World Vision Relief

The World Vision Relief Organization, a separately incorporated division of World Vision International, channels an average of three million dollars worth of food, medicine and supplies yearly to many countries and is on standby to respond to disaster anywhere in the free world. Dr. Donald E. Warner is the new director of the World Vision Relief Organization.

Perennial Hypocrites

James Flamming, pastor of a Baptist church in Abilene, Texas, addressing the second annual Baptist-Catholic Regional Conference confessed some sins of church people, which may be like some that we ought to confess to God and do something about. He put it this way for both Protestants and Catholics:

"Preaching more than we practice, more often reflecting the culture rather than the person and work of Christ, and getting so bogged down in traditions and mechanisms that we lose the joy of the gospel."

The church, he added, often suggests more mercy than we are prone to mete out; it stresses more urgency than our daily habits allow; it declares more love than we practice; it preaches more forgiveness than we in reality forgive; and it declares more dedication than our weekly schedules permit.

"We are, in fact, perennial hypocrites," he confessed.

Flamming argued that facing these problems should not cause church members to quit their churches, but rather should challenge them to give of themselves in seeking solutions.

Americanism as a Religion

In early November a group of twenty-nine Jewish and Christian theologians and sociologists met at Wake Forest, N. C., to discuss such questions as whether Americanism is the predominant religion of this country. Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, one of the leaders of the conference fears that the present stress on evangelism in Key '73 may further entrench evangelical Christianity as a religious establishment and endanger relations between Protestants and Jews.

On the other side Elwin A. Smith, provost of Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Fla., charged that religion in the United States "has lost prophetic moral concern and degenerated into piety and moralism." He said piety is "in" and morality is "out" for Protestant America.

He contrasted "piety," which he said consists of acts and attributions of a religious type that enjoy wide public acceptance, to "morality," which he defined as an understanding of right and wrong to which all persons, irrespective of wealth, learning or public position are subject.

Beware of substitutes: Jehovah's Witnesses will soon release The Bible in Living English, which is in no way related to the enormously popular Living Bible. The similarity of titles is unfortunate and confusing, if not deliberate.

—Tyndale House

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for December 30, 1972

THE RESHAPING OF LIFE

Lesson Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1-11.

Launching Key '73 with the New Year

The first big impact of Key '73 comes the first week of the year with community and local church planning meetings scheduled. It is the greatest cooperative evangelistic effort ever launched to call a whole continent to Christ. It is not a program of great revival meetings in which the Christians are spectators; its success depends on lay involvement in Scripture distribution and witnessing. The above picture shows Dr. Carl Henry, principal originator of Key '73, inviting all of us to help call our continent to Christ. Seventh Day Baptists leadership is deeply involved in the planning. Let us all do our part where we are!
**Meeting the Greatest Need**

Christmas is past, but the benefits of the coming of Christ cannot be confined to the season of the Mes­siah's birthday. An expression of this came recently with some publicity sent out by the New York Bible Society on the flap of a contribution envelope. The wording was as follows, "The world's greatest need is met by God's greatest gift."

The essence of Christian theology and the Christian mission is beautifully stated in these few words. We have not always felt the greatness and urgency of the world's need. God felt it. He felt it because of His superior knowledge, His omniscience. The closer we are to God the more clearly we will see the world as He sees it. Scientists and philosophers who have caught up with conformity to the world quite naturally do not see the contrast between what is and what ought to be. Their view of sin is not God's view of sin. God saw the need, the sin of the world.

The world's greatest need can be met. Man has not the power, nor the love, nor the power to meet the greatest need; he specializes in creating and meeting lesser needs. God nearly twenty centuries ago met the real need, not with programs or a good advice, but with a gift, His only begotten Son. He had the love and the power to meet the need of sinful man with an offer of salvation through the sacrifice of His Son.

At one time in the year we lay stress on the incarnation, the manner by which God identified Himself with His creatures. When the Nativity celebration is over we have remembered again that Christ came as the virgin-born Son of God, not to receive the adoration of the angels, but in the season of the Messiah's birth, some of the believers' Bible, God made it all and He made man in His image. If He had not, there would be no astronauts walking on the moon, telling the story of the laws of God and unlocking more of the secrets of God's universe.

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Resolutions
Of NCC General Assembly
The ninth and last meeting of the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches at Dallas in early December wrestled with restructure and made progress in determining its course for the future. The General Board and the General Assembly endorsed some policy statements and adopted sixteen resolutions on a wide variety of subjects relating to national, international and church problems. Copies of the resolutions have been supplied to denominational journals such as this one.

Seven of the sixteen resolutions were related to the Vietnam war in one way or another, a number of them being critical of our government’s actions and policies in Indochina. Other covered a wide range of concerns from Middle East Christians, racial tensions in South Africa and the U. S., human rights, children’s rights, and drug traffic on the West Coast. There were resolutions concerning industrialized lands of Indochina and the entire Indochina area — over the past eight years - less than the cost of a single B-52 bomber.

And noting that almost 92 percent of this aid has gone to the people of Indochina controlled by governments allied to the United States, while only 8 percent has been available for the areas of Indochina which have been bombed most heavily;

The Ninth General Assembly of the National Council of Churches requests that member churches correct this imbalance, both under existing conditions and under conditions of a peace agreement or armistice. To this end, the Assembly recommends to its member churches and to Church World Service the speedy provision of substantial funds for the reconstruction and refurbishing of war-destructed clinics, hospitals, and other facilities in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and other “enemy” controlled areas of Indochina in accordance with the needs indicated by the Red Cross societies and other indigenous leaders of the respective countries. The World Council of Churches Emergency Appeal for shipment of medical supplies to North Vietnam and the more long-term World Council of Churches Fund for Reconciliation and Reconstruction in Indochina should be considered as major channels for such initiatives.

NCC Officers Elected
The General Assembly of the National Council of Churches elected and installed the Rev. W. Sterling Cary, United Church of Christ official as president for the next three years to replace Dr. Cynthia C. Wedel, who was given the Russell College Distinguished Service award “in recognition of her devoted ecumenical leadership.” Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy, American Baptist, had announced that he wished to retire from the post of general secretary at the end of 1973 and it was expected that he would have had time to complete his work by this meeting. He was, however, re-elected. He stated to the General Assembly and new Governing Board: “The revised structure of the Council which you have adopted eliminates much of the structure in ecumenical cooperation between the NCC and its member communities.”

Bible Society Support
Seven Day Baptists have long given major support to the American Bible Society. They have frequently expressed strong approval of the aims of the society and the efforts to reach larger Bible translation and distribution goals.

Furthermore, Seven Day Baptist churches and mission stations have received untold benefits from discounts and grants. As the American Bible Society serves the needs of all it serves our needs. If we were to figure out a balance of payments as our country does with other countries certain that we would find that we have, over the years, received far more than we have given. In other words, we are on the receiving end of the missionary work of the Society more than on the sending end.

Let it be said that in recent years Seventh Day Baptist support of the American Bible Society has increased substantially and that increase has been deeply appreciated by the Promotions Division even though the amount is small in relation to the total budget and in percentage relation to our own benevolence budget.

Recently the Bible Society sent out to denominational representatives a report of denominational support through the third quarter of 1972. A later report will show what our people have done during the third quarter of the year. It is normally more emphasis on giving to this cause. It should be remembered that our Conference does not vote money to the Bible Society but encourages church members to make designated gifts, preferably through the church treasury for accuracy in crediting.

The amount credited to Seventh Day Baptists during the July-September quarter is $80. It is not much, but twice as much as during the same quarter in 1971. The total amount from January through September was $290.55, again somewhat higher than during the same months of 1971. The total for twelve months (including the fourth quarter of 1971) was $1,272.51, a good increase over 1970.

The Bible Society has a constantly expanding program of which much must be met by individuals in the churches that see that need. A few denominations increased their interest in and contributions to the American Bible Society in 1971 as ours did. There were forty denominations that gave less in 1971 than in 1970, supposedly because they had set higher priorities on some denominational projects. There was an overall decrease of $167,000 in denominational giving through the total of such giving was $1,246,190. This makes up only a portion of the total budgets from all sources.

The work of the Bible Society deserves a high priority in the giving of ecumenically-minded people, for it is foundational to the whole Christian cause. No denomination can publish and distribute Bibles to all the world or meet the need for Scriptures in emergency situations. There is concern lest we as a people fall short this year of the support that we can’t afford not to give to this work.

L. M. Malby, SDB representative on the ABS Advisory Committee

SABBATH Recorder NEWS
There are good things to come in the special and regular issues of the Sabbath Recorder in the early part of the new year.

The next issue (January 6) will be filled with missionary articles. It is the annual first-of-the-month emphasis issue featuring the work of the Missionary Society.

The January 20 issue, already well planned, is a vocational number prepared at the request of General Conference by the Vocational Committee of the Board of Christian Education.

The February special issue designed for outside distribution, edited this time by Henry F. Saunders, bids fair to be a very attractively designed number with good articles under the theme “Joy Is Like the Rain.” This should be ordered in quantities sufficiently so that no one will be disappointed.

Again for the third year, the third Sabbath of February will be observed throughout our Conference as Sabbath Recorder Day. Suggestions are being prepared. The Recorder for February 17 will feature Recorder promotion.

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MAIL-ORDER BUSINESS

There are some close parallels between the big mail-order business and the work of the American Sabbath Tract Society. A newspaper article points out that economic forecasters have been predicting the doom of the mail-order business, and that it has grown in spite of the general availability of goods and the emergence of huge supermarkets and discount chains. The article states that the mail-order catalog business remains America's all-time best seller with 75 million distributed this year by three main companies. Sales for 1972 are expected to reach $4.5 billion as compared with $1.5 billion in 1957.

Christian leaders in some quarters have been predicting the doom of tract ministries for about fifty years. Never have so many tracts been published and distributed as at the present time. If our own Tract Society and the people it serves still cling to the idea that tracts have lost their effectiveness, it may be because they would be behind and would miss the opportunity of having a major part in a growing ministry.

The mail-order industry has succeeded because of its pioneering in the area of consumerism. In other words, they have studied the market and gave money-back guarantees if the buyer was not completely satisfied. They updated their methods to match consumer desires. Much the same is true in the tract publication and promotion. Tracts must carry a message in an attractive form that meets people's religious needs. It is not quite the same as sales promotion, but there are similarities.

Another interesting comparison shows up. Although called mail-order houses today, they do not send the mail for orders; they depend on the telephone. About 70 percent of all catalog orders are telephoned by the customer. An up-to-date Tract Society deals with other types of communication. It, too, expedites orders by telephone. (Recently our office received a telephone order for nearly 6,000 tracts from Los Angeles.) The Tract Society quite logically expands its services to include audiovisual presentations, radio work, tape ministries, and other ways of encouraging people to order the printed material available. They must spend their money — like the mail-order houses — where it will produce the greatest results at the least cost. This may mean providing equipment in foreign countries where people of like faith can produce our tracts in their own language.

There is a great future for tract distribution. The other means of communication do not threaten the printed page. In fact, every successful religious broadcast or television program has to develop a publication to follow it up — and to keep up the support. Far more converts are made through the printed follow-up than through the spoken word, we are told.

Leon M. Maltby,
Corresponding Secretary,
American Sabbath Tract Society

MEMORY TEXT
“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. . . . Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift” (2 Corinthians 8:9; 9:15).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. David S. Clarke

Outdoor Education Among Seventh Day Baptists

The Christian education program that occurs outside buildings and in “camp” settings is rapidly in numbers of persons involved as well as quality and variety. Seventh Day Baptist have made significant strides in outdoor Christian education. There is an outstanding testimonial effect on our evangelism and service.

Almost 100 more days in camping and 100 more staff members were involved in the 1,031 campers of 1972 summer as compared to 1971. That 1,031 campers group is 122 more than 1971’s aggregate.

Reports of camp programs show a wide variety in experiences in the temporary communities established by camp leaders. Biblical studies, worship, outdoor cooking and hiking, camping, and other “usual” camp activities have widely different formats in different camps.

Skill-learning camps have trained many older campers at Camp Wokonda under the guidance of Elder Earl Cruzan and others. Short retreats are being scheduled repeatedly in many camps, although summer-oriented buildings are the usual camp shelter. Winterizing of part of the buildings has been done in some Seventh Day Baptist camps, while in others it is in process. At present, nine of these three-day retreats have been included in statistics, but an equal number have probably been held in summer or winter but not reported.

Family camps in Pacific Coast and Allegheny Associations have been reported as very joyful and creative experiences. Camp facilities are being used more than ever for family-oriented Christian retreats. For instance, the North Loup church conducted a series of camp retreats in which different age and interest groups considered their relations through the church. Besides Pastor Victor Skaggs, Debbie Barber of SCSC and Light Bearers conducted these short camp experiences.

Music and witnessing training were significant in Camp Miles this year where Evangelist Myron Soper and the Light Bearers helped staff the Southwestern Association camp. SCSC members Gary Hemminger and Margaret Pederson also assisted Director Ken Van Horn and helpers at the camp held in a state park in northern Louisiana.

Half the seniors at Harley Sutton chose to go blindfolded all of one day, and the other half chose to go speechless the following day. These were faith-creating experiences about community building and personal creativity and compassion were reported. The group also spent Sabbath afternoon worshiping and visiting with the aging in a nearby nursing home. Originally a worship and visitation had been planned for the county jail, but flood conditions changed those plans.

If you have a camping program to report, the new Camp Program Committee of the Board of Christian Education urges you to share it with them so they can add it to their resources for sharing. A “sharing tool” suggesting areas of available special interest was distributed at Conference. Copies are available from the board, Robert Stohr, Richburg, N. Y., 14774, or chairman of Camp Program for 1973.

If you wish assistance in camp programming (personal or literature or organization-references) please write to the board.

SBC STILL GROWING

Which is the largest Protestant denomination in the United States? If someone should ask, it is the Southern Baptist Convention which has been spoken of in recent years as having a membership of over 11,000,000. If projections proved accurate the Convention ended 1972 slightly over 12 million members. The growth was largely from an all-time high of baptisms, estimated at 452,673 for the year. Total financial receipts were expected to reach the one billion dollar mark. Training Union, Woman’s Missionary Union and Brotherhood declined somewhat in enrollment, but Sunday School increased for the first time in several years to something over 7 million.

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Jeremiah had been in a dungeon for several days, when he was sent for by King Zedekiah. The king questioned, "Is there any word from the Lord?" Jeremiah responded, "There is." It was not a good word, for King Zedekiah was to fall into the hands of the king of Babylon. In the course of time his sons were killed before his very eyes. Before long those same eyes were plucked out, and he, King Zedekiah, was put in fetters.

I trust that you have come to church today in search of a word from the Lord. I believe there is a word, and I am sorry I am not a better representative, a better spokesman to give it. Maybe the Word of the Lord was precious because it was rare, which would be in keeping with the "law of supply and demand." Today the Word is rare and precious. What of the famine of the Word of God, and it could be that we have entered upon it. Bibles abound; sermons are preached; but men are hungry. Verse 3 of our Scripture reading speaks of the lamp of the Lord as not having gone out. What of the lamp of the Lord alight? What can be done to promote appreciation for better understanding of the Word of the Lord?

I. Love the Word of the Lord

One wonders as to what extent young Samuel loved the Word of the Lord. He had been given to the Lord, and I believe came to love the Lord's Word. He came to be a fine prophet of God, and dealt truthfully and faithfully with the Lord's words. I enjoy using a nice Bible, appreciating the smell of paper and leather. But when we speak of "famine of the Word of God" we do not refer to the mere binding.

In loving the Word, we remember the source of that Word, and value its contents. I remember it is, because its source is Who He is!

Haralan Popov who suffered imprisonment for many years under the Communists, loved the Word of the Lord and longed for it. One day he noticed that a fellow prisoner possessed a copy of the New Testament, the pages of which were torn out and used as cigarette papers. Pastor Popov succeeded in buying this mutilated Testament and proceeded to memorize forty-seven chapters of it, before it was discovered and confiscated.

Do we love the Word of God, or does it interfere with the daily newspaper?

II. Read the Word of the Lord

The boy Samuel in our account was not interested in reading the Word of the Lord, but he was interested in listening to the Word of the Lord. This he did eagerly.

Great efforts have been made to produce the Bible in many languages. It seems they are children, to English translations and paraphrases. Bibles appear in all sizes from pocket size to pulpits, and in various colors and shapes. Should an enemy todoy be obeying God and hell be done to destroy our Bibles, it would prove a difficult task. So many do not appear as Bibles at all. Then too, God will continue to protect His Word.

In a certain Communist country materials were prepared to ridicule and undermine the Scripture. In order to do this, parts of the Scripture were actually quoted. Christians were happy to use it literature, because it provided them with free Scripture portions. Communists seemed unaware of the use that was being given these portions.

To us the Bible is readily available. Several copies may be found in many of our homes. And yet the Word of the Lord may also be a special series and said, if you want to concentrate more on the difference are subdued and all of us are alike. than on how we are not alike.

III. Obey the Word of the Lord

Samuel received the Word of the Lord readily. To him, it was not a question of obeying or not obeying. God was telling him what He, God, was going to do to the house of Eli. Judgment was about to fall to Eli because he had failed to restrain his sons in their blasphemy. For Eli, God had passed.

James warns against hearing apart from doing and pleads, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." The obedience is not easy. It does not happen automatically. This question of obedience affects one's entire life—one's whole manner of living. We talk gladly of being servants of Jesus Christ. Are we obedient servants? Jesus Himself said, "And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

IV. Share the Word of the Lord

Samuel shared the Word of the Lord with Eli; in fact Eli insisted that he do so. The word was not a happy word, but after all it was the Word of the Lord.

One of the best ways to share the Word of the Lord, is to share it with our children. Listen to Deuteronomy 6:6, 7. "And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in this house, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." The answer then is, "Can you visualize young children years from now, sitting in their homes with their attention centered around an open Bible? O joy, O delight!"

The famed Dr. W. A. Criswell has effectively said that somebody told his father, and that his father told him, and that he must now tell somebody else. This is what it means to "pass it on."

Another way of sharing is to promote evangelical meetings in our churches. One pastor of a large church, announced a special series and said, if you want to come, bring an outsider. Attendance at large churches is very poor, but the harvest, percentage wise was very great. Some of the most prominent leaders of the church were new, sitting in their homes. Let us read the Bible. This he reads readily. To him, it was not a question of obeying or not obeying. God was telling him what He, God, was going to do to the house of Eli. Judgment was about to fall to Eli because he had failed to restrain his sons in their blasphemy. For Eli, God had passed.

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Alike in Christ

In recognition of the birth of Christ differences are subdued and all of us are alike. than on how we are not alike.
MISSIONS—Leon R. Lawton

Problem in scheduling . . .

Launch TV Special
January 6

Word has just been received of a change in plans for the "Faith in Action" TV Special — the Key '73 launch event. All three of the networks were unable, unwilling, or otherwise not inclined to make time available either on a public service basis or on a purchase basis. Therefore, the film must be carried on a syndicated or individual station basis. The "Faith in Action" film will be provided free of charge. However, local committees may find it necessary to buy time locally if public service time in a desirable time slot is not available. This expense is to be defrayed locally.

Those wishing further information should contact Rev. Virgil Meghli, Key '73 Mass Media Office, Box 512, 2 Green Village Rd., Madison, NJ 07940 (Phone: 201-377-440).

For your prayer and praise . . .

Insights from Jamaica
By Wayne N. Crandall

One special thing came out of the reports from the young people's Summer Crusade last August that impressed the Key '73 Committee. There were two groups which were miles apart with no means of contacting one another. Both groups were having similar problems and each independently to have a day of prayer and fasting. These were held at the same time on the same day and each got results.

For your prayer and praise . . .

Launch TV Special
January 6

Saturday night, January 6. Praise God that some men don't take "no" for an answer.

Dr. Ben Armstrong, chairman of the Mass Media Sub-Committee has indicated that as of December 5, fifty-four TV stations (some of the largest markets) have committed to show the Key '73 film. Of these, twenty-seven have made commitments for a specific time on January 6. Be sure to check your local TV listing. Join in prayer for the "Faith in Action" film to be provided free of charge, but additionally the expense is to be defrayed locally.

Dr. Armstrong said that he could not do everything, but I can do something.

(Should I do, I ought to do. And what I ought to do, by the grace of God, I will do.)

There is a young man who has indicated a desire to serve as a dedicated worker in Jamaica. May we pray that this development may advance the cause of Christ in this Island.

LET'S THINK IT OVER

They Want the Church To Change

A survey of church members in Norway has recently been made which shows a strong desire (60 percent) on the part of those interviewed for change in their churches. They say the churches are too old-fashioned, too solemn and too ritual-minded. They say they want more involvement for youth, lighter, faster music, more tolerance, less materialism, more love.

There can't be much exception taken to some of the desires brought out in the questionnaire. It is an indication that there is something wrong with the church as they see it. There may be some question of whether they, having seen it at close range, have left or whether they have left it and then looked at it from distance.

The survey was evaluated by Kai Holien, pastor of a Baptist church, but presumably most of the 423 people interviewed were involved with the Lutheran church, for Baptist numbers are relatively small in Norway. The complaint of being too ritual-minded would be more applicable to the state church than to the free church. The purpose of the questionnaire was to determine what church-connected people were thinking and with the Lutheran church, for Baptist numbers are relatively small in Norway. The complaint of being too ritual-minded would be more applicable to the state church than to the free church. The purpose of the questionnaire was to determine what church-connected people were thinking and with the Lutheran church, for Baptist numbers are relatively small in Norway.

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There are some interesting, seemingly contradictory, results of the survey. Whereas 94 percent said they belonged to a church, only 18 percent attended one a week. In a country where infant baptism is the rule it was found that although 50 percent believe in infant baptism, 39 percent think that baptism is only for believing young people and adults. But the strangest statistic is that 64.5 percent still pray, but 360 of the 423 interviewed say that Jesus Christ has a church and 85 percent saying that significance for others "but not for me." Here we have 94 percent belonging to Christ has no real significance for them.

In light of the above figures there may be reason to discount the validity of the complaints also.

The thinking was not too clear. Most of those who called for change were young people. It is a sad commentary on the effectiveness of the churches of Norway if they have failed to make Christ significant to such a large proportion of those who claim membership. Certainly there is a wide open field for an evangelism that presents the living Christ.

If Parochial Schools Close

In order to gain public funds for parochial schools Catholic leaders have occasionally threatened to close their schools and dump their pupils into the public schools, which would supposedly swamp the school administration and impose an unbearable tax burden. Under present conditions it appears that any foreseeable shifting from parochial to public schools would not be a serious problem and would result in less expense than the dual system.

Dr. Martin A. Larson, under a grant from the Americans United Research Foundation, recently investigated the validity of parochial school closings and public school financing in 1971 and 1972 in sixteen representative cities, some of which have experienced drastic declines in Catholic school enrollment. Among the Larson book's conclusions are the following:

The cost to taxpayers of absorbing parochial school transfers into public schools is "far less than a program by
Problems of Soviet Jews

The Soviet Union, which relaxed its ban on the emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel in an apparent attempt to flood the struggling little country with assimilation problems has more recently virtually stopped the flow, according to reports.

The American Jewish Congress on August 17 accused the Soviet Union of “holding Russian Jews for ransom” by imposing exit fees up to $25,000 on each Jew. The Congress leaders state that the more talented the visa applicant, the higher the price, which is extortion. They made an open demand that Soviet Jews be given the right to leave the USSR and that this right be implemented without tricks, impediments, obstruction, or clearly impossible dollar demands.”

Michael Zhidkov, pastor of the Moscow Baptist Church, when questioned recently at Nashville, said that he felt that Christians faced more restrictions than Jews. Jewish people are allowed to leave Russia, but Christians are not. Baptist pastors deny oppression but admit restrictions.

Unbearable Emigration Tax

There is further information available on the unending, outrageously imposed by the USSR to prevent educated Jews from leaving the country. Russian authorities have tried to justify this exorbitant fee by way of balance of trade. However, Jews must refund the cost of their education to the Soviet government in amounts ranging from $5,000 to $15,000. Rabbi H. L. Goldin, director of the American Jewish Committee’s Israel Education and Work Project, states that several white candidates were not unconditionally accepted.

The action at Dallas is in sharp contrast to earlier action at Birmingham when, although 4,000 black students had refused membership because of race. However, that refusal split the church and led to the formation of a 300-member church body that has been led in protest.

It is not likely that white churches will soon become evenly mixed or that all black churches will become half white, but changes are coming and the refusal of membership because of race is coming to be seen as contrary to the spirit of the gospel.

Education Improves Arab-Israeli Relations

The tension between Arabs and Jews in Israel is reported to have been significantly reduced by a sharp increase in the number of Arab students enrolled in government-supported elementary and high schools. There are now 86,000 Arab students enrolling in 280 elementary schools and 12,000 in forty-one high schools, an increase of 6,000 and 1,500 over last year. It is also reported that there are 1,000 Arab students enrolled in Israel’s colleges and advanced schools—which is not high in comparison with Jewish college students. There has been a needed upgrading of teachers in the lower schools where Arabs are taught.

Dr. M. Bernard Resnikoff, director of the American Jewish Committee’s Israel Office stated that the work with Arab students had contributed significantly to the development of better relationships between Arabs and Israelis because of Arab recognition of Israeli good intentions.

One of the programs that has led to better relations is the intensive language school in the old city of Jerusalem, which teaches Hebrew to Arabs, Arabic to Israelis, and both languages to foreign Christians.

A research program measuring changes in attitudes of Arabs and Israelis toward each other’s culture has also played a major role in creating a favorable atmosphere.

“One can be overwhelmed by the variety of factors affecting the capacity of both Arabs and Jews to establish meaningful relationships,” Dr. Resnikoff added.

Cambodia Welcomes the Gospel

National cataclysms, including invasions, sometimes turn a people to God in our day as well as in Old Testament times. Stanley Mooneyham, president of World Vision, announces that he was called back to Cambodia the last of November to speak at a second series of city-wide evangelistic meetings, for Cambodia is experiencing unprecedented revival. He reports that seven months
ago he was asked by the church of that embattled land to lead the first public evangelistic meetings ever held in that country. He writes:

It was one of the most humbling moments of my life. In three days in April, some 2,000 people responded to our gospel invitation, indicating a definite interest in Christianity. Over 1,000 of these people, before that short crunch, nearly 50 years of missionary work had resulted in about 650 church members.

Then, suddenly, 10,000 people crowded into three days of meetings and thousands responded. One Cambodian layman called it "an evangelistic explosion." Malcolm Bradshaw, church growth expert from Singapore, who responded.

"I see Christianity making its beginning in the place where Christianity is fresh and new."

There was an evangelistic effort in Spain in 1969 consisting. For the first time the largest newspaper of Madrid commented favorably on the congress. Speaking of the congress plan, Dain said, "It is envisioned that this committee will meet regularly between now and the time of the congress.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for January 6, 1973

THE NEW COVENANT

Lesson Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34; 32:36-41.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

The Late Liz'

"The Late Liz," a feature length film starring academy award winners Anne Baxter and Jack Albertson, has been released by the American Baptist Communication Corporation. The new film, which tells the true story of Gertrude Behanna's decline into alcoholism, and her fight to buy a dishwasher for the kitchen and uniforms for the softball team.

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The gospel as proclaimed by World Vision is more than preaching. In the twelve acres of government donated land World Vision is in the process of building a hospital, the first Christian institution in Cambodia.

Spain Eases Restrictions

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For the first time the largest newspaper of Madrid commented favorably on the congress. Speaking of the congress plan, Dain said, "It is envisioned that this committee will meet regularly between now and the time of the congress.

The time is ripe for an international congress on world evangelization, believe Billy Graham and other leaders. Plans are now underway to set up a convening committee of 150 church leaders of the world. A meeting was held in Los Angeles during the week of August 25. Billy Graham, who was named honorary chairman, said that the congress would call together some three thousand people interested in evangelism. The emphasis will be on young, promising men with a large representation from Third World countries.

Congress on World Evangelization

The purpose is to press for the evangelization of the world in our generation. Mr. Graham stated, "We stand on the threshold of a new era. Never before have the opportunities been so great nor the means at our command to proclaim the gospel so manifold"

A twenty-five member planning committee headed by Bishop A. Jack Dain of the Anglican Diocese of Sydney, Australia, is soon to pick out a place for the congress. Speaking of the congress planning committee, Dain said, "It will be truly international in character with wide geographical and cultural representation. It is envisioned that this committee will meet regularly between now and the time of the congress.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for January 6, 1973

THE NEW COVENANT

Lesson Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34; 32:36-41.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

"The Late Liz," a feature length film starring academy award winners Anne Baxter and Jack Albertson, has been released by the American Baptist Communication Corporation. The new film, which tells the true story of Gertrude Behanna's decline into alcoholism, and her fight to buy a dishwasher for the kitchen and uniforms for the softball team. Such profound comments regularly come from the congress. Speaking of the congress plan, Dain said, "It is envisioned that this committee will meet regularly between now and the time of the congress.

Constitution: This attractive and meaningful jewelry is well worth this basic cost.
DAILY BIBLE READINGS

for January 1973

A lamp to my feet
A light to my path

(Including and supplementing the daily Bible readings of the Uniform Series of Bible Lessons published in “The Helping Hand.”)

The New Covenant

1—Mon. Promised Return from Exile. Jer. 31:1-9
2—Tues. The New Covenant. Jer. 31:10-14, 31-37
3—Wed. “They Shall Be My People.” Jer. 32:36-44
4—Thurs. Made One in Christ. Eph. 2:11-22
5—Fri. God Keeps His Covenant. Ps. 105:1-11
6—Sabbath. Seek the Lord. Isaiah 55:3-11

Ezekiel: Prophet of Displaced People

8—Mon. Israel’s Watchman. Ezek. 3:16-27
9—Tues. A New Way To Communicate. Ezek. 4:1-13
11—Thurs. The Stubbornness of Israel. Ezek. 3:4-15
12—Fri. The Outpouring of God’s Spirit. Joel 2:12-19, 27-29
13—Sabbath. Can Exiles Sing? Psalm 137:1-6

God Really Cares!

14—Sun. Selfish Shepherds. Ezek. 34:1-10
16—Tues. The Seeking Lord. Ezek. 34:11-19
18—Thurs. God Promises Restoration. Ezek. 34:25-31
20—Sabbath. The Shepherd’s Care. Psalm 23

No Alibis with God

22—Mon. Accountable Before God. Ezek. 18:5-18
23—Tues. A Just and Forgiving God. Ezek. 18:21-29
24—Wed. Turn from Evil and Live. Ezek. 18:30-32, Deut. 30:15-20
26—Fri. He Who Does God’s Will. Matt. 6:21-27
27—Sabbath. Thou Knowest Me, Lord. Psal. 139:1-12

A New Heart and Spirit

30—Tues. The Reason for Punishment. Ezek. 36:16-21
31—Wed. God Vindicates His Holy Name. Ezek. 36:22-32

MY POST

Sometimes I get to thinking
As my labors I renew
That I should like a higher place
With greater tasks to do;
But I come to the conclusion
When the envying is stilled
That the post to which God sent me
Is the post He wanted filled.
So I plod along with patience
In the hope when day is through
That I am really necessary
To the things God wants to do.
And there isn’t any service
I can give that I should scorn
For it may be just the reason
God allowed me to be born.

—Unknown

Incarnation

What does it mean for God to have become man? A poet has said, “The flesh of God is the hope of man.”
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