

BULLETIN^{FOR}

Jehovah's witnesses

"THE NATIONS' HOPE" TESTIMONY PERIOD—JUNE 30-JULY 8

CAN WE DO BETTER THAN IN LAST PERIOD?

83 Countries in Thanksgiving Testimony

Nearly Four Million Testimonies Given in Nine Days

Much Opposition Encountered

Jonadabs Have Share in World-wide Witness Over One and a Half Million Booklets Distributed

The dividing of the people continues while Jehovah's witnesses go through the uttermost parts of the earth with the message the Lord has committed to them. The results of the latest international campaign are thrilling, and many countries show remarkable increases over any previous effort. It will be noticed that the number of workers, 41,087, is an increase of more than 6,000 over the world-wide campaign last fall, and they put in more hours and gave more testimonies. The previous high mark for workers was during the Remnant's Thanksgiving Period, April 8-16, 1933, during which time 58,804 engaged in the witness work. However, 19,268 of that number were in Germany, and since that time the work has been stopped in that country.

The total number of books and booklets distributed is 1,561,242, which is only a little less than the world-wide witness last fall, and this is no doubt due partly to the fact that *Dividing the People* was used in some of the English-speaking countries in a campaign in January and in many places the brethren went over the same territory twice with the same booklet. Many of the reports show that much opposition was furnished by the enemy, but this only served to stimulate the brethren to greater zeal and activity.

During this period many of the Jonadab class came out and participated in the witness work with Jehovah's witnesses, and reports show that they had much joy in their share of the work. We are happy, too, to see these people of good will taking their stand on the side of Jehovah God, and look forward to even greater numbers in the future who will actively engage in singing forth the praises of Jehovah.

The transcription machines played a good part in the witness that was given in this period, particularly in the English-speaking countries, and in addition to the figures shown on the table, many thousands of people heard the message at the transcription meetings. Brother Rutherford prepared a special lecture, "Requirements," which was recorded and sent to every company and pioneer having a transcription machine, and this proved to be a great help and stimulus to the brethren. Then, of course, there was the convention at Los Angeles, with the lecture "World

Control", which was delivered before an audience of over 12,000 people and over a large chain of radio stations in the United States. Reports show that this lecture was heard as far away as South Africa, Australia, Europe, the West Indies and other countries.

Having in mind that no reports could be received from Germany concerning the Memorial, nor the workers who did witness by word of mouth, we can merely make a comparison in percentages of those who partook of the Memorial last year and this as compared with the workers. We find that in 1933 about 63 percent of those who reported to have partaken of the Memorial engaged in field service. This year there is a decided increase in the proportion, as we find 71 percent of the partakers are workers.

Everyone in the temple really appreciating the work that is being done in the earth will sing forth the praises of the Lord and engage in the witness work. Shortly now there will be another special period, which is designated as "The Nations' Hope" Testimony Period. We feel sure that everyone will press the battle to the gate, even against adverse conditions that now exist, and carry on the message of the Kingdom. It is marvelous in our eyes, and surely only the Lord could accomplish such a thing as to bring about the distribution of over a million and a half pieces of literature and the speaking to nearly four million people in only nine days. This represents work, energy, spending one's vitality in the serving of our God. Surely those who 'love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, mind, soul and strength' are pleased with this gracious privilege that has been granted them.

SOUTH AFRICA

"Brother Rutherford's stirring broadcast from Los Angeles was heard by brethren and members of the public in the early hours of Monday morning March 26. This was the first time his voice was heard direct from the 'mike' in South Africa, and the experience was thrilling beyond words. The message was a great incentive to put forth our best endeavors during Thanksgiving Testimony Period. The results in the door-to-door witness work were the 'best yet' and constitute the greatest witness ever given in a special campaign period. A noteworthy feature of this campaign was the large number of Jonadabs who participated. The total number of

workers who had a share was 318, while the number who partook of the Memorial emblems was 276. Ten transcription machines were in action. Fifty-two meetings were held, with a total attendance of 3,000, and 390 pieces of literature were placed."

BRITISH ISLES

"The good results of this campaign and the larger number of workers participating on this occasion are largely attributable to the consistent use of the printed testimony card by all witnesses. With but few exceptions all the pioneers were grouped in the various large industrial towns and cities, and their joy and enthusiasm as they witnessed under these conditions reached very high. The *Watchtower* readers who are not regular workers, and those of the Jonadab class, responded in a wonderful manner and placed no less than 16,903 booklets. It was indeed a great 'feast' period to Jehovah's praise that will long be remembered."

CANADA

"The results for the 'Thanksgiving Testimony of Jehovah's witnesses' show a good increase over the January campaign. Due to the roads' being impassable the friends were largely confined to covering the same territory that was covered in the previous campaign with the *Dividing the People* booklet; but despite this, in the Lord's providence, 62,071 books and booklets were placed. Jehovah richly blessed the efforts of his people in this land, and one and all entered into the work with zeal and enthusiasm. As a result of these two campaigns alone, 119,369 *Dividing the People* booklets have been placed in the hands of the people in Canada and Newfoundland. Truly they are being instructed that they may take their stand on the side of Jehovah.

"Inasmuch as the brethren here could not assemble at the Los Angeles convention, arrangements were made for thirty-nine auxiliary conventions to be held. Brother Rutherford's special message to the anointed, 'Requirements,' formed a special feature of each of these, and wherever possible the broadcast on 'World Control' was tuned in."

CENTRAL EUROPE

"The Lord has again richly blessed our work during this year's Thanksgiving week. The efforts put forth by the brethren in the various countries are very encouraging. The preparations made for this period were much more extensive than those for the former Thanksgiving periods. In the measure the Devil got aware of this he caused difficul-

ties to arise. The opposition which manifested itself during this period in one way or another was the greatest ever experienced. Especially the pioneers are now hard pressed in practically all the countries of our territory. Not only the German pioneers are being expelled from France and Belgium, but also the Swiss and English. As a result, there are now 30 fewer pioneers in the field. Nevertheless the number of hours put in by the pioneers during this period is but 470 hours less than last year. This means that the efforts put forth by them were wonderful. The number of company workers has increased by about 600, although 300 fewer brethren could engage in the service in Rumania, especially on account of the difficult political conditions in that country."

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

"In this week, for the first time, it was possible to distribute the same message in the four chief languages of this country, namely, Bohemian, Slovakian, German and Hungarian. The brethren in the whole country were advised to use the printed card method, and reports from everywhere show that the results were very good and that the Lord has blessed it. In the beginning and on the end of this week was a service convention, and by these conventions the brethren were much encouraged. On this occasion 4,000 booklets were distributed. It was the best we ever had."

JAMAICA

"The period was fraught with many blessings upon those who participated in the memorial of our Lord's death. Every one seemed fired with a real zeal, especially as the lectures were given on 'His Organization' and 'Requirements'. Each one went into the service with renewed vigor to press the battle to the gate of the enemy."

JAPAN

"During the period several brethren were in prison and four of them had to celebrate the Memorial in jail. Although much oppression came upon them, Jehovah's witnesses are more happy with their wonderful privilege."

MEXICO

"The method of giving the message by card proved very satisfactory to all the workers. The results are the best yet."

NORTHERN EUROPE

"We had 2,428 out on this occasion, thus beating our record figure in January by no fewer than 357. On that occasion we spread 140,769 (pieces of literature), but on this

THANKSGIVING TESTIMONY OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

INTERNATIONAL REPORT MARCH 24-APRIL 1, 1934

COUNTRY	Memorial Report	Pioneers	Auxiliaries	Company	Total Workers	Testimonies	Hours	Ob-tainers	Books	Booklets	Total
Alaska	2	1		1	2	410	49	341	150	524	674
Albania	22			11	11	1,580	107			1,216	1,216
Antigua	1	1			1	201	31	104	8	96	104
Argentina	95	19	4	56	79	10,527	2,145	3,860	275	4,814	5,089
Australia	1,174	153	97	874	1,124	167,993	19,237	52,081	1,098	60,440	61,538
Austria	813	9	17	786	812	102,749	9,984	46,449	466	49,005	49,471
Bahamas	13	2		9	11	1,196	196	495	16	484	500
Barbados	95	5	1	24	30	1,481	253	511	162	544	706
Belgium	105	11	4	78	93	28,401	1,837	9,383	44	9,688	9,732
British Guiana	90		10	10	20	704	150	380	60	327	387
British Honduras	4	1			1	369	58	184	45	172	217
Bulgaria	44			5	5	80				23	23
Burma	26	1	2	18	21	2,824	330	794	21	1,205	1,226
Canada	3,159	174	38	2,288	2,500	174,724	22,274	51,248	1,344	60,310	61,654
Canal Zone	25	2	2	15	19	1,991	304	874	46	1,010	1,056
Ceylon	7			5	5	672	91	177	6	265	271
Chile	19	5		16	21	3,182	540	449	235	686	921
China	3	2	1	3	3	418	102	160	88	415	503
Colombia	6			6	6	100	18	25	19	26	45
Costa Rica	50		2	88	90	3,533	46	612	39	658	697
Cuba	18	4		22	26	5,151	544	1,103	64	1,112	1,176
Czechoslovakia	1,430	89	11	918	1,018	95,605	11,713	28,781	673	32,961	33,634
Danzig	241			224	224	18,360	2,564	17,002	62	18,360	18,422
Denmark	662	51	9	538	598	76,626	6,915	60,422	102	62,748	62,850
Dutch Guiana	16	1		5	6	273	77	65	2	77	79
East Africa	2			1	1	7	1	3	18	1	19
Egypt				5	5	1,504	200	370	86	823	909
England	5,293	150	90	4,189	4,429	545,678	43,957	202,248		205,300	205,300
Estonia	37	7		16	23	3,381	488	1,563	28	1,835	1,863
Fiji	1	1				375	54	86	9	97	106
Finland	888	35	26	619	680	42,630	7,321	30,855	221	33,280	33,501
France	1,438	74	12	1,197	1,283	163,699	16,814	52,290	1,455	54,709	56,164
Germany	10			10	10	850	45	525	100	530	630
Gold Coast	32	4	4	21	29	1,750	220	1,388	132	1,303	1,435
Greece	638	4		397	401	53,549	3,679	1,111	16,427	16,538	
Grenada	18			14	14	820	126	208	21	231	252
Guatemala	5			6	6	920	72	915		915	915
Hawaii		1		4	5	864	84	486	2	594	596
Holland	123	34	7	118	159	47,421	3,516	11,247	100	10,790	10,890
Hungary	777	10	4	273	287	9,746	740	4,450	266	4,339	4,605
Iceland	1	1			1	635	52	135	2	255	257
India	349	18	3	280	301	16,795	2,508	1,963	172	5,002	5,174
Ireland	80	17		51	68	22,143	1,204	7,381		7,423	7,423
Italy	1			1	1	1,250	70	65	38	39	77
Jamaica	485	5	68	276	349	16,793	3,742	3,800	216	3,614	3,830
Japan	127	69	4	4	77	93,079	5,534	9,112		20,159	20,159*
Java	7	3		16	19	1,148	243	1,073	24	1,351	1,375
Latvia	62	10	2	33	45	3,896	761	1,574	7	1,810	1,817
Lithuania	122	1		33	34	969	211	456	72	394	466
Luxemburg	26			20	20	991	114	622	1	620	621
Mexico	100	49	22	76	147	27,597	3,822	8,918	453	9,096	9,549
Newfoundland	14	1		11	13	817	84	430	6	411	417
New Zealand	241	38	10	213	261	28,537	3,533	9,239	341	10,655	10,996
Norway	327	23		109	132	14,491	2,222	8,002	234	15,027	15,261
Nyasaland	145			67	67	3,671	1,272	129	37	110	147
Palestine	1			1	1	8				8	8
Panama				12	12	423	51	107	10	97	107
Philippines	74	14	1	17	32	3,399	679	635	161	647	808
Poland	2,493	35	29	905	969	82,987	7,967	16,112	503	12,508	13,011
Porto Rico	2	1			1	254	40	76	14	119	133
Portugal	17	1	16	2	19	865	130	295	55	260	315
Rhodesia (N)	1,494			104	104	4,212	1,406	1,068	422	922	1,344
Rhodesia (S)	411			102	102	5,939	1,175	807	323	578	901
Rumania	2,799	6		679	685	41,775	4,232	8,547	65	10,291	10,356
St. Kitts	3	3			3	632	107	374	195	453	648
St. Vincent	2			1	1	96	12	40	19	36	55
Sarre Basin	201		1	195	196	30,751	2,397	7,876	53	8,093	8,146
Scotland	789	22	23	507	552	84,141	5,952	27,298		27,441	27,441
Sierra Leone	37		1	28	29	915	324	842	18	834	852
South Africa	276	16	9	293	318	46,746	5,498	20,154	563	22,815	23,378
Spain	34	6		10	16	4,260	331	1,341	30	2,098	2,128
Sumatra				2	2	30	6	19		38	38
Sweden	1,017	51	35	829	915	89,825	12,142	68,983	773	74,890	75,663
Switzerland	1,236	2	7	895	904	88,165	8,893	42,588	795	44,505	45,300
Syria	14	1	3	11	15	1,480	186	280	38	283	321
Tobago		1		1	1	300	45	22	5	26	31
Trinidad	296	6	10	154	170	8,679	1,529	1,590	161	1,607	1,768
Turkey	10	1		1	2	336	42	105	2	129	131
United States	25,805	1,750	830	17,291	19,871	1,575,532	219,010	531,984	15,182	580,803	595,985
Uruguay	7	3		6	9	1,906	230	392	4	432	436
Wales	289	19	3	241	263	37,770	2,976	15,189		15,261	15,261
West Africa	231	24	22	78	124	10,199	1,535	3,840	435	3,524	3,959
Yugoslavia	135	25		102	127	26,373	2,532	7,818	307	8,928	9,235
TOTAL	57,139	3,073	1,442	36,522	41,037	3,953,214	462,302	1,393,115	29,310	1,531,932	1,561,242

Total for Kingdom Proclamation Period Sept. 30-Oct. 8, 1933 3,110 1,274 30,134 34,518 3,668,766 433,399 1,380,864 27,465 1,545,166 1,572,631

*Golden Age copies distributed.

occasion 201,082. There is thus an increase of 60,313.

"So far as can be judged the use of the testimony card has largely helped to this end, especially in the better-class houses. It has been more used on this occasion than at any time previously. Then, too, the Memorial article 'His Name' (in two parts) was out in time in all languages, and was truly inspiring and strengthening to all. More Jonadabs got into the chariot than ever before, for till January 1934 our highest number of brethren out was 1,809."

AUSTRIA

"We are very pleased to send you the report for Thanksgiving week. Nearly 100 brethren more than during the last Thanksgiving week participated in the service, and the company workers alone placed 10,000 more booklets than last year. The companies reported difficulties in many places where the brethren

were arrested, but in spite of this the work was done. Looking back on what was accomplished, we can but gratefully acknowledge Jehovah's wonderful protection and care."

BELGIUM

"I am happy to report the best result ever reached in any special service period. The companies have written of the joy they had. The feast of Jehovah this year has filled the brethren with joy and zeal more than ever before. Our brethren of foreign nationality are now in great danger of being expelled if they further participate in the witness work. However, during Thanksgiving Period they have shown that they fear the Lord and him alone."

FRANCE

"Shortly before the Thanksgiving week the Devil tried to greatly injure the work. The Minister of the Interior issued a circular letter to all the police offices stating that

foreigners were forbidden to distribute the Watch Tower literature. The police acted immediately and tried to hinder the pioneers from working, as well as the Polish company workers and even the Swiss brethren who regularly go to France to do the work there. However, the Lord overruled things in such a way that a good witness could be given in France in spite of all these difficulties. Especially the Polish brethren were urged on to still greater zeal giving the witness regardless of this governmental order. Most of the policemen in the territory worked by the Polish companies have known our activity for years, and did not take measures against it, but allowed the distribution, with some exceptions."

SWEDEN

"This period was remarkable in two respects: (1) that the number of workers was an absolute banner record, exceeding the January period by 154, which was up to that

time the highest figure ever; (2) the number of pieces of literature exceeded January figures by 15,297, and showed that all peaks can be surmounted. This is the Lord's doing."

DENMARK

"We had 'Requirements' interpreted so that we had Brother Rutherford with us, and afterwards he was translated into Danish. The Memorial article was very encouraging, and the message just right. Everywhere there was joy and enthusiasm. The result for this period far surpasses our previous best."

FINLAND

"The week has been, in Finland, the happiest time we ever have had. It is true that the partakers of Memorial have gone down from 943 to 888, but the number of partakers in work has been the greatest we ever had, or 680, to compare with 518, which formerly was the highest number. Participating in the work were 42 Jonadabs, leaving 2,135 books in the hands of the people. It is no wonder if the Devil has been very angry, as the work is so grandly going forward, and his agents have put in the newspaper a remark about us, stating that if others in our land should publicly and in print tell the people what we are doing, they should sit in prison."

NORTHERN RHODESIA

"In spite of all efforts to crush the work and discourage the witnesses, the Kingdom work continues to make good progress in Northern Rhodesia. A considerable number of witnesses have been cruelly beaten and imprisoned by native chiefs who are more or less given a free hand by the European native commissioners to mete out punishment as they think fit to any members of the 'Watch Tower'. The brethren are in good spirit and rejoice."

SOUTHERN RHODESIA

"Amidst much opposition and persecution Jehovah's witnesses in that land continue to boldly proclaim the Kingdom message. Several native witnesses, knowing that European witnesses from South Africa are not permitted to enter the country, took it upon themselves to give the witness to Europeans and went around in government offices, shops and other places of business, distributing the latest booklets. They have now been deported to their homes in Northern Rhodesia, where they will continue the witness work."

THE UNITED STATES

The number of workers participating in this campaign exceeded that of last October by over 3,000, with an increase of 12,000 hours, and of over 123,000 testimonies. Despite this, the number of obtainers dropped by about 8,000, with a corresponding drop in the total amount of literature placed, although the bound books increased by almost 3,000.

The fact that less literature was placed, and fewer placements were made this spring than last fall, despite the fact that a greater effort was put forth by the brethren and more time devoted to the service, indicates that the attitude of the people in general is not as optimistic as it was in the fall. However, the activity this year has been decidedly lower than the spring of last year, when there were approximately 65,000 more hours spent in field service and over 600,000 more testimonies given.

It seems hard to explain why the number of workers this year should fall short of that one year ago, for the Jonadabs are continually increasing. The weather was considerably worse, but this should not be a hindrance to those who love the Lord, but rather another difficulty to overcome to the praise of Jehovah's name.