

an abundance of the manifestation of the Spirit among us depends upon our willingness to share temporal blessings (see D&C 70:12-14).

Therefore, we must sacrifice our narrow traditions, local interests, and selfish pride to achieve the love and unity indispensable in a Zion society. The principles of love, service, work, self-reliance, consecration, and stewardship must relate to a specific plan, in a particular area, to serve individual needs with well-managed resources. Personal and family preparedness and local self-sufficiency must be related to identified communities, families, production projects, and storehouses.

The abstract becomes concrete when we identify welfare services principles with people, places, and things we know. Temporal application of spiritual laws transforms theology into religion.

Through priesthood councils we may, in wisdom and order, most effectively use welfare services to ad-

minister to the spiritual and temporal needs of the poor, thus experiencing the gospel in action and learning to live the Christian life, to which I testify in the sacred name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, amen.

President Marion G. Romney

We have just listened to Elder Ronald E. Poelman, a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy.

It will now be our pleasure to listen to President Spencer W. Kimball, President of the Church, who will be our concluding speaker.

The first general session of the 150th Annual Conference of the Church will convene in the Tabernacle at ten o'clock this morning.

Following President Kimball's talk, we will sing in closing hymn number 206, "The World Has Need of Willing Men," following which the benediction will be offered by Elder Hartman Rector, Jr., a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy.

President Spencer W. Kimball

My beloved brothers and sisters, I have enjoyed this meeting very much, and I endorse all that has been presented by the various speakers.

Appreciation

I express deep appreciation to each of you for what you are doing in this wonderful welfare work. We are grateful for the progress that has been made. Notwithstanding there is much service yet to be given, I feel the Lord is pleased with the service that has been rendered by the Saints.

I sense a deep commitment on the part of our leaders to apply in the wards and stakes the principles of welfare service we have heard preached from this pulpit for many

years. Surely there never has been a time when we needed to be more anxiously engaged in such an important cause.

I am pleased with the reports we receive regarding family gardens. I hope all of you plan to put in your garden whenever spring comes in your area, and that where possible you are canning and preserving food. I note, too, the increased emphasis on procuring welfare projects, as well as improving the ones we already have.

Live the gospel

Nearly every family in the Church is feeling the effects of worldwide inflation in one way or

another. May I remind all of us that if we will live the gospel and follow the counsel of the leaders of the Church, we will be blessed to avoid many of the problems that plague the world. The Lord knows the challenges we face. If we keep his commandments, we will be entitled to the wisdom and blessings of heaven in solving them.

Brothers and sisters, I know the gospel is true. It contains the answers to all of life's questions and to all of

life's problems. May the Lord bless us all in this great welfare program, I humbly pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The congregation sang the hymn "The World Has Need of Willing Men."

Elder Hartman Rector, Jr. offered the benediction.

SALT LAKE TABERNACLE CHOIR AND ORGAN BROADCAST

The following broadcast, announced by J. Spencer Kinard, and originating with KSL Radio and Television, Salt Lake City, Utah, was presented from 9:30 to 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, April 6, 1980, through the courtesy of the Columbia Broadcasting System's network throughout the United States, parts of Canada, and through other facilities to several points overseas:

Announcer: Once more we welcome you within these walls with Music and the Spoken Word from the crossroads of the West.

CBS and its affiliated stations bring you at this hour the Mormon Tabernacle Choir from Temple Square in Salt Lake City, with Jerold Ottley conducting the Choir, John Longhurst, Tabernacle organist, and the Spoken Word by Spencer Kinard.

(Choir without announcement: "So Keep We All This Holy Feast" from "Christ Lay in Death's Dark Prison" — Bach)

Announcer: "With grateful hearts we all are met To eat the bread of gladness, So keep we all this holy feast." The Tabernacle Choir opened today's Easter broadcast with portions

of Bach's cantata "Christ Lay in Death's Dark Prison."

Next, the words of Delbert L. Stapley set to the music of Robert Cundick are heard as the Choir sings "Our God Is a God of Love, Love is his greatest gift to us."

(Choir: "Our God Is a God of Love" — Cundick)

Announcer: Had we been present when Christ faced Pilate, we could have predicted with certainty the outcome. On the one hand stood Jesus. He was a Hebrew, a second-class citizen. He commanded no armies; he had cultivated no friendships with prominent individuals; his only material possession at the time was a homespun cloak.

Facing this carpenter from Galilee was Pilate, Pilate the Governor, the commander of armies, the possessor of wealth; Pilate the lawgiver, in whose hand rested the power to inflict death as the final argument to any debate.

Indeed, death would soon silence this young prophet named Jesus. And in the years to follow martyrdom, the same fate would also become the reward for many others who believed in his name.