

We shall now be pleased to listen to President Gordon B. Hinckley, Second Counselor in the First Presidency, who will be the concluding speaker of the conference, after which the Tabernacle Choir will sing "Testimony."

The benediction will be offered by Elder Robert L. Backman, a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy.

This conference will then stand adjourned for six months.

## President Gordon B. Hinckley

You've heard very much from me in this conference. I think I would like to take the liberty of asking Brother [Hans B.] Ringger, Brother [Waldo P.] Call, and Brother [Helio R.] Camargo to come quickly to the stand and each

take about two and a half minutes so that you won't have to wait six months to see them and hear them. Three good men and true, who we have sustained as members of the First Quorum of the Seventy at this conference.

## Elder Hans B. Ringger

### Need for friends

Elder Packer taught us two days ago that in the early years of the Church the Saints would sometimes get a letter from "Box B." A letter from Box B meant you were getting a calling without being interviewed first. Presidents of the Church called members on missions with no warning beforehand. I feel the same way today.

It's a long way from Switzerland to this stand in Salt Lake City. I had to cross many borders. I had to ask for a visa, for permission to enter this country. But I found out that wherever I had to cross a border or had to talk with people, the people were friendly. That's exactly what I need in my assignment—friends. I have some sitting behind me. I have some sitting before me.

### Answers will come

I'm really happy to be here and to serve. I don't know at the moment all the questions I will be asked or how I will find solutions for them. But I know that I will get an answer when I work on it and pray about it. If I do that, I know I will be blessed in all I do.

I am very thankful for my priesthood leaders, my parents, my sisters, my brethren, my teachers in Sunday School—all who have given me the strength to fulfill the assignments I get in my life. Hopefully, I can serve so that our Lord will be pleased. I am very thankful to the First Presidency for this privilege—for calling me to be a General Authority. I leave you my testimony that I know that our Lord lives, that Jesus is the Christ, and that Joseph Smith is a true prophet. This I say in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

## Elder Waldo P. Call

### Love and gratitude

My dear brothers and sisters, this is, as our missionaries would say, an

awesome situation. At this time, I want to thank my parents for the good example they set for me. There was one time in my life—and my mother, who