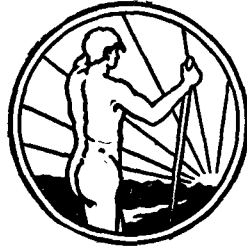


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Jehovah's Government at Washington

WHAT a setting for the proclamation of Jehovah's government, made at Washington, D.C., on the occasion of the convention there of Jehovah's witnesses, May 30 to June 3 inclusive, centering in the Washington Auditorium, and centering about Judge Rutherford's lecture on "GOVERNMENT", delivered at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, June 2, 1935, published in full in *The Golden Age* No. 411, June 19, 1935.

In the United States, President Roosevelt declares that the finding of the NRA unconstitutional has set the country back to the horse-and-buggy days preceding the Civil War. In France, Premier Flandin pleads for a dictatorship and falls in a faint when it is refused; the bourse suspends and the cabinet resigns. In Britain, the coalition government can no longer carry on with MacDonald at the head and swaps for Baldwin in the middle of the stream. In Germany, a demonized tool of Big Business has destroyed all liberty and turned the country into a madhouse. In Italy, another dictator, facing financial ruin, arms the nation for war with its sister nation, Abyssinia, in utter disregard of the fact that both are members of the League of Nations. And so, around the world, "upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity," statesmen in utter confusion. "Lo, they have rejected the word of the Lord; and what wisdom is in them?"

"Rule Thou in the Midst of Thine Enemies"

At Washington, D.C., Christ Jesus, the Anointed of Jehovah, reigned in the midst of His enemies, during the five days of the convention, in such a remarkable manner that even His enemies were compelled to grudgingly take notice of it. Thus the *Washington Post*, on the day that it shamelessly prostrated itself before the Roman Catholic hierarchy by breaking its contract to publish Judge Rutherford's great address on "Government", felt compelled to say: "Yesterday's gathering broke records for a re-

ligious meeting in the history of the city." (The general manager of the *Post*, Eugene MacLean, resigned on June 5, two days after the *Post's* collapse.)

The *Washington News* said: "Police estimated between 20,000 and 25,000 persons jammed in and around the building yesterday to hear the president of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, or Jehovah's witnesses, deliver his speech on 'Government'."

The *Washington Times* said: "The main floor of the auditorium was packed. The balcony was filled to overflowing. . . . Throngs lined the sidewalks outside the building, unable to gain entrance. . . . Loud-speakers which operated with unusual clarity brought the voices of the speakers outside the building."

A Preliminary Announcement

The Plainfield (N. J.) *Post*, having acquired advance information of what would occur at Washington, said in its issue of May 31, 1935, on its front page, beneath a scarehead eight columns wide:

"GOVERNMENT" will be the subject of an address of universal interest to be given by Judge Rutherford on Sunday, June 2, 3:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, in the Washington Auditorium. This address will be simultaneously flashed by WOL and the most unique and extensive combination of wire and wireless communications facilities and public-address appliances ever arranged on this planet. The United States will be covered from coast to coast with a network of stations, making it possible for everyone in the United States to listen in, as well as the greater part of the Canadian population.

In addition, the address will be carried by radio-telephone to England, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and South Africa; and by shortwave radio beams to Switzerland, Central America, South America, the Hawaiian and the Philippine Islands, Japan, China, Siam, India, Australia, New Zealand, Java and isles afar. At Buenos Aires, Honolulu and Manila the

address will be rebroadcast by powerful local stations. . . .

In a large auditorium at London there will be a public-address system to carry the address to those in attendance. From London the address will be carried on telephone lines to Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle, Glasgow and Belfast, in all of which cities of the British Isles there will be similar public-address meetings. There will also be public-address systems at Geneva and Berne, Switzerland; at Paris, France; Brussels, Belgium; Amsterdam, Netherlands; and cities in South Africa and in Australia. In Australia a network of at least 26 stations will serve the people of that continent with this extraordinary message concerning Jehovah's government.

This announcement was reflected faithfully in the responses, many of which are reproduced in this issue.

Radiograms, Cablegrams and Telegrams

The following are some of the radiograms, cablegrams and telegrams received at the Washington Auditorium immediately after the lecture. To save space names of senders are omitted.

ARGENTINA. BUENOS AIRES: "Transmission of lecture most clear: absolutely no fading."

BELGIUM. BRUSSELS: "We heard . . . understood every word clearly. . . . transmitted from the London Post Office by a direct line to Belgium and Holland. English and Americans were invited; a fairly large crowd attended."

BRAZIL. SAO PAULO: "By Jehovah's grace, and for the first time, we heard yesterday the strong voice of Judge Rutherford. . . . What a good thing if this same message could be rebroadcast in Spanish for South America!"

BRITISH COLUMBIA. COURTENAY: "Your great message on 'Government' perfectly received. 'Aye' was unanimous." FORT LANGLEY: "Greetings. Reception perfect over KGA." KAMLOOPS: "Thrilled by wonderful heart-cheering and courageous lecture heard today over WEBR, Buffalo, N. Y. Quite clear; some static. Join in resolution and rejoice with Jehovah's witnesses in the Lord's service." POWELL RIVER: "Unanimously shout 'Aye'. Reception excellent over KJR." VANCOUVER: "Fearless, heart-stirring, strengthening address received perfectly, with great joy."

BRITISH WEST INDIES. TRINIDAD: "Heard clearly your thrilling lectures . . . vital and very inspiring."

BURMA. PYINMANA: "Washington lecture received well. 'Aye' for righteous government."

CANAL ZONE. CRISTOBAL: "We were glad for what we heard."

COSTA RICA. PORT LIMON: "Many heard the lecture very clearly."

CUBA. HAVANA: "Discourse from Washington heard from station W3XAU." MATANZAS: "Judge Rutherford's

lecture heard thrillingly over W3XAU. Reception fine." MORON: "Address heard . . . reception fine."

CZECHOSLOVAKIA. PRAGUE: (1) "Heard the thrilling message. This was first radio message heard in Czechoslovakia. Assure full allegiance. Much enthused." (2) "Last night, to our great joy, we heard Judge Rutherford give his great lecture on 'Government'." (3) "We have reports from Karlsbad, Piestany, Uzhorod, Michalovce and Berchovo that they heard Judge Rutherford."

DENMARK. COPENHAGEN: "Thrilling lecture was clear as a bell. Splendid witness to truth and praise of Jehovah's name. Copenhagen thoroughly enjoyed Washington convention."

DUTCH GUIANA. PARAMARIBO: "Heard the lecture with slight interference."

EGYPT. CAIRO: "Lecture heard very distinctly over W2XAD, Schenectady."

ENGLAND. BIRMINGHAM: "Two thousand heard fine lecture Birmingham." LONDON: "Reception Alexandra Palace wonderful. Praise Jehovah. . . . Palace, 4,000 [heard broadcast]; Birmingham, 2,000; Belfast, 1,900; Manchester, 2,500; Glasgow, 2,300; Newcastle, 1,500. . . . Reception perfect. Audience thrilled. We give thanks to Jehovah." MANCHESTER: "Reception Paramount Manchester perfect. Much appreciated."

ESTONIA. TALLINN: "Heard you splendidly. Jehovah's witnesses Estonia shout 'Aye'."

FINLAND. HELSINGFORS: "Wonderful reception."

FRANCE. PARIS: "Perfect audition."

GREECE. ATHENS: (1) "Stilate tachista aeroporikos dialexin Rutherford." ("Send at once by air mail lecture Rutherford.") (2) "Imagine our joy after fifteen years having the privilege of hearing our dear brother sounding the message of truth to the ends of the earth. Our hearts bowed before the Lord in thankfulness and in prayer, and at the end of the lecture all rose and cried, 'Aye!'"

HAWAII. HONOLULU: "Splendid reception message Jehovah's government via both Honolulu Java relays. Rebroadcast by KGMB. Also new sound equipment. Also transcription in two public parks. Many hearers join voting 'Aye'."

INDIA. BOMBAY: "Interference hurt reception from special sixteen meters. Lecture received well Burma."

IRELAND. BELFAST: "Witnesses at Belfast, Ireland, pray Jehovah's power with you in the shout. Joshua 1:9 ['Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for Jehovah thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.']. "Hall packed. Reception wonderful. Audience thrilled."

LATVIA. RIGA: "Voice clear. Thrilled."

LITHUANIA. KAUNAS: "Heard distinctly. Thrilled."

NEW SOUTH WALES. NEWCASTLE WEST: "Lecture thrilling. Right behind you." SYDNEY: (1) "Reception clearest yet. Twelve stations rebroadcast."

(2) "Splendid reception. Truth prevails." (3) "The Most High God caused to be delivered another important pronouncement. His people rejoice. Reception excellent."

NETHERLANDS. AMSTERDAM: "Reception Amsterdam splendid."

NOVA SCOTIA. SYDNEY: (1) "Reception perfect through KROW. Every word clear." (2) "Marvelous lecture. Thrilled."

ONTARIO. BARRIE: "Jehovah's witnesses appreciated lecture. Deuteronomy 33:27 ['The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms; and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them.']. BRAMPTON: "We were indeed thrilled many times, as we listened. It was a message which gave us courage and strength to go boldly on declaring Jehovah's vengeance on the Devil's crowd and the blessings of the Kingdom to those who have the hearing ears." BROCKVILLE: (1) "'Aye' for Jehovah's government. Thrilling message heard clearly here." (2) "Received with great joy your Jehovah's government message today." GALT: "Enjoyed every word of your wonderful lecture. God bless you." GUELPH: "Message received this afternoon; splendid; best yet." HAMILTON: "Your lecture on 'Government' came in splendid and much appreciated." LONDON: "London company send greetings. Reception good." SAULT STE. MARIE: "Lecture on 'Government' received on W3XAU. Reception good. Praise Jehovah." TORONTO: (1) "Address came in splendid. God bless you." (2) "Praise to Jehovah for your Scriptural and convincing world-wide address, 'Government.'"

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. MANILA: "Lecture commenced at four a.m. over KZRM, clear and distinct. Message heard in all parts city. Jehovah's witnesses assembled with you in saying 'Aye!'"

QUEENSLAND. BRISBANE: "Speech 'Government' heard. Brisbane company send greetings."

SCOTLAND. GIFFNOCK: "Splendid reception. Crowded hall. Love." GLASGOW: (1) "Reception excellent. Large audience listened most attentively." (2) "Tonight's reception exceeded our highest expectations." (3) "Lecture excellent. Beyond expectations." (4) "Radio telephone reception tremendous success. Publishers and public thrilled." (5) "Loving remembrance from Glasgow company. 2 Timothy 4:17,18 ['Notwithstanding the Lord stood with (you), and strengthened (you); that by (you) the preaching might be fully known, and that all the (nations) might hear: and (you were) delivered out of the mouth of the lion. And the Lord shall deliver (you) from every evil work, and will preserve (you) unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.']. (6) "Jehovah upheld you."

SOUTH AFRICA. CAPE TOWN: "Joined in 'Ayes'."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. ADELAIDE: (1) "Reciprocating greetings. Lecture clear as if present. Resolution

joyfully adopted. Thousands heard. Eager for more. Jehovah continue to bless you." (2) "Jehovah's witnesses Adelaide thrilled by stirring world-wide broadcast. Excellent reception. Appreciate your great boldness. Our unqualified support assured."

SWEDEN. STOCKHOLM: "Inspiring talk much appreciated. Authorities say reception best ever across Atlantic."

SWITZERLAND. BERNE: "Reception noisy."

SYRIA. BEIRUT: "The address was heard word for word, with joy!"

TRIPOLI: "We gathered as many friends as we could accommodate in our house, where a radio receiving set was placed. At 10:30 p.m. Judge Rutherford's universal witness began to thunder. How thrilling! The very tone, accent, spirit and zeal of the speaker were recognized by us. An indescribable joy."

WALES. CARDIFF: "Thrilled. Direct shortwave reception. 'Aye.'"

YUGOSLAVIA. BEOGRAD: "We heard the lecture as distinctly as if Judge Rutherford were personally with us in the same room. Whenever he was interrupted by a roar of applause, we joined enthusiastically; and when, at the end, he asked who desire the Lord as Ruler, we all consented, full of joy."

Some United States Dispatches

ALABAMA. ANNISTON: "Heard your wonderful lecture on 'Government' over WAPI." BIRMINGHAM: (1) "Your sermon thoroughly enjoyed." (2) "Program through sound car to over three hundred. Clear and grand." (3) "Your most wonderful address inspires much faith in future." (4) "Thrilled over your wonderful message; best yet."

ARIZONA. PHOENIX: "Lecture perfect. Response 'Aye' by entire company. Glory to Jehovah."

ARKANSAS. FORT SMITH: "Most thrilling message yet. Heard by Jehovah's witnesses and others."

CALIFORNIA. ARCADIA: "All-inspiring message most clearly received. All say 'Aye' and 'God bless you'." EAST BAKERSFIELD: "Thrilled with lecture. Reception splendid. Resolution unanimously adopted." BASSETT: "God's message 'Government' perfectly clear over KNX at Puente, Calif." BERKELEY: "Every word of lecture clear. All for new government under Christ." FRESNO: (1) "Lecture came in clear over KROW and KNX. Satan's agents can no longer hide. Rejoice with you and join heartily in resolution." (2) "Greetings from Jehovah's witnesses and grateful Jonadabs and other people of good will. Lecture received over KNX in courthouse park by approximately 120, all of whom enthusiastically adopted resolution. Dear Brother Rutherford, we are proud to be fighting with you on Jehovah's side." (3) "Junior company assembled after field service with great joy clearly heard message. Resolution approved unanimously. More determined than ever to serve Jehovah." FULLERTON: "Lecture the

best yet. Heard perfectly. No interference." GLENDALE: "Congratulations. Reception was perfect. Message most timely." MONROVIA: "Thrilling reception in southern California of Judge Rutherford's speech; finest speech ever given to the world." LONG BEACH: "Lecture greatly appreciated and resolution endorsed by Long Beach company. Reception KGER perfect." LOS ANGELES: (1) "Thrilling message clearly heard. Five hundred witnesses assembled. Perfect reception through sound car. Enthused by fearless declaration against Jehovah's enemies and proclamation new righteous government. All join in enthusiastic 'Aye.'" (2) "Four stations all came in clear and strong; especially powerful; KNX reaching to Alaska, the Great Lakes and even Mexico City, actually brought the convention into our homes when we could not attend at Washington in person. Praise the Lord." (3) "Your broadcast came through wonderfully and I feel sure its message must have found a permanent home in many thousands of tired hearts. My best wishes for long years in which to carry on your great work and for your continued well-being and happiness. Sincerely and with love." OAKLAND: (1) "Lecture perfect. Best wire transmission ever received here. Station besieged with flood of favorable comment from interested public." (2) "Oakland publishers applaud heartily. Thrilled by clear blast Gideon trumpet. Powerful, inspiring message. Love; greetings." PASADENA: "Perfect and uninterrupted reception. Message thrilling, powerful. We stand with you. Jehovah bless you." PASO ROBLES: "Lecture deeply appreciated. Reception good." REDONDO BEACH: "Speech clear, forceful, very distinct. More power to Jehovah and His people." REDWOOD CITY: "We are sounding with you for Jehovah and Gideon." RIVERSIDE: "Message clear. Rejoicing to battle for Jehovah and Gideon." ROSEVILLE: "Message the most forceful yet. We are for Jehovah's government and the resolution." SACRAMENTO: "Greetings. Heard wonderful lecture; excellent reception. Endorsed every word. 'Aye.'" SAN DIEGO: (1) "We express our appreciation for your bold and fearless stand." (2) "You sure told them. We were listening." SAN FRANCISCO: (1) "Reception marvelous. Everyone here enthusiastically joins in welcoming Jehovah's government." (2) "We, Slavonian company of San Francisco, had great privilege of listening to Judge Rutherford speak. We felt Jehovah blessed the speaker and kept the Devil in the corner during that hour." (3) "Lecture 'Government' wonderful. Installation arrangements marvelous; reception KROW, San Francisco, perfect." SAN JOSE: "We are with you. Lecture thrilling and marvelous. Reception excellent." SAN RAFAEL: "Every word clear, distinct; thrilling beyond words. 'Aye,' for ever."

COLORADO. ARVADA: "Today's message of greatest comfort and hope received with thanksgiving to the

Giver of all good and perfect gifts. We, the undersigned, are in favor of the resolution, and so declared ourselves with your visible audience. Hail to earth's rightful Ruler." BOULDER: "Message came through clear and distinct. Praise Jehovah God for it." DENVER: (1) "Program came in fine. Assembly at hall heard this timely message." (2) "'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.' Message received joyfully." PUEBLO: (1) "Lecture 'Government' came in perfectly. All rejoicing." (2) "Reception perfect. Wonderful message. Thankfully stand for resolution."

CONNECTICUT. BRIDGEPORT: "Your speech came over very clear and forceful. We rejoice with you in the great privilege of serving Jehovah." NEW BRITAIN: "Heard your wonderful lecture clearly through Waterbury." NEW HAVEN: "Reception magnificent over WIXBS. Resolution enthusiastically adopted." WATERBURY: "Speech on 'Government' came in perfectly and greatly enjoyed over WIXBS."

FLORIDA. JACKSONVILLE: (1) "Thrilled with marvelous lecture. Our hearts united with you in Jehovah's righteous government." (2) "Lecture best ever. Reception perfect." MIAMI: "We, Miami company of Jehovah's witnesses, assembled, heard lecture with enthusiasm. We vote 'Aye'. More power to you." NEW SMYRNA: "Thrilled with the message 'Government'. Reception grand. Resolution adopted. Thanks to Jehovah for your boldness." OCALA: "Heard lecture fine. Thrilled through and through." ORLANDO: "Reception excellent. Most powerful discourse yet. Company sends greetings." PAHOKEE: "Heard lecture; shortwave from Philadelphia. We are with you in the Kingdom work." WAUCHULA: "Heard lecture in jail. Reception fair." (Signed by R. A. Carson, Vera Newsom, Mae Skinner.)

GEORGIA. ATLANTA: (1) "Powerful message heard with joy and enthusiasm." (2) "Your speech was wonderful and timely. Jehovah used you to deliver His message to the people." AUGUSTA: "Program fine. Praise to Jehovah." MACON: "The greatest and holdest speech in honor of Jehovah's name since the days of the apostles. Looks like the Devil and his crowd are about done for." ROME: "Reception wonderful. Resolution unanimously adopted by Jehovah's witnesses at Rome, Ga."

IDAHO. BOISE: "Stirring message joyfully received. Resolution approved and adopted as read. Reception perfect."

ILLINOIS. ATLANTA: "Plain, wonderful, marvelous, convincing truth. His blessing continue." CHICAGO: "Perfect reception of entire program at a large and appreciative public assemblage. Enthusiastic response to resolution." GALESBURG: "Thrilled over lecture. Reception good." JERSEYVILLE: "Heard lecture on 'Government'. It was great. Praise to Jehovah." MOLINE: "Greatly enjoyed your masterful lecture. Greatest, most powerful thus far." MOUNT CARMEL: "Rejoice in world-wide broadcast Jehovah's truth."

Greetings to you and convention." ROCKFORD: "Your lecture 'Government' with its message of vindication of Jehovah's name, destruction of Satan's oppressive organization, and its blessings of life, peace and happiness to mankind, came in forcefully, in spite of some static. Rejoiced the hearts of many here."

INDIANA. INDIANAPOLIS: "'Government' a most assuring message to all righteous thinking people. Your fearlessness in delivery of this message an inspiration to all of the publishers in Indianapolis, who voted 'Aye' to your resolution." RICHMOND: "Jehovah's witnesses here heartily endorse resolution."

IOWA. CEDAR RAPIDS: "We just listened to your broadcast over station KRNT and want you to know that we enjoyed it to the fullest. We are confident that God will continue to express through you the message of truth and integrity, and we feel that the world will be just that much better off, having heard your message from Jehovah. May Jehovah continue to bless and keep you." DES MOINES: "We just heard your most wonderful message here in Des Moines." WATERLOO: "Thrilled to tears with your God-fearing message. Reception perfect."

KANSAS. ABILENE: "Caught the spirit of inspiring address in spite of local static conditions." HUTCHINSON: "Lecture plain over Philadelphia shortwave. Was best ever." PARSONS: "Our hearts thrilled by lecture 'Government'. Received with keen appreciation and thanksgiving to Jehovah."

LOUISIANA. BATON ROUGE: "Came in fine. Thrilled beyond words. May God bless you."

MAINE. BANGOR: "Greetings. W3XAU brought Jehovah's powerful message voiced by you. We vote 'Aye'." CAMDEN: "Congratulations on your wonderful lecture." CENTER LOVELL: "Shortwave reception over W3XAU very good up here in Maine. Lecture very thrilling." HALLOWELL: "Praise Jehovah for most thrilling message. We are with you."

MARYLAND. BALTIMORE: "Your radio lecture best yet. Congratulations." OAKLAND: "Lecture clear and powerful. Wonderful reception. Praise the Lord for this message of truth."

MASSACHUSETTS. ARLINGTON: "Talk came in fine." AUBURN: "Heard lecture. We are in hearty sympathy with entire lecture." BOSTON: (1) "For Jehovah and for Gideon! Jehovah's name and His word supremely honored in the message of today. His blessing and strength were manifestly upon you." (2) "For Jehovah and for Gideon! Jehovah's message heard clearly in Boston. Blessed be Jehovah's name, who strengthens you to boldly declare the truth today." (3) "Boston Albanian company send you love and appreciation for a message of encouragement. Blessed be Jehovah's name, who strengthens you to boldly declare the truth today." BROOKLINE: "Your marvelous lecture came through wonderful. It was thrilling and convincing." CHELSEA: "Enjoyed lecture very much. Jehovah bless you in your

service." FRAMINGHAM: "Remarkable talk 'Government' excellently received over station WMEX. Greatly appreciated, thrilling hearers' hearts. Message voiced in thunderous tone Jehovah's impending judgment." GREENFIELD: "Wonderful reception of a wonderful message." LYNN: "Enjoyed Jehovah's wonderful message." MELROSE: "Just listened to your sterling lecture. Reception fine. We are with you." NEW BEDFORD: "Praise Jehovah. Lecture came in clear." ROSLINDALE: "We listened to your worldwide broadcast. All in favor." SAUGUS: "The lecture brought courage and comfort to the publishers of the new government, and it surely must have brought terror into the hearts of the enemy. Your manner of delivery indicated courage sublime. We are with you in life or in death, for Jehovah and for Gideon." WORCESTER: "Reception good. Thrilled by lecture through WMEX."

MICHIGAN. BAY CITY: "More praise to Jehovah. Lecture fine." DEARBORN: "Heard your wonderful lecture. Finest yet." DETROIT: (1) "Lecture greatly appreciated; best yet. Reception clear. God bless you." (2) "Greetings to the convention. Thrilled to hear your voice over WJR with a message of Jehovah. We are all happy to have a part with you in delivering this message of hope and cheer to all of good will. In full harmony with the resolution." (3) "Heard lecture for Jehovah and His kingdom."

MINNESOTA. DULUTH: "Program clear first half. Then stopped locally." HIBBING: "Your message came in fine. WEBC cut you off midway. Switched to WDG. Heard you through. Praise to Jehovah and Christ." MINNEAPOLIS: "Greetings. Praise Jehovah for most thrilling message. Perfect reception." ROCHESTER: "Reception clear. We are all with you for Jehovah and His Vindicator." ST. PAUL: "Thoroughly enjoyed lecture. Reception clear. Speed the day for full establishment of God's government on earth. Greetings to convention."

MISSOURI. ANDERSON: "God only knows how much I appreciated the lecture 'Government'." BLACKWATER: "Message came in excellent. All thanks to Jehovah." JEFFERSON CITY: "Love. Jehovah's witnesses and Jonadabs heard and enjoyed greatest talk. Unanimous 'Aye'." KANSAS CITY: "Reception perfect. Surely the truth was well told. Congratulations." ST. LOUIS: (1) "Heard lecture 'Government' over WTMV; very good." (2) "Your bold and fearless message clearly heard and appreciated."

MONTANA. BILLINGS: "Most courageous message ever given to the praise of Jehovah's name. All here joined in the mighty shout 'Aye'." BUTTE: "Message received perfectly. Praise to Jehovah." DEER LODGE: "Your powerful, masterly, truthful address clearly received. Praise Jehovah for ever." HAMILTON: "Wonderful lecture came in fine."

NEBRASKA. OMAHA: "Lecture good; a mighty shout for Jehovah."

NEVADA. RENO: "Reception perfect. Our hearts are bubbling over with joy."

NEW HAMPSHIRE. PORTSMOUTH: "May the Lord bless all His people throughout the earth. For Jehovah and for Gideon."

NEW JERSEY. CAMDEN: "We enjoyed very much the chain program. God bless you." CLIFTON: "Enjoyed your message." KEARNY: "Your heart-thrilling lecture clearly received over WHBI." NEW BRUNSWICK: "Address enjoyed. Reception O.K." PASSAIC: "Reception over the radio wonderful; came 100-percent clear as though you were right in the room. Our hearts are so thrilled over this talk you gave about the government. May Jehovah bless you in your effort." PATERSON: (1) "Italian company, Paterson, send congratulations in the new Kingdom. Speech was wonderful." (2) "Speech on 'Government' came over very good and was very much appreciated. Jehovah be praised." UNION CITY: "Broadcast was marvelous. Heard it over WMCA but was cut off after reference to Vatican City. Hope that this matter has not prevented many truth-hungry people from hearing you. Yours in the Lord's service."

NEW MEXICO. ALBUQUERQUE: "Lecture came in fine. Enjoyed it immensely."

NEW YORK. ALBANY: "Reception wonderful." BROOKLYN: (1) "We have just heard your address, and admire your courage and sincerity of purpose. May the Lord richly bless you." (2) "Excellent reception Jehovah's great message your address on 'Government'. All Italian company shout for Jehovah and for Gideon." (3) "Wonderful lecture, thoroughly enjoyed." BUFFALO: (1) "Enjoyed your timely message 'Government', the world's only hope." (2) "Your lecture thrilled me deeply. Perfect radio reception at Buffalo." (3) "Wish to express our appreciation for most marvelous message." FOREST HILLS: "Your message received very distinctly; thank you for it." HOLLIS: (1) "WMCA disconnected at 4:54. Announced 'Inasmuch as it is the policy of this station to broadcast nothing controversial, we are discontinuing the broadcast of Judge Rutherford's speech from the Washington Auditorium in the nation's capital'." (2) "WMCA interrupted program at 4:27 with five minutes' organ interlude." JAMAICA: "Most exquisite. Jehovah is with the Watch Tower." JOHNSTOWN: "Message received. All rejoice. With you one hundred percent." KINGSTON: "Heard lecture and endorse resolution. Reception perfect." LONG ISLAND CITY: "Lecture very encouraging to go forward declaring the King and the Kingdom. Lord bless you and all your efforts for the vindication of His name. With the Lord to the end." NEW YORK: "Lecture was received very clearly by Harlem company. Greetings." POUGHKEEPSIE: "Lecture came in wonderful. Yours for His kingdom." ROSSVILLE: "Praise Jehovah for vivid description of His battle

soon to be fought." SAG HARBOR: "Speech was marvelous." (Signed "A Great Friend and Admirer.") UTICA: "Your address was heard with utmost interest by nineteen persons in my home. Endorse every word uttered. Heard clearly and distinctly." WESTERLEIGH: "Lecture wonderful. In hearty accord."

NORTH CAROLINA. BESSEMER CITY: (1) "Enjoyed program with my family; never heard a better one." (2) "Government message heard clearly. Thrilling; much appreciated. Eight listening." HENDERSON: "Lecture came in fine. Many heard here and in vicinity. God bless you." WINSTON-SALEM: "Thanks to Jehovah for that wonderful message. Reception fine."

NORTH DAKOTA. FARGO: "Your fearless speech clearly heard by Fargo company of Jehovah's witnesses."

OHIO. AKRON: (1) "Program came in fine; not a hitch. Love and greetings." (2) "Heard wonderful message this afternoon. Was thrilled and stood with conventioners and said 'Aye'." CANTON: "Message thrilled us beyond words. Reception wonderful. Greetings and love." CLEVELAND: (1) "Heard every word of your wonderful speech. Jehovah's name was mentioned over eighty times. Praise Jehovah for message concerning His righteous government that will operate for the benefit and blessing of the people. Wishing you Jehovah's rich blessing in your untiring devotion and effort to praise His name." (2) "Excellent reception of your thrilling lecture on 'Government' over WHK, WGAR, WJAY. Cleveland company pledge wholehearted support and co-operation in declaring message of Jehovah's kingdom." (3) "I do." (Signed "A. L. Clark") (4) "Thank you for Jehovah's word of truth so fearlessly delivered." (5) "Received with much appreciation the lecture you just broadcast." (6) "Message came in very well; every word heard very plainly." (7) "Most wonderful speech ever heard. Friends and neighbors rejoice also." (8) "Greetings in the name of our Lord. Reception fine." COLUMBUS: (1) "Lecture 'Government' reception wonderful; message thrilling. The Lord bless you." (Signed "Eight Listeners") (2) "Reception fine in spite of storm." (Signed "25 Columbus Friends") (3) "Enjoyed lecture; came in fine. Keep on, with Jehovah's blessing." CROOKSVILLE: "Lecture and resolution fine. May your strength and courage never fail." DAYTON: (1) "Enjoyed the lecture. Reception excellent." (2) "Excellent reception here of fine lecture 'Government'." GENEVA: "Radio lecture 'Government' came in fine over WJAY." MARIETTA: "Message received, from Charleston, W. Va. Resolution joyfully accepted." MAUMEE: "Lecture came in wonderful. Received with 'Aye'." TIFFIN: "Program came in fine. We say 'Aye' to the resolution." TOLEDO: (1) "Send copy of radio speech. Accept congratulations on your masterly address." (2) "Reception perfect over WSPD. Com-

forting and inspiring. Rejoice with you in the Lord's service." WARREN: "Just heard lecture. Your message a comfort and Scripturally true." YOUNGSTOWN: "Greek company heard the program. All of the Lord's people rejoice."

OKLAHOMA. BLAIR: "Lecture came in fine. Sixty-five assembled, adopted resolution 100 percent." EL RENO: "Lecture came in clear. Most thrilling ever heard." GUTHRIE: "Marvelous witness clearly heard. Stay right there." HOMINY: "Grateful for one man who has courage to speak truth." OKLAHOMA CITY: "With great interest we heard your world-wide broadcast. Every word clear and distinct; reception perfect. A mighty shout for Jehovah and Gideon." PONCA CITY: "Wonderful testimony for Jehovah's government. Heard plainly. We rejoice with you. Yes, we are for Jehovah and His King." TULSA: "Speech fine. We join in resolution and are ready for action."

OREGON. CORVALLIS: "Lecture and reception good. Mighty message, well delivered." EUGENE: "Issue clear. Joy, gratitude inexpressible. In battle to finish. Love." KLAMATH FALLS: "Most encouraging broadcast ever delivered. Sing on, brother." PORTLAND: (1) "Lecture 'Government' came in clear as a bell, and your boldness and fearlessness is an inspiration to all who love the Lord and His kingdom. More power to you as you deliver His truth." (2) "Lecture wonderful. Reception perfect." SALEM: "Lecture heard clearly over KSLM. Message greatly appreciated by all Salem (Oreg.) publishers."

PENNSYLVANIA. CENTRAL CITY: "God will be back." FINLEYVILLE: "Lecture came through great. The best yet." PITTSBURGH: (1) "Jehovah's witnesses and others assembled at Pittsburgh express our thanks for message and heartily say 'Aye' in response to resolution. Reception very clear." (2) "Greatest message ever heard." (3) "May Jehovah strengthen and bless you. Your speech indeed comforting." READING: (1) "Received address perfectly. We thank Jehovah for it." (2) "Just heard your wonderful message. We are with you." WILKES-BARRE: (1) "Lecture came in fine. Enjoyed by many." (2) "Heard lecture and appreciate it very much. Reception fine."

SOUTH CAROLINA. ANDERSON: "Wonderful lecture. Came in fine. We joined you in resolution." CHARLESTON: "Charleston company Jehovah's witnesses delighted with lecture." GREENVILLE: (1) "Began on the dot. Clear throughout. Perfectly delivered." (2) "Message of June 2 received over station WFBC, clear and distinct. More power to you and Jehovah's witnesses." SPARTANBURG: "Lecture came in fine over WSPA. Expectations fulfilled. Honor to Jehovah."

TENNESSEE. JACKSON: "Your bold and fearless delivery of Jehovah's message came through perfectly. Thrilled all present. It was a funeral march for the Devil and his gang." MEMPHIS: (1) "Government

message came in fine. No interruptions. Most enjoyable witness." (2) "Euchometha plousias eulogias adelfoi." (Greek company 'wish you rich blessings'.)

TEXAS. ABILENE: "Reception perfect. Thirty-two attended." COLEMAN: "Heard your inspiring lecture. Most grateful. Richest blessing for all." DALLAS: (1) "Every word clear as a bell. More power to Jehovah's government." (2) "Reception of lecture perfect. Enjoyed by all." HARLINGEN: "Your thrilling lecture appreciated. Reception perfect. About fifty approved resolution." HOUSTON: (1) "Lecture came in fine, every word distinct. Enjoyed it very much." (2) "Enjoyed your lecture very much." (3) "Your wonderful message on 'Government' received with great clearness and was most inspiring. It was a very forceful declaration in favor of Jehovah, and we are sure His rich blessings will be upon same as well as all convention activities. Be assured of our continuous prayers and co-operation." KILGORE: "Fine reception and a blessing." ROSENBERG: "Company of eleven enjoyed lecture over KXYZ; distinct, wonderful." SAN ANTONIO: "Hail Jehovah's government." SWEETWATER: "Your fearless lecture 'Government' finds keen response in our hearts. Words fail to express gratitude. Resolution enthusiastically adopted. Joining our voices with the millions of hearers throughout the earth." TEAGUE: "Company of twenty-five heard the broadcast speech 'Government'; reception clear." WICHITA FALLS: "Perfect reception. Wonderful message, over KGKO, served wide area. Hallelujah."

UTAH. SALT LAKE CITY: "May God bless you and back up today's wonderful proclamation of God's word of truth concerning His government and the destruction of His enemies. We had perfect reception through KSL."

VIRGINIA. GLADSTONE: "Just heard your lecture on 'Government'. Enjoyed it very much." NEWPORT NEWS: "Newport News (Va.) witnesses and Jonadabs assembled send greetings. Lecture came in fine. All praise to Jehovah." NORFOLK: "Your marvelous lecture on 'Government' received through WRVA, Richmond, Va.; every word distinct. We join you in furthering the message." PETERSBURG: "Your broadcast wonderful; thoroughly enjoyed. God bless you and your works." ROANOKE: "Your lecture 'Government' came in perfectly over station WDBJ; every word heard. Praise to Jehovah's name."

WASHINGTON. BELLINGHAM: "Greetings to all the publishers of peace assembled in Washington, D. C. The lecture on 'Government' came into Bellingham from KJR, Seattle, very clear and forceful. Praise to Jehovah. The local company unanimously endorse the resolution." BREMERTON: "One hundred assembled heard with clarity and great interest your truly inspiring lecture 'Government'. A unanimous rising vote acclaimed your resolution with much enthusiasm. May Jehovah continue to bless you with the boldness

and fearlessness displayed in your remarkable address." ELMA: "Fifteen enjoyed lecture 'Government' and heartily subscribe to resolution. Hallelujah." Mr. VERNON: "Lecture on 'Government' came over perfect. Unanimous support." SEATTLE: "A great number of Jehovah's witnesses, Jonadabs and people of good will heard clearly your radio message on 'Government' today at noon and now join in accepting the resolution and praying Jehovah's blessings on His kingdom work and speedy destruction of Satan's organization throughout the entire earth." SPOKANE: "Lecture, exceptionally clear, endorsed by thousands." WENATCHEE: "We, the Wenatchee company of Jehovah's witnesses, here assembled, have just heard your thrilling lecture on 'Government', from Washington, and rejoice in your bold and uncompromising stand against wickedness and Satan's organization. We reaffirm our determination to range ourselves with you in this matter and to take our stand on Jehovah's side and to continue to honor His holy name." YAKIMA: "Jehovah's government message, most wonderful, received by seventeen Jehovah's witnesses and Jonadabs; reception good. May Jehovah bless the onward march of His kingdom. By Jehovah's grace we will be with you in the fight till Satan's organization is completely destroyed and Jehovah's word and name exalted."

WEST VIRGINIA. CLARKSBURG: "Lecture came in fine, and we enjoyed it very much." FAIRMONT: "Reception clear. Most wonderful lecture of all time. Every word distinct. Praise the Lord." HUNTINGTON: "Reception good. Actually proclaimed from house-top; placed loud-speaker on comb of roof and microphone before speaker of radio. Many listeners."

WISCONSIN. DIAMOND BLUFF: "Broadcast wonderful. Congratulations on your stand for Jehovah's government. Greetings." MADISON: "Message came through very clear. Marvelous and most inspiring. 'Aye.'"

WYOMING. CASPER: "Brother Rutherford's speech marvelous. Casper company unanimously adopt resolution."

A Flood of Letters

A flood of letters followed the deluge of radiograms, cablegrams and telegrams. Two of these were published in *The Golden Age*, No. 411, June 19, 1935. Others appear herein, selected from the thousands received:

DENMARK. COPENHAGEN: "All were impressed by the fact that this lecture was really going 'to the ends of the earth'. The thought gripped the imagination. I have heard American broadcasts over London, but never so clear as this one."—D. B.

ENGLAND. LEICESTER: "How strange, it seemed, that it was 9 p. m. with us, but was 3 p. m. at Washington! Promptly at nine we heard the voice of the chairman making his opening announcements, and by the clar-

ity of the speech we realized at once that our great Jehovah had once more blessed His servants. The singing of the audience came through well. . . . The lecture was grand, the audience at Birmingham joining in the enthusiastic applause with which the president's remarks were punctuated. We also joined in the mighty chorus of 'Aye' to the proposition at the close. I was much impressed with the singular lack of disturbance, sometimes caused by 'atmospherics'. There was also a pronounced absence of 'fading'. All together it was a wonderful and memorable occasion."—F. R. F.

LONDON: "You will know, of course, from the radiogram sent from here of the fine meeting we had in the [Alexandra] Palace, and of the very good reception of the lecture. I wish I had words to describe it. . . . The meeting did not begin till 9:00 p. m., but by 7:30 the hall was filling up. It was exciting to hear the electricians talking with each other of the arrangements being made. They were talking with Glasgow, Newcastle, Belfast, Manchester and Birmingham, and with Sydney, Australia, asking each other of their arrangements. It was exciting because everybody knew that nothing of the kind had been done before. It made us feel that the world was not so very big, after all. Then at about ten minutes to nine we heard the first voice from Washington, telling us that the lecture would soon be heard, that there were great crowds in the building and all around and that the day was fine. Then at a few seconds to nine there was the voice of the one who called for two verses of No. 42, and then the singing. We all felt so near as if we were there with you all. Then at once came Judge Rutherford's voice. Every word was heard distinctly, from first to last; and the audience in the Palace were with the audience in Washington; when they clapped hands, we did it too; when they cheered, we cheered. And at the end we shouted 'Aye' as quickly as in Washington. There were many wet eyes to be seen, in thankfulness for this new and great witness to our great Jehovah and for this wonderful way of speaking to all the earth, for we knew there were many other places in the earth where the same feelings were being expressed and for the same reason."—Mrs. J. H.

ESTONIA. TALLINN: "Heard very well on a short-wave receiving set. . . . It was also well heard at Tapa and at Weru. The reception was very good."

LITHUANIA. KAUNAS: "It is with great joy that we inform you that Judge Rutherford's voice was distinctly heard yesterday from what must have been RCACI 28.87 meters, San Francisco (Manila relay). Apart from almost negligible 'fading', and although full 'volume' was not used, Judge Rutherford's voice was as clear as if he had been in the same room."—L. B.

NORWAY, OSLO. "It was a wonderful event to hear Judge Rutherford's enthusiastic and forceful presen-

tation of the message and the spontaneous applause several times during the lecture. And so we were along at Washington convention and at the close we rose up and shouted 'Aye'."

SWEDEN. STOCKHOLM: "Judge Rutherford's speech from Washington was transmitted to Stockholm, from Rugby, England, via Copenhagen, Denmark, through the various post office services. A hall was rented and it was advertised that English-speaking people could come and listen there, free. . . . The reception was good; in fact, so good that P. O. engineers stated they had never heard such good transmission across the Atlantic, and were rather surprised. . . . The publicity given to the truth and to the witness being given at Washington was very valuable, and reports are to the effect that it has been noted quite a bit among the public in various parts, and this in spite of the fact that all the papers refused to carry any other notice about it, only the paid advertisement."—W. D.

ONTARIO. FORT ERIE: "I would like to have been in the audience at Washington to applaud your speech on June 2. However, as it was, I heard it at home and enjoyed it immeasurably. I am always looking forward to your broadcasts. It is too bad that there was not more time to elucidate to greater extent on the clergy frauds. . . . I want to tell you that I was disgusted beyond measure with the management of Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto when I was there in your audience last summer, for not having the loud-speaker working. I regarded it then and now as a dirty, rotten, low-down trick; and I heard plenty of unfavorable comment in their direction from plenty of others like myself who could get only snatches of your voice and who felt that we were most unnecessarily cheated by the M. L. G. management. If it had been one of those blabbermouths whose blither monopolizes the radio there would have been every facility imaginable available to put across the program, which would likely have been some kind of self-justification for some body of religious racketeering frauds, or for some political organization or patting some poor pimp on the back who ought to be serving a sentence at hard labor; and they would have been literally under such pussyfooters' feet in their anxiety to please his sponsors. I could go on like that 'far into the night' giving vent to my disgust and contempt for such things in general of which there is a surplus. I hope to be able to help in a financial way, and expect to remit within the year fifty dollars."—B. A. E.

ARIZONA. PHOENIX: "'Thank God for Judge Rutherford and Jehovah's witnesses,' is what we said after listening to your lecture June 2 from Washington and which we received here over station KOY; reception splendid. You are doing the greatest work being done today. How I long to join in the work the witnesses are doing, but cannot on account of health, which is very bad. The lecture Sunday was

just exactly according to our needs today. . . . We certainly vote 'Aye', a thousand times 'Aye'. May God's protection be over you."—Mr. and Mrs. D. F. R.

CALIFORNIA. EUREKA: "There is a radio installed and running on Sundays and holidays at the park here. The people who have no radio go there Sundays to hear Judge Rutherford at 10:30. June 2, at 12:00 noon, there were hundreds of them gathered there to hear Judge Rutherford speak on 'Government' from Washington, D. C. As nearly as I could find out there were more than a thousand, and they all stood up and shouted 'Aye'. Reception was fine."—F. B. L.

PASADENA: "I am so glad I heard you today over KNX. Thank God He has given you the power to so clearly give His law so well. I want that sermon to read and give to others who did not hear you. I hope to hear you deliver more of God's truths, and may God spare you to teach us longer. I am 81 years old, but never heard such a sermon. I can yet hear your voice, as it rang out clear as a bell and without fear of anyone who might oppose. Again, God bless and keep you."—Dr. S. L. B.

SAN FRANCISCO: "I have just listened to your wonderful lecture, broadcast from Washington, D. C., which impressed me very much. I thank God for such men as you, and may the spirit of God for ever inspire you to such constructive activities. I would like to have you mail copies of this lecture as per list, and enclose remittance to pay for mailing. I wish I were able to send you more, as I would love to contribute to the cause which you uphold. May the multitudes listen to and heed your vital, God-given messages, and may you be repaid by the voice of God saying, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant.' Best wishes to you and for you."—S. G.

Instruments of Publicity

Washington is a city of 500,000 inhabitants. Baltimore, forty miles away, is of equal size. There were few inhabitants of either city that did not know Jehovah's witnesses were in Washington, or that the Government of Jehovah would be proclaimed by radio on a stupendous scale, at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, June 2.

In Washington 40 sound cars, 18 of them with reproducing equipment, patrolled the city at all seasonable hours, calling attention to the lecture, and when the lecture was given those with reproducing equipment rebroadcast the address so that it could be heard for miles.

Persons entering or leaving Washington by any of the four principal highways were confronted with booths where traffic information was dispensed with one hand and invitations to hear the lecture with the other. Similar information was dispensed at Union Station.

Fliers were distributed for lecture reception

in Classic Cinema, Belfast, Ireland; Coliseum Cinema, Glasgow, Scotland; City Hall, New-castle-on-Tyne, England; Paramount Cinema, Manchester, England, and the Town Hall, Birmingham, England. At London, England, red and blue posters 12½ by 18½ inches were used so effectively that 4,000 listened at Alexandra Palace. The transmission throughout England was carried out by British Post Office expert engineers.

The sound cars at Washington rendered wonderful service. Not only did they extend some 9,791 verbal invitations to 'whosoever heard', but in the parks, where they performed such excellent rebroadcasts, taxi-drivers leaned over their wheels to catch every word, policemen drifted up and joined the throng, and passers-by paused, and formed a great standing army. Thousands were seated in the parks, also, and at the end it was a marvelous sight as the whole audience rose up as one man and shouted "Aye". So great was the throng that street cars were held up until the streets were cleared.

In its issue of June 5, 1935, the Washington *Herald* said: "Jehovah's witnesses have gone, but in Washington they left their mark." The burden of the paper's story that opens with the foregoing sentence is that the Washington police department's head ruled that sound cars are barred from the city's streets, and that the ban is a direct result of the extensive sound-car activities of Jehovah's witnesses.

The sound truck department had its headquarters across the Potomac, convenient to a pasture. Workers noted that when the speeches were broadcast it had a remarkable effect upon the domestic animals. They stretched up their necks, their ears stiffened, and the horses kicked up their heels and ran away from the sound, while the cows kicked up their heels and ran toward it.

Judge Rutherford's speech on 'Government' was sent out not only from Brussels, Berne and Amsterdam, but also from the receiving station at the League of Nations, Geneva; and one wonders what effect was produced when the sentence came over: "Jehovah has expressly declared that the League of Nations is a fraud and a snare and shall be completely destroyed." No report indicates that the lecture was cut off anywhere in Europe, but it was cut off in two places in the United States, through fear of the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

There seems to be a certain amount of liberty

in the air in Switzerland. Thus, the United States consul at Berne asked the Society's representative there, and in all good faith and sincerity, "When do you think the battle of Armageddon will begin?" But the Father has kept that in His own power, and no man knows; so the consul is still waiting for his answer.

The Opening Session

When the convention opened on Thursday, May 30, the throng that had already assembled filled the large auditorium, while others continued to come, until the surrounding parks, smaller halls, passages and basement were filled. By dint of improvised 'traffic regulations' and good-natured efforts at co-operation, the jam was just a comfortably tolerable one.

Publishers naturally all wanted to get into the Auditorium, but those seated in the parks, while unable to see the speakers, had the delightful compensation of balmy breezes and clear reception in nature's pleasant surroundings. One saw a little bird hopping about on the grass directly under the chairs, seemingly sure of his safety though surrounded by thousands of people. He seemed to know he was in the right place, and was content that, for the present, other two-legged birds should share his lawn.

Jehovah's Identification of "Great Multitude"

The discourse at Washington that represented the greatest amount of careful preparation was not the public address on "Government", which traveled quite familiar ground, and it was certainly not the impromptu speech which brought down the house on Monday afternoon, June 3, a digest of which appeared in *The Golden Age* No. 411, beginning at page 581.

As all who were at the convention were well aware, the special treat for God's people who were gathered in the capital city was Jehovah's identification of the "great multitude" (Revelation 7:9-17) as one and the same with the "Jonadabs" (2 Kings 10:15-23) and the "millions now living that will never die".

At the discourse by Judge Rutherford Friday afternoon, May 31, 1935, at 5:00 p.m., which discourse was broadcast on a chain of stations in the East, including the Society's own station WBBR, at Staten Island, New York, this perplexing question was settled to the full satisfaction of all.

For more than fifty years it has been known that at the end of Satan's kingdom and the in-

auguration of Jehovah's kingdom "a great multitude" would come into prominence that would render valiant service to earth's new King, and many have wondered that this multitude (which it was once thought would be a spirit-begotten class) should be so slow in making its appearance.

Now the mystery is all cleared up. Though they are only now being recognized as such, the "great multitude" have been working side by side with the remnant for some years. It is as though two good friends would go into battle side by side, and together be wounded and imprisoned and released and finally go to a picnic together and there discover for the first time that they came from the same town and had really known each other for almost a lifetime, but under other names.

Some of the workers had to remain at Brooklyn headquarters to look after the broadcast of this lecture, and other matters, and after the lecture was over expressed their huge satisfaction in the following personal dispatch to Judge Rutherford:

"Jehovah's identification 'great multitude' broadcast excellently by WBBR gratefully appreciated by thrilled watchers at Watchtower and Bethel."

It is not the purpose here to attempt a digest of this epoch in the history of Jehovah's people, further than to say that it was an eye-opener to everybody that the "great tribulation" out of which the great multitude comes is a tribulation not upon the people of God, but upon the Devil and his crowd, which tribulation is now manifest on every hand.

Every reader of *The Golden Age* should be a reader of *The Watchtower*, in which the whole subject will be discussed in a series of articles to be published sometime within the ensuing year. It is a subject which has many ramifications, and Jehovah's people, given a foretaste of it at the Washington convention, look forward with keenest zest to what they know awaits them in *The Watchtower* on this highly important subject.

A Service Convention

The convention at Washington was a service convention, first, last, and all the time, and the grandest spirit of service was manifested at all times by all who were present. The first thing on the program each day was service, and many interesting items in this connection will be

brought to notice. At the moment, however, attention is upon the discourses.

The Question Meeting

The question meeting was a feature much enjoyed. About forty questions were fired at Judge Rutherford, some of them stickers, too, but all answered as quickly as they were asked, many of the answers meeting with laughter and applause from his hearers, and all of them with great appreciation. The questions, previously submitted in writing, were shot at him by the chairman, M. A. Howlett.

Q. How can I decide whether I am of the Jonadab class or of the anointed?

A. Suppose you could not decide it, what difference would it make? You were in a still greater mix-up when you were in the Devil's organization, but now you have been brought out of the kingdom of darkness and into God's marvelous light and it should not make the slightest difference to you whether you will ultimately be in heaven or upon the earth. If you remain upon the earth it will not be long now until you will meet Abraham, David, and a few of those other good boys of whom the apostle says that 'the world was not worthy of them'. What difference does it make what kind of an organism you have, if you are in God's organization? If it can be said of you that you are one of those of whom the world is not worthy, praise the Lord. I think it would be rather presumptive of me to say whether you will be in the one place or in the other. I have been trying to serve the Lord consistently for 25 years at least, but it is such a happy and glorious thing to serve Jehovah God that if He should say to me, "You are going to be on the earth forever," I would be well content. To live on the earth forever is such a privilege that it may not be described in human phrase. We who are here before the Lord know that we have made a full surrender to the Lord without any reference to the reward. One used to sometimes hear the expression "I am consecrated to death", meaning by that that he anticipated that as a result of that kind of consecration he would be called upon to help rule the world. Such were not begotten of the spirit at all. Nor should one say, "I want to live on the earth forever." What all should say to Jehovah is, "Whatever you want to do with me, that is the best thing that could happen." Anyone who makes a consecration with a condition attached to it shows his selfishness. The true spirit is the spirit of our Master, "I delight to do thy will, O my God." 'Whatever is thy will, that will I do: I am going to serve wherever I am put.' 'The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ, if so be that we suffer with him.' How may we know we have the witness of the

spirit? The spirit bears this testimony in two separate and distinct ways: one, by the Word of the Lord; the other, by the way in which He deals with us. If you are willing to suffer the reproaches that came upon Christ Jesus, and to do it with a grateful heart, that is strong evidence that you are one of God's sons. This text, however, applies more particularly prior to 1918. The Jonadab class, or great multitude class, was not then in existence. Notice what the Lord says in Zephaniah 2: 2, 3: 'Seek meekness, seek righteousness: it *may* be that ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger.' It all depends upon the conditions. One may be moved by selfishness in making a consecration, and not seek meekness and righteousness. Some may stop after receiving a knowledge of the truth, and never make any more progress. Such would not stand much of a chance of being preserved in Armageddon. That is why it says "It *may* be". But the wholly faithful may wholly rely upon this promise. "The Lord knoweth them that are his." It would be presumptive in me to try to draw a line of demarcation; for I do not know what the Lord has kept in His own hands. But I do know that if you have made a full and unconditional consecration to do the will of God, and your whole affection is set upon Jehovah and His kingdom, if you have entirely left the Devil's organization and unequivocally taken your stand on the side of God's organization, and are giving praise to Jehovah, then you have the testimony of the Lord that you are on His side, and happy is your lot. Why should such worry? How many think you should worry under such conditions? I saw but one hand.

Q. Has the opportunity to get into the Anointed ceased?

A. As long as there is a danger of anyone's falling away, the Lord can arrange for someone to fill up the ranks. Serve the Lord and leave it to Him. I think the Royal House is complete now, but some may fall away.

Q. If one is a Jonadab, is he immune from natural death from now until Armageddon?

A. Suppose one has a wreck of his car and is killed? The Lord can wake him up. There is no insurance policy that your old frame may not crack up before that time comes.

Q. Is it a correct thought that great numbers of the "great multitude" are still in the churches?

A. It is not a correct thought. Those who are in the "great multitude", the Jonadabs, are out of the Devil's organization, and are not supporting it. But it may be quite true that there are still many in the churches who will get out and who may be accounted worthy to get into the "great multitude", and will take their stand, soon.

Q. Is it proper for Jonadabs to refer to themselves as Jehovah's witnesses?

A. The Jonadabs are servants of Jehovah God,

doing His will, and commanded by Him to give the water of life freely to those with whom they come in contact. They are not witnessing for the Devil, but are witnessing for God, and it is quite right for them to say, "I bring you a message from Jehovah."

Q. In meetings, may the Jonadabs meet with and study with the elders?

A. Certainly they may do so, but that does not mean that the Jonadabs are elders. The elders are the ones that are mature in Christ. Let the Jonadabs meet with them and ask and answer questions, and if asked to pray, they should do it, for they pray through Christ Jesus just as well as those who are of the anointed. They have every right so to do, for they are on the Lord's side.

Subsidiary Speakers and Themes *Watchtower*

A. Koerber	"The Higher Powers"	6/1, 15/29
M. A. Howlett	"The Water Test"	1/1-3/1/35
G. Suiter	"The Lions' Den"	12/1, 15/34
F. W. Franz	"Parable of Trees"	3/15, 4/1/35
M. Harbeck	"Jehovah's Battle"	1/1-3/15/35
T. J. Sullivan	"God's Will"	5/1, 15/35
A. R. Goux	"Belshazzar's Feast"	11/1, 15/34
J. Hemery	"Prophecy of Hab. I"	3/15, 4/1/35
E. Keller	"Jehovah's Battle"	1/1-3/1/35

Jonadab Work in Los Angeles

It would have been a pleasure to print all or most, or at least some, of each of the foregoing addresses (Harbeck's thrilling talk on the work in central Europe was especially appreciated), but as they were all based upon *Watchtower* articles already in print the reader is referred thereto for the careful consideration of each theme; and limited space makes it impossible to make more than one selection from the five symposium addresses, but the Jonadab work in Los Angeles is of such immediate and outstanding interest that considerable space is devoted to the report of C. V. Knemeyer, Los Angeles service director:

How to make the best use of the Jonadabs in the Los Angeles territory gave us considerable concern. Then the light came respecting Jonadab's relationship to Jehu, and we concluded there must be some way these could be used.

During a set period publishers were asked to turn in the names of people supposed to be interested. Four thousand were turned in, and 600 of these proved to be really interested. These were given special assignments in their own neighborhood, and were asked to give handbills to butchers, bakers and bill collectors, but were not counted as publishers until they actually went out in the field. This plan proved to be an immediate success.

Helping the Jonadabs into the work is not a one-man job: there is a responsibility on each one, but

those engaged in the work find it most enjoyable, and, in fact, there is a waiting list. This is not because it is easy, for those who are assisting the Jonadabs are putting in regular hours in addition. Only those who engage in field work are fitted to do this, and it is all extra work. Reports of Jw's and Jonadabs are kept separate.

After Brother Rutherford's lecture on the "great multitude" I wired that there was a tremendous work ahead, and the reply came back that there were more carloads registered for duty than in any previous campaign, and that despite the fact that there were 125 away from the company. No doubt this is the opening gun and we shall now see a great increase in interest. It takes a lot of plugging, but there are results: the *Watchtower* studies have increased forty percent.

To inaugurate a meeting in a certain home recently we sent around a sound truck and, just before the meeting, put on one of the musical records. As a result, the house could not hold those that came. All indicated that they were interested, and most of them took the literature. The friends at Los Angeles are more interested in this good-will work than in anything else: 215 are steadily engaged in it; and from now on we will push the work harder than ever.

Out at the municipal air port the first visit with the sound truck was so effective that after the lecture started there were actually those that engaged in a fist fight, to preserve order. Those that were interested obtained literature.

One brother with peculiar zeal was given an assignment to work for three weeks in a territory of six blocks. Out of 30 persons that he found interested he had 9 out in the work after the three weeks were ended. During April over 13,000 attended the sound car transcription and phonograph meetings.

When requests are made of the Jonadabs of the Los Angeles company to engage in volunteer service, the response is like "marching in the tops of the mulberry trees" (2 Samuel 5: 24, *Rotherham*).

The work carried on by the Jonadab department has been more or less of an experiment, but seems to be functioning smoothly now, as meetings with these special publishers have helped to iron out difficulties, and bulletins with suggestions and instructions are issued to those doing this special work. There are about 50 who are now engaging in regular field service, and these have been transferred to the company directory.

The following information has been obtained from the monthly reports turned in on 170 good-will people who are being visited and reported on, on a regular monthly basis:

(a) No. good-will people with home assignment ..	4
Permanent assignment ..	0
(b) Placements with good-will people: Books	69
Booklets	305

(c) Phonograph meetings: Number held	30
Number attending ..	63

(d) Number good-will people attending:	
Service meeting ..	10
Watchtower study ..	19
New interest study ..	25

(e) No. good-will people who have been in field ..	3
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(a) These individuals who are holding home assignments are those who have shown a desire to participate in the work, requesting work to do at home first. They have been left a home assignment on which they can report witnessing done to neighbors and tradesmen. They may have participated in field service up to this time, but they have not taken out regular territory in their names. Some of them are probably included in (e).

(b) These placements have been made by the special publishers when calling on these good-will people; not during their regular field service.

(c) These phonograph meetings have been held at the request of the good-will individual, and they have invited their friends to attend, adding new people to our good-will lists.

(d) There is a special effort being made to get these people of good will to attend service meetings, *Watchtower* studies, and other studies. This column shows the number of good-will people attending meetings during the month; they may have attended more than one meeting. This merely shows the number of people attending these meetings.

(e) This indicates the number of good-will people who have taken an active part in the field service... that is, door-to-door witnessing.

During his address on "The Great Multitude" Judge Rutherford asked the Jonadabs present to raise their hands. The number present was very large, as may be gathered from the fact that 840 were immersed.

The Pioneers' Greatest Convention

The pioneer attendance at Washington exceeded that of any previous convention, the enrollment reaching 1,535. This included nearly 150 from Canada, as well as pioneers from Mexico, Puerto Rico, Switzerland, and France. Every state in the Union was represented. Twelve signed up as pioneers, and six as auxiliaries, while the convention was in session.

The pioneers began to arrive many days in advance of the convention, many of them aiding in the preparation, and by Saturday the 25th they were arriving in large numbers.

Anticipating the financial strain, arrangements were made to furnish many with lodging at very low cost, and some at no charge. At Anacostia two buildings which were formerly

a colored boys' school were rented, holding over 180 men and women, one building being assigned to men and the other to women. Army cots and straw mattresses were furnished for the women, the men being content with mattresses, both two-story buildings being practically filled. An armory was obtained at Silver Springs, Md., and also one at Kensington, Md. In the first, having a capacity of approximately 300, 100 men and women were accommodated, it not being necessary to use the one in Kensington, although mattresses and other equipment were available if needed. All together, 600 or more straw mattresses were made by those preparing for the convention. Some of these were used in the private rooms at the Auditorium. Over 400 blankets were loaned to the convention. Some were supplied with work in the cafeteria and kitchen, where they were provided with food gratis.

The majority of the pioneers came with their own housing equipment; and the pioneer camp, located in a beautiful wooded valley across the Potomac at Arlington, was the largest assembly of field equipment of the Lord's organization up to this time. The encampment embraced 25 house-cars, more than 150 trailers, and over 150 tents, a total of 325 pieces of equipment, in addition to the hundreds of passenger cars. A close estimate of the population of the camp is 1200 of Jehovah's witnesses, and one goat from Texas. The pioneers bore the expense of renting the property and the cost of the water and electricity used, by paying a charge of 50c for each outfit there during the entire period; 25c for those who came in for only the latter part of the convention.

The camp was one of the highlights of the convention and was the show place for travelers, taxi-drivers, airplanes and dirigibles. It was one of the most joyful spots of the convention. No one did any complaining. The variety of equipment was one of the striking features of the camp. Some of the cars and trailers were the acme of modern beauty and convenience, while others were the unique and ingenious contrivances of limited financial resources. The majority of trailers and house-cars manifested gratifying progress and improvement over the equipment at previous conventions.

The pioneers at the camp were not talking about "Arlington" or "Washington's home" or "Lincoln Memorial". They had more important things to talk of and to think of than these em-

blems of the honor of men, which is not of God. Uppermost in their minds was the significance of the text, "For Jehovah and for Gideon!" No sightseeing or vacationing for them, and small loss they consider it. They are too busy calling attention to the passing of the old world and the foundation of the new, of which Christ is King.

If seeing the camp was an inspiration, staying there for a day or two, including nights, was an education. When driving in, one wonders, by the time the far end of the camp is reached, how the pioneers got their cars and trailers to their destination. It was the roughest road one could imagine, symbolic of the rough road the pioneers travel as they go forth proclaiming the "glad tidings of great joy". One pioneer's outfit fell to pieces trying to get located, and he was without a home; but the rest chipped in, and built him a better.

A pioneer outfit usually consists of an automobile, a trailer for living quarters, and some kind of sound equipment, whether this be a phonograph, transcription machine, or sound equipment which was specially built for the car and had horns which sounded the message abroad from the roof of the car. With some of them, anything that can be pulled on two wheels is a trailer, anything that has a motor and steering wheel and runs is an automobile; and, of course, anyone who is fully devoted to Jehovah and willing to give all his time to the service of the Lord is a pioneer.

And do they take their work seriously? Anything in print that comes from "headquarters" is devoured with avidity. It is considered carefully, prayerfully. Nothing is overlooked: *Watchtower*, books, *Bulletin*, *The Golden Age*—all are welcomed with open arms. The Lord's business is their "big business", compared with which the commercial activities of the world are insignificant, though they be housed in skyscraper palaces. Their big business is to magnify the Lord's name; and how they love to do it! They have little of this world's goods; they are rich in faith!

The first day the campers were there, the day the convention opened, brought a rainstorm, which turned the camp into a "sea of mud". It looked bad, but the mud dried up quickly, and the rest of the time the convention enjoyed ideal weather.

At 6:30 in the morning the camp was a bustle and hum of activity. But when a sound car announced that the morning text and comments

would be read, everything was quiet as though there weren't a living thing in it. Everyone listened attentively. After the reading the buzzing activity was resumed. After a night's rest in and under cars, in tents, and in trucks, anywhere and everywhere, "sleeping the sleep of the just," the pioneers were ready for action. Many of the men made their toilet outside, probably leaving the inside of the trailer for the women. (There isn't much room in a trailer.) It was a funny sight to see the various means employed and positions taken in accomplishing the morning shave. Cracked mirrors, automobile mirrors and windshields or windows—anything that would give a reflection was used to accomplish the desired end. One little "shaver" stood on a stepladder to enable him to look in the mirror on a car. (Either he was little or the mirror was too high to reach otherwise.)

Shaving and toilettes accomplished, breakfast, tasty and substantial enough, was taken on the jump. There wasn't time for frills, but everybody was happy as a lark. The camp was serviced like a regular little city. The butcher, the baker, the newsboy, the milkman and the grocymen made regular visits and, as was to be expected, got the witness concerning the Kingdom well impressed on their minds. Even pioneers must eat, and, true to His promise, the Lord provides for their needs, "in some way or other." One pioneer had a goat, which, we are told, travels on the running board. The goat provides fine nourishing milk for the family, and amusement for the children as well. In the estimation of this pioneer, and some others, no pioneer equipment is really complete without a goat. Goat milk cannot be excelled for healthful quality, and the goat will graze and get its food anywhere "in some way or other".

Then the pioneers, bright and early, pulled off for the first feature of the day, "service," and the camp became like a deserted city.

Report of Field Activities

At the Washington convention there were 8,390 publishers actually out in the field: they were in the care of 1,514 car drivers: they placed 16,176 bound books and 194,020 booklets. These publishers put in 56,050 hours in the work, and placed literature with 56,075 obtainers. The number of sound cars engaged in broadcasting announcements of the lecture "Government" varied from 7 to 34 upon the six occasions when they went out in the announcement service. The

aggregate of 139 cars (for the six occasions) traversed 9,013 miles and made 9,791 announcements. Number of sound cars rebroadcasting the "Government" lecture in Washington, 3; outside of Washington, 40.

It was very noticeable that those attending the convention were very orderly, and their sole purpose for being at the convention was to receive the blessings in store for them, and especially to have a part in the honoring of Jehovah's name in the field service work. There seemed to be very little loitering or gossiping.

When the meetings were held the brethren were in their seats, or, if there were no seats and they were standing, they were attentively enjoying the food provided.

The factory at 117 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., was privileged to do the largest portion of the printing for the convention, as well as furnishing the convention with the signs. All of the radio folders, of which over 5,500,000 copies were printed, were put through the presses at 117 Adams Street. Special announcements for the Washington Auditorium were also furnished, 200,000 of these being used to cover the entire city of Washington. The various forms and information folders were also printed by the Society, as well as the programs. Report cards, registration slips, tickets for the bookstore, and hundreds of signs were also furnished.

Service Maps and Preparations

Preparatory to the convention all the territory within 75 miles of Washington was divided into 2,322 territories, and maps were provided so that in the rural areas every worker could have one—four maps to a car. In a city that is at present badly overcrowded, pleasant accommodations were provided for 20,000 persons, in itself a great undertaking.

It sometimes became necessary to send troops to another front, on account of the tactics of the enemy. Thus, a special service had been planned for Monday, June 3. The workers rose very early and were in their places at 7:00 a.m., but the *Post* had fallen down and the *Star* had gone out, so the workers were directed to return to the Auditorium for instructions. They left their cars and walked to the hall, a distance of twelve blocks or more. The doormen of the government buildings came out to watch them pass, the gardeners ceased work, and the police stood wondering what it was all about, while the "locusts" filed by nine thousand strong.

A Glimpse of God's Organization

It required a typewritten book of eighty pages to set out the plans and specifications for the Washington convention. It is a big job to plan at one and the same time for the greatest worldwide witness, the greatest witness at the nation's capital, and all the needs, of every kind, of 20,000 visitors.

Some will be interested in the index to the book of instructions:

Advertising (programs, placards, signs, hand-bills, newspapers)	Parking and Traffic
Auditor and Treasurer	Pioneers
Auditorium	Pioneers' Special
Books	Accommodations
Bookstore	Printing
Bulletin Board	Program
Cafeteria and Kitchen	Railroad Transportation
Caretaker	Repair Cars
Carpenter	Rooms
Chairs	Sign Painting
Colored Division	Sign Placing
Field Service Records	Sound Cars
Guards	Sound Equipment
Hauling	Car Repairs
Hospital	Special Trains
House-cars	Bethel Special
Immersion	Pacific Coast Special
Information	Public-Address and
Lost and Found	Sound Engineering
Music	Telephones
	Territory
	Ushers

To house the daily reports the carpenter division made two chests, each with interior dimensions 30 by 36 by 12 inches. They built all the booths and tables in the cafeteria, the shower baths and toilets at the pioneer camp, and the desks and booths which served as offices of the administration not only at the Washington Auditorium, but on all the principal highways leading into the city.

An example of field service: The Freeman Hospital (colored) was visited, and sixty pieces of literature were placed with the patients. The superintendent appointed nurses to guide the party of five to the wards. The matron asked where the meetings are regularly held, and stated that she wished to attend them. While Judge Rutherford's broadcast lecture was being given a sound car stood outside the hospital and broadcast the lecture for the benefit of the patients.

The conventioners were not able to entirely offset the achievement of the Devil in putting the *Post* and the *Star* out of commission, but

they did something right away, and more later. On June 3 they distributed 75,000 mimeographed statements of the essential facts in the case (followed within two days by the resignation of the general manager of the *Post*, who seems justly indignant at the light in which he was placed by the men higher up), and on June 9 and 10 the city was covered with *The Golden Age* No. 411, which presents the same facts and many more, with proofs that the facts are facts. The American republic is writhing in the grasp of the Roman Catholic hierarchy's devilish tentacles, and her alleged statesmen and Big Business representatives have become mere eunuchs in the hierarchy's hands.

A Service Not on the Program

Much of the finest service rendered at Washington was in the homes where the conventioners were entertained. The following was handed in by one of the *Golden Age* reporters, to show the vast difference in spirit between the Catholic people who love God and the Catholic hierarchy who love themselves:

"We were invited to pull our trailer up in the shade of a great maple tree, where quiet and beauty, with a welcome from the heart, made the dream of tired and nervous pioneers come true. We looked no further for the big pioneer camp across the Potomac; ours would be here. While our trailer lights were being hooked up to a convenient socket on the front porch, and we were being invited to get water from the lawn faucet, and to come in and get ice from the Frigidaire, we learned that our benefactors were 'good Catholics'. They were really and truly good.

"Two of our pioneer friends, Mrs. J. H. Donovan, of Savannah, Ga., and Mrs. Etta P. Foster, of Montgomery, Ala., were to arrive by train, and were registered for service throughout the convention in our car. When we went to claim the room assigned to our southern friends over on Wisconsin avenue, it had long been permanently rented to an outsider. Hearing of this, Mrs. E—— at once found that she had a nice room, and at the pioneer rate, for our friends. Although Mrs. Foster stayed an extra day, no money would be accepted therefor; nor was any money acceptable in payment for the electricity consumed by our well lighted trailer.

"The night preceding the opening of the memorable convention an automobile from a far distant state, filled with witnesses, and drawing a trailer with five or six additional witnesses aboard, drove in alongside of us while we were out. We did not hear them tell of their long journey and weariness; we did not witness the usual un murmuring little sigh at the information that the camp site had been changed across

the city. What we did see on our return was threatening weather out of the northwest, Mr. E—'s brand-new car standing outdoors in front of us, and his garage filled with these visiting witnesses from afar on their army cots; then ensued the long drizzling rain. In the morning these witnesses went on their way, refreshed by rest and by human kindness.

"The following night we noticed Mr. E—'s new car again standing out in the weather. It thus continued till the morning after the great conclave had ended. During this time the E—s' unused bedsprings furnished nightly rest to another pair of Jehovah's witnesses from Louisville, Ky., who carried, meantime, the garage key. On their turning back the key, I heard Mr. E— deny them the opportunity of clearing up the garage.

"Early in the convention Mrs. E— told us that her Catholic friend had called her up and told her that we were such awful people, and that we were against the Catholics; why would she have us there? Later on her Catholic friend again called up to tell of the awful things that Judge Rutherford had said on Sunday afternoon 'about the government'; but Mrs. E— seemed to prefer to listen to us, and, entirely without suggestion on our part, to loan us such things as rubbers and raincoat and umbrella on the rainy morning, and blocks of ice from her Frigidaire on the hot days, to say nothing of the cake and fruit and other things; and she even suggested to her Catholic friend that if she did not like to listen to Judge Rutherford's radio lecture, why didn't she turn it off?

"The above is reported merely as a wee illustration of the great fact that Jehovah's witnesses are NOT against the Catholics. There are millions of sincere and honest Catholics, many of whom attend early mass as the E—s do, and some of these already begin to sense the insincerity and hypocrisy of their misleaders. Jehovah's witnesses are ready to lay down their lives, if need be, to bring to these good people the true message of Jehovah God and His kingdom. Our message is FOR and not against the Catholic people. Christ died for these and we love them."

Other Good Declarations

The declaration meetings featured the Jonadab work. One of them said that when confronted by three policemen he had told the officers that when God's kingdom is in full operation there will be no need for the clergy, no need for the police, and no need for the judges, but love for God will be in every heart.

A Jonadab, imbued with the real spirit of service, had brought her landlady with her to the meeting.

The service director of the Glasgow (Scotland) company had found a Jonadab that very morning who was rejoicing in Judge Rutherford's

books, and was reading them when he called. He was pleased when he found that "the people here are just like they are in Glasgow". It may be doubted that he knows as yet that there are more persons of Scotch descent in the United States than there are in bonnie Scotland itself.

A sister who was just out of prison in time to attend the convention made a declaration. While she was in the prison her son brought her food. When she came out, so she said, "the angel of the Lord came with me, and we made it," that is, got to the convention.

A publisher related how he found the truth. He picked up a *Watchtower* in a railroad station one morning about three o'clock. A policeman standing by asked, "What have you there, something religious?" He replied, "Yes, but I am not much interested." However, they read the paper, and the result was that both the publisher and the policeman came into the truth, and both are now Jehovah's witnesses.

Another publisher found a Jonadab who said to him, "I want to go to one of your meetings." The result of that statement was that a little company was formed, and out of it, in a few weeks, two Jonadabs went to prison for thirty days and one of them for forty days, and a mother and her sister, and eight of her folks were out in the work. This mother had prayed that she might meet one of Jehovah's witnesses; and God answered her prayer by giving her a share in the work itself.

A publisher from Kingston, Jamaica, said he was thankful for the great privilege of coming two thousand miles across the seas to attend the convention of a people for Jehovah's name.

One publisher found at the convention a cousin he had never seen in his life; both were in the service of the Most High God.

A publisher from Boston was out in the work and came to the door of a Hebrew. Looking at some of the literature the Hebrew noticed that it was Christian literature, and summoned the police, declaring that the man was out of his head. The publisher was taken to a psychopathic ward in a hospital, and there met a physician he had known for eighteen years. The physician asked him, "What are you doing here?" The publisher replied, "That is what I am asking you." A general laugh followed all round, and the publisher was granted his liberty, and came to the convention.

A publisher from Oregon had come with 15 others, in a school bus, 3,600 miles.

A publisher from southern Georgia said: "I served the Devil and his organization for ten years as a Baptist minister; for the last four years I have been serving Jehovah God, as one of His witnesses."

A publisher from Dallas found an old lady, 89 years of age, who had first got a copy of *The Finished Mystery*, in magazine form, then *The Harp*, and finally all the other books, and *The Golden Age*. When the publisher called upon her she gave him a page from *The Golden Age* which she had filled with signatures to the petition there published. She said: "I do not know if God will let me live through Armageddon, but if not, it is all right."

A call was put forth for those from foreign countries to come to the platform and make declarations, and everybody laughed when, along with the publishers present from France, Switzerland and other foreign countries, publisher Stark, from New Jersey, came to the platform. Stark has been arrested twenty times, in New Jersey, for preaching the gospel.

National differences are of small moment among Jehovah's witnesses. An American, a Bohemian, a Frenchman, a German, an Irishman and a Scotchman went out in the work in one car, and noted their different national relations only because such made absolutely no difference to them.

"Known and Read of All Men"

In Fredericksburg, Va., after a witness had been given in a home, the mistress of the home related some things that had befallen her in her contacts with an unrighteous, double-dealing clergy, and then said, "The idea of Jehovah's witnesses' being required to get a permit for preaching the gospel! The clergy should be made to get a permit to do what they are doing, and should pay for it, too." With that she paused and her big green parrot on the table, which had apparently been listening to every word, said "Ha! ha! ha! ha!" so heartily as to make one think it desired to express its delight with the sentiments uttered.

At a gasoline station the attendant said he wished he could go with Jehovah's witnesses, they all looked so happy. The men selling the papers said that they wished they belonged to us. One comical remark made in a large hotel

was, "These people belong to every denomination, even including Mohammedanism."

At one home, where the maid was out in the garden, the head of the house came to the door, and when addressed replied, "Thank the Lord I am a Catholic; let that old Jehovah do what he wishes." The poor man was so benighted that he did not even know that Jehovah God is the Creator of heaven and earth, and the One in whose hand is the breath of every living creature.

A newspaper made the significant admission that Jehovah's witnesses constitute "an army of men and women, their eyes reflecting a deep inner fire and their faces bright with righteousness".

On July 18, 1933, Mrs. Leila Yuille, pioneer of Duluth, Minn., was in an automobile wreck, sustained a broken leg and had one eye so badly injured that it had to be removed, yet within ten weeks she was back in the pioneer work, has been in it ever since, and was at the convention.

Jonadabs Believe in Immersion?

Do the Jonadabs believe in immersion? One would gather that they do, from the fact that 840 were immersed in the Takoma Park swimming pool. All efforts to look smug were at a discount. Those immersed were entirely satisfied to don bathing suits for the occasion, which was perfectly all right. If anybody did not like the bathing suits it was his privilege to look the other way.

The weather during the convention was perfect; warm, but not oppressive. The storm on the morning of the first day cleared the air (seemingly all over the earth), and the weather remained ideal throughout.

The Music of the Convention

The convention of Jehovah's witnesses at Washington is past. But there is far more left of it than "only a memory". The echoes of that convention will reverberate and increase in volume and intensity as well as in significance as the heart dwells upon its theme: the praise of JEHOVAH. The convention was a song in itself, with varying cadences and measures, but with the one underlying and sustained theme: "Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne [JEHOVAH, GOD], and unto the Lamb for ever and ever." The convention in its entirety, and not merely the more specifically and literally musical part

of it, was *music*; not only music to the ears and hearts of the conventioners, but, we may confidently believe, acceptable praise to Jehovah.

This brief item is about the singing and the instrumental music of the convention. Heartily do Jehovah's witnesses sing His praise. While they are not "psalm-singing religionists", they would rather, by far, employ their voices in extolling the glory of Jehovah than in singing meaningless and worthless ditties concocted by those who know not God and who extol men and women rather than the Creator, who is most blessed for ever.

Nor do God's people dote on so-called sacred songs of "sentimental sweetness". To them there is nothing sweeter than the songs of Zion, which have to do with Jehovah's word and name and with His Son, Christ the King. "Children of the heavenly King must speak their joys abroad."

The songs of the convention were vigorous, triumphant, exulting. "Let God arise, and scattered let all his enemies be," and "Lo! the day of God is breaking", were the themes which resounded with enthusiasm through the convention halls and surrounding parks, where the overflow of the convention could hear all that was going on, by means of amplifying equipment.

The grandest volume of sound was attained at the meeting addressed by Judge Rutherford on Sunday afternoon, on which occasion the vast throng in the Auditorium, and those outside, joined in the inspiring song:

"Eternal God, celestial King,
Exalted be thy glorious NAME;
While hosts in heav'n thy praises sing,
Let saints on earth thy love proclaim.

"My heart is fixed on thee, my God;
I rest my hope on thee alone;
I'll spread thy sacred truths abroad,
And to mankind thy love make known."

The deep-toned organ blended with and was all but drowned out by the mighty chorus of jubilant singers. Occasionally a quartet of voices added variety to the program, singing, among other numbers, "Take sides with Jehovah," and "All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name". After the meetings the organ played as the happy conventioners collected in groups and their voices blended with the music "as the sound of many waters".

Radio station WOL extended to the convention the courtesy of three half-hour programs by the guest orchestra of WBBR, in attendance at the convention. The Watch Tower male quartet also participated in the programs. An opportunity was thus afforded to invite the public to the Sunday afternoon lecture as well as to call attention to the chain hookup which would carry that lecture to the ends of the earth.

On Monday night, after the close of the convention, at the pioneer camp, the pioneers and others were singing songs of praise to Jehovah far into the night, for the great feast just enjoyed, and for the great privilege of bearing testimony to Jehovah, His King and His kingdom.

Jehovah's Power Made Manifest

Seven and one-half times around the earth in a second. When? How? Where?

This gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world as a witness. The declaration of Jehovah's Government must be made. But how can a small handful of people perform such a mighty task? They cannot in their own strength, but Jehovah can and does provide the ways and means whereby this can be done.

The greatest shout of all time went forth from the convention of Jehovah's witnesses at Washington, D.C., when Judge Rutherford delivered his memorable speech on "Government".

There were upward of 20,000 people gathered in and around the Washington Auditorium, with millions more in the invisible audience. As the unfaltering declaration rang out in clear-toned eloquence, that the Government of Jehovah is the only hope of the world and that all earthly governments have failed, the vast audience thrilled with the truth of the statements. When the speaker concluded his remarks calling for a rising vote and a shout of "Aye" on the part of all those desiring a government of righteousness, it was like the surging of a tremendous peal of thunder. As this shout went forth from Washington it was instantly taken up by countless numbers in practically every part of the earth, until the whole world was filled with the chorus of "Aye", from the throats of these people of good will affirming their desire for, and allegiance to, the Government of Jehovah.

For weeks before this never-to-be-forgotten event, hundreds of radio engineers, telephone engineers and other technicians, were employed in assembling the largest combination of wire

and wireless communication facilities ever employed at any one time. Long distance telephone lines connected one hundred and eight regular broadcast stations of the United States in a private Watch Tower network. Transoceanic radiotelephone, directional beam and shortwave facilities, public-address systems, and broadcasting stations and telephone networks abroad were utilized to bring within earshot the waiting millions in foreign lands.

The time arrived, the message went out with the speed of light, 186,300 miles per second, seven and one half times round the earth in one second. Jehovah placed at the disposal of His people these appliances whereby it was possible for them to accomplish His purpose. But this was not all.

The auditorium was very large, and it required sound amplification to enable those attending to hear. When this sound amplifying equipment was in use, even with low volume, it created an echo which rebounded to the platform and could be heard in the radio microphones, thus destroying the quality of the broadcast. If the volume of the public-address equipment was turned down low enough to prevent an echo from coming back into the radio microphone, it was feared, those in the auditorium could not hear. If enough volume was used to reach the audience inside, the echo was so pronounced that it ruined the radio pickup. The radio engineers and those in charge of the public address equipment worked day and night trying *this* setup, trying *that* setup.

On Saturday afternoon the entire network of long distance telephone lines that was to connect the radio stations was set up for final test. The afternoon program was picked up by the telephone engineers and sent to various points throughout the country, as a test sample of what was to come the following day. The reports came back from one and all: "Not fit for broadcast": the echo ruined the radio pickup.

Engineers were discouraged. Their statement was that they had never been able to make a decent pickup from this particular auditorium. Further experiments were conducted until about one hour before the big broadcast. Men had done all they could, but the echo was not cleared up. However, this was Jehovah's message.

The time for the broadcast arrived; the entire earth was linked in this mighty network; the spirit of the Lord rested upon one of His obedient servants, Judge Rutherford; the mes-

sage went forth in clarion tones, crystal clear. Something had happened! The faces of the telephone engineers, the radio engineers, the public-address sound equipment engineers, grew brighter: the echo had gone; but how? They did not know. This was the message of Jehovah. Then the reports came in: "Clear as a bell"; "Never had better reception"; "Finest reception we have had across the Atlantic." Local reports, long distance reports, overseas reports from "the ends of the earth". **RECEPTION PERFECT; praise to JEHOVAH!**

The Report of a Technician

The attendance of thousands of people at one auditorium on such an occasion as this produces a problem of considerable importance to sound engineers. The Washington Auditorium is of such dimensions and so proportioned that it would be utterly impossible for all of the thousands of people in attendance to hear the speakers without the aid of mechanical and electrical devices of various kinds.

At this convention it is interesting to note that practically all of the electrical amplification of the sound, both inside and outside of the Auditorium, was manufactured, installed and operated by the Society. The system of amplification was so designed that any one of three condenser microphones, and either 78 rpm or 33½ rpm records, could be used, any one alone, or in combination at any time. That is, four separate channels were provided for.

After the sound was 'picked up' by the microphones and passed through a two-stage, high-gain pre-amplifier, it was passed on to seven power amplifiers, so arranged that any one of them could be independently controlled. The total amplification for the entire installation had a power output of 150 watts.

One of these seven power amplifiers was required to feed four trumpets and six trumpet units in the main auditorium. Another was required to feed five trumpets and six trumpet units in the basement auditorium. Another was required to feed the trumpet in the Assembly Hall and Hard-of-Hearing Room, and the remaining four were required to carry the sound to the multitudes on the outside of the Auditorium, in two adjacent parks. These amplifiers for the outside multitude were mounted upon sound cars and were supplied with power from the car's power plant. These cars were equipped with the Society's Sound Equipment No. 2, each car having its own crew of operation.

The lecture on "Government", given on Sunday afternoon by Judge Rutherford, was the 'high spot' of the entire convention. The sound amplification and the radio 'pickup' for that lecture had to be the best possible. Unfortunately, the Washington Auditorium does not seem to be well suited for both sound am-

plification for the audience inside the Auditorium and for a radio 'pickup' simultaneously. Either one or the other must suffer. Inasmuch as it was deemed of most importance for the radio audience to receive the lecture well, it was therefore necessary to reduce the amplification inside the main auditorium to a considerably lower level than what was used at the other sessions of the convention.

The reason for this is that sound amplification inside the auditorium creates an echo plus much reverberation, all of which seem to be focused on a point at about the same place where the radio 'pickup' microphones are located for the speaker on the stage. This, of course, would be very objectionable to the thousands listening in on the air. Hence the sound amplification for this particular broadcast was operated at as low a level as possible, so as to reduce the reverberation (but the talk was heard fine everywhere in the auditorium, even in the back row of the gallery).

One incident in connection with the four sound cars located in the two parks adjacent to the Auditorium is of considerable interest. Permits for locating these cars were obtained from the park commissioners some days before the convention began, and in order to locate the cars it was necessary to drive them over the curb and across the sidewalks and upon the smooth green lawn of the park. Policemen were stationed about the Auditorium, and when they saw the sound cars driving thus boldly upon the grass their eyes fairly bulged at such audacity. However, the green grass, the trees, the beautiful parks, and all the earth, belong to the Lord; and the sooner all the people realize this, the better for them. One of the policemen was heard to say, "In all my years of service this is the first time I have ever seen an automobile drive over a city park."

The Auditorium has a fine pipe organ, of which Jehovah's people made constant use. On the top of the high arch over the rostrum was a rich banner or sign reading, "For Jehovah and for Gideon." Other elegant signs, indicating different departments or activities of Jehovah's witnesses were in and about the Auditorium, and elsewhere in Washington and vicinity, wherever such activities were located.

The sound equipment served an excellent purpose in keeping everybody posted on what was going on. Over and above the sea of thousands of voices between the convention sessions comes a stentorian voice, "Attention! Attention, please!" Three times this is repeated, and then as the voices are hushed the announcement is given. Everybody in every part of the Auditorium (and in the adjacent parks, for that matter) could hear every word of every announcement.

Post Office and Bulletin Board

The post office in the Auditorium was the center of milling throngs. Thousands of letters were delivered. There were seven cartons a day of outgoing mail. In one day six thousand 1c stamps and four thousand 3c stamps were sold. The bulletin boards looked like grandma's patchwork quilt.

Did you ever try to find a friend at a convention where 20,000 delegates were in attendance? The bulletin board was largely used for that purpose at the Washington convention. When the delegates left for home there were yet 437 bulletin notes that fell into the hands of "the Philistines".

Only half of these were from delegates who were looking for others. Usually they told whom they wished to see and where they wished to see them, and the time. Others were desirous to meet anybody from their home company. One bulletin unaddressed and unsigned said, "Don't know where to meet you, as you didn't state."

Curiously, the majority wished to meet their friends "at the bulletin board", perhaps the worst place they could have thought of, as it was the most crowded part of the lobby. Another favorite "meeting place" was "at the post office", almost as bad.

Five bulletins were in foreign tongues. Their secrets are quite safe, as they are now in the waste basket. Two of the bulletins were cartoons.

There were numerous transportation items of Jehovah's people headed for Ontario, California, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Wisconsin, Illinois, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Kentucky, Texas, Maryland, Florida, Wyoming, Indiana, Delaware, Maine, New Brunswick, Michigan, New York, Minnesota, Ohio and Iowa.

Lost: Brown jacket; blue sapphire belonging to a ring; man's hat, size 7; pioneer envelope; brown leather bag; 40c worth of meal tickets; a package of post cards; glasses with a dark rim, double lens; a bunch of keys; car keys; a gray fedora hat; a hatbox; a ladies' blue silk hat; a white purse; a heavy black comb; and a pencil sharpener.

Others found and posted notices offering to restore a bathing cap; a small key evidently belonging to a grip; a small leather identification case; a man's black umbrella; a brilliant pin in the shape of a bow; a brown leather witnessing bag; a package of post cards; a black coat belt;

one dollar's worth of meal tickets; a pioneer card; a man's brown felt hat; a woman's black umbrella; ladies' handkerchief, with earrings.

One bulletin said, "Come back to see us. We can never find you in this crowd." Another one said, "Am here and was looking for you, but I guess you are not here yet. I don't know where to meet you."

A few told how they could be identified. One lady would have a card in her hat, another would have on a tan hat and dress. One wanted to meet the "sister of Kaiser Wilhelm now pioneering in the United States". (?)

The really important bulletins were engagements to go out in the service together, offers to share territory, requests for pioneer partners, trailers for sale, offers to purchase a car suitable for pulling a trailer, offers of meal tickets, offers to take pioneers in, requests to get in touch with pioneers, an appeal from blind pioneers for somebody to drive their car and trailer to Dayton, Ohio, a portable transcription machine for sale, two letters in their envelopes but without postage.

An interesting bulletin was the following: "Dear John: We came in Thursday, and by then the territory was so scarce we had to go 70 miles one way to start of territory. We put in a long day Friday and expect to put in a longer one on Saturday. Don't believe we will go out Sunday, as we want to go home Sunday p.m. and our bunch couldn't stand the long trip in service extra on Sunday. I will see you early Sunday morning if you will be around then where the chairs are on lawn opposite Auditorium, say about 8:30 a.m. Maybe we can get a little territory with some other brethren near Washington. I will find out. Love, Clem."

Interviews with Judge Rutherford

Executives at the convention were courteous and accessible, but busy. Temptations to stop and chat with friends one has known and loved for years were many. Interviews were arranged, not for those that needed to have a tooth out, but for those concerned with the Kingdom interests, with Judge Rutherford. He has something else to do than talk aimlessly.

The object of a convention is not merely to bring friends together for a good time. Jehovah's witnesses assemble to serve Jehovah and to sing and proclaim His praise. But in so doing the meeting of those of like precious faith, and the exchange of thought and recounting of ex-

periences in the service of the truth, is very happyfying.

Those whose love and devotion are set upon Jehovah do of necessity love one another; consequently they delight in the fellowship of kindred minds as well as in their fellowship of service. Hence the meeting of friends and the discussion of the talks and other subjects relating to Jehovah's commandments and His service formed a delightful adjunct of convention activities.

Those who have the testimony of Jesus Christ and keep God's commandments' have much to talk of. A convention is an appropriate occasion for carrying out of the prophetic picture: "Thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; to make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom." —Psalm 145:10-12.

Washington in Gala Attire but in the Dumps

When Jehovah's witnesses were in Washington, the most beautiful city in the world was like Babylon in the days of Belshazzar. It was in gala attire, but it was in the dumps. At an expense of tens of thousands of dollars it was being decorated for the conclave of the Shriners. The decorations were of Egyptian (that is, heathen) design. The Society of American Magicians opened at Wardman Park, Washington, Thursday, May 30, the first days of Jehovah's witnesses' convention.

Appropriately Watchtower, headquarters of the new government, is right among the embassies.

While the convention was in session the Supreme Court moved from the little chamber which it has always occupied to its palace on Constitution avenue. Work on the exterior decorations of the palace is still going on. One of the decorations was a figure of Justice, in two parts. There were several of these sets. In one instance the head was missing, probably on account of what happened in Alexandria!

Washington's usual Decoration Day parade was called off because of rain; also the rites for peace-time heroes who went to death in line of duty, such as policemen and firemen, and employees on the Titanic. Special vaccination exercises for Jehovah's witnesses were held in Alexandria Sunday night.

There will be no more conventions in the Washington Auditorium for some time. The

Government took it over at the expiration of the convention of Jehovah's witnesses.

The thing that made official Washington blue, besides having Jehovah's witnesses in their midst, was that the Supreme Court had put the skids under the NRA. The president of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, the chairman of the Du Pont de Nemours Company, the chairman of the board of the Bethlehem Steel Company, and Reverend Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, all thought the NRA was just the thing; and why would they not? It brought all the biggest companies out of the red, even though it helped the common man hardly at all.

But Virgil Jordan, president of the National Industrial Conference Board said of the NRA, "What has occurred in the United States during the last year is perhaps the greatest catastrophe in the history of civilization, and certainly the most profound that has happened to us in America." Wm. R. Castle, Jr., former under-secretary of state, said similarly: "In eleven months it [personal liberty] has almost ceased to exist." Representative James M. Beck, of Pennsylvania, said: "Today the vital spirit of the American Constitution has been snuffed out." Senator David A. Reed, of Pennsylvania, said: "America is being fed poisons from which it will take decades to recover." Ogden L. Mills, former secretary of the treasury, said: "We shall never solve the paradox of want in the midst of plenty simply by doing away with the plenty." So those whose hopes were in the so-called "New Deal" were all upset, by contrast with the joy that filled the hearts of Jehovah's people.

Splendid Hospital Service

Up all day and much of the night, and in the most interesting, exciting and thrilling work in the world, Jehovah's witnesses, like other people, sometimes need repairs. Sixteen doctors, of all different schools, and nine different nurses gave treatments to the number of 1,548 during the convention period. This does not include calls made at hotels and homes, and there were many such calls, at all hours of the day and night.

The co-operative service rendered by the staff of nurses and doctors was as nearly perfect as it would be possible for imperfect creatures to render. There was no friction. The hospital service was wholly free. However, many desired to pay their way, with the result that an

amount sufficient to pay all expenses incident to hospital maintenance was contributed and a nice balance left over.

Superb Cafeteria Arrangements

At a previous convention the president of the Watch Tower Society advised Jehovah's witnesses to eat the right food and keep themselves fit physically so that they might perform the Kingdom publishing work more efficiently. The applause that greeted that wholesome advice showed that Jehovah's witnesses keenly appreciated it.

Proper food well prepared is especially necessary at conventions; for these assemblies burn up a lot of energy in the journey to them, the wide-flung field service, the days of excitement in the moving crowds, the meeting of old acquaintances, and the general cramming of intense activity into a few days.

To provide this food, fresh, quickly and conveniently to hungry thousands in between the lecture meetings, is a problem in timing, cooking, food transportation, crowd handling and serving that no amateurs should attempt. Naturally, the cafeteria arrangements were placed in the hands of our Greek brethren, who were given a free hand to display their national genius for food catering. The dining-room staff numbered about 150, and included pioneers. Most of them were on the job fourteen hours a day, smiling and efficient.

The cafeteria was located in the cool basement hall of the convention auditorium. Convenient high tables accommodated lines of lunchers, while others formed small groups and arranged their chairs in circles, with their luncheon trays on their knees. About half a dozen queues were arranged to pass by the food counters; one simply picked up a tray, followed the line, and "shopped as you went", paying with strip-tickets purchased previously.

A pleasing item of the cafeteria service was the large supply of red drinking cups and bowls made of "beetleware", a plastic composition invented in England. Each one was stamped with a gold seal "For Jehovah and for Gideon", and it seemed appropriate that the priests of the Most High should have this expression of "holiness to the Lord" even on their drinking vessels. (The tummy-plating aluminum pots and cups of Mr. Mellon were wisely omitted.) At the close of the convention the beetleware cups

and dishes were distributed as souvenirs, at ten cents each.

A word about the good food. The usual convention diet of white bread and coffee, a hang-over from "Chautauqua" days, coupled with excitement, noise and heat, is responsible for "convention colly-wobbles" which have laid many low in times past. But here was a pleasing variety of inexpensive food. For breakfast, fruit, cereals, boiled eggs, whole-wheat sandwiches, whole-wheat doughnuts, and five beverages, including buttermilk and fruit punch. For luncheon and dinner, soups, eggs, ham, hamburgers, beef stew, baked beans, sandwiches, various salads, fruit desert, custard, pies, cake, ice cream and beverages. Not that anyone would manage to stow away that list, but there were about fifty varieties of foodstuffs to select from during the five days.

If you wish to know how many tons of foodstuffs were consumed at the cafeteria, weigh three square meals in a pair of round scales and multiply it by the average for five days of attendance ranging between 10,000 and 20,000. The answer is the sum total of good eating for Jehovah's fighting unit as gathered at Washington, D.C.

A loud-speaker system connected with the platform of the auditorium broadcast notices and information from time to time during the mealtimes. After meals many remained in their seats in the cool basement-hall and listened to the convention programs over this sound system, which functioned perfectly.

A Washington (D.C.) policeman seemed to be on duty near a side exit of the cafeteria, or perhaps he just wandered in to enjoy the spectacle of thousands of people happily talking together; at any rate, he was obviously enjoying himself, chatting with the friends and munching the lunches brought to him by the cafeteria servers.

An assignment to a worldly convention is no cinch for a policeman, and many dread it. After one Midwest convention of a political-brotherhood association, 50,000 gin and whisky bottles were cleared up. How many brawls came out of the bottles, we do not know, but no doubt the police had their hands full to control the riots. At such conventions they overlook the general drunkenness, property destruction, soliciting of harpies and general "whoopee" that go on at these mad bedlams.

But the few policemen assigned to direct traffic or for emergencies at the Washington convention auditorium were having the time of their lives. They were astonished at the unfailing good humor of everyone, the courtesy and patience, the joyous spirit everywhere, the absolute absence of tobacco-stinkers and "rummies". They were asking questions and getting a cascade of Jehovah's truth poured over them by bubbling witnesses for His truth. Our policeman friend in the cafeteria stuffed a couple of booklets into his tunic and relaxed.

The cafeteria arrangements were good, the food excellent; the servers were our own smiling brethren. One could not but think of the time when, under the Master's direction, the crowd sat down in an orderly manner and they were fed; and the text printed on the menu card of the Washington convention of Jehovah's witnesses well expresses our gratitude for the arrangement made by the Society for their welfare: "Give thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good."

A number of Washington's high-class business men were present in the cafeteria much of the time; they highly praised its management: they said they had never seen anything of the kind carried on so nicely, so systematically and in such a cleanly manner. They were especially impressed with the happy co-operation manifest. The secretary of the American Pie Bakeries said he had traveled much, and had attended many large gatherings at which people were fed, but had never been to one better organized or where better foods were served by such happy, patient and willing workers.

The following is a statement of the food purchased for the cafeteria:

Rolls, 3,996; bread, 6,547 pounds; baked ham, 1,013 pounds; beef, 2,186 pounds; chickens, 310 pounds; cheese, 615 pounds; eggs, 930 dozen; coffee, 700 pounds; milk, 29,800 half pints; buttermilk, 3,620 half pints; milk (bulk), 240 gallons; cream (20 percent), 120 gallons; butter, 511 pounds; pies, 2,619 (10-inch); doughnuts, 622 dozen; pastry, 620 dozen; peanut butter, 200 pounds; grape juice, 100 gallons; sugar (granulated), 2,100 pounds; sugar (tablets), 660 pounds; beans, 234 gallon cans; tomatoes, 36 gallon cans; peas, 42 gallon cans; jelly, 12 half-gallon cans; vegetable oil, 93 gallons; cereals (individual), 54 cartons; celery, 11 crates; radishes, 200 bunches; bananas, 63 bunches; tomatoes, 31 crates; cucumbers, 35 baskets; lettuce, 33 crates; carrots, 35 crates; cabbage, 2,000 pounds; oranges, 48 crates; apples, 125 boxes and baskets; wax tissue, 85 reams. Ice cream:

Cups, 315 dozen; popsickles, 41 dozen; sandwich ice cream, 423 dozen; choc kow, 395 dozen; individual bricks, 75 gallons. Fruit punch, 1,280 gallons.

In view of the fact that the restaurateurs who managed the cafeteria at Washington Auditorium were top-notchers in the business, well known as such throughout America, some might wonder how it comes that a writer in *Time* magazine, of June 10, could say of the basement, "It was rank with mixed smells." It should be explained that this rank smell was evident only for a few minutes, and only in the person that wrote the dirty crack just mentioned. As soon as he had gone out, the place was sweet and clean again; and the farther and faster he went, the sweeter the air became, and the sooner. A tobacco-stinking, rum-soaked garlic eater afflicted with a bad case of halitosis and sour feet is conscious of his vile state only when he comes in contact with cleanliness and purity. The writer for *Time* would be helped by a bath and change of underwear.

Cleanest People Ever in Washington

Said H. J. Cressman, fireman of engine No. 5, Washington (D. C.) fire department: "You are the most wonderful people I ever saw. If anybody had told me that this place could have been kept as clean as it is, for the number of people there are here, I would have called him crazy. Usually, this place, when there is a convention here, is so full of smoke you could cut it with a knife. I see no filth; there is no evidence of fire here at all." This man asked many questions concerning the work and was thankful to get one of the booklets. He also said that the entire fire department of his section listened to Judge Rutherford's address.

To keep the basement sweet and clean it was thoroughly cleansed twice a day, and twice a day trucks came and carried away all the empty ice cream sandwich containers, and other wrappings inevitably associated with the cafeteria feeding of twenty thousand people in a few minutes' time. Meals were served to some workers as late as 2:00 a. m. When the place was closed, late at night, it was always as neat as a pin. The management and conduct of the place was something with which every person connected therewith could be justly proud.

The Bethel Special

For days before the convention pioneers and others from every part of the United States and Canada passed through New York en route

to the convention, and took advantage of the opportunity to see the Brooklyn Bethel home of the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society and its factory en route, the most wonderful home in the world, and the bookmaking establishment that is acknowledged to be the best-managed publishing house on earth. The "Bethelites" did not need this visitation by conventioners to get them interested in the convention, but it did not lessen the interest any. They worked extra hours to make up the time they would be away, and were glad to do it.

Supper Thursday night was "like a cross between a 'ladies' aid society' and a beehive". So says a lady reporter; and she ought to know. How should a man know anything about that? Right after supper they began to leave (those that had cars), and some left at all hours of the night. The remainder of the family were too excited to sleep, and were up early.

Jehovah had revealed to His people that their conventions since 1922 were events in fulfillment of divine prophecy, and therefore it was only reasonable to expect that also this convention would be of import, even a climax. They knew that it was just seven years since the war cry of the remnant "For Jehovah and for Gideon" started, and that something must be indicated that this cry was much to the fore in the preparations for Washington.

A pleasant surprise was the careful arrangements the Pennsylvania Railroad Company had made for the soldiers about to entrain. At the terminal in New York, at the proper gate, was a signboard with the inscription "Bethel Special for Jehovah's witnesses". The train consisted of six coaches: four marked "New York Delegates", and two, "New Jersey and Pennsylvania Delegates." Many boarded the special at the different stops, Newark, New Brunswick, Trenton, Philadelphia, and Wilmington.

Jehovah provided the "Bethelites" with the first electric train ever used by them as a convention special. There was no dust, smoke nor soot, and not one stinking tobacco user on the train. Little baggage was taken along; none of it cluttering the aisles or seats. The 235 miles were made in 4½ hours.

On arrival at Washington each witness boarded a car which was for him and his party during the convention. In this car, the number of which was known in advance, the witness was whisked to his lodgings, and thence to the convention headquarters. After a bounteous din-

ner, and the securing of ammunition for the next day's field service, "Bethelites," and all others, had the privilege of hearing Judge Rutherford give a wonderful talk on "The Great Multitude", showing that the Jonadabs are the "great multitude" 'which stand before the throne with palms in their hands'.—Revelation 7: 9-17.

On the way back to Bethel, Sunday night, it was agreed that it was the best convention yet. Many were the anticipations as to what would be its results. Would it be found later that another prophecy had been fulfilled? One could but wait to see. Every one of Jehovah's witnesses will anxiously await the forthcoming issues of *The Watchtower*, confidently expecting something unusual and thrilling in its columns.

By Automobile to Washington

There were over 1,500 automobiles at the convention, showing that well over a third of the delegates came by that means, say some 7,500 people. All came through safely, though some had narrow escapes. One car was nearly run down by a drunken driver coming from the opposite direction. Apparently a small stone was dislodged from the hill at the side of the driveway, just in time to avert a tragedy.

Two witnesses started from northern Canada; their car broke down; they could not afford the cost of necessary repairs. They hitchhiked their way to the convention, and arrived in time.

The Ostermyers had an accident with their car on the way. Ostermyer fell asleep at the wheel and ran off the road. The car ran through a guardrail, hung for an instant by two wires, and then righted itself and landed on four wheels again, as if something had said "No". Onlookers marveled. Occupants of the car were bumped around some, but were able to continue on their way.

Washington, like Indianapolis, is very easy to get around in when one knows the city, but is confusing to strangers. A Massachusetts reporter for *The Golden Age*, describing efforts of his party to find the Washington headquarters of the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, said humorously:

The first thing we knew was that we had run plumb into a traffic circle. After going around it enough times to get good and dizzy we concluded that we had struck Massachusetts avenue, and started looking for headquarters, but the more we looked, the less we found; so back to the circle we went again. "Here it is," said one; but, turning down the street, we found that we had contacted a mixture of alphabet

and numerals that would not give us what we were looking for, no matter how hard we tried. It sure reminded me of the Devil's crowd. They think they have something, and start down a road, but the farther they travel, the more of a mess they get into.

We got to the hall at last and got a nice handy territory in Baltimore, with an assignment of rooms twenty miles out. Up at six the next morning we started for our territory eager for the battle, only to find at the end of an hour that we had covered our territory, and headed 40 miles back to Washington.

N. A. Yuille, of San Francisco, came by auto via Tallahassee, Fla., making the trip to Tallahassee in 5½ days. He considered the low grades, good roads and freedom from dust storms justified the longer trip.

A thoughtful New York reporter for *The Golden Age* said: "Everyone seems to have made the last possible sacrifice to be here. Pioneers are very thankful for book allowance that made it possible for them to come." Jehovah's witnesses are mainly from the middle walks of life, as one may judge from the more than 1,500 good-looking automobiles in the service at Washington, but some are the Lord's poor. All are one in the Lord. Taxi-drivers remarked that they did not seem selfish, like other charges, but tried to help one another.

One of the treats of the convention was to see a California witness, who lives in a palace, and came in a brand-new car, and stopped at one of the best hotels, hobnobbing with Sumako Ogawachi, Japanese, of New York, who had no other way to get to the convention than to make the 470-mile round trip afoot. Either one would be willing to go to the stake for the privilege of having some share in the vindication of Jehovah's name.

Two letters that Mrs. Ogawachi wrote to headquarters while on her way to Washington will be enjoyed, and all the more because no errors are corrected. Maybe you could write Japanese better than Sumako writes English, but if not, she would probably smile in a benevolent way at your well-meant attempts. She says:

Dear Brethren: As on my way to Washington by walking with 50 *Prosperity* and 700 radio folders are distributed as I meet people, but not as house to house. Thus I met police officers in the New Jersey state, from Jersey City to Elizabeth meny, untill today. they have accept them most of them. only Cheef of police, in Elizabeth said "Oh, Judge Rutherford's! I have something in my minde, so I wont take it" But they did not hold my sholder to rock me up. Faith in the Lord Sr. Ogawachi.

Dear Brethren: Greeting:— in the glorious day of Lord's almighty. yesterday (Sunday) of my visitation to the Jehovah's witnesses of Philadelphia Co. was a thrill and blessing. Their bright and shining faces of class were heartily wellcomed a little stranger as under name of Jehovah's witness. As it is unnessecerly to explain to you how about a Brotherly love in this circuration for there is already composed unbreakable oneness by love of the Lord. Therefor I am in perfect protection in His service. Concerning, my report of services around Philadelphia will be done through this Company while I am here and I may leave here tomorrow. How I am glad to see you at convention of Washington. With much love in His name Sr. Suma Ogawachi.

One more transportation item. Pioneer Mears, of Portland, Oreg., is 60, of wiry build, sun-tanned, loves God, and wanted to attend the convention. When she took stock of her resources she found she had \$3.11. She hitchhiked her way to the convention in two weeks, worked for her meals, and slept in barns along the route. Sometimes the farmers gave her blankets; sometimes not. One day she walked into the headquarters at 1603 Massachusetts avenue and related her story as if it were nothing in the world. Kind hearts soon made her welcome and provided for all her needs. One day, when lifts were scarce, she walked 29 miles. At Chicago she spent 3c for postage to send word that she was on the way. When she arrived she had \$3.01. There is a difference here of 7c which has not been explained. What she did with those 7c during the two weeks she was en route is a matter for later examination. All together, she walked about 150 miles of the entire distance.

The Washington Police

The Washington police are above the average. Most of them seem to be Americans, which is unusual, especially since the Roman Catholic hierarchy started out to grab America. Of course, there are members on the force in every large city who are eager to do the will of the pope and his underlings; but they are not conspicuous in Washington.

At first some of the cops were apprehensive of trouble, having been made so by misinformation carefully passed out in advance. On the second day of the convention one lady was informed by an officer of the law that Jehovah's witnesses are communists and seditionists and would have trouble before they left the city. His ancestors were probably born in Cork.

The Ballantynes were accosted by a plain-clothes man who said it was against the law to carry a sign on the back of a car used for touring purposes, but when assured there were thousands in the city so doing, and that he would better go to the Auditorium and see the convention management, he concluded to let the matter rest.

It did not take long before all the cops in Washington were friends of Jehovah's witnesses. At the convention hall the police soon found they had nothing to do. There were no tobacco users, no drunks, no abusive language, no quarrels, no disorder; there were smiles on every face, and before long the cops smiled back. One became much interested, and went out in the work as a Jonadab, in his uniform.

When a long-haired fanatical religionist came around and tried to do what he could to start some trouble the cop on duty reminded him that this was a Jw convention and if he had any sense he would go home and attend to his own business. The officers had nothing to do but listen to the addresses.

When they came in to make inspections they stated that Jehovah's witnesses are the cleanest crowd they have ever seen, and the most orderly. It only proves that the voluntary obedience to the law of God is so vastly superior to the enforced obedience to the law of man that there is no comparison.

When the infamies at Alexandria occurred, one officer at the Auditorium said that it was a shame the way Jehovah's witnesses had been treated under the Roman Catholic chief there in power, and that if he were the management he would take the whole 20,000 conventioners over to Alexandria, put one at every house in town and talk the situation to a standstill. That could have been done; but the Lord will have a better way. Just watch!

"Barbara Fritchie's Work Is O'er"

Some of the Frederick (Md.) officials became confused while the convention was on, and jailed some of Jehovah's witnesses; but these were all kindly treated, and when the matter came up for examination they were dismissed. Two of the boys arrested at Frederick were John Wargo (20 years of age) and James Antonio (19 years of age). Their stories follow.

John has been in the truth since he was 13 years of age, and has been a pioneer for the

past five years. You could not know him without loving him. The first time he was arrested was at Swoyersville, Pa.; the second time, at Bethlehem, Pa.; the third time, at Pittston, Pa. (at which time his own mother was also jailed, along with 21 others); the fourth and fifth times, at Duryea, Pa.; and he has also been taken in and questioned at Scranton, Pa., Taylor, Pa., Plymouth, Pa., and Forty Fort, Pa. Describing some of his Frederick (Md.) experiences John said:

"The officer stood at the corner. I made an effort to go to the bank, and he stopped me there and wanted to talk to me. I told him I was too busy to talk to him. I went into the bank, and when I came out he was at the doorstep waiting for me. When he came to me he said, 'I have got to talk to you: I want to know who you are. Are you a Jew?' I answered him that I am one of Jehovah's witnesses. He asked me if they were the same thing, and I told him that they were. Then he asked me if I knew of any arrests yesterday. I replied that it does not bother me whether anybody is arrested or not: my job is to preach Jehovah God's kingdom. This I am supposed to do regardless of any hindrances, because it is the commandment of Jehovah God. He asked me then whether I had any respect for the laws of the land. I answered him that I have not violated any laws whatever, but if any laws are enacted to prohibit the preaching of Jehovah God's kingdom, which is the highest law, it will be broken, because Jehovah's law is the highest of them all. Then he asked me whether I have any respect for the country. I answered him that I had nothing against it, so, naturally, I had respect for it. Then he asked me why do we go out mainly on Sundays and legal holidays doing this work. I answered him that, like others, we have to work for a living, but when those duties have been fulfilled we go out in the Lord's work regardless of whether it is Sunday or a holiday. On such days we usually have the time to go out; therefore we go out mainly on Sundays and legal holidays. Then he asked me, 'Who is Jehovah?' Then I gave him the testimony card. He read it aloud. Then I took out the book *Jehovah*, and told him that if I would stay there a week, talking day and night, I could not present the matter as well as it is presented in this book: this book *Jehovah* gives the explanation of this in full. With the booklet *Universal War Near and Favored People*, we are specializing on the three on a contribution of 35c. Then he made a statement: 'Instead of me arresting you, you are compelling me to buy books.' In answer to that I told him, 'We do not sell books, but this is our method of preaching the gospel of God's kingdom, and if you think we are profiteering, I suggest you try it, yourself, and see how much profit you make on the books.' With that he put his

hand in his pocket and took out 35 cents and said, 'Instead of me arresting you, you have sold me the books, and I will take them and read them.' And he also promised me that he would be here at the lecture to hear Judge Rutherford personally."

James Antonio has not been quite as efficient in breaking his way into jail as John Wargo; still he is a year younger than John, and is coming along. So far James has been arrested in Fitchburg, Mass., Leominster, Mass., Winchendon, Mass., and Frederick, Md.: only four times; still, this is not a bad record for a lad of only 19 years. James said:

"The people of Frederick became interested, when we returned there after being arrested there two times. The people there are asking about our arrest. They seemed to be against the idea of locking us up. I met a policeman who was in the court when we had our trial. I witnessed to him today. He was interested. I placed a set with him. We went over our territory three times. The first time we placed 54 booklets and 4 bound books. The second time we were arrested. The third time we placed 22 booklets and 6 bound books in one hour. I met the newspaper reporter who gave us the write-up. He said he admired our way of preaching the gospel of God's kingdom. He said he wished we would come over and help him lead the Sunday school; also wished his people would go around and do this work, the same as we do."

Jehovah's people at Washington were delighted when their Father so arranged it that John Sabonjian, Wilhelmina Henze, and Anna Dziatkiewicz, who were in prison when the convention opened, were released in time to attend the sessions on Sunday and Monday. They thus had the privilege of hearing Judge Rutherford deliver in person his great address on "Government", and his impromptu speech of Monday that so delighted all the conventioners that heard it.

The Disgrace of Alexandria

It is to the everlasting disgrace of Alexandria that it has its present chief of police, who is apparently a mere tool of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. For reasons best known to the Devil he decided to make his stand against the truth, not in Washington, where the conventioners were treated with utmost kindness and consideration, but in "Old Dominion", and in the city where they were most recently abused.

On Sunday afternoon, June 2, 1935, M. J. Televiak, of Chicago, Ill., was operating one of the forty sound cars that broadcast the lecture of

Judge Rutherford, and was the only one of the forty molested. This in itself shows that it was the spirit of the Devil that caused the molestation. Televiak was on private property, 11½ miles out of Alexandria. Permission, in writing, had been obtained to use the property.

Music was first played, and Judge Rutherford had been speaking about fifteen minutes, when two of the Alexandria police force came and ordered the lecture cut off. They admitted that there was no complaint and no law; it was merely the will of the Roman hierarchy against an American's preaching the gospel in the manner of his choice. Televiak was arrested because he refused to relinquish his rights, and **held** under \$25 bail, charged with disorderly conduct. In every city of the land the Roman outfit clangs bells at unseemly hours; that is considered all right. Televiak refused to advance any money, and was locked up.

During the night he heard officers say that Jehovah's witnesses are propagandists (a term which the Roman hierarchy actually applies to itself), communists, and ought to be run out of the country (so that Rome could have it to do with it as she would). One said that if one

of Jehovah's witnesses came to his door it would be the last one he would call at: he would flatten his nose out even with his lips if he should call. What manner of officer of the law is it that talks in this manner? Would he do these things as a law-abiding citizen, or in contravention of the law he is sworn to uphold? The man is an anarchist, unfit for any post of trust whatever.

Televiak was put in a cell black with tobacco juice spit all over the walls, and inhabited by bedbugs and cockroaches. For a bed there was a frame with iron slats, and nothing on the slats. Four men were jammed in the one cell. The aroma was terrific; the cell, absolutely putrid. "I was vaccinated against my will," Televiak said.

Jehovah's witnesses familiar with mistreatment of decent men and women in New Jersey were shocked at the conditions in the Alexandria jail. Some of the toilet bowls in the cells were broken and the urine ran out on the floor where the prisoners were standing. At the trial the judge and police remained seated while the prisoners, male and female, black and white, were compelled to stand in their "august" presence.

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