consideration to the document submitted by President Israel A. Smith dated April 7, 1954. It was moved and carried unanimously that the Order of Bishops in quorum session approve the document from Israel A. Smith as revealing the will of the Lord to the church.

The Order expressed full confidence in the calling of Brother Donald V. Lents to the

office of apostle and pledged him full support in his ministry.

It was also felt that the direction to the church concerning the Seventies would benefit the missionary program of the church.

THE ORDER OF BISHOPS
W. N. JOHNSON, *Secretary*

To the First Presidency and General Conference:

The Order of Evangelists has considered the document coming to us from President Israel Smith on April 7, 1954. The document was given careful consideration and it was approved as the revelation of divine will and instruction to the church.

ELBERT A. SMITH, *Presiding Patriarch*
LYNN E. SMITH, *Secretary*

April 7, 1954

To the First Presidency and the General Conference:

This day, in regular session, the Quorum of High Priests gave serious and prayerful consideration to the document presented by President Israel A. Smith, purporting to be the word of God to this church.

After due consideration the Quorum unanimously approved the document as being of divine origin and worthy of the support of the church. We urge its adoption and support.

WARD A. HOUGAS
President of the Quorum
W. J. BRESHEARS
Secretary of the Quorum

April 9, 1954

President Israel A. Smith:

The Quorum of Seventy has received your document and after considerable prayer and serious thought we have given serious consideration to the document paragraph by paragraph.

After such consideration, we present the following as the expression of the mind and will of the First Quorum of Seventy:

"We approve the document in so far as it pertains to the call and ordination of Donald V. Lents and we request that the remainder of this document be referred to the councils of Presidency, Twelve, and Seventy for consideration during the period before the Conference of 1956."

May the power of divine light guide and direct the church toward the goal of building God's kingdom in these trying days.

THE FIRST QUORUM OF SEVENTY
By VIRGIL J. BILLINGS, *Secretary*

To the First Presidency and General Conference:

The document from President Israel A. Smith was received by the Quorums of Elders gathered in session at the Granada Theater at 10:20 a.m., April 7, 1954. Consideration was had on the document and the following action was taken:

"That the Quorum of Elders accept the document as read, that we believe it to be the divine will of God, and that we present it to the General Conference with our approval."

The motion was carried.

MITCHEL JUERGENS
Secretary pro tem

April 7, 1954

To the First Presidency and the General Conference:

At the assembly of the members of the Aaronic order of the priesthood, held at 10:15 a.m. this date, consideration was given to the

document presented to the councils, quorums, and orders of the church, signed by Israel A. Smith, Servant of the Church.

Proper motion and support were given to this document to bring it before the body for discussion. The discussion was participated in by a goodly number of the members of the order. This discussion indicated a fine spiritual sense of its content and implications.

The document was unanimously accepted as the word of God to the church, both respecting the call of Donald V. Lents, High Priest, to the office of apostle, and as to the voice of inspiration as expressed in the document regarding the work of the Council of Presidents of Seventy and of the Seventies.

G. L. DELAPP, *Presiding Bishop and President of the Aaronic Priesthood*
ELI W. KESTER, *Secretary pro tem*

The following cables of announcement and acceptance were read:

April 5, 1954

DONALD V. LENTS
40 Highfield Road
Nuneaton, Warwickshire, England

Please cable me earliest convenience if willing to accept call to Apostolic Council.

ISRAEL A. SMITH

PRESIDENT ISRAEL SMITH

Although feeling personally inadequate I am willing to accept responsibility in Apostolic Council. If approved by Conference assembled will strive to serve God and his church in humility and sincerity to the best of my ability.

DONALD V. LENTS

At this point the chair stated that the document would be considered by paragraphs. Apostle A. A. Oakman and Bishop H. L. Livingston spoke on the first paragraph which was approved unanimously.

The second paragraph was then brought before the Conference for consideration. Apostles E. J. Gleazer and Reed M. Holmes spoke, followed by a statement and the following motion for referral by Elder Russell F. Ralston:

We move that the portion of this document which has to do with the calling of Seventy be referred to the three quorums of concurrent jurisdiction, the Presidency, Twelve, and Seventy, for further interpretation and clarification.

Seventy Virgil Billings seconded the motion, followed by a statement by Bishop L. Wayne Updike. Apostle A. A. Oakman then moved as a substitute for the motion of reference "that we as a Conference approve this paragraph now under consideration and refer the matter of implementation to a council of the First Presidency and the Twelve." It was seconded by Apostle E. J. Gleazer. Speaking on the question were Presiding Patriarch Elbert A. Smith, Seventy George A. Njeim, and Bishop G. L. DeLapp. Miss Nancy Hunter and Elder Floyd Rockwell moved the previous question on the whole matter. The

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chair answered questions from the floor clarifying the parliamentary procedure resulting from the above motion. The motion on the previous question carried. The substitute for the motion of reference was then put to a vote and lost, as did the motion for referral.

The paragraph under consideration was then approved. A standing vote of approval was then given the document as a whole by delegates, ex officio, and visitors.

Elder Z. Z. Renfroe was recognized by the chair and made the following statement:

STATEMENT OF Z. Z. RENFROE

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Conference:

We, the Presidents of Seventy, or the majority thereof, the Quorum of Seventy, and members of the Council of Twelve have stated our position which was the result of a deep and sincere conviction born of concern for the work of the church.

However, since the Conference has voted to accept this document as the mind and the will of the Lord, we wish to say that we are with you and pledge our support to the fulfilling of the intent and purpose to the best of our ability. We also desire to pledge our allegiance anew to the support of the Prophet of the Church as the prophet, seer, and revelator and will do all in our power to the furthering of the cause of the building of the kingdom of God here below.

Seventy George A. Njeim also made a statement pledging his support.

The assembly, while standing, then sang, "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet."

The following communication regarding the Archaeological Society was read to the Conference:

To the General Conference:

In as much as it is incumbent upon us to appoint the members of the executive committee of the Archaeological Society, we recommend that this committee be composed of Charles R. Hield, Paul M. Hanson, Harold I. Velt, Roy Weldon, and Melvin R. Fowler.

We further recommend that Louise P. Sheldon be honorably released from membership in the executive committee, and that the Chair be authorized to write her a letter of appreciation for her service in this connection.

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On motion by Elders Roy Cheville and L. W. Kohlman, the recommendations were approved.

Following announcements, the hymn, "Blest Be Thou, O God of Israel," and the benediction by Tsunao Miyamoto, this business session of the Conference was declared adjourned.

CHARLES D. NEFF

FRED L. YOUNG

W. R. STEARNS

Secretaries

The final business session of the 1954 General Conference was presided over by President Israel A. Smith. After the meeting was called to order, the assembly sang "Ye Wondering Nations" under the leadership of Elder F. S. Weddle, with Elder Evan Fry at the organ. The invocation was by Apostle R. M. Holmes.

The Secretary read the minutes for the business meeting of Saturday, April 10, which were approved.

President Israel A. Smith called Elder Anton Compier to the platform to introduce visitors and delegates from European countries.

Bishop G. L. DeLapp took the stand to report on the effort of Saturday regarding the Auditorium completion drive. Pledge cards and offering envelopes were then distributed to those who had not received them earlier.

The chairman then called for action on the communication from the First Presidency regarding the Department of Women. This document was distributed to the delegates on Saturday and printed in the minutes of that day.

The motion to approve was by Elders Francis Bishop and Charles Putnam. The following amendment was moved by Miss Elaine Parkes and Mrs. Blanche Currie:

Moved to amend paragraph 4 to read: "Members of the council should be nominated by the First Presidency in consultation with the Leader of Women and with concurrent nominations from the floor."

The matter was discussed, after which the motion to amend was approved, as was the amended motion.

The following communication from the First Presidency, relative to the resignation of Mrs. S. S. Arnsion, was presented, during which time President W. Wallace Smith escorted Sister Arnsion to the platform:

To the General Conference:

For several months Sister S. S. Arnsion has served us as Leader of Women at the cost of unusual personal sacrifice. She has now filed her resignation with the First Presidency, thereby terminating twenty years of wise, dignified and devoted service to the women of the church and to the church.

The members of the First Presidency, to whom Sister Arnsion has given the finest possible support, are particularly reluctant to accept her resignation. We do so only because we know that the reasons for her action are

sound ones, and we can count on Sister Arnsion to continue to give the best possible support within her power.

We have appointed a committee consisting of President F. H. Edwards, Bishop G. L. DeLapp, and Sister Harold I. Velt to express to Sister Arnsion the heartfelt thanks of the church for the service which she has rendered. We suggest that we express our thanks at this time by a standing vote of appreciation.

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The recommendation was approved by a standing vote as requested. After receiving a corsage from Mrs. B. M. Anderson, Sister Arnsion addressed the assembly.

President Israel A. Smith read the following letter regarding the selection of a new leader of women:

To the General Conference:

We greatly regret that circumstances beyond our control have made it impossible for us to present our selection of a new leader of women for the approval of the body at this time. A selection will be made before the next General Conference.

The Chair suggests that the Department be sustained until such time as appointment of leader is made.

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The communication from the High Priests' Quorum pertaining to the date of the 1956 Conference was brought to the attention of the assembly. Elders D. T. Williams and W. Wallace Smith moved to reconsider the Conference dates of 1956. This motion carried. Elders D. T. Williams and E. E. Jennings moved that Conference dates for 1956 be April 8 to 15, which carried.

The following communication regarding a resignation from the Standing High Council was presented by the chair:

To the General Conference:

The resignation of Leonard Lea from membership in the High Council leaves a vacancy in that Council. It is very desirable that this important place be filled; however, due to circumstances beyond our control, we have not had time to give this the consideration which we feel that it merits.

We recommend that the Presidency be authorized by the Conference to fill the Council and that approval will be asked for at the next General Conference.

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Upon the motion by Elders P. M. Hanson and Lewis Landsberg, the recom-

mendation of the Presidency was approved.

A letter was read regarding appointment of department heads:

To the General Conference:

We recommend your approval for the appointment of the following department heads: Clifford A. Cole, Director of Religious Education.

L. Wayne Updike, Assistant to the First Presidency in charge of Priesthood and Leadership Education.

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The appointments were approved upon a motion by Elders Reed M. Holmes and Blair McClain.

Attention was called to the document on priesthood calls printed in the April 10 *Daily Herald*. A motion to approve was made by Brethren E. E. Jennings and Arnold Adams, which motion was approved.

The chair read the following letter announcing a gift in trust to the church of the wood carving of the Lord's Supper scene:

To the General Conference:

The beautiful wood carving of the Lord's Supper which is on the east front edge of the platform has been given to the church in trust, by Brother and Sister Charles C. Ford of Grand Junction, Colorado. We wish to thank Brother and Sister Ford for this beautiful gift. An appropriate place will be found for its permanent display in the Auditorium.

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President Israel A. Smith expressed appreciation for the labor of love given by Brother Harold Bullard for the painting of portraits of Presidents of the church. These portraits have been on display during the Conference.

The chairman read the following statement of appreciation to the press, radio, and television:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

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.

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The following report from the Registration Committee was read by the chair:

To the First Presidency and General Conference:

The total registration up to 8:00 p.m., Saturday, April 10, 1954, was 8,252, divided as follows:

Delegates	600
Delegates Ex Officio	545
Ex Officiis	683
Visitors	3,968
Hosts	2,456
Total	8,252

This Conference exceeds all previous Conference registrations:

1930	6,008
1950	5,454
1952	7,168
1954	8,252

The attached report shows we have representation from 46 states, as well as from Washington, D.C., five Provinces of Canada, and from Australia, British Isles, Denmark, French Oceania, Germany, Hawaii, Holland, Japan, and Korea.

JOSEPH E. BALDWIN, *Chairman*
HERBERT C. LIVELY
HARRY J. SIMONS

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF REGISTRANTS

<i>Districts and Missions Abroad</i>	Delegates	Dele-Ex Off.	Ex Off.	Visitors	Hosts	Total
Australia	9	2	2	—	—	13
Alaska	—	—	—	—	—	—
British Isles	0	6	3	—	—	9
Denmark	—	1	—	—	—	1
French Oceania	4	9	—	—	—	13
Germany	5	4	—	—	—	9
Hawaii	—	—	3	—	—	3
Holland	—	2	—	—	—	2
Japan	—	—	—	2	—	2
Korea	—	—	—	1	—	1
Total	18	24	8	3	—	53

<i>Canada</i>	Delegates	Dele-Ex Off.	Ex Off.	Visitors	Hosts	Total
Alberta	6	1	1	5	—	13
Manitoba	1	1	—	3	—	5
Ontario	37	20	7	125	—	189
Saskatchewan	6	2	4	27	—	39
British Columbia	5	—	—	9	—	14
Total	55	24	12	169	—	260

<i>Stakes</i>	Delegates	Dele-Ex Off.	Ex Off.	Visitors	Hosts	Total
Center	30	68	243	—	2,456	2,797
Central Mo.	13	14	33	336	—	396
Detroit	20	9	21	87	—	137
Far West	8	20	16	128	—	172
Kansas City	19	19	42	574	—	654
Lamoni Stake	6	13	16	118	—	153
Los Angeles	8	14	4	49	—	75
Total	104	157	375	1,292	2,456	4,384

<i>States</i>	Delegates	Dele-Ex Off.	Ex Off.	Visitors	Hosts	Total
Alabama	11	6	2	34	—	53
Arizona	2	3	2	14	—	21
Arkansas	1	3	4	20	—	28
California	27	24	12	127	—	190
Colorado	13	10	7	124	—	154
Connecticut	1	2	1	4	—	8
Delaware	—	—	—	1	—	1
Dis. of Col.	1	0	3	12	—	16
Florida	7	3	6	27	—	43
Georgia	—	—	—	—	—	—
Idaho	6	3	1	18	—	28
Illinois	22	31	25	242	—	320
Indiana	6	5	7	48	—	66
Iowa	43	36	44	317	—	440
Kansas	21	15	18	197	—	251
Kentucky	4	3	—	4	—	11
Louisiana	—	2	—	9	—	11
Maine	3	3	—	6	—	12

<i>Districts and Missions Abroad</i>	Delegates	Dele-Ex Off.	Ex Off.	Visitors	Hosts	Total
Maryland	—	2	2	15	—	19
Massachusetts	6	2	—	15	—	23
Michigan	75	30	26	204	—	335
Minnesota	4	7	3	42	—	56
Mississippi	3	2	—	5	—	10
Missouri	22	18	29	185	—	254
Montana	4	6	—	19	—	29
Nebraska	16	10	5	65	—	96
Nevada	—	—	1	6	—	7
N. Hampshire	2	—	—	3	—	5
New Jersey	2	—	1	5	—	8
New Mexico	—	1	2	9	—	12
New York	4	4	8	28	—	44
No. Carolina	—	—	—	—	—	—
No. Dakota	1	2	2	21	—	26
Ohio	31	24	9	160	—	224
Oklahoma	22	18	20	163	—	223
Oregon	6	8	6	18	—	38
Pennsylvania	6	10	8	62	—	86
Rhode Island	2	—	—	3	—	5
South Dakota	1	—	—	8	—	9
Tennessee	1	2	1	11	—	15
Texas	11	20	7	104	—	142
Utah	4	—	6	16	—	26
Virginia	—	2	5	4	—	11
Washington	21	11	2	50	—	84
W. Virginia	3	6	4	15	—	28
Wisconsin	7	5	7	41	—	60
Wyoming	1	1	2	23	—	27
Total	423	340	288	2,504	—	3,555

The chair stated that the Presidency would take the responsibility of writing additional letters of thanks to those who have been instrumental in making this Conference the success that it has been thus far.

The business of sustaining church officers proceeded as follows:

It was moved by Elders Z. Z. Renfroe and Sylvester Coleman that we sustain the First Presidency. The motion was put by Apostle Hanson and carried unanimously.

The motion to sustain the Council of Twelve carried unanimously, after motion by Elders G. L. DeLapp and F. Henry Edwards.

On motions duly made and seconded the following officers, quorums, and orders of priesthood were sustained by unanimous vote of the Conference:

- The Standing High Council
- Presiding Evangelist and Order of Evangelists
- Presiding Bishopric and Order of Bishops
- Presidency and Quorum of High Priests
- Presidents of Seventy and Quorum of Seventies

Reading of appointments followed, President W. Wallace Smith reading the list. The appointees were requested to stand as their names were called:

APPOINTMENTS

FIRST PRESIDENCY

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

COUNCIL OF TWELVE

Paul M. Hanson—Representative of the First Presidency
D. T. Williams—Maine, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, and Southern New England and Washington Metropolitan Districts

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

Arthur A. Oakman—Wisconsin, Minnesota and Red River District, Illinois, including Nauvoo District, Northern Indiana, St. Louis, and South Missouri Districts
Charles R. Hield—Central and Southwestern Texas Districts, Texas Unorganized, Arizona, New Mexico, and the Latin-American Mission

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

Roscoe E. Davey—The Central States, Iowa, including Rock Island District, and Missouri Missionary Developmental Area

Maurice L. Draper—Australasian Mission and French Oceania

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

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

Donald O. Chesworth—Ontario, Canada, and Michigan

Donald V. Lents—British Isles and European Mission (ordination ordered)

PRESIDING BISHOPRIC

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

PRESIDING EVANGELIST

Elbert A. Smith

STANDING HIGH COUNCIL

D. O. Cato
Carroll L. Olson
J. A. Becker
Howard P. Andersen
Charles F. Grabske
F. S. Weddle
Amos E. Allen
Harry G. Barto
Arthur B. Taylor
Howard W. Harder
C. Myron Zerr

HIGH PRIESTS' QUORUM

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

GENERAL CHURCH SECRETARIES

Charles D. Neff
Fred L. Young

THE STAKES

CENTER STAKE

Charles V. Graham, President
Harold W. Cackler, Bishop

KANSAS CITY STAKE

F. O. Davies, President
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
Lewis Landsberg, Bishop

LOS ANGELES STAKE

Garland E. Tickemyer, President
J. Stanley Kelley, Bishop

DETROIT INTERNATIONAL STAKE

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

DEPARTMENTS

Religious Education

Clifford A. Cole, Director

F. Carl Mesle, Director of Young People's Work

Jack R. Evans, Religious Education

Richard B. Lancaster, Religious Education

Priesthood and Leadership Education—L. Wayne Updike

Church Physiian—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

Evan A. Fry, Radio Minister

Arthur J. Rock, Audio-Visual Director

GENERAL CHURCH APPOINTEES

L. J. Adams—New York Metropolitan, Philadelphia Metropolitan and Washington Metropolitan Districts

D. A. Alberts—Australasia, Bishop

R. D. Andersen—Los Angeles Stake

Alma C. Andrews—St. Louis District and St. Louis

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

J. E. Baldwin—Kansas City Stake

J. W. Banks, Jr.—Chatham District and Chatham

Frederick C. Banta—Northern California District, Bay Cities Objective

T. E. Barlow—Northern Indiana District

T. A. Beck—Michigan, Bishop

Willard C. Becker—Central Missouri Stake

D. E. Benton—Kansas City Stake

G. E. Berndt—Supervisor, Auditorium Guide Service

B. W. Berridge—Wisconsin District

V. J. Billings—Lamoni Stake

Harry W. Black—Kirtland District and Akron

Stephen A. Black—Hawaii District

John Blackmore—Church Historian

J. W. Blackstock—Eastern and Central Michigan Districts

R. A. Bobbitt—Philadelphia Metropolitan District and Philadelphia

J. E. Booth—Southwest Iowa District-Council Bluffs, Objective

A. J. Breckenridge—Unorganized Florida

W. J. Breshears—Rock Island District

C. P. Buck—Northwest Ohio District

A. F. Burdekin—Southern New South Wales District, Sydney area

F. E. Butterworth—Detroit International Stake

O. K. Byrn—Detroit International Stake

H. W. Cackler—Center Stake of Zion

N. Ray Carmichael—Assistant to Presiding Bishopric

C. M. Carpenter—Eastern Colorado District

W. H. Chelline—South Central Michigan District

W. R. Clinefelter—Youngstown and Pittsburgh Districts

C. A. Cole—Director of Religious Education

S. R. Coleman—Northwest Iowa District

A. D. Compier—Holland, Minister in charge, and Scandinavia

J. T. Conway—Washington Metropolitan District and Washington, D. C.

D. E. Couey—Kentucky-Tennessee District

A. O. Crownover—Toronto District and Toronto

John R. Darling—Mobile District and Mobile

J. C. Daugherty—Central Illinois District

C. A. Davies—Australia—Missionary at large

F. O. Davies—Kansas City Stake

E. W. Dickens—Northeastern Illinois and Chicago Districts

F. L. Dickson—Center Stake of Zion: Bishopric

H. L. Doty—Spring River District

C. R. Ettinger—Des Moines District, Des Moines, Objective

J. R. Evans—Department of Religious Education

J. A. Everett—Scandinavian Mission

R. S. Farnham—Lamoni Stake

E. R. Fishburn—Nauvoo Historic Properties and Northeastern Illinois District

H. W. Fisher—Saskatchewan District and Winnipeg

A. S. Frater—Australia—Department of Religious Education and Children's Evangelism

C. V. French—Southern Ohio District

Evan A. Fry—Radio Minister

Frank A. Fry—Eastern Nebraska District and Omaha

A. Les. Gardner—Owen Sound and Upper Michigan Peninsula Districts

A. F. Gibbs—Western Oklahoma and Western Texas Districts

Paul A. Gouty—Nauvoo District

Charles V. Graham—Center Stake of Zion

K. T. Green—Kirtland Temple Minister

J. R. Grice—Great Lakes Mission

H. P. Grundy—Assistant to Presiding Bishopric

A. R. Gunning—Australia, Victoria District

M. P. Guthrie—Church Statistician

W. T. Guthrie—Missouri Missionary Developmental Area

William C. Haden—Des Moines District

F. E. Hansen—Assistant to Presiding Bishopric

Elroy E. Hanton—Northern Michigan District

P. H. Harder—Eastern Nebraska, Kansas and Tulsa Districts

Lee O. Hart—Center Stake of Zion—Young People

D. E. Harvey—Far West Stake and St. Joseph

K. E. Harvey—Alberta District

E. T. Higdon—Lamoni Stake

C. Houston Hobart—Utah and Nevada

W. J. Horn—New York and Scranton Districts

Ward A. Hougas—Eastern Colorado District and Denver

A. Wayne Hough—Northwest and Southwest Iowa Districts

E. Y. Hunker—Central States Mission

J. D. Imrie—New Zealand

Sydney Jacka—Southern New South Wales District—Newcastle Area

W. A. Jackson—Oklahoma City District

E. E. Jennings—Far West Stake

Glen H. Johnson—Northern California District

S. W. Johnson—Missouri Missionary Developmental Area
 David Kaleikau—Missouri Missionary Developmental Area
 J. S. Kelley—Los Angeles Stake
 J. N. Kemp—Southern California District and San Diego Area
 K. N. Kinart—Northern and Southern California Districts
 L. W. Kohlman—Canada, Bishop
 C. E. Kornman—Southwest Texas District
 A. G. Koury—British Columbia and Seattle Districts
 D. L. Kyser—Maine District
 R. B. Lancaster—Department of Religious Education
 D. D. Landon—Southern Oregon District
 L. E. Landsberg—Far West Stake
 M. F. LaPointe—Nebraska District
 H. C. Lively—Center Stake of Zion, Walnut Park
 J. N. Loren—Northwest and Southwest Iowa Districts
 H. A. Lynn—Kaw Valley District
 Perry M. Mair—Southern Michigan District
 R. E. Manuel—Kansas District and Wichita
 J. Charles May—To the President of Twelve for special assignments
 W. B. McClain—Detroit International Stake
 M. A. McConley—Direction of the First Presidency
 F. M. McDowell—Direction of the First Presidency
 William McMurray—Unorganized Ontario—Ottawa, Objective
 J. S. Menzies—West Virginia District
 F. Carl Mesle—Director Young People's Work
 P. W. Moore—Central Missouri Stake
 C. D. Neff—Assistant to the First Presidency
 G. A. Njeim—British Columbia District, Washington and Oregon
 Lee R. Oliver—Pensacola District and Pensacola
 C. L. Olson—Assistant to Presiding Bishopric
 A. B. Packer—Detroit International Stake
 William Patterson—South Central States Mission and the Rocky Mountain-Prairie Provinces Mission
 Al. M. Pelletier, Jr.—Toronto, London, and Chatham Districts
 J. V. Pement—Southern New England District
 S. Lee Pfohl—Central Michigan District
 J. C. Phillips—Southern Michigan District
 Floyd Potter—Northern New South Wales and Queensland Districts
 Jack A. Pray—Spring River District
 J. T. Puckett—Central Texas District
 R. F. Ralston—Three months in Alaska; Utah and Western Colorado Districts
 R. M. Reid—Southern Indiana District
 J. E. Renfroe—Arkansas-Louisiana District
 Z. Z. Renfroe—Rock Island District
 C. V. Robbins—Southeastern Illinois District
 A. J. Rock—Director of Audio-Visual
 Eric Rowe—Northern England District
 V. D. Ruch—Eastern States Mission
 R. M. Russell—Flint-Port Huron District and Flint
 C. K. Saxton—Northern California District—San Joaquin Valley, Objective
 A. A. Scherer—Kansas City Stake
 H. M. Scott—Referred to First Presidency and Presiding Bishopric
 A. W. Sheehy—Flint-Port Huron District—Blue Water Branch, Objective
 Howard Sheehy—Seattle District and Seattle
 W. E. Simmons—Latin-American Mission
 H. J. Simons—Central Missouri Stake
 D. D. Smith—Minnesota and Red River Districts
 E. E. Smith—Columbus Ohio District and Columbus
 G. W. Smith—Idaho District

G. A. Smith—Center Stake of Zion—Stone Church
 Lynn E. Smith—Central Stakes
 V. C. Sorensen—French Oceania, Minister in charge
 G. F. Spencer—South and West Australia Districts
 A. E. Stoft—Center Stake of Zion and Central Missouri Stake
 J. C. Stuart—London District and London
 O. E. F. Stüve—Germany
 Taruiarii a Tauhiti (Horahitu) — French Oceania
 R. E. Taylor—Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington District
 E. A. Theys—Center Stake of Zion
 G. E. Tickemyer—Los Angeles Stake
 A. T. Trapp—Great Britain, Bishop
 L. S. Troyer—Western Montana and Northern Plains Districts and Wyoming
 R. V. Turner—Far West Stake
 A. D. Tyree—French Oceania
 L. W. Updike—Assistant to First Presidency, in charge of Priesthood and Leadership Education
 Alfred Urban—Germany
 H. I. Velt—Southern and South Central States Missions
 E. R. Vest—Hawaii District
 R. I. Wakeman—New Mexico and Arizona
 R. V. Webb—Spokane District, Spokane, Objective
 F. S. Weddle—Music, Radio, and Audio-Visual Departments
 C. E. Weldon—Latin-American Mission
 John L. Whipple—Direction of First Presidency
 J. G. Wight—St. Louis and Southern Missouri Districts
 W. E. Williams—Rich Hill District
 Victor Witte—Continental Europe, Supervisor
 L. W. Woodstock—Chicago District
 T. E. Worth—Midland-Southern England District
 J. H. Yager—Alabama District
 A. H. Yale—Tulsa District and Tulsa
 L. C. Zonker—Germany

Following the reading of the list of appointments, the appointee ministers

assembled on the platform, as did the superannuated ministers in attendance.

The chair invited all church workers in the congregation to arise and sing "It May Not Be on the Mountain's Height," led by Elder F. S. Weddle.

It was moved by Brethren Noble Gault and George McIntosh that the appointments be approved. The motion prevailed unanimously.

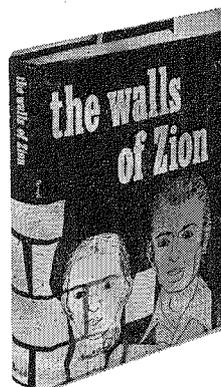
President Edwards stated that some department leaders had been omitted from the list. He read them, and on motion by Elders W. Wallace Smith and R. E. Davey, they were sustained. (See list of departments in list of assignments).

President Israel A. Smith made a statement of challenge regarding the ministry of the church.

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

It was moved by Apostles Paul M. Hanson and D. T. Williams that we adjourn to meet according to the previous action of the Conference with respect to the next General Conference. The motion prevailed, and President Israel A. Smith declared the General Conference of 1954 now adjourned. After the singing of "God Be with You till We Meet Again," Presiding Evangelist Elbert A. Smith pronounced the benediction. The Official Program and the *Daily Herald* constitute the record of the General Conference of 1954.

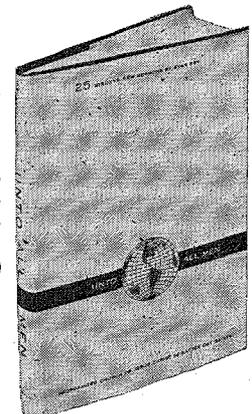
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