

# INFORMANT

SOUND MACHINE HOURS TO DATE, 152,390

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PUBLISHERS' HOURS TO DATE, 3,290,033

## NATIONAL PETITION

### Listeners Eager for More Broadcasts

#### Hierarchy Threatens "More Drastic Action"

Humble persons of good will who have listened to Jehovah's Kingdom message as broadcast in speeches of Brother Rutherford frequently write the Society that they want to hear those broadcasts oftener. Three years ago the Roman Catholic press made world-wide announcement of the Hierarchy's decision to "drive Rutherford from the air", as they put it. They tried. They staggered in the attempt. "But the end is not yet."

Hating the truth broadcast throughout the world last February, in "Separating the Nations", high officials of the Hierarchy at Vatican City and in this country have conspired anew to take "more drastic action" to accomplish their announced purpose. Fresh attempts to coerce owners of radio stations are being launched. The Catholic press renews its campaign of stout protests, insisting that "Judge Rutherford misrepresents the teachings of the Catholic church" and therefore he must be stopped; or "electrocuted", says one of the Hierarchy's agents. Another of its so-called "fathers", a principal (but unprincipled) representative at New York, blandly proposes death for all of Jehovah's witnesses! And now prayers of "the faithful" during the month of August are called for by the head of the Hierarchy, "to save us from the infamous Judge Rutherford of the Watch Tower movement."

Reasonable persons, including even many of the "Catholic population", are beginning to see the inconsistency of the Hierarchy's position. Catholic leaders are being asked, Why plan murder? Why not openly show the people wherein Judge Rutherford misrepresents the Catholic teachings?

At Philadelphia, in June, many of such fair-minded ones signed a petition to WIP, prominent radio station there that had been forced by the Hierarchy to discontinue broadcasting Brother Rutherford's answers to Bible questions, after that station had refused to break its contract to broadcast "Separating the Nations" in February. Now thousands at other places in Pennsylvania and New Jersey are joining in that petition, asking WIP to broadcast a public discussion of the disputed questions, "one side to be taken by a high Catholic spokesman and the other side by Judge Rutherford."

Honest Catholics, as well as others, are reporting that the demand for such an open discussion is by no means limited to the people of Philadelphia and vicinity. We agree, and also believe that throughout this entire land there are millions who are eager not only to hear those disputed questions reasonably discussed but also to sign a petition

asking that such a debate be arranged and widely broadcast.

In the public interest, therefore, and for the public convenience, petition blanks and introductory cards similar to those now in use at Philadelphia have been printed and are being contributed to all who want to use them.

#### ORDERLY CO-OPERATION

Any isolated pioneer or other publisher not associated with a company and who desires to assist persons that want to sign the petition will be furnished blanks and cards on request.

Companies are being supplied a sufficient quantity of cards and blanks for immediate use. When more are needed, let us know well in advance.

Let each publisher be provided with a separate container (celluloid) for the special green introductory card. Also provide each one with a substantial cardboard of same size as petition blank (8½ inches by 11 inches). Upon that board two or more petition blanks can be fastened with rubber bands, to keep blanks neat and clean. Cardboard may be folded in half, lengthwise, with blanks inside (lengthwise), and thus be carried conveniently. Carry also a fountain pen or indelible pencil.

At each home or business place, FIRST present the special green card and petition.

That being disposed of, then introduce the literature, using at all times the current presentation. During this petition service, instead of using testimony card for literature, we recommend a verbal testimony, formed according to the current testimony card, either word for word or including in your own language the points shown in card. (For use wherever desirable, carry with you in a separate celluloid container the literature testimony card, so as to be ready to present that card whenever you see fit.) Let this manner of serving the petition and the literature from now on be carefully considered and clearly understood by each publisher. Note well: Make it a habit to see that each signer of the petition fills in correct address, completely, including city and state.

#### NAMES FOR COMPANY'S FILE

As each petition sheet is filled, let name and address of each signer be copied with care on a separate slip or card, suitable for filing, using paper of uniform size for each name. Such copying by typewriter is, of course, preferable. In due time further information will be sent as to use of copied names kept in the company's file.

Petition sheets filled turn in promptly to the company servant.

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## "JEHOVAH'S Praise" Splendid Offer for the People

### "Vindication" Books Real Aid to "Riches" Readers

#### Watch Your Time in August

Those who love the Lord have been looking forward to this period with much joy and anticipation. Just as the psalmist, after having a vision of the vindication of Jehovah's name and the great honor and privileges conferred upon the Lord's people of his day by Jehovah, called upon everything that had breath to join him in praising Jehovah, so, today, Jehovah's witnesses, who have the Kingdom vision and see the vindication of Jehovah's name and their privileges in connection therewith, call upon all who have breath to praise Jehovah. This is done by taking the Kingdom message to the people, that they may see the majesty, power and supremacy of Jehovah and bow down before him. "The dead praise not the Lord," and none of the Lord's people can be classed as among the dead. They are in "the land of the living". They have passed from death unto life and are to use their faculties to exalt and magnify the name of the living God, that is, sing Jehovah's praises.

The time set aside for this period is August 1-9.

Are you making the necessary preparations NOW to have as much time as possible to sing Jehovah's praises during this period?

As a pioneer, are you planning to put in at least 40 hours in the service during that time?

Or, as an auxiliary, are you planning to put in at least 20 hours?

Are you a company publisher and planning to put in 10 or more hours during this period?

NOW is your time to do the planning and arranging; do not wait

until the last minute. This is not a large amount of time, and everyone who really recognizes the issue and appreciates the privilege of praising the name of Jehovah will be glad to do that, and more, if physically able to do so.

What kind of combinations are to be featured during the period?

3 bound books, on a 50c contribution.

6 bound books, on \$1.00 contribution.

Where neither combination can be placed, drop to *Riches*, on a 25c contribution.

If that cannot be placed, 3 booklets, on a 10c contribution, are to be offered.

This variety of presentations should result in the placement of something in almost every home. In your booklet combinations always be sure to have the *Choosing* and another colored-cover booklet and one self-covered booklet.

What literature is to be used? *Vindication* 1, 2 and 3 is the initial combination, on a contribution of 50c. *Light* 1 and 2 and *Prophecy* are to be included on a \$1.00 contribution, and in homes where they already have *Vindication* the latter three may be placed, on a 50c contribution.

The fight is on, and the three main things we have to contribute to the battle are, faithfulness, time, and zealous enthusiasm. Let us give all three of these unstintingly. The Lord has graciously arranged for each and every one of us to be supplied with a special testimony card, a special attractive wrapper, and a decided reduction in the literature. The field is ready; the Lord's grace and blessing are assured; the rest is up to each and every one of us. Let us, therefore, respond with zeal and enthusiasm. "Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."—Ps. 150:6.

## What to Do During September?

### Place Booklets and Lots of Them

The special offer of the three bound books on a contribution of 50c ends August 31, and all books are thereafter to be placed on a contribution of 25c each.

During the entire month of September the brethren will concentrate on the distribution of the *Choosing* booklet along with *Loyalty* or the *Government* booklet and any other colored-cover booklet you may wish to use. Order all the booklets you will need for the month, so your stock will be in good condition before vacation or right after it. Any old stock on hand may be cleared out during September. Keep in mind that September work is three book-

lets (two colored-cover and one self-covered) on a contribution of 10c. Pioneers may find it necessary to witness with bound books, so as to carry on more effectively. This may be done.

August, a month with bound books; September, a booklet month; and September ends our year. Plan your work for this month. Company servants, and service committees, get the booklet supplies into the hands of the publishers, and complete all arrangements for getting them into the hands of the people. In order to equal last year's booklet placements we have a tremendous work to do with booklets; and September is the last month. Let every one have a share in this and PLACE BOOKLETS.

## What We Have Done, and What We Still Have to Accomplish

As the year progresses the comparative reports are of increasing interest to those who have the witness work at heart. You remember that the seven months' comparative report showed we were behind by 71,145 bound books, ahead by 504,224 booklets, ahead by 432,676 pieces of literature, behind by 38 in average number of publishers, and 172,305 hours under the number for the seven months of last year. Now look at the report of eight months this year and eight months of last year, October to May inclusive:

EIGHT MONTHS' COMPARISON		
	1936	1935
Books	1,049,234	1,003,812
Booklets	9,278,510	9,080,564
Total Literature	10,327,744	10,084,376
Av. Publishers	21,111	20,738
Field Hours	3,290,033	3,371,239
Obtainers	5,573,122	6,395,849
Av. Sound Mach.	2,409	1,986
Sound Hours	152,390	
Attendance	7,938,536	1,925,912

Notice the great increase in bound books, accounted for by *Riches*. Booklets have taken a corresponding drop, although they are still ahead a little. However, to keep this lead, and increase it if possible, every publisher must remember to leave the booklets in combination with *Riches*, and booklets alone when *Riches* cannot be taken, and get out those pieces of literature at every call possible, which will increase the witness given. The number of publishers is going in the right direction, and this should certainly increase. No doubt there are many in the companies throughout the land who have not previously awakened to their privileges and responsibilities, and these may join in the work Jehovah is doing, and as the publishers increase as they should a greater witness may be given.

And now the total of hours, that very important item, which each one of the Lord's people can affect one way or the other. It is still under last year by 81,206, but last month it was 172,305 less than a year ago. The brethren who are really in the war now are making an effort to increase their hours, and the trend in hours is in the right direction. Now we have to keep this up and 'let not our hands be slack', if we bring our TIME in the field ahead of last year and to the quota. There is still a big loss to be made up, and TIME IN THE FIELD must have the attention of every company servant and publisher.

The report as a whole is very gratifying, and manifests Jehovah's rich blessing on those who are putting first the interests of his kingdom. With the few remaining months of this year the Lord's little army should, in His strength, accomplish a splendid witness, surpassing the summer work of any previous year; and this can be done by diligent planning and effort on the part of each one to spend TIME in actual house-to-house witnessing.

### Magazines

Are there many people not associated with your company organization reading the *Watchtower* and *Golden Age* magazines in your territory? There should be. According to the distribution of *Riches*, there are hundreds of thousands of persons desirous of having a clearer understanding of God's purposes. Why not have these people in touch with God's organization through one of its publications, *The Watchtower* or *The Golden Age*? Mention these magazines particularly on your back calls.

## Provide Studies for Jonadabs

### Riches Invitation Slips Prepared

The importance of the establishing of studies throughout the territory of the company cannot be overstated. These studies must be so arranged for the convenience of the interested. Those who obtain literature should be invited to attend the nearest *Riches* study. So as to aid the publisher in doing this work, the Society is printing an invitation slip neatly arranged which the publisher or the one in care of the territory can fill out in advance. There should be written on this slip, neatly with pen or typewriter, the street address, the day and time of the *Riches* study nearest to the territory you will be working in during the day. A slip is to be left with each placement, or with those very much interested and who have previously obtained literature. A copy of the invitation slip is sent along with the *Informant*. Please show it to the publishers, and place your order. In lots of 1,000 they can be had at 40c, the same as the radio folders. They should be ordered with other literature and supplies. Be sure that all publishers are furnished with slips with the proper address written thereon for the territory being worked.

At the meeting place there should always be one of the electric signs furnished by the Society, so that the newly interested will know where to attend. Even though they have the address, they will feel more confident in a home where the electric sign is displayed.

Publishers should always be on the alert to find locations for new *Riches* studies. In many instances these are begun by the use of the phonograph. Pioneers should arrange them in their territory, and, before leaving, ask one of those present to carry on the meeting in the same manner that they have been conducted. These groups should be reported to the Society if you believe it possible to organize them for field work.

It seems advisable that each company organization keep a card file of all publishers and persons of good will who have attended one or more meetings, and at various times throughout the year send them one of these invitation slips or a post card asking them to come to these meetings. This should be done periodically if they are not regular attendants of the company studies. We want to aid the great multitude all possible in taking their stand for the Kingdom.

## A Respectable Presentation

### of the Kingdom Message

The Kingdom message should be presented to the people in a respectable manner, which means, in a manner deserving of regard, and decent in behavior. Let those who are bearing to the people a message of the Devil's organization conduct themselves in a manner befitting the one they serve, if they so desire; but this is not for Jehovah's messengers.

Sincerity and earnestness in presenting the truth to the people is that which accomplishes good results. In carrying *Riches* and other literature from house to house, the most effective witness is given in showing the people that you really believe what you tell them. Those

of good will recognize that the publisher is sincere, and, because of real earnestness and enthusiasm coming from courage and conviction, are impressed; and, more than anything else that the publisher can do, this respectable presentation results in placements of the printed message.

How different this presentation is from a bulldozing method, which is wrong. Why should one become angry with those to whom he witnesses, or tell them they 'have no brains', or make any such remark, which is not respectable or decent behavior? Occasionally someone errs in the manner of presentation. Let all carefully observe the rule and not displease Jehovah or dishonor him.

### Riches in Foreign Languages

The Society now has on hand a good supply of *Riches* in Spanish, Italian and Greek. Additionally, we shall shortly have in stock *Riches* in Bohemian, French, German, Hungarian, and Swedish, also *Creation* in Portuguese.

### Do You Have the Year Book?

The Society is clearing out its entire stock of the 1936 *Year Book of Jehovah's witnesses*. These are being offered on a 15c contribution.

### With This Informant

There is being sent along with this *Informant* petition blanks, testimony cards for the petition, wrappers for the three bound books, testimony card for the August campaign, sample of invitation slip to *Riches* studies.

### Special Testimony Card

Any pioneers or other publishers desiring testimony cards which present four bound books on a contribution of one dollar, for general use, may order the number they need, as we now have a stock of these on hand, a new card having been prepared. These will be sent only on order.

## Report Cards Must Be Properly Marked for Credit Allowance

During the month of August the brethren throughout the United States will have the privilege of offering the three *Vindication* books on a contribution of 50c. Many of the pioneers and some auxiliaries and company workers will want to offer six bound books on a contribution of a dollar. This may be done by offering *Vindication* 1, 2 and 3, *Light* 1 and 2, and *Prophecy*. In order to obtain the proper credit on your account because of the reduction, it is absolutely necessary to mark on the bottom of your report card the number of three-book combinations placed. If you place one six-book combination, that is equal to two three-book combinations and should appear on the report card as follows: "2 combinations of 3 books." Adjustments will be made on auxiliary and company accounts only. The companies will be allowed a credit on their account of 15c for each combination; the auxiliaries, 18c. It is definitely understood by the Society that you do not want any credit on your account if there is no statement of number of combinations placed marked on the bottom of your report card. Credit will be made on all company and auxiliary accounts where a notation of combinations is made. The treasurer, stockkeeper and company servant should make it their business to check the report cards before they are mailed in to the Society. Send in your report card correctly made out. Companies should use their storage stock, and when auxiliaries and pioneers in company territory run out of literature they may borrow, and replace with books as they desire later. Please have in mind that if the party does not take the combination offered, then you will drop to the *Riches* book on a contribution of 25c, or 3 booklets on a contribution of 10c. Credit is not given on single placements; only on combinations. Be sure that the publishers turn in this information to you on their report slips.

## The New Phonograph Greatly Appreciated

A light-weight phonograph is now being manufactured by the Society for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom interests. Those who have seen it and used it are very much enthused over its quality of tone and its lightness in weight. With this use of the phonograph the brethren are able to put in much more time in sound work than before. The orders are extremely heavy. We are making them as fast as possible to fill these. We believe that many more of the brethren will desire one to aid them in their witness work. The big reduction in cost that was made possible by manufacturing in large quantities makes it possible now for many more of the brethren to get the phonograph and use it in the service. It is being offered on a contribution of \$10.00, including three records of your choice, or if you have records now the phonograph can be had for only \$8.00.

There is now in course of preparation a series of signs which the Society hopes to print within the next month. These signs will be changed weekly. As soon as they are prepared notice will be set out in the *Informant*, and they should be ordered by the company servant for all those who have signs. However, the main thing to do in the meantime is to get your sign and put it into use. These signs complete are only \$1.50.

### Company Servants' Reports

Company servants formerly known as sharpshooters will continue to use their yellow report cards until new ones are supplied. Instead of heading the yellow report card by using your personal name, use the name of the town or city in which your company is located. Sign your own name on the bottom of the report card in the space generally used for remarks. This change is effective at once. If you will follow these brief instructions we shall be able to properly identify your reports when they come in to this office.

### Electric Sign

#### Is Doing Good Work

The one thing the Lord's people must do is to keep the message of the Kingdom before the minds of the people. The Lord's organization is for the sole purpose of advertising the King and the Kingdom. Why not, then, advertise by the use of electric signs? The Society still has a good supply and can fill all orders. The company servant should take up this matter in detail with the brethren. It is necessary that we identify ourselves publicly, so that those of good will who are seeking the truth may know where we are in case we miss them.

## A Quarter Million Bound Books in Nine Days

rial, whereas 53,835 partook. A total of 46,209 publishers engaged in the field work. Where were the other 25,000 who attended the Memorial service? These should be aided so that they might see more clearly their responsibility, and it is hoped that in the October campaign at least 50,000 workers will take part in the "Battle Shout." All the

look forward with interest to the next international period, "Battle Shout." Reports from far and near are set out herewith.

"The campaign from the book *Riches* resulted in the placing of more than 20,000 bound books in the territory under the supervision of the Australian branch, during 'His Strange Work' testimony period. This has exceeded by far the previous best bound-book campaign, when 12,238 *Jehovah* were placed in nine days. From all quarters reports show great enthusiasm among the publishers, and it has been difficult to keep all supplied with books. At the time of writing, most of the 55,000 *Riches* books already supplied to this branch are either placed with the people or in the hands of the publishers.

CANADA

JAPAN

## SPAIN

## SWEDEN

"The arrival of *Riches* in Swedish on the Monday before the period started was, of course, an item of greatest interest and importance to the publishers. And although we did not receive the whole edition in one shipment, we were nevertheless able to supply almost all publishers with this grand weapon. And it went out well, too! Some had to wire for more already on the evening of the second day. Many reports show that the people have received this message more favorably than ever before.

COUNTRY	Memor- Attend- ance	Par- taking Memo- rial	No. Plo.	No. Aux.	No. Com- pany	Total Pub- lishers	Hours	Obtainers	Books	Booklets	Total	Sound Meetings	Attend- ance
Alaska	7	7	1			1	35	185	48	265	313		
Albania	30	30	1		14	15	137		1	950	951		
Antigua	7	3	1		1	2	7	16	23	37	60		
Argentina	98	92	18		65	83	2,263	5,760	851	9,330	9,693	6	355
Australia	1,478	1,151	157	74	1,246	1,477	22,563	37,243	16,523	35,411	51,934	1,778	32,856
Austria	650	650											
Bahamas	20	16	2		7	9	147	343	253	109	362	17	474
Barbados	82	65	5	5	25	35	370	502	312	581	893	1	35
Belgium	142	105	21	2	100	123	2,219	5,568	388	7,738	8,126	14	561
Brazil	194	105	8		54	62	846	1,231	69	1,587	1,656		
British Guiana	148	103			17	17	110	250	154	117	271	1	50
British Honduras	1	1			1	1	12	11	9	2	11	5	250
British Isles	6,258	6,275	175	103	4,443	4,721	34,707	95,387	23,439	95,403	118,842	1,759	49,906
Burma	37	33	1		17	18	128	285	55	324	579	2	52
Canada	4,664	3,493	141	26	2,738	2,905	22,289	32,789	11,803	32,948	44,751	1,044	23,426
Canal Zone	40	17	4	3	9	16	234	431	235	601	836	26	268
Ceylon	9	9	1		3	4	21	101	29	143	172	2	20
Chile	26	26	3	2	19	24	555	1,008	46	1,518	1,564	1	146
China	10	4	3	1		4	143	237	81	477	558		
Colombia	8	5			4	4	30	12	3	23	26	10	305
Costa Rica	163	82		4	66	70	516	440	234	273	507	17	684
Cuba	60	36	8		32	40	874	1,077	198	2,034	2,232	44	346
Cyprus	18	18	1			1	20	26		31	31		
Czechoslovakia	2,363	1,799	66	14	1,020	1,100	9,930	17,934	2,249	21,252	23,501	130	3,021
Danzig	207	185			166	166	515	2,176	33	2,211	2,244	8	81
Denmark	758	523	40	6	797	843	10,190	29,220	4,271	55,081	59,352	1	321
Dominica	41	17			14	14	28	27	55	151	206	83	1,958
Dutch Guiana	9	9	1		1	2	45	12	3	14	17		
Dutch West Indies	3	3	2		1	3	41	84	49	56	105		
Ecuador	2	2	1		1	2	26	14	12	20	32	6	22
Egypt	7	7	3		1	4	100	154	39	231	270		
Estonia	43	36	10	1	15	26	631	1,124	180	2,001	2,181		
Finland	874	747	23	21	733	777	9,376	32,447	2,562	41,354	43,916		
France	1,282	1,017	43	5	909	957	10,959	21,220	2,168	29,991	32,159	81	808
Gold Coast	284	29	3	4	20	27	384	523	387	322	709	4	79
Greece	720	520	5	3	323	331	3,056	7,503	65	9,038	9,103		
Grenada	12	12			6	6	47	205	26	250	276	5	990
Hawaii													

\*Golden Age copies distributed

"The balance of *Riches* edition arrived one week later and just in time to supply the service convention arranged at Stockholm for the Easter holidays. During four days an average of 138 publishers placed a total of 6,063 pieces, of which 433 were *Riches*."

#### DENMARK

"Our last record number of publishers was 804, in February; now we had 843, which is 205 more than April 1935. Is it not fine to see the Jonadabs joining up and taking part in the work? The weather was cold and wet, but the ardor of the friends was red-hot. All were much encouraged."

#### FINLAND

"The last testimony period has been the best we ever have had. The brethren were filled with joy and enthusiasm, and more than ever before took part in the work (now 777 workers; the best before, 722), using an average (now 12 hours; the best before, 10½) more time (now 9,376 hours; the best before, 7,642) than before, and, as a result of that, placing more literature (now 43,916; the best before, 38,182) in the hands of the people than ever before."

#### HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

"Response from publishers and people called upon with *Riches* is best yet; praise the Lord! Attack upon sound car by excited women furthered the witness. This is by far the best testimony period, and they seem to get better and better."

#### INDIA

"Another intensive witness by eight publishers operating in two sound cars was given in the Nilgiri Hills, where many people are on holiday at this season of the year. The speech 'Separating the Nations' aroused the anger of the missionaries and those of their flocks who are blind, while a few more gave serious attention to the message. From other districts come reports of general opposition by the modern Philistines and general apathy on the part of the common people, but some everywhere are showing interest in the message."

#### CHINA

"Two Jonadabs (Chinese) participated in the service with result of 50 booklets placed. Being Easter time, offices all closed for three days, most of people were away from Shanghai for holiday excursion. Two days had showers and heavy rain. *Riches* did not come on hand during the Period. The lecture 'Separating the Nations' was broadcast over XMHA on the 19th. About 50 orders for *Riches* obtained during the campaign."

#### BRAZIL

"Ten persons were immersed. This is the best report we have had. Jonadabs are coming in. A greater number of publishers entered the field this year than in the last year. The weather was the best. The doors are still open in this part of the field; praised be Jehovah!"

#### PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

"Many attended the Memorial supper. A few Jonadabs underwent water immersion. Since the Lord revealed to his people who are the modern Philistines, there was great zeal among the brethren here who are working in perfect unity until the Lord may say 'It is enough.'"

#### SOUTH AFRICA

"This was the best bound-book effort to date. Comparing our results with the figures for the campaign when the bound book *Jehovah* was released we find there was an increase of 700 bound volumes and 14,000 booklets on this occasion. The

figures for the sound machine work are also better than anything we have had heretofore, the increase in the hours being 90 and in the attendance 3,500. *Riches* was enthusiastically received by the publishers, and the public have already clearly demonstrated that they want it, too! The crew of one sound car reports: 'We covered 900 miles and gave lectures in the twelve main corps of the Northern Transvaal and also on several thickly populated farms. We had visible audiences up to 500 in some corps, and we could discern the Jonadabs among the crowds. Some bishop had the police come up to arrest us, but when the constables arrived they told us that we had full right to go on. Thus Jehovah protects his people for his name's sake.'"

#### NYASALAND

"The work continues to go forward in the face of considerable opposition in some parts. Just lately more than one of our fellows have been rather badly handled. They have had their books snatched away and not returned, their testimony cards torn, stones, sticks and sand thrown at them, and one of the sisters was entirely disrobed. These incidents took place during the campaign. A protest has been lodged with the district commissioner, who has oversight of the district concerned."

#### NORTHERN RHODESIA

"The misrepresentation and persecution which has been going on in Northern Rhodesia has not discouraged the brethren in any way. Although the greater number of the Society's publications are at present banned, the publishers, by putting forth the best effort to date, equaled the distribution during the corresponding effort of last year. Just before the campaign began all the Europeans in Northern Rhodesia were served with a copy of G.A. No. 425. This special issue has since been the subject of a question in the Legislative Council. There cannot be any Europeans, and can be only a very few natives, in Northern Rhodesia who have not heard of Jehovah's witnesses and the message of the Lord which they declare."

#### SOUTHERN RHODESIA

"The proposed sedition bill and native preachers bill which are now being discussed, and which if they become law will bring conditions in this country into line with those now obtaining in Germany, did not give any of the Lord's true witnesses cold feet in Southern Rhodesia. Judging by the time parliament is taking over the bills they appear to be in a real quandary. They are hoping that the bother in Northern Rhodesia would provide a nice background for these bills, but the attempt to make us the scapegoat in Northern Rhodesia having failed and the secretary of state for the colonies having just decided that our request for European control in Northern Rhodesia should be granted, the legislators in Southern Rhodesia, having admitted that the bills were aimed at us, do not appear to know now which way to turn. The brethren are in good spirit and pushing on with the work."

#### UNITED STATES

On the evening of April 6 throughout the land 35,172 of Jehovah's people assembled to celebrate the memorial of Jehovah's name. Of this number, 25,435 partook. The heart-cheering words of the "Courage and Victory" lecture were heard by most of the brethren at this time, strengthening them to have a share in Jehovah's "strange work". The Memorial attendance this year is the largest on record.

In the United States 24,441 brethren were in the field during "His Strange Work" testimony period; which is the largest on record for any special period. It is interesting to note that this number is more than double the number of publishers in the field during a similar period in 1931 (12,141 publishers), and more than three times that of the publishers for a similar period in 1928 (7,951 publishers).

The release of *Riches* during "His Strange Work" testimony period in the United States exceeded that of any previous bound book.

The "Separating the Nations" lecture, together with other lectures, was used to broadcast the Kingdom message. There was an increase in sound attendance of 300,000 persons, over the report for last year. It has also been reported that quite a number of *Riches* study classes have been started to further aid the people of good will in getting a knowledge of the Kingdom.

"His Strange Work" testimony period was certainly a season of great refreshment and joy. It was filled with strenuous activity to the praise of Jehovah's name. It was the greatest rally of Jehovah's people up to this time in this land to raise high the standard of the Kingdom. All praise to Jehovah for continually sustaining his people and granting them the privilege of bearing his name before the nations.

### Station EAQ Madrid Doing Splendid Work

Words of encouragement sent to the various broadcasting stations are a good thing. Many of the brethren in the United States who have short-wave sets can pick up EAQ Madrid, Spain. We heartily recommend that you tune in, listen to the program, and write a letter to the station expressing your appreciation and setting out how satisfactorily the broadcast was received. The brethren in Canada, the United States and Mexico, and anywhere, for that matter, should do this. The Roman Catholic Hierarchy would very much like to stop this station from broadcasting the truth. Your letters every now and then will show that it has a good audience. What is especially true of station EAQ should also be carried out in this country among our local stations. EAQ broadcasts on Wednesday at 7:15 p.m., on Saturday at 7:15 p.m., Eastern Standard time. These two are English broadcasts. Additionally, there is a Spanish broadcast on Sunday at 6:45 p.m.

### An Ear to Hear in Britain

"SEPARATING THE NATIONS" should be used all summer. Where large audiences can be assembled, it would be well to advertise these. Note this splendid report from the British branch:

"Further to our letter advising you of arrangements made for outdoor reproduction of Brother Rutherford's world lecture, SEPARATING THE NATIONS, we are now sending you a report of the result. You will note that the number of meetings held, or, in other words, the number of times the record was given, was 1,262. The total attendance was 73,361, and personal application was made for 784 *Choosing* booklets from the listeners.

"The British friends are satisfied that the witness given justified the effort made. [The following is a report of the special full day's service with "Separating the Nations" lecture, May 10, 1936]

"Machines in use 230  
Reports received 202

Meetings held	1,262
Machine service hours	1,470
Folders distributed	815,500
Double Crown Posters displayed	1,346
Attendance	73,361
<i>Choosing</i> booklets applied for	784
Averages:	
Meetings per machine	5
Attendance per meeting	58
Folders distributed per meeting	646"

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At end of each month the company servant will mail the month's accumulation of filled sheets to the office at Brooklyn. Please send all such sheets flat, by REGISTERED MAIL, and promptly at end of each month.

#### UNTIL END OF SEPTEMBER

Begin at once, carrying on the petition work in conjunction with all regular witnessing and in special campaigns. Plan definitely to provide everyone in your assigned territory with the opportunity to sign the petition.

By the end of August, serve as nearly as possible all rural sections; and during September, all city assignments, including business and residential. Aim to complete the work by September 30. Report in the usual manner the hours spent in such house-to-house service.

At each phonograph and transcription meeting announce the opportunity to sign; and also in connection with all sound-car work, reading entire petition once at each location after reading the introductory card.

#### SEVEN MILLION

To aid each publisher to see a goal, we offer the reminder that in the United States, during the first seven months of the present service year, more than five million persons were served with literature by Jehovah's witnesses and their companions. Much of that work was done during one of the most strenuous of winters. Jehovah sustained His servants.—Psalm 147:17.

As a goal, then, for the work from now on it is suggested that an average of 350 signatures taken by each of 20,000 publishers shows a total of SEVEN MILLION signers. That is the equivalent of about one-half of this country's "Catholic population", not counting babies and young children.

To increase the appreciation of all as to the importance and value of working shoulder to shoulder, it is further suggested that each one who understands that he can serve more than the proposed average of 350 persons with opportunity to sign the petition do so, and also pair together for this special work with one who, by reason of physical infirmity or other unavoidable handicap, believes he can serve less than the average of 350 persons.

#### THOROUGHNESS

Let thoroughness be the keynote of this petition service to fair-minded people throughout the land. Study carefully the entire outline of co-operation here shown.

Let each publisher and each company servant prepare thoughtfully, in advance, his part in the work. Then, in union with all of Jehovah's publishers of the entire country, with joyful and fearless determination pursue the task untiringly until it is done, confidently believing that the true and living God, who gives the increase, can and will preserve and sustain His faithful servants and greatly prosper the work of their hands, for His own name's sake.

Pioneers should give first attention to their regular work, introducing the petition when it appears to be opportune.