

Bradley is quoted as having said, "We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount. . . . Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants. We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living." (As quoted in Louis Fischer, *The Life of Mahatma Gandhi*, New York: Harper and Brothers, Publishers, 1950, p. 349.)

We have so much to do in this world to spread the influence of this gospel. Let us go forth on our assigned mission. We feel the compulsion of the Lord's mandate to teach the gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. (See D&C 133:37.) We hope that in so doing we shall not offend, but rather that we shall do so with graciousness and in that spirit of love which was of the very essence of him of whom we testify.

Continue in well-doing

We shall continue the great work of strengthening our people wherever they may be found in the

nations of the earth. We shall give encouragement to those who are weak in the faith. We shall try to teach them by example and precept. We shall work together in the spirit of charity and love one for another. We shall go on building houses of worship across the world, where our people may gather together and strengthen one another as they unitedly worship the Lord.

We shall continue the great work that goes on in our temples, an unmatched work of love reaching out even to those who have gone beyond the veil of death. Can there be a greater labor of love than this? It comes more nearly of partaking of the spirit of the Lord himself, who gave his life as a vicarious sacrifice for all of us, than any other work of which I know. It is done in the name of him whose salvation is universal.

God bless all of us to open our eyes and to unstop our ears, to look, to listen, to learn, and to come to an understanding and appreciation of the great, eternal truths of which we bear witness, I humbly pray in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

President N. Eldon Tanner

Gratitude for prayer

My brothers and sisters, this has been a grand day for me, to sit here and listen to the conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in our famous tabernacle. The prayer offered by Brother Russell Ballard has been answered, I am sure, during this conference.

Speaking of prayer, it is so important that we know to whom we are praying and that our prayers will be answered in our best interests. As we pray to the Lord, let us remember that it was prayer that brought this church to the earth, when Joseph Smith, as a boy, read:

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (James 1:5).

I wonder if we realize just what a blessing it is to have our prayers answered, and to be able to ask for what we need.

Strive to follow teachings

And then that beautiful speech of President Kimball's that Arthur [Haycock] read to us in the beginning session: it in itself gave us enough to think about as we strive to follow the teachings of the Lord and Savior

while we sojourn here upon the earth. It has been a great joy for me to be associated with President Kimball as long as I have, to learn from him and to feel the influence of his spirit.

As we hear this beautiful choir we should realize how fortunate we are to have a choir that is known all over the world for good, and which has sung to so many congregations.

It has been great to mingle with you brethren and sisters and to be here and partake of the Spirit with you today. As we leave this session, I hope and pray that each of us will remember the things we have heard and realize that they can help us do better. As we leave this conference, let us go forward and do the things we have been counseled to do in the sermons in this great hall.

Appreciation for blessings

I want to thank the Lord per-

sonally for all the blessings he has bestowed upon me and my family, and on us as a church. There is no other organization in the world that can offer the sermons we have heard here today. They are the best, and as well done as any I can imagine.

I wish to thank the Lord that we can participate in this kind of service, and go away from here determined to improve our lives and to be an influence for good in the world. And I bear testimony that this is the work of the Lord. I know it is true, and if we will live according to its teachings we will have greater joy than we will find in any other way.

May the Lord bless us to this end, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

The Choir sang "Come, Follow Me."

Elder Angel Abrea offered the benediction.

GENERAL WELFARE SESSION SATURDAY MORNING

A general welfare services session was held in connection with general conference on Saturday, October 2, 1982, at 7:00 A.M. In attendance at this meeting were General Authorities, the general Relief Society presidency, Regional Representatives, stake presidencies, high councilors involved in welfare work, bishoprics, stake and ward Relief Society presidencies, and others responsible for operating welfare production projects.

President Marion G. Romney, Second Counselor in the First Presidency, conducted this session.

President Romney opened the meeting with the following remarks:

President Marion G. Romney

Brothers and sisters, we welcome you to this general welfare services meeting.

President Kimball asked me to extend his love to you, and to reaffirm his commitment to the welfare services program and to welfare principles. It is expected that he will be in attendance at the first general session of conference at ten o'clock this morning.

As usual we urge you to take notes during this session so you can later instruct your co-workers about the matters to be discussed at this meeting.