

# J BULLETIN <sup>FOR</sup> *JW* Jehovah's witnesses

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## SERVING THE WARNING NOTICE

### Clergy to Have Chance to Read Vindication

#### All Rulers Given Same Privilege

#### Special Offer Slip to Be In- serted in Their Booklet

In another part of this *Bulletin* you will find a message from Brother Rutherford to Jehovah's witnesses throughout the earth, emphasizing the importance of calling upon the rulers, political, financial and ecclesiastical, of the earth and delivering to them this special warning that Jehovah has arranged to be delivered at this time.

In addition to that we are enclosing with this *Bulletin* a number of slips outlining a special offer which is being made to the rulers until October 31, the *Vindication* book for 25c. These slips are to be inserted in all the booklets that are left with the rulers after the drive week terminates on Sunday, September 13. The regular price of *Vindication* to the public will be 35c.

The work of inserting this notice of this special offer in each of the booklets that are to be left with the rulers should commence immediately. Brethren who cannot participate in the field service during the day or friends who are physically unable to do any other service will be glad to avail themselves of this privilege in evenings and at other odd times. Insert these slips between pages 2 and 3. Put a little paste on the back side of the upper left hand corner so that it will stick to page 3 and not fall out when handled. Start them to work on this at once, so that those who are able to go out and present this warning may not be held up by this feature of the work when the time comes. If more slips are required than have been sent you, please write stating how many more you need. Please notice, these slips are to be sent to the Society and filed by the Brooklyn office and not by workers.

A special report card also is inserted with this *Bulletin*, upon which you are to report the results of this activity.

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Remember that this special report does not take the place of the regular weekly report card. Your weekly report card should be the same as usual and represent the total work which you do each week. Include in your regular weekly report *all* booklets placed, irrespective of whether they were placed among the rulers or among the people. The special report will be considered as something entirely different and will not affect the weekly reports in any way.

### To Jehovah's witnesses

My beloved Brethren:

Jehovah has laid upon his anointed witnesses the obligation of giving warning to official Christendom. This must be done fearlessly and boldly. Many of the clergymen, some of the politicians and some of the financial giants will frown upon you. They will look at you with a fierce and angry countenance and doubtless will speak harshly to you. Do not be at all disturbed or alarmed by reason of their looks or words. You have a duty to perform. You are Jehovah's witnesses and hence his representatives. "Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. And he shall be for a sanctuary." (Isa. 8:13, 14) Remember that Jehovah says to his anointed: "Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads. As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house. Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears. And go, get thee to them . . . and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord God; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear."—Ezek. 3:8-11.

The official part of Christendom is made up of political and commercial leaders and the clergymen and other religious leaders. When approaching any of these be calm, dignified and respectful. Under no circumstances be rude or harsh. Do not enter into any controversial argument. That is not the work to be done now. You are process servers. When approaching a clergyman say this: "Good day. This is Doctor Johnson I believe. You are the pastor of the Baptist church. As a witness of Jehovah I have come to deliver to you a notice concerning His expressed purpose. It is of very great importance. I have the privilege of handing you this copy. If it is convenient for you to give me five cents to help defray the expenses I shall thank you." Hand him a copy of the booklet *The Kingdom, the Hope of the World*. If he gives you the five cents, take it. If he does not, give him the booklet anyhow, and do not discuss matters. Immediately take your departure and go to the next. If it is refused, lay it down near him and go away.

Calling at the office of some public official say: "I have the privilege, I believe, of addressing Judge Muldoon. I have a message for you, and as one of Jehovah's witnesses I have come to deliver it to you. Thus we are preaching the gospel as the Lord has commanded. It contains a message of greatest importance to you. I hope you will profit by reading it. I shall be glad to receive from you five cents for this copy." Hand him the booklet. If he refuses to give you the five cents leave the booklet with him anyhow and quickly withdraw.

Go into the banks and other financial institutions, ask first to see the president on a matter of importance. If asked about what you wish to see him, say it is personal. Say to the bank

### Work Among Rulers Calls for Special Report

#### Should Like to Know How Many Have the Warning

There is an important work to be done, and each of those who love the Lord will be anxious to do his part. So that we may know just what has been done among the rulers a special report card has been made up upon which we ask each company of Jehovah's witnesses to make out a full and complete report on October 31. One of these cards is being enclosed with this *Bulletin* for each service director, and the same is being sent to each sharpshooter and pioneer and auxiliary colporteur, so that there may be no duplication in the figures, directors should not include in their report any work done among the rulers by any of the auxiliary or pioneer colporteurs who might be working in their territory.

In order that this report may be accurate, we ask that every worker who participates in this special service be sure to make his report. If you are not a colporteur or a sharpshooter, then be sure to give your report to the service director, so that his report to the Society may be complete. If you are a colporteur or a sharpshooter keep a careful record of the booklets placed with the rulers and fill out your card on October 31 and then send it to us immediately, so that we can start the tabulation.

The August *Bulletin* tells you about the information which is called for on this report; but so that all will have it in mind we repeat it here. There are the following headings on the card, under which the total number of *Kingdom* booklets *ONLY* which are placed with the respective rulers are to be reported:

Clergymen and other religious leaders  
Politicians, judges, and high public officials  
Financiers: Officers of banks and big corporations  
Military: Army or navy officers of high rank  
Of these booklets placed with rulers, how many were left free?

As stated in Brother Rutherford's letter, the Society will credit you for booklets which you have left with these rulers without their having paid you 5 cents for their copy. If you will report under the last heading the number thus left this will assure you of receiving the proper amount of credit. To get credit, be sure to fill out report.

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# 1,534,653 People Hear Testimony of Jehovah's Witnesses

## International Service Convention Week Report Interesting

### 23,970 Workers in the Field

When the command was given by Gideon for the three hundred to blow upon their trumpets and to shout, "The Sword of the Lord and of Gideon," they acted in unison and obeyed joyfully. In like manner when the Lord showed his people through *The Watch Tower* that the time had come for a special effort to be made during International Service Week, they joyfully responded throughout the earth. Just glance at the table below if you want to see how the echoes of the great convention at Columbus were heard around the world. Even this incomplete report shows that over 1½ million people were personally called upon by Jehovah's witnesses and given a testimony to the honor of Jehovah's name. Not only did the people in the United States receive this message, but also some in far-off India and Japan.

The time has come when Jehovah's witnesses can joyfully press on and can realize that their brethren in every part of the earth are working together shoulder to shoulder in the greatest cause under the sun.

The table below will be of great interest to all of Jehovah's witnesses. It gives some idea of the wide extent of the work Jehovah is permitting them to enjoy. Not all of the reports have been received yet, but the ones given are sufficient to fill our hearts with praise and thanksgiving. It is hardly believable that 23,970 of Jehovah's witnesses, scattered all over the earth, could be so well organized as to carry on a campaign such as was carried on during International Service Week, that great week of surprises. Think of the large number of people that were met, of the witness that was given by the song of praise which was sung, and of the literature that was left in the hands of the people, pointing them to the Kingdom. Then remember that all this work was done during this one week only, that this is but an incomplete report, and that you are privileged to be serving with your brethren in the greatest cause there is.

This could only be Jehovah's doing. Aren't you glad that you had a part in this special effort?

A check-up of the activities of companies, sharpshooters and colporteurs in the United States is difficult to make. A great many of those participating in the service at the Columbus convention apparently did not report their activities to their home director and consequently he did not include them in his week's report to the Society. Because of this there is a considerable difference in the two sets of figures. The Columbus convention report shows 7,231 workers participating in the service, distributing over 390,000 pieces of literature and making 391,000 testimonies, whereas the reports for Surprise Week show only a total of 9,205 workers distributing 170,116 pieces of literature and making 220,753 testimonies. When we realize the fact that over 12,000 workers participated in Watchtower Week in May, there is every reason to expect that as a result of the stimulus of the convention many who did not take active part in the service formerly entered into the field at that time.

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## REPORT FOR SURPRISE WEEK IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

Country	Workers	Testimonies	Hours	Books	Booklets	Total
United States	1,755	120,369	29,764	9,341	55,815	65,156
Colporteurs	7,460	200,384	50,769	10,948	94,012	104,960
Companies	300	64,323	12,387	5,845	13,745	19,590
Australia	1,224	38,222	10,027	3,200	18,408	21,608
Canada	297	9,905	2,517	933	4,450	5,383
Denmark						
England						
Colporteurs	331	54,247	8,919	7,186	7,399	14,585
Companies	3,064	207,627	26,118	13,060	23,074	36,134
Estonia	8	431	226	66	240	315
Finland	439	15,879	4,309	1,025	46,882	7,907
Germany	7,500	750,000	32,500	48,000	245,000	293,000
India	34					152
Jamaica	165	5,378	891	71	301	372
Japan	86	33,078	4,241	646	4,930	5,616
Latvia	39	1,505	386	14	1,036	1,050
Lithuania	6	1,308	221	195	792	987
Memel District	26	518	218	106	256	362
Norway	125	4,740	1,421	829	3,545	4,374
South Africa	124	10,206	2,274	2,398	2,122	4,520
Spain	8	883	97	27	285	312
Sweden	389	15,650	4,149	1,930	7,051	8,981
Total to date	23,970	1,534,653	211,434	105,860	489,352	595,364

official: "As one of Jehovah's witnesses I have come to serve you with a notice of greatest importance to you. The world is in distress and perplexity and even greater things shall shortly follow. In this way we are preaching the message of God's kingdom as he has commanded. To help defray the expense of this publication I shall be pleased to take five cents from you for this copy." Hand him the booklet. Whether he pays for it or not, leave it. You may be told that no canvassing is permitted in the bank, and to that reply: "I am not canvassing, but merely bringing you this information which Jehovah has commanded. Responsibility is on you as to whether or not you take it." Do not argue further. Then, in turn, call on other officials in the bank and in like manner present each one with a copy of the *Kingdom* booklet.

Keep a record of all the booklets that you are compelled to deliver free or without receiving the five cents. Send us a statement of same and the Society will give you credit for it.

This work of serving notice on official Christendom is set for a special time. In going about you will come in contact with the common people. To such say: "All the world is in distress and you are wondering why and what is to come to pass in the near future. It is my privilege as one of Jehovah's witnesses and in obedience to his commandment to deliver to the people a message. Thus I am preaching the gospel. I have here a booklet containing the message. It is only five cents. You cannot afford to be ignorant of its contents. This is your copy, and I will take five cents to help defray the expense of publishing more."

This witness work must be done quickly and thoroughly. Each company or individual to whom territory is assigned should see that every house in that territory is canvassed. When you find no one at home make a note of the street and number of that house, and as soon as convenient call back and see that every person gets an opportunity to hear. The *Bulletin* heretofore stated how you may obtain the names of the clergymen. See that you do not miss any of them. Remember that God has laid the obligation upon his people to serve this notice and it must be done. Read carefully Ezekiel 3:17-21. Do not delay in performing this special service, and as quickly as your territory is completed make report thereof to the service department at Brooklyn.

Be of good courage at all times and rejoice and give thanks to Jehovah that you have part in the work of thus serving him.

With much love and best wishes, I remain

Your brother and servant by His grace,

*J. Rutherford*

President

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## Kingdom Booklet Going Splendidly

### Bethel Family Placed 19,403 in First 4 days

The first returns from the Witness Week activities covering the four days from September 4 to 7 at points at which Bethel brethren served indicate that this campaign exceeds any other that has taken place up to the present time. For the 45 companies of Jehovah's witnesses served by these brethren during that week-end we have a total of 1,155 workers, placing 54,386 booklets, or an average of 47 booklets per worker, and the week only well started. At that rate undoubtedly the average of 100 booklets per worker will be very easily reached for the entire week.

The report for the Bethel family covering the same period shows 194 workers in the field, placing 19,403 pieces of literature, or slightly over 100 pieces per worker for this period. We believe that one of the real reasons why the Bethel family exceeded the other brethren in the number of booklets placed during this period is the fact that they unanimously used the canvass for the common people as quoted in this *Bulletin*, and the testimony of each one upon returning was to the effect that this was the most effective and thorough canvass they have ever used; and 54 percent of the people to whom they witnessed took the booklet.

## Special Notice

The message contained in the booklet *The Kingdom, the Hope of the World* is of such vital importance that it is absolutely necessary to place these booklets throughout the territory. Many of the companies of Jehovah's witnesses find it impossible to cover all of their territory in the short period of time allotted, and therefore Brother Rutherford is extending the time for the distribution of this booklet another month.

This notice and warning to the rulers and the people must be given, and if you cannot complete your territory by October 1 continue with this work until October 31. Order sufficient booklets now to cover your territory thoroughly. The Lord has commissioned you to do this work. It is your privilege to do it faithfully and thoroughly.

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This would indicate that the total workers for Surprise Week were more than there were out during Watchtower Week in May. Consequently there are between three thousand and four thousand workers who have not sent in their reports for their activity at the Columbus convention.

Because of this it is impossible to give the exact number of testimonies, workers, hours and pieces of literature placed. The indications are, however, that this has been the most successful campaign of all time in this country, and undoubtedly the total testimonies, if they could be ascertained accurately, run about half a million.

We feel disappointed that we did not get accurate reports from all participating in this week's activities so that we could let you have this information at this time.