



# GOD'S MINISTERS WELCOME TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

## Nine Thousand Attend Local Congregations

OVER 9,000 BRETHREN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD ASSEMBLE AROUND THIS WORLD EACH SABBATH! IN FIFTY CHURCHES ESTABLISHED ON FOUR CONTINENTS, THOSE WHOM GOD HAS CALLED OUT OF THIS WORLD ARE ABLE TO BE FED AND INSTRUCTED BY GOD'S CHOSEN MINISTERS ON HIS HOLY SABBATH DAY.

Because of the establishment of new churches, plus the usual thirty percent growth in already established churches, the average attendance at local congregations has leaped FIFTY PERCENT

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## The Armstrongs Welcome Home!

We are very happy to have you back with us even if only for a while. We know that we must share the joy of your presence with God's people in other lands. Our welcome is saddened, somewhat, realizing you may soon be off to England. Since your tentative plans include a return to the British Isles by Passover, we take this opportunity to let the British Brethren know how much we love them: we feel less sad at your leaving when we realize you will bring them the same spark, drive and inspiration you have brought us.



The ministers (above) who attended last year's conference will be augmented by those newly ordained, for this year's momentous and significant meeting. Envoy Photo

## Conference Coincides with Twenty-Eighth Anniversary of Broadcast

On this twenty-eighth anniversary of The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast, the campus hums with activity in anticipation of the coming ministerial conference.

These vitally important meetings, to begin Tuesday afternoon, January 9th, in the Rosewood Room at Ambassador Hall, will affect the whole future course of this great work of God. Do we really realize their significance?

As God's great work gathers momentum toward the final grand-smash climax at the END of this civilization, the real MEANING of these ministerial gatherings should be really driven home as never before! Plans for future expansion, for new churches, for future campaigns, advertising, tours, overseas offices and evangelistic campaigns—yes and deeply spiritual topics, delving into long-hidden parts of God's Word, coming to greater, fuller understanding of many technical points—these are but a few of the really pressing matters on the agenda.

Plans for the coming Feasts, summer recreational programs, Church choirs, and a myriad of other questions will be discussed.

FAR more really earth-shaking problems and monumental discussions affecting the very course of nations will take

place in these meetings right here on our own campus than in any "summit" meeting in the history of the world! While "summit" meetings between the chiefs of state fail, ending in dismal impasse — the annual ministerial con-

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# NEWS BRIEFS

In the last issue the PORTFOLIO renamed Vicki Hammer by giving her name as Debbie. Excuse us, please.

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A happy face has been missing around campus lately. It's that of Mr. Fred W. Dean, who recently retired because of illness. Mr. Dean has worked on the campus as a gardener since 1953. His years of devoted service to the college were, and are, very much appreciated.

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On December 20, 1961, the Chicago Church added Mrs. Viola Peets to its growing list of deaconesses in the Radio Church of God. Mrs. Peets manages a kitchen at night, and visits widows and wives during the day. We, as students, can all learn a lesson from her example of diligent service. We're rejoicing with you, Mrs. Peets.

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Ken Westby has joined the ranks of the Fallen. He sprained his ankle during last Wednesday's game between the Juniors and Sophomores. Ken, team captain and one of the spark-plugs of the Junior team, may have to sit out of the next couple of games until his ankle can take the pounding of hard play.

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The library has instituted a new time-saving service for students. The most interesting magazine articles — those applying to classroom or Biblical subjects — are now being listed on the library bulletin board by means of a special 3 x 5 card.

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Richard Starkey's gardening crew is trying to get the grass to grow once again in the area east of the lower garden tempietto. Students are asked to avoid using the Terrace and Grove gate until the new lawn becomes established.

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The college bookstore is now stocking paper, notebooks, etc.

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Grove Street prayer rooms are finally nearing completion. The noise of the overhead fans is gradually being re-

placed by the aroma of fresh paint and the holes in the linoleum will be covered by soft carpeting.

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A 37 passenger school bus has been donated to the Imperial Schools for the transportation of the Long Beach children to and from school and any school activities that may arise.

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Sabbath, December 16th, the Ambassador Chorale provided the special music in the Long Beach Church.

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Because the visas never came in for those in Australia to go to South Africa, Bill Myers' jet flight was cancelled and he is still with us here on campus.

## Don't Read This

If you read this article, you will be wasting your time; it says nothing of importance. After finishing, you will know absolutely nothing more than when you started, so why not stop reading now and save yourself some mental anguish?

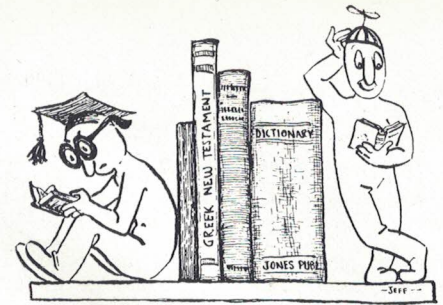
Why do you *insist* on continuing to read when it is a waste of time? Is it because your human nature is naturally opposed to following suggestion? If it is to satisfy your curiosity, you will find only vapid words to fill space in the newspaper. Nevertheless, you continue to read, DESPITE the many warnings, because your carnal nature tells you to. The headline told you *not* to read this meaningless article, so if you wouldn't have even STARTED in the first place, you wouldn't be wasting the precious element which passes by so quickly . . .

## Conference

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ferences of the very servants of the living Jesus Christ on this earth are really *fruitful*, and *productive*!

So, as you greet God's ministers, arriving from all parts of the world to join with those here at headquarters in these most important meetings, remember the serious tasks ahead of them—and remember to really PRAY that each one will be truly *led* of Jesus Christ in these conferences. Remember, the decisions are really HIS to make!



## LIBRARY LOOKOUT

To give you an idea of what's going on in the "Book World", here is a short review of Gunther's latest: *INSIDE EUROPE TODAY*.

In this one, Gunther sizes up the political profile and drops some poignant facts. He states that three of the four chief Western Europe countries are led by practicing Catholics. He vicariously introduces you to political leaders: Adenauer, Macmillan, Khrushchev, and others, and picks their brain, analyzes their motives, personality and character, and fits them into the political scene.

It is readable and up-to-date (1961), and has the convenience of a quick-reference with its good index.

Here is a book to inform as well as entertain you. Add it to *your* reading program!

## BALDERDASH

Daniel Webster was a noted oracle—not to be confused with *Noah* Webster, a Biblical king who reigned for forty days and forty nights.

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Eric the Red is the real father of communism.

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*Monsoon*: a French gentleman.

*Fossil*: a dead bone.

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Policeman: "Mister, don't you know you're on a one-way street?"

Beatnik: "Like, I was only goin' one way."

Policeman: "But you were going the *wrong* way. Didn't you see the arrow?"

Beatnik: "Like, man, I didn't even see the Indians!"

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A typographical error in the *Los Angeles Mirror* a year ago read: "Satan and his Reindeer."