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Dear Dr. Ross:

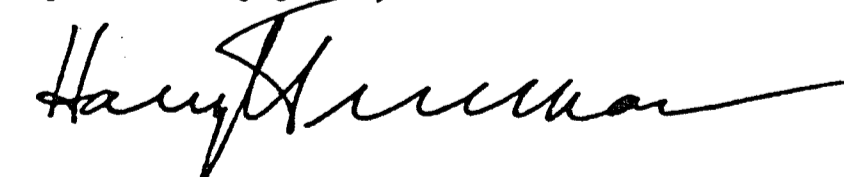
I am glad to give my whole-hearted endorsement to the observance of Christian Education Week, September thirtieth through October seventh. In these critical times, when many peoples have become victims of an enslaving totalitarian philosophy, and when many more are being threatened, I am sure that you could have chosen no more significant theme than "Teach Religion -- Make Men Free."

Religious education embodies the teaching of those ideals of human dignity and worth which are essential to the democratic way of life. It is of the utmost urgency that we demonstrate to bewildered peoples everywhere not only that we believe in brotherhood, as taught by Christ and the great prophets of the Old Testament, but that we put these beliefs into practice.

We must demonstrate our conviction that every man, no matter what his race or creed, has the best opportunity to make the most of his God-given talents in a democratic, religious society. We must put our religious teachings into practice and show, in our dealings with other nations, that we seek no material gains, but only a desire to reinforce the aspirations of all people to live in peace and freedom.

Not only will education in religious principles help us strengthen our way of life, but it will also give each of us courage and faith with which to face the dangerous days ahead and insight into ways we can best achieve permanent peace.

Very sincerely yours,



Rev. Dr. Roy G. Ross,
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National Council of the Churches of Christ
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The Bible is a picture book,
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A book of songs and verses,
Of lessons fine and true.

It teaches us of Jesus, too,
Our friend so true and kind.
It tells us of God's love and care
That all may freely find.

It has such wondrous secrets
Of how we, too, may be
In all ways kind and loving,
Like Jesus, don't you see?

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Conference President's Corner

EXPERIENCE WITH GOD

The spiritual fellowship evidenced in the lives of those who had lived ahead added keen inspiration and challenge to all who were touched by the welcomes and response as President Alton L. Wheeler directed the opening session of our General Conference at Alfred. The stage had been set to make us conscious that through our experiences with God, we may make His kingdom realized.

The more I think of the year ahead the more I am convinced we should try to make it a year of experiences with God.

My first meeting with the Commission, which came immediately after the closing session of Conference, as we took time to plan meetings ahead for Commission, revealed the spirit of our ministers, when Brother Lester G. Osborn said, "Let us plan our meeting time when it will not interfere with my Church program, for I owe my time to the full service of my Church." It is such devotion that will lead our people to plan a program for their Church which will lead all the people of their respective Church communities into rich experiences with God.

In my chosen profession we have attempted to teach all the children of all the people. May we be challenged with the thought that it is our business as a Church and a denomination to enrich the lives of everyone within the bounds of our own respective, local Church communities. How happy will be all the people of all the communities served by our denomination, if we lead them into new experiences with God.

May "Experience With God" be our slogan in every intimate detail of every Church program throughout the year.

May I here suggest a few activities that will cause Dr. Keith Davis' dream, "Our Churches Full," to come true.

First, plan experiences through the program of the Church that will activate the membership of all ages.

Second, do not hesitate to experiment to discover new ways to experiences with God.

Third, keep a record of the outstanding experiences in your Church. Such experiences inspire others.

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WE PRESS ON!

The Alfred Conference is history.

All Conferences are history-making in some form. The Alfred Conference became uniquely so when a roll call by delegates was taken on Recommendation 5 of the Commission's report. Doubtless the majority present had never participated in such a procedure at General Conference. As the roll call continued we became convinced that the Holy Spirit was moving in this phase of progress also. Although the interest in the Commission's proposal to employ a full-time secretary had been mounting during the early part of Conference, we had not fully sensed the impact of the mind of the delegates until the question and comment period of Friday afternoon, August 17, when it seemed that were this proposal to be turned down it would immeasurably deflate the spirit of Conference. There was evidence that the delegates were accepting a new personal and group responsibility as they answered to roll call.

Right here a word should be recorded in behalf of those who did not favor the proposal. Among them were pastors of mature mind, representatives of Churches whose previous consideration of the matter had not led to favorable support, officials of agencies whose programs are of far-reaching significance, and some whose earnest conviction was that the former denominational organization had not been sufficiently tried. These unquestionably were led of the Holy Spirit in expressing their attitudes and registering their votes as were those who voted in the affirmative. Their comments served to call attention to the fact that, coupled with the failure to fully use the former denominational organization, Conference was about to grant authority to the Commission that it had been unwilling to grant to the co-ordinating committee of the several agencies. In this regard, it is felt by some that the Commission is strategically in a better position to direct the work of an executive secretary than a co-ordinating committee made up solely of the Conference president and agency representatives.

Another chapter of Seventh Day Baptist

history is being written. As Dr. Alfred E. Whitford characteristically observed following the decisive roll call voice vote of 168 to 11 with 4 abstaining, "This is logically the next step in effective denominational reorganization. Frank J. Hubbard went to the Nortonville, Kan., Conference with the plan of a Seventh Day Baptist Commission. The Commission has proved itself. And now we have taken the next step."

Thus, we set our faces toward the future, seeking God's continued guidance and blessing. With fresh vision and renewed vigor, we press on!

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST SOLIDARITY

Prayer is the answer.

Anyone who observed closely the mood and method of Conference at Alfred would have readily said that a oneness of spirit and purpose was manifestly in evidence. Those who have been privileged to be close to developments are persuaded that prayer played a prominent part. That prayer was being made as a preparation for Conference was common knowledge and experience. That prayer was constantly in progress during Conference was evident day and night. That prayer for the highest and best interests of our share in the tasks of Christ's kingdom continues after Conference is of greatest importance and necessity.

From near and far, by letter and Church bulletin, comes the assurance of continuing prayer and of hopeful outlook. Thus, Seventh Day Baptist solidarity is becoming a reality.

SEPTEMBER 30 — A DECISIVE DAY

The date of September 30 has been set by the Commission as the time for the first planning meeting under the new reorganization plan.

This will be an all-day meeting to be held at the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J. Members of the Commission and representatives of denominational societies will gather to discuss plans for aggressive, co-ordinated work.

The selecting and securing of an executive
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RECENT VISITORS AT THE SABBATH RECORDER OFFICE

Luther S. Davis of Star Route, Bridgeton, N. J., brought Rev. and Mrs. Wardner T. Fitzrandolph to Plainfield recently to pick up some baggage which had been left here until after Conference at Alfred.

During their visit to Plainfield, Miss Evalois St. John, assistant librarian of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society, conducted them on an extended tour of the Historical Society rooms.

Also the Fitzrandolphs attended to a number of other matters including the ordering of a supply of Seventh Day Baptist literature and the payment of their Sabbath Recorder subscription in advance in that it is difficult to send money from Jamaica for such a purpose.

We are glad that the Fitzrandolphs came.

It was a privilege to see Mr. Davis again about the Denominational Building and the publishing house since formerly he was an active member of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society and of its Supervisory Committee.

We are always happy to have visitors at the Sabbath Recorder office.

CONFERENCE STATISTICS

According to the Credentials Committee report, there were 405 official delegates appointed by the Churches (which included six duplicates), 390 of which were known to be in attendance at the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, Alfred, N. Y., August 14-19. Further there were 53 Churches represented, 51 ministers and pastors in attendance, and a total of 753 registered at the headquarters' desk.

The Conference offering including that of the Pre-Conference Retreat and amounts reported by the Churches (in addition to the Sabbath morning offering) amounted to \$1,299.67. There were well over 800 persons in attendance at the Sabbath morning worship service held in Alumni Hall. Two hundred seventy-one partook of Communion at the service held earlier the same morning at the First Alfred Church.

PUBLISHING HOUSE REPORT

By L. Harrison North
Business Manager of the Publishing House

For the year ending June 30, 1951, the publishing house reports sales of \$159,394.53. Of these sales, 12.1% were denominational and 87.9% were commercial. Although the commercial sales carry approximately seven eighths of the overhead and produce profits which help carry on the religious work of the Tract Society, the main reason for having a publishing house is to publish and distribute the religious literature of Seventh Day Baptists. This it has done, is doing, and hopes to do in a larger measure next year and in the years that follow.

For several years denominational work has been billed at approximately 10% below cost. This amounted to about \$2,000 last year and reduced our net profit by the same amount. But we feel that as long as the Recorder Press is prosperous our own work should be given special consideration.

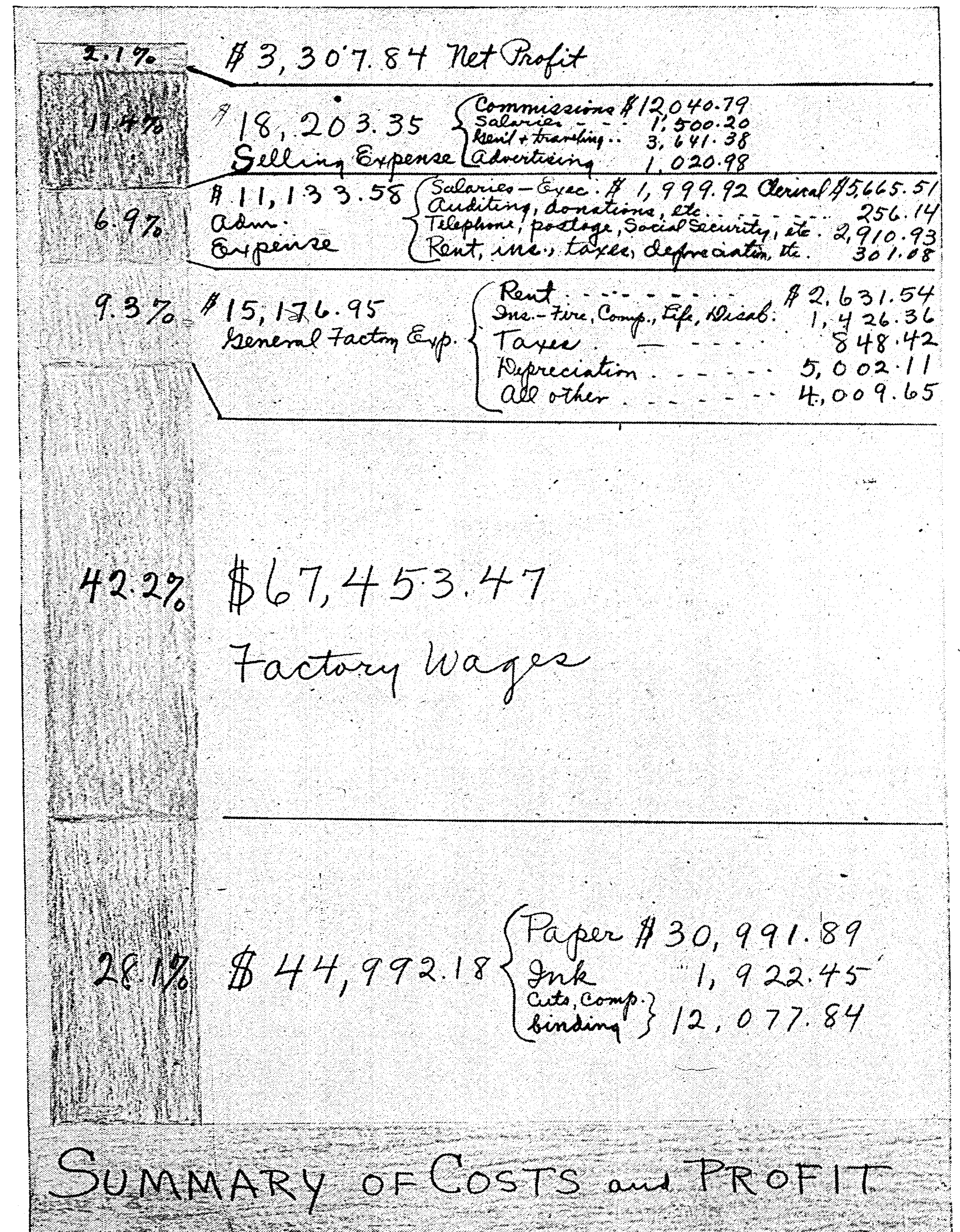
Since 1946 we have turned over to the Tract Society for its religious work \$11,000, at the rate of \$2,000 per year. Previous to that a little over \$19,000 was paid out of our profits or from the surplus in our maintenance fund.

Since 1925 the publishing house has produced over two million dollars' worth of printing, and has averaged \$3,406 net profit per year for this period. There have been eight years with losses (the so-called depression years), and nineteen years with profits. During this period the net worth has increased from about \$16,500 to over \$105,000, this in addition to the profits turned over to the Tract Society as noted above.

The accompanying charts show the items of cost necessary to produce nearly one hundred sixty thousand dollars of printing; also, a comparison of the items making up the resources and liabilities.

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tive secretary for the General Conference will be a leading item on the agenda.

September 30 will be a decisive day for Seventh Day Baptists. The interest and prayers of our people everywhere will center on Plainfield that day.



<p>Cash \$6,289.89 5.7%</p> <hr/> <p>Accts. Receivables \$25,555.68 23.3%</p> <hr/> <p>Inventories Paper stock, ink supplies Work in process \$26,711.45 24.3%</p> <hr/> <p>Prepaid Ins. etc \$2,622.02 2.4%</p> <hr/> <p>Plant - Orig. Cost \$104,245.77 less depr. 55,501.13 net book value \$48,744.64 44.3%</p>	<p>3.7% Current bills \$4,061.53</p> <hr/> <p>Earned Surplus \$30,862.15</p> <hr/> <p>Capital \$75,000.00</p> <p>68.2%</p> <hr/> <p>15.1% or 16,594.10 original Capital Balance earned</p>
RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
\$109,923.68	\$109,923.68

COMMISSION WRITES TO CHURCHES CONCERNING PASTOR'S SALARY

August 23, 1951.

To the Seventh Day Baptist Churches

Att.: Church Clerks

Dear Fellows in Christ:

With the economic picture changing almost daily, it occurred to the Commission that there may be some Churches in which the pastor might be in financial difficulty due to the increased cost of living which has accelerated at a rate faster than the raises in salary that he may have received from time to time.

It is felt that a few instances of financial stress which a pastor is called upon to meet might be pointed out at this time. We have prepared the following check-off list which points out some of the pastor's needs and are enclosing a copy of it as an aid to you in considering possible future advances in pay.

Respectfully,

THE COMMISSION.

Copies to: Pastor of Church and Church Treasurer.

THINK THESE TWELVE THROUGH

To aid you in computing a just salary for your pastor.

DO YOU CONSIDER THESE THINGS:

- | Yes | No | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. The fluctuating value of the dollar? e.g., A dollar today will buy just about 52c worth. A salary of \$1,500 ten years ago is about \$750 today in buying power. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Living expenses relative to the area in which the Church is located? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. The number of his dependents? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. The cost of education relative to the needs of his dependents? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. The use of his car in pastoral work — meeting appointments, funerals, calling, etc.? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Expenses incurred by him in connection with attendance at Conference, Association, Ministers' Conference, etc. — travel, lodging, food? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. Do you provide for pulpit supply in his absence? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. Do you take into account his extra expense in entertaining visiting ministers, missionaries, board representatives, evangelistic workers, or people just "stopping over" for a night or a weekend? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. Do you realize that his "work clothes" cost more than dungarees or "Levi's" — that he must be, in a sense, "dressed up" all the time at his work? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10. Do you know that his "tools" are books and magazines, and that they are costly? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 11. Do you recognize that he is "giving out" from week to week, and needs refresher courses occasionally to "fill the reservoir" and renew his spirit? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 12. Is his salary such that he can protect his investment in education by annuities or other means; and is it adequate to provide funds to insure him and his wife in their old age? |

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF THE SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

(As amended by the General Conference)

To the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference:

Your Commission would respectfully submit the following as its annual report for the year ending with this session of the General Conference:

Members of the Commission for this year were: E. Keith Davis, Denver, Colo.; Lester G. Osborn, Ashaway, R. I.; K. Duane Hurley, El Monte, Calif.; Elmo F. Randolph, Milton, Wis.; Alfred L. Davis, Rochester, N. Y.; Alton L. Wheeler, Battle Creek, Mich. Courtland V. Davis was secretary.

The Commission organized at the close of the Conference in Salem in August, 1950, electing Elmo F. Randolph as chairman. Meetings were held in Plainfield, N. J., March 29 to April 1, in Little Genesee, N. Y., August 7-12, and in Alfred, N. Y., August 13. Mr. Hurley was unable to attend the August meetings. Otherwise all members were able to attend most of the sessions of all meetings.

Alton L. Wheeler, president of the Conference, was directed to prepare the program for this session of Conference.

The official list of recognized ministers has been drawn up for publication in the 1951 Year Book and is now in the hands of the secretary for examination by anyone who may be interested.

The Auditing Committee of the Commission reports that the accounts of the treasurer of the Denominational Budget, the treasurer of the General Conference, and the treasurer of the Board of Trustees have been duly audited by competent auditors as directed by Conference.

A letter to pastors and churches urging complete participation in the Conference plans for building a Retirement Fund was drafted and sent to the churches in May. A committee is at work on further publicizing the permanent Fund for Ministerial Retirement as an important way of providing for the old age of our ministers and their wives.

The Commission has approved the plan of the Missionary Board for the solicitation of annuity gifts within the \$25,000 limit suggested by that board.

A letter to each church suggesting a review, in the light of current living costs, of the salary now being paid its pastor, and urging vigorous efforts to bring the salary up to its proper place, has been drawn up for early mailing.

An invitation to send delegates to the North American Lay Conference on the Christian and His Daily Work to be held in Buffalo, N. Y., February 21 to 24, 1952, has been referred to the Laymen's Fellowship of the Western Association with the request that the fellowship send delegates representing Seventh Day Baptists to that meeting.

Recommendations

The Commission recommends:

1. That the Conference recognize the Central African Conference of Seventh Day Baptists as a sister Conference and extend greetings and congratulations to them in this progressive movement, assuring them of our continued interest.

2. That the Committee on Nominations be instructed to nominate two laymen to represent Seventh Day Baptists on the Board of Managers of the General Department of United Church Men of the National Council, with the understanding that their participation will be largely by correspondence.

4. That the budget at end of this report be adopted as the Denominational Budget for the year beginning October 1, 1951.

5. That a full-time executive secretary be employed by Conference under the following conditions:

1. To be appointed by and responsible to the Commission, to work under its direction and to attend all its meetings.

2. To be appointed for an initial term of three years followed by annual appointment.

3. To have the following duties:

a. Provide administrative leadership in —

(1) Program planning.

(2) Activating the program through inter-agency co-ordination.

(3) Budget promotion.

b. Acquaint himself with the work of the various denominational agencies by attending their meetings and conferring with their officers.

c. Periodically call together representatives of the denominational agencies for more complete co-ordination of their activities.

d. Provide continuity of administration from year to year for changing Commission and Conference personnel.

e. Provide a continuing headquarters contact with the churches.

f. Perform such other duties as may specifically be assigned to him by Conference or Commission.

4. To be paid a salary to be decided upon by the Commission within the range of \$3,600 to \$4,200.

5. To have secretarial help not to exceed one thousand dollars.

6. To be allowed office and travel expenses not to exceed one thousand dollars.

7. To be employed as soon after October 1, 1951, as a suitable man can be secured.

5A. That, pending the appointment of such an executive secretary, the president of Conference shall be authorized to perform insofar as possible, with the advice and consent of the Commission, the activities listed under a, b, c, e, and f of section 3 of recommendation 5, and a part of the \$1,000 allocation to an executive secretary for expenses become available for this purpose.

6. That the Conference request the associations, at their annual meetings during the coming Conference year, to indicate their interest in the possibility of electing an associational representative to the Commission.

7. That, in the meantime, recalling that our present by-laws require that "the members of the Commission shall be as widely separated geographically as may be practicable," Conference suggest to the associations that the nearest member of the Commission be asked to present the denominational program at each association meeting.

8. That the Commission be asked by Conference to begin the unification of the denominational program by assuming at the outset the following functions:

1. Formulation of overall long-range policies.

2. Consultation with boards and agencies.

3. Individual members to be means of two-way communication between Conference and Commission on the one hand and associations and churches on the other.

4. Budget making and promotion.

5. The Commission continue the study of its functions and report to Conference at its next session.

The Commission feels that in addition to its recommendations, the following items which have been suggested from various sources should have, among others, further consideration as plans for denominational reorganization are developed:

Commission

Membership

One member elected by each association.

Conference president to be ex officio member of Commission.

Function

Formulation of overall long-range policies.

Consultation with boards and agencies.

Final authority in differences between boards and agencies.

Individual members to be means of two-way communication between Conference and Commission on the one hand and associations and churches on the other.

Budget making and promotion.

General Conference

Function

Spiritual inspiration.

Presentation of denominational program, completed, in progress, and proposed.

Election of officers and agencies.

Final decision on long-range overall policies.

Associations

Function

Training for Christian workers.

Dissemination of denominational inspiration and information.

Development of policies and ideas for the use of Commission and Conference.

Responsibility for regional growth and development.

Training in denominational polity and beliefs.

Ministers' Conference

Function

Spiritual inspiration.

Study of denominational polity and beliefs.

Professional advancement.

Background study of denominational program, completed, in progress, and proposed.

Boards and Agencies

Function

Responsibility in administration and execution of denominational program.

In Conclusion

The report of your Commission is presented with a deep sense of the magnitude and urgency of the challenge that is ours as a people. We have sought, and continue to seek, God's guiding spirit and wisdom in all deliberations and decisions.

May the blessings of God, our Father, rest upon the Kingdom work of Seventh Day Baptists in the present and the future.

Elmo F. Randolph,
Chairman.

Note: Recommendation 3, in regard to locating the Committee on Budget Promotion "in a local Church or area," was defeated.

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

DENVER, COLO.

AUGUST 19-24, 1952

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

By Courtland V. Davis
Corresponding Secretary,
Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

Seventh Day Baptist representation in National Council activities so far as is known to the corresponding secretary is listed below. It is apparently incomplete. Additions and corrections will be welcomed. Please send them to Courtland V. Davis, Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J.

Members of the General Assembly — Rev. Elmo F. Randolph, Mrs James L. Skaggs, George B. Utter, Rev. Ronald I. Hargis.

Division of Foreign Missions — George B. Utter, Rev. David S. Clarke, Mrs. Clarence E. Crandall, Mrs. Okey W. Davis.

Central Department of Publication and Distribution — Rev. Hurley S. Warren.

Joint Department of Evangelism — Eugene T. Van Horn, Rev. Charles H. Bond, Rev. David S. Clarke.

General Department of United Church Men — Charles F. Harris, LeRoy DeLand.

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Fourth, talk about your experiences at prayer meetings, Communion services, and in conference with friends and acquaintances.

Fifth, make new acquaintances.

Sixth, let us emphasize Bible study in all our Churches. It is always comforting to have Bible quotations in store for the emergencies of life.

By the co-ordination of the total energy of all our boards, agencies, auxiliaries, and Churches toward a united purpose, I am confident God will lead us into the realization of the richest denominational experience of our history.

Pray for your Conference president as he enters new fields of experience with God. How pleased he will be to hear from individuals or Churches as the activities of the year progress!

O. B. Bond,
Conference President.

Salem, W. Va.

CAUSE FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

Before you read these lines the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference will be a matter of history. Reports of the various boards and societies, of Conference itself, and of the Churches will have been read, studied, and discussed. Statistics will have been compiled and announced. We shall know whether, and how much, our denomination may have grown numerically. Let us hope that there has been a gratifying increase in numbers, but more, that there has been spiritual attainment, which we are well aware cannot be estimated by any man-made standards.

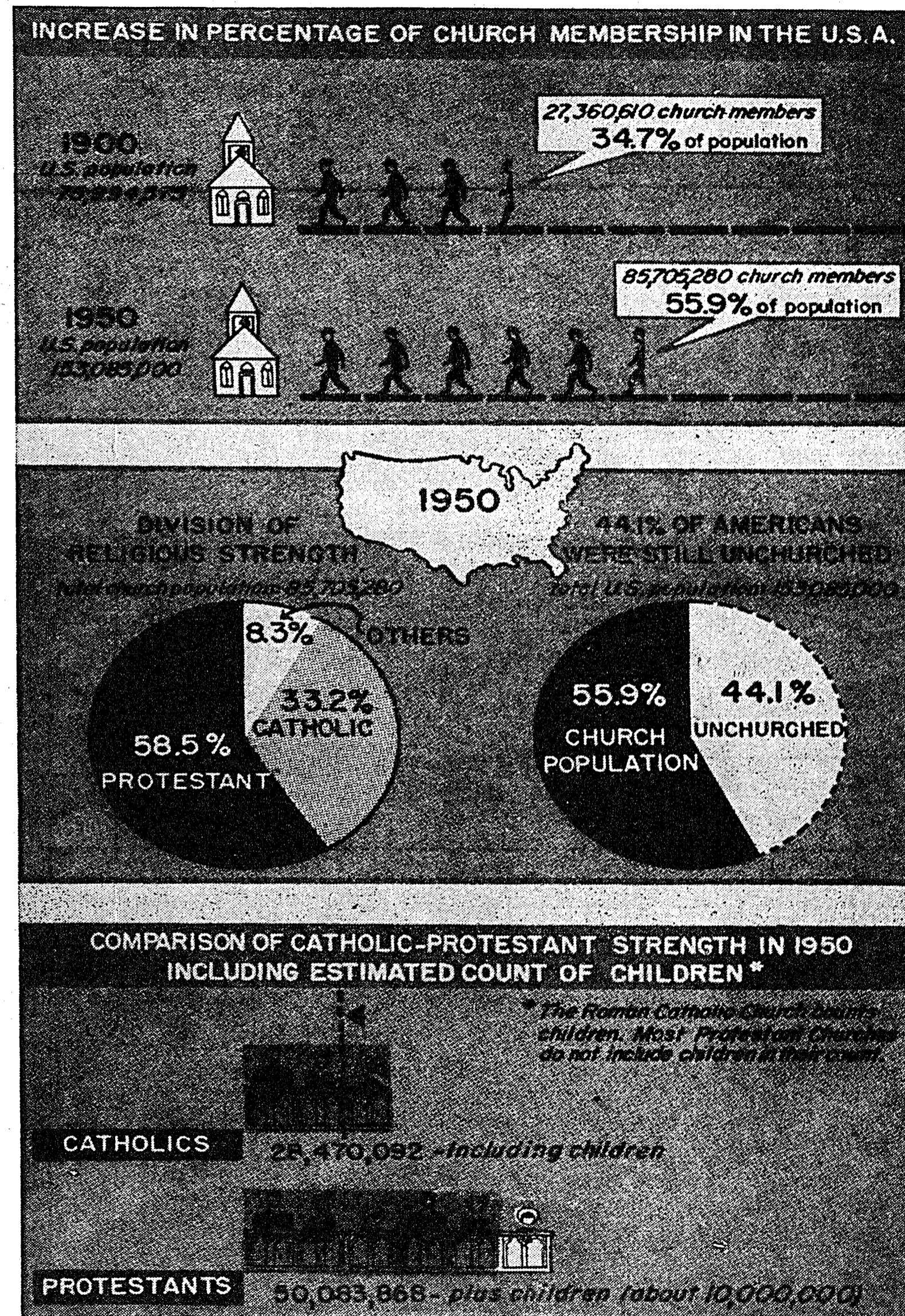
According to Christian Herald's Annual Report on Church Membership in the U. S. A., "State of the Church," in the August number of that estimable magazine, "Churches of all faiths in continental United States reported a total net gain of 2,950,987, bringing the membership grand total to 85,705,280 — an unparalleled 55.9 per cent of the entire stateside U. S. population."

The report states that "While the population was increasing 1.67 per cent, Church membership chalked up a 3.56 per cent growth."

An interesting paragraph reads as follows: "Such is the overall picture — one that Churches may contemplate with quiet satisfaction while not letting it go to their heads. There was no spectacular turning to religion, no spiritual upheaval. Religion fought for every foot of gain; there were no easy, sweeping advances. But there was a continuation of the even growth that has marked religion in America for the last fifty years. It was the individual Church, pastor, and layworker doing a faithful job who would seem to deserve the credit. That is the story from this half-century vantage point."

Organized religious bodies in America claimed 34.7 per cent of the population 50 years ago. At this time there are on the Church rolls 55.9 per cent of our people. If proportionate gains are maintained for the next 50 years it is estimated that "by the end of the present century three fourths of the population will be in the religious camp."

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Charts by Ida Scheib. Courtesy Christian Herald Association.

CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM

Crusade for Freedom is an organization of the American people, founded in 1950 under the chairmanship of General Lucius D. Clay. It has as its corporate members the outstanding and distinguished leaders in all fields, including religion, labor, industry, agriculture, education, law, and women's organizations.

The basic principle underlying all its work is the unalterable belief that no nation has the moral right to hold other nations in serfdom and slavery; that all men everywhere have a God-given right to personal freedom and human dignity.

Crusade for Freedom believes that permanent world peace and freedom for all nations cannot be won on battlefields alone. It believes that final victory will come only when the captive peoples of the world learn the meaning of democracy; when they rise up themselves against their oppressors.

It is for these reasons Crusade for Freedom sponsors Radio Free Europe, its principal weapon to win for a democratic world the souls, minds, and loyalties of the unfortunate people in the satellite slave nations of Soviet Russia.

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To quote further: "Comparing the membership of the major faiths with the country's population as a whole, it is roughly accurate to say that in 1950, 1 out of 3 persons (actually 32.7 per cent) in the United States was a Protestant; 1 out of 5 (18.6 per cent) was a Catholic; and 1 out of 20 (4.6 per cent) was Jewish or a member of some other non-Protestant fellowship."

The article mentioned above, from which information has been gleaned and extensive quotations made, is well worth your reading for further detailed and interesting information.

Seventh Day Baptists, though far from being one of the major denominations, have their proportionate responsibility. It could well be that there might be even a higher percentage of gain than that reported for the whole. Under God it all depends upon your Church, your pastor, and YOU.

H. R. C.

Crusade for Freedom Has Two 1951 Objectives

It is important to all human beings to know that someone really cares about them. To the downtrodden people in the Iron Curtain countries, it is particularly vital that they know that in the free world there are millions who are concerned with their spiritual and material needs. Crusade for Freedom asks as its first objective that more than twenty-five million Americans sponsor the basic principle of freedom for all nations and freedom for all men.

There is a second objective: Crusade for Freedom in 1951 needs at least \$3,500,000 from its sponsors, the American people. This amount is needed to continue to operate and expand the facilities of Radio Free Europe. Only as this powerful means of communication reaches effectively behind the Iron Curtain can the captive peoples know of our concern.

Radio Free Europe Is America's Answer

In the satellite states the Kremlin is trying desperately to crush all freedom of thought and communication. There is no free press. All radio broadcasting is controlled from Moscow. Day and night, the lies of atheistic Communism pound at the ears of the listeners. It is little wonder that the oppressed people in Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Poland, Rumania, Hungary, and Albania have begun to doubt there is freedom any place in the world.

Radio Free Europe is America's answer. This independent organization began in a small way on July 4, 1950, with a single short-wave station located in the Frankfurt area of Western Germany. Its schedule includes programs to all six of the captive countries mentioned above. Its purpose is to bring messages of truth to the prisoner peoples — not messages about America by Americans, but broadcasts by exiled leaders to their own people; not propaganda, but truth delivered by patriots whom the people know well and believe.

Now, Radio Free Europe has a second station in Western Germany, the most powerful transmitter in Europe!

Because America cared in 1950 sixteen million men, women, and children contributed \$1,317,000 to the Crusade for Freedom. Their contributions made pos-

sible the new Munich station of Radio Free Europe.

The full support of twenty-five million Americans in 1951 will make possible two more powerful stations to combat the lies of totalitarian propaganda.

The Munich station broadcasts 11½ hours every day, exclusively to Czechoslovakia, as this country is a particularly vulnerable spot in the Soviet sphere. Radio Free Europe, counting on the generosity of American citizens in the campaign this fall, is going ahead with plans to erect powerful transmitters of the Munich type for at least two additional satellite countries, transmitters that will fight atheistic Communism with the hope-inspiring messages of truth.

Distinct from Voice of America

Unlike Radio Free Europe, the Voice of America is a government agency, directed by the State Department, and expresses the policies of the United States Government. Generally speaking, the Voice "projects America abroad." It tells the people of the world about the American way of life, and explains our country's thinking on world affairs. The Voice also combats Communism with its truthful presentation of the news in sharp contrast to Communist lies and distortions. Radio Free Europe deals in large measure with what is going on in the target countries, telling the people the truth about the puppet governments and serving as the free press which their dictators deny them. It is, in effect, a "home service from abroad."

Radio Free Europe support comes voluntarily from public-spirited Americans. It is independent, aggressive, and hard-hitting. Through satire, ridicule, and exposure, Radio Free Europe sows disintegration and confusion among the Communist intruders and their puppets. It identifies quislings and informers by name. It reports on disappeared persons. It sends messages from escapees. It keeps alive the beloved folk music, religion, literature, and history of the prisoner peoples — all banned by the Communists.

All programs are broadcast, and almost all are written, by exiled citizens from the Iron Curtain lands, who speak to their own countrymen in their own language.

The Future for Radio Free Europe

The war for men's souls is far from won. More freedom-stations are needed to help overcome the enormous propaganda might of the Soviet dictatorship. When present plans materialize, Radio Free Europe will be expanded into a "freedom network," with individual transmitters for each of the Iron Curtain countries. It is to achieve this goal that General Clay asks the American people to take part in this second Crusade for Freedom campaign.

This Is What You Can Do Now

Show the Crusade for Freedom moving picture. The picture is a dramatic presentation of the work and aims of the Crusade for Freedom and Radio Free Europe.

It is a 16-mm. black and white picture with sound. The running time is 10 minutes.

Order without rental charge a print, for the date on which you will show the picture, from William D. Hocker, Director of Film Division, Crusade for Freedom, 308 Empire State Bldg., N. Y. 1, N. Y.

Please place your order immediately as our supply of prints is limited.

You will receive a confirmation of your order. Return your print promptly to the above address.

Inform people about the Crusade for Freedom by sermons, announcements, your Church bulletin, talks to Church organizations, and talks at service clubs.

Ask your people to serve as they are requested by your community committee. — Facts Folder.

NEWS FROM JAMAICA

The school roof is nearly all replaced now. The men went home at noon to prepare for another hurricane this afternoon which hasn't come yet at 4:30, and I hear it has turned south. We have put things away, fastened windows, and covered ventilation openings in much greater preparation than we made before. We'll be just as well pleased if it misses us this time.

N. D. M.

September 4, 1951.

Children's Page

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am ten years old and will be in the fifth grade when school starts. Last year I got "A's" on my report card. I hope I will this year.

I go to the Richburg Seventh Day Baptist Church nearly every Sabbath. I help take up the collection.

Pastor Nida and my mother help each other in teaching my class.

I live on a farm near Shinglehouse. This summer I learned to drive the tractor. I drove it while the men were loading hay.

We have two horses and about eighty sheep. Sometime I would like to have a riding horse, but just now I am saving money to buy a bicycle. My dad gives me \$3.50 a week for helping him.

Your friend,
Denver Duke Drake.

Shinglehouse, Pa.

Dear Denver Duke:

I don't know which name you are called by so I am using both. I was ever so pleased to receive your good letter.

I feel sure you will win "A's" on your report card this coming year. Our school begins September 4. Does yours? To win "A's" means doing your best and I'm thinking you are that kind of a boy.

I lived on a farm most of the time until I was fifteen and loved it for they were very happy years. Following is part of some verses I have composed about my life on the farm:

Oh, as I view the landscape,
Its beauty and its charm,
I thank God for twelve happy years
My home was on the farm.

I think you must be very skillful to be able to run a tractor at your age. I'm sure you will be careful. One of our neighbor boys was badly hurt because he was not careful enough.

Yours with love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

You ask so many times for more letters, and I recently passed my third birthday (some say there should be a seven before the three), so I decided to write again.

I was born on a farm and liked so much to watch the young animals: colts, calves, pigs, and chickens, to say nothing of puppies and kittens. But I think boys and girls are the most interesting young things.

The other day I was in the home of Pastor Dickinson and there was the sweetest girl, perhaps six months old, and she laughed right in my face when I talked to her.

Baby crowing on your knee
While you sing some little ditty;
Pulls your hair or thumbs your eye,
Would you think it was not pretty?
Tell me, could you, tell me, could you?
If you owned the baby, would you?

Wife with arm around your neck
Says you look just like the baby,
Wants some cash to make a "spec"
And you would refuse her maybe?
Could you, should you, could you, should you,
If you owned the woman, would you?

Little cot and little care,
Children playing round the door,
Would you murmur at your lot?
Would you still ask for more?
Tell me should you, tell me, should you?
If you owned the cottage, would you?

That is what I sang for the parents' benefit but I don't know how to send you the tune.

Your friend,
Lyle Maxson.

Dear Mr. Maxson:

Thanks for the letter and poem. There is no room to write more.

Sincerely,
Mizpah S. Greene.

BEER AND THE SOLDIER

The soldier who abstains altogether is the best man. He can accomplish more, can march better, and is a better soldier than the man who drinks even moderately. Mentally and physically he is better. Brandy is the worst poison of all. Next to it comes beer. Each limits the capacity and lowers mind, body, and soul. — Count von Haesler, Commander, German 16th Army Corps in World War I.—Clipsheet.

OUR SERVICEMEN Where They Are

(The Church should keep in touch with those who have entered the armed services and alternate services of our country. As an aid in carrying out this privilege, the Sabbath Recorder will publish from time to time the names and most recent addresses of our servicemen. Please keep us informed. Correct information is most essential.)

Marlboro, N. J.

Cpl. Herbert M. Ayars, 13266967
515th AAA, Ord. Maint. Det.,
Aberdeen P. G., Md.

Dodge Center, Minn.

Pfc Ronald H. Daggett, AF17290643
1969th AACCS Sq.,
APO 125, c-o Postmaster,
New York, N. Y.

White Cloud, Mich.

Pfc Marvin D. Cruzan, AF16165823
CPO Hq., 3rd AF
APO 125, c-o Postmaster,
New York, N. Y.

FITZRANDOLPHS TO SAIL ON 38th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Recently during a visit of Rev. and Mrs. Wardner T. Fitzrandolph to the Sabbath Recorder office it was learned that they, accompanied by their son, Ronald, will be sailing from Miami, Fla., for Kingston, Jamaica, on September 17, which is their 38th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Emily B. Knowles, secretary to Rev. Harold R. Crandall, acting corresponding secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, has informed us that the Fitzrandolphs will be sailing on the SS Nuevo Dominicano.

Although this copy of the Sabbath Recorder will not reach some of the readers in time for them to participate, it is proposed that all who would like to do so send greetings to Rev. and Mrs. Wardner T. Fitzrandolph and son, Ronald, c-o SS Nuevo Dominicano, Flota Mercante del Estado Dominicano, Miami, Fla., on the occasion of their 38th wedding anniversary and their return to the Jamaica Mission Field.

ANNUAL MEETING AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY

The annual meeting of the members of the American Sabbath Tract Society of New Jersey, for the election of officers and trustees and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before them, will be held in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday, September 16, 1951, at two o'clock.

Franklin A. Langworthy,
President,
Frederik J. Bakker,
Recording Secretary.

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DANNY SAUNDERS IMPROVING

Most recent word from North Loup, Neb., indicates that Danny Saunders, young son of Rev. and Mrs. Francis D. Saunders, who was stricken with polio at home during Conference, "will make a complete recovery in time."

On August 27, another case developed which was promptly taken to the hospital at Omaha, Neb. Families and medical authorities are on the alert and it is hoped that no other cases will develop.

We rejoice with Pastor and Mrs. Saunders that the prospect is bright for Danny's recovery. Our thoughts and our prayers are with them during the weeks ahead. May God graciously bless and keep them.

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

(Recommended by Commission and adopted by General Conference at Alfred, N. Y., August 14-19, 1951, for the fiscal year October 1, 1951, to September 30, 1952.)

Missionary Society:		
Toward a budget of \$31,493.00		
Foreign Missions	\$8,500.00	
Home Missions	4,000.00	
Administration	2,000.00	
Debt	500.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 15,000.00
Tract Society:		
Toward a budget of \$21,450.00		
Sabbath Recorder	\$3,700.00	
Administration	1,200.00	
Literature, visual aids, and radio programs	1,500.00	
Light and janitor	150.00	
	<u> </u>	6,550.00
Board of Christian Education:		
Toward a budget of \$9,250.00		
School of Theology	\$3,000.00	
Administration	3,758.00	
Publications	925.00	
Young people	350.00	
National Council	150.00	
Retirement	600.00	
Miscellaneous	67.00	
	<u> </u>	8,850.00
Women's Society		200.00
No budget presented		
Historical Society		1,200.00
Toward a budget of \$4,318.00		
Ministerial Retirement		3,300.00
Toward a budget of \$8,200.00		
Seventh Day Baptist Building		1,375.00
Toward a budget of \$2,767.87		
World Fellowship and Service:		
Toward a budget of \$275.00		
World Council of Churches	\$ 100.00	
National Council of Churches	100.00	
Baptist Committee on Public Relations	25.00	
Commission on Chaplains	50.00	
	<u> </u>	275.00
General Conference:		
Toward a budget of \$7,075.00		
Expenses of officers	\$ 775.00	
Expenses of Commission	1,200.00	
Year Book	675.00	
Executive secretary, salary (6 months)	2,100.00	
Executive secretary, expenses (6 months)	1,000.00	
Budget promotion	400.00	
Vocational Committee	100.00	
Printing and stationery	200.00	
Contingent Fund	625.00	
	<u> </u>	7,075.00
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		\$ 43,825.00

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Some Members of the
SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST
COMMISSION



Courtesy Evening Tribune, Hornell, N. Y.

Left to right: Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, pastor of the Battle Creek, Mich., Church and retiring Conference president; Dr. E. Keith Davis, Denver, Colo.; O. B. Bond, Salem, W. Va., new Conference president; Rev. Lester G. Osborn, pastor of the First Hopkinton Church, Ashaway, R. I.; Alfred L. Davis, Rochester, N. Y.

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY.