

There is a building program going on in South America as there is in all the world. It requires the assistance of a skilled contractor to help the local people build the churches. Right now there is some unsuspecting Spanish-speaking contractor here in North America who is going to receive a telephone call and have an interview, and if he is willing and worthy, he is going to sell or rent his home, leave his job, turn his business over to his partner or his competitor, take his family and head for some place in South America which heretofore has been only a strange sounding name.

I was in that branch three weeks ago. When this man arrives at Asuncion, Paraguay, he will find a people that will teach him love, understanding and brotherhood; and they will build him into a better man while he helps them build a chapel to worship God. The gospel changes lives and location, and requires sacrifice. And I am grateful that it does. I hope we never lose from this Church this element of sacrifice. It is worth the sacrifice to have the peace and assurance come to you that God lives, because your willingness to serve draws you closer to him.

There are several thousand young men and women this year who also will have an interview with their bishops, and if they have prepared themselves well and proved themselves worthy, they will receive a call from the Prophet of the Lord to serve their fellow men by declaring the restoration of the gospel. They will leave school and scholarships. They will leave their jobs and their money and their girls, and go at their own expense and learn a foreign tongue so that other lives may be changed. They will declare that God lives, that he is our Father, that he loves us. They will declare that Jesus Christ is his Son, our Redeemer. They will declare that the gospel of Jesus Christ has been restored in this day through the Prophet Joseph Smith. They will declare

that a new witness has been given to the world in the form of the Book of Mormon, which declares again and anew that Jesus is the Christ. They will declare that this is a land of promise, as Elder Benson so impressively said, from which this gospel is to go forth to all the world to bless the lives of all of our Father's children.

They will declare that the priesthood has been restored to men to give them power to baptize and to bless with the Holy Ghost and to perform all of the ordinances which are necessary for the exaltation of man.

Now how can we help, and what can we do? Youth, prepare. Live clean. Be honorable. Follow the counsel you have received in this conference.

Parents, instruct. Get close to your families. Perhaps parental advice can best be summed up by repeating to you a telephone conversation from an eighty-eight-year-old mother up here to her forty-year-old son down in Sao Paulo. She said, "Son, keep your faith, do your work, pay your tithing, live the gospel, say your prayers, and keep your testimony." He said, "She has given me that advice all her life."

I am grateful, brothers and sisters, for my testimony of the divinity of this work. I am grateful that I know that the great and noble man who directs this work is indeed a prophet of God. I am willing to sustain these brethren of the General Authorities in their holy callings. I am willing to sustain you brethren in your offices and callings. I am grateful to have membership in this Church and brotherhood with you.

I pray that the Lord will continue to touch the hearts of his children that they will respond to the power of truth that it may operate in their lives and change enmity to love, greed and avarice to generosity, apathy to righteous activity, materialism to spirituality, and unite all men in the brotherhood of the gospel in ultimate peace, and I ask it in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRESIDENT DAVID O. McKAY

Elder A. Theodore Tuttle of the First Council of the Seventy, and now president of the South American Mission, has just addressed us. You will be pleased

to know that we already have word from that country. I read one telegram, and here is another from Lima, Peru. Just think, we were together this

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morning speaking to them through short-wave radio. Here is an answer from the people listening in: "Short-wave program of inspirational conference received perfectly in Lima, Peru." The cablegram was signed by Brother Vernon Sharp, president of the Andes Mission.

And now we have a cablegram from the other side of the world: "One hundred and two French members in Paris thrilled to hear their prophet, leaders, choir. Reception good." (Signed by Shelby Arigona, branch president.)

I know that I express the gratitude of your hearts for the men who own these stations and who have united with the Church in the great effort to apply modern invention and discoveries to the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ. If we had had to pay for the television and radio coverage we have had today, we should have had to expend thousands, tens of thousands of dollars. These men who have united in rendering this service deserve our heartfelt gratitude for their utilizing modern discoveries and inventions to reach these people of the world—down in Central America, South America, Africa, France, Germany, and the islands of the sea. Just realize what you have experienced today! God bless these men.

The Tabernacle Choir will favor us with the anthem, "Worthy is the Lamb," conducted by Richard P. Condie, and the benediction will be offered by Elder Rulon J. Sperry, formerly President of the Netherlands Mission, after which this conference will be adjourned for six months.

The singing for this afternoon and this morning, as you know, has been furnished by the members of the Tabernacle Choir. We have been inspired by their singing. I should like to say to you that we owe this group of singers a great debt. It is through their singing and their influence throughout the world that we have had the unexcelled experience today of speaking to the world. Brother Arch L. Madsen, who is head of KSL, has been instrumental through his friends and associates in radio and television in obtaining this world-wide coverage. He reported that one important reason why these owners

and managers of stations consented to unite with us in this conference, was because of the fact that their stations could bring to the people the privilege of listening to the world-famous Tabernacle Choir, and that was a drawing card, of course. There are hundreds of thousands and millions of listeners. We were very pleased to have the Tabernacle Choir as part of the program this day. That is why the services this morning were interrupted at certain times. Some stations were coming on, and other stations were going off.

We have participated this morning in something that is greater than we really know!

Now, in conclusion, I should like, though inadequately, to express for you our appreciation of those who have participated in this great conference. First, to the General Authorities for the inspirational messages you have given. I think it was Carlyle who said, "In this world there is one god-like virtue, the essence of all that ever was or ever will be of god-like in this world—the veneration done to human worth by the hearts of men." It is in that spirit we mention the following and head it with your messages throughout the conference.

Second, to the public press and the reporters for their fair and accurate reports throughout the sessions.

Third, for the co-operation of the city officials: As you have driven to and from Temple Square past these policemen standing on the street corners, you have noted their responsibilities and how faithfully they have discharged them, handling carefully the increased traffic; also the Fire Department and the Red Cross, who have been on hand to render assistance and service whenever and wherever needed. I am mentioning this because you know it is a wonderful thing to feel the spirit of co-operation in this great city.

Fourth, to the Tabernacle ushers who have rendered service quietly, courteously, and efficiently in seating the great audience at these conference sessions.

Fifth, I have already mentioned the radio and television stations. Fifty-two television and twenty-four radio stations in our own city and the nation for the

first time have carried the sessions of this conference from coast to coast and by short-wave to countries all over the world. This has been the means of permitting over sixty million people in the United States and Canada, and many thousands more in foreign countries, to hear and see the proceedings of this 132nd annual conference.

Sixth, I should like to express personally and publicly my appreciation of the management of the Hotel Utah and their associates, men and women who were looking after your comfort, and particularly Sister McKay's and mine—the managerial personnel, the girls running the elevators, the cooks, waitresses—nowhere in the world, I care not where you go, will you find more excellent service.

Seventh, we appreciate especially those who have furnished the singing throughout this conference: The Brigham Young University Combined Choruses, a large choir and musical instruments on Friday, April 6; the Ricks College Choir on Saturday, April 7; the Men's Chorus of the Tabernacle Choir last evening.

All contributed their services—paid their own expenses from Provo, Rexburg, and other places. Any call was given an immediate response.

Today, our own Tabernacle Choir. You know what reference I have already made regarding our appreciation of their services to the world.

Eighth, we must not overlook these beautiful daffodils sent to us by airplane from the Tacoma Stake through the kindness of the Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival. And these calla lilies that came by air from the high priests quorum of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake. Ten thousand sweet peas from the Mesa Eleventh Ward, Mesa Stake, picked by members of the stake.

Thank you, members and friends, for these beautiful flowers which fill the Tabernacle with sunshine and fragrance. We appreciate the love and affection which these flowers connote. We are not unmindful of the many hours spent by the members of the Church in picking and arranging these flowers for shipment by air.

Now, just a word by way of summary.

The paramount theme of this great conference has been the reality of God the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. The founding fathers of our republic incorporated in the Preamble of our Constitution their belief in a Creator who had created mankind on a basis of equality with certain inalienable rights, chief of which were life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

In our daily desire for material success and pleasure, we have a tendency to neglect the importance of the Creator's place in our hearts and in our homes; and in social intercourse we are prone to neglect the importance of *making the Creator the center of our lives.*

Our religion is not a cloak to wear on Sunday and be hung in the closet for the rest of the week; neither is it something for nations to parade on certain occasions and then to wrap up in mothballs to await another occasion.

Men today are rapidly classifying themselves into two groups: believers and nonbelievers.

J. Edgar Hoover, and I quote, says: "There is no place here in America for part-time patriots. This nation is face to face with the greatest danger ever to confront it, a sinister and deadly conspiracy which can be conquered only by an alert, informed citizenry. It is indeed appalling that some members of our society continue to deplore and criticize those who stress the communist danger. Public indifference to this threat is tantamount to national suicide. Lethargy leads only to disaster. Knowledge of the enemy, alertness to the danger, everyday patriotism are the brick and mortar with which we can build an impregnable fortress against communism."

I approve with all my heart the appeal made by Brother Tuttle that only the gospel of Jesus Christ will unite our hearts in faith in God and faith in his existence, that we make him the center of our lives, and that the gospel of Jesus Christ is the plan whereby our hearts and lives and towns and nations can be united in bringing about universal peace and the brotherhood of man.

God lives! So does Jesus Christ, his Beloved Son, who gave the gospel, the

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eternal plan of salvation of the human soul. The Lord himself says, ". . . this is my work and my glory—to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man" (Moses 1:39)—all mankind.

We have had a beautiful example of mutual service and mutual love throughout this entire conference here in our own city.

God bless you, brethren and sisters, may you carry back to your wards and stakes and missions the spirit of this great, greatest of all conferences ever held in the Church. I pray that God will bless you with his guiding and protecting influence, that you may return home without accident; be happy in the knowledge that you are members of this great kingdom and that you contribute to the brotherhood of Christ. May that Spirit emanate not only from you and your associates in the Church, but from all who participated, whether they are members or not, in making this conference so ideally successful, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

An anthem, "Worthy Is The Lamb," was sung by the Tabernacle Choir.

Elder Rulon J. Sperry, formerly president of the Netherlands Mission, offered the benediction.

Conference adjourned.

The Brigham Young University Combined Choruses furnished the musical numbers for the Friday morning and afternoon sessions. Kurt Weinzinger was conductor of the selections during the morning session; Maughan McMurdie conducted during the afternoon session.

The musical numbers for the Saturday morning and afternoon sessions were furnished by the Ricks College Choir, with Richard W. Robison as conductor.

The music for the General Priesthood Meeting Saturday evening was furnished by the Men of the Tabernacle Choir, Richard P. Condie, conductor.

On Sunday the Tabernacle Choir, Richard P. Condie, conductor, with Jay E. Welch, assistant conductor, furnished the choral music for the morning and afternoon sessions.

Richard P. Condie directed the singing of the Tabernacle Choir on the *Tabernacle Choir and Organ* broadcast Sunday morning.

Accompaniments and interludes on the organ were played by Alexander Schreiner and Frank W. Asper. Frank W. Asper was the organist at the *Tabernacle Choir and Organ* broadcast.

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