

E. D. Orrell, one of Jehovah's witnesses, in attendance at the Theocratic Assembly of Jehovah's witnesses, in the interest of The THEOCRACY, offered a resolution which received the undivided attention of the Assembly, which Resolution reads:

RESOLUTION

FOR THE PROTECTION of the servants of THE THEOCRACY AND OF ALL WHO ARE OF GOOD WILL TOWARD THE THEOCRATIC GOVERNMENT BY CHRIST JESUS, this body of JEHOVAH'S servants assembled at Saint Louis, do hereby adopt and send forth to their fellow servants of the Lord the following message:

WHEREAS one O. R. Moyle, who professed to be wholly devoted to JEHOVAH'S THEOCRATIC GOVERNMENT by Christ Jesus, was for four years the legal counsel and advisor to the Board of Directors of the WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY in particular, and generally counsel and advisor to the members of said society, and in that place or office he was entrusted with many confidential matters pertaining to the kingdom interests; and

WHEREAS said Moyle, yielding to the influence of the adversary, became a murmerer and complainer and fault finder of his brethren, and particularly levelled his faultfinding and murmuring against members of the Board of Directors of said Society and of the Bethel Family (Jude 16-19) and without reason or excuse issued a letter against the officers of the said Society, and against the interest of the family of God at Bethel, and published and circulated said letter to many others, and which letter and false accusations therein contained was issued and circulated in violation of the Scripture, particularly at Matthew 18: 15-17; and

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of said Society, for the information and protection of the many servants of JEHOVAH GOD, who are members of said Society, caused to be published in the Watchtower a statement concerning the improper conduct of said Moyle; and

WHEREAS the said Moyle later, without excuse and in violation of the Scriptures, instituted and now prosecutes in the worldly courts a suit at law against the directors of the WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY for slander and libel and whereby, "For filthy lucre's sake" (Titus 1:11) he demands the sum of \$100,000.00, well knowing that any amount he might collect by reason of said law suit that the same would be taken from funds wholly devoted to THE THEOCRACY, and hence his action is fighting against JEHOVAH'S organization. The action of said Moyle in instituting and prosecuting such law suit was and is in clear violation of the following scripture, to wit: "Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?" 1 Corinthians 6:1; and

WHEREAS said Moyle since the institution of said law suit in the courts of the world has sent out and continues to send out, circulate and publish letters and literature in opposition to the officers and servants of said WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY and in opposition to the literature published by said Society, and which he does with the manifest purpose of causing a division amongst God's servants;

NOW THEREFORE this convention of JEHOVAH'S servants with malice toward none but with good will toward all who love righteousness deem it to be their duty and obligation to call attention to their brethren generally throughout the land to the aforesaid unscriptural conduct of said Moyle and to set forth these facts and Scriptures, which show that he has made himself one of the evil servant class described by the Lord at Matthew 24:49 and 2 Thessalonians 2:1-15.

WE THEREFORE admonish and advise all persons who are devoted to the THEOCRATIC GOVERNMENT by Christ Jesus that they avoid said Moyle and the literature and publications which he circulates in opposition to the WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY, and in doing so that our brethren be guided by the Scripture which says: "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple."—Roman 16:17, 18. (See also 1 Timothy 3:6)

WE DO HEREBY give thanks to the Lord that He caused His servants, the Board of Directors of said Society, and the WATCHTOWER, to publish in the WATCHTOWER a notice of warning against the improper conduct of said Moyle to the end that all faithful ones might be advised and that there be no hindrance to the forward movement of the witness work, in which God's faithful servants are engaged, and which said Warning Moyle makes the basis for his damage suit. We further advise and admonish all who love JEHOVAH and HIS GOVERNMENT, by CHRIST JESUS, to put forth every possible effort to make known the name of JEHOVAH and His Kingdom.

The Chairman announced that the Resolution was unanimously adopted by 65,000 in attendance at the 1941 Theocratic Assembly of Jehovah's witnesses.

report on the vitally important speech on "Integrity" by Judge Rutherford, and by its untrue personal slaps at the speaker. A swift and deserved retribution and judgment came: at five o'clock this evening there was released for circulation among the people of St. Louis the printed copy of what the speaker actually did say in his speech. The August 15 issue of *The Watchtower* contained the full text of the speech, and now thousands of copies of this issue were made available to magazine distributors to put out immediately. This unexpected chance to return the fire of the enemy thrilled God's people, and forth they went with this new ammunition with boiling zeal, and shortly the entire supply of all magazines was exhausted. The pro-Catholic *Globe Democrat* of St. Louis spoke of the speaker (a native Missourian) as a "tall, balding, wing-collared Californian", much after the manner as when the prophet Elisha was on his way to Bethel and many religious youths came out and mocked, saying, "Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head!" and Elisha turned and uttered Jehovah's judgment upon them and two she-bears from the forest came and 'tore' 42 of them. Doubtless by the time this assembly closed the public press felt it had been torn by the claws of something far worse than two literal bears and that a "curse" rested upon it for its stubborn course of willful, lying mockery against the Elisha work today and those doing it.

Attendances at the sessions increased, as the assembly increased to 70,000 attendants, the number originally published as expected; and thousands more were yet en route to St. Louis. Much profit was derived from today hearing capable speakers deal with such subjects as "Magazine Route Work", "Magazine Street Witnessing," "Courage," "Jael's Experiences," "Zone Assembly and Its Purpose," and "Covenant Obligations". These speeches stressed Jehovah's Theocratic organization and its structure, and the work it is now commissioned to do, and the effective ways of getting the witness done; also the requirement to obey organization arrangements, and our obligations as consecrated Christians to fulfill our side of the covenant with Jehovah God as his faithful and true witnesses, if we would gain life and have part in the vindication of his greatly reproached holy name.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

This was notably Pioneers' Day. Due to Jehovah's loving provision through his visible organization more than 5,000 pioneers from America and other lands were enabled to come and share the glorious Kingdom service at St. Louis. All registered as such on arrival, and the Society provided free meals for them and also rooming accommodations for as many as needed it. This supports that the Society is in very truth a "charitable" organization even according to the definition of the worldly law. There was a booth in the Arena corridor marked "New Pioneers", and up till this point 300 new pioneers had already signed up at this assembly, one being a seven-year-old. (Before the convention closed more than 700 had signed up.) The present pioneer band includes some men 86 years old and some women 77 years old, and some children nine years of age. 'According to the faith of all such be it unto them,' as Jesus said.

At 3 p.m. all the pioneers had assembled in the main auditorium in front of the speakers' platform, their identification cards admitting them. The rest of The Arena was all packed out again, by other publishers. Dwelling on the subject "Pioneer's Place in the Organization" a speaker emphasized that "the time of independent isolation of the pioneers is past" and now they must faithfully co-operate also with the regional and zone servants and with the organized companies with which many are associated. Another speaker considered "Pioneer Requirements" and stressed the need for meeting the "hours" requirement to remain permanently in the work, and that the back-calls made by pioneers should be increased. In the United States only 6.5 percent of all publishers were pioneers, whereas in the British Isles 11 percent are such, and hence this country could well increase

its percentage of pioneers. In this connection the speaker read a letter from a St. Louis radio announcer setting out the frank statement by a prominent religious lecturer from Britain concerning the stabilizing and heartening effect the fearless witness work of Jehovah's witnesses has upon the morale of the British people during this war, and also concerning their faithfulness in concentration camps in Germany, to the dismay of the Nazis. (Incidentally, copies of this letter were thereafter released to the press for publication, but not a single newspaper dared print such favorable publicity concerning Jehovah's servants.)

Then Judge Rutherford greeted the pioneers. He expressed it as a privilege to greet such fighters for The Theocracy, and that the activities of such a band as these must "make some of the 'old woman' mighty sick". Pioneering men fled from Europe to seek and establish here freedom of speech, of assembly and of worship of God; they never imagined that such freedom would ever be hampered here as it is today in this land. This is all traced to religion and its allies. When these have finally closed down on our work here and cry "Peace and safety!" then a mighty explosion will occur and blow off the lid. "You pioneers are in this witness work not for selfish aggrandizement, nor to make a name for yourselves, but for the Lord's name's sake." Isaiah 62:10 includes a command for the pioneers: "Go through the gates!" The gates are open for all now, particularly the Lord's "other sheep". "Prepare ye the way of the people!" This it is your privilege to do by telling them the truth. "Cast up the highway!" That is, to walk in the Lord's way of righteousness. "Gather out the stones!" These are religion's stumblingstones; gather them out by taking to the people God's Word. "Lift up a standard for the people!" What standard? Not Hitler's swastika! The flag of America is a dignified and beautiful symbol, whose real meaning is "freedom" and "rights" of free men. Demonized flag-wavers try to force you to bow down thereto in violation of God's law. Such ones are the first to violate the laws of the United States. "I say to the people of Missouri, where I have fought for the principles of democracy, because I believed them right. 'Jehovah's witnesses have the highest respect for what the flag represents, but, by God's grace, they will not bow down to ANYTHING!'" (Applause) You pioneers are real liberators of the people. When you go out from this convention you will have lots of scoffing, reproaches and ridicule, but not by honest men and women. Rejoice in tribulation. Don't think you are the whole thing because you are a pioneer. Keep on encouraging those who love the Lord "NOW GET BUSY!"

Immediately following, the assembly chairman briefly reviewed the legal aspect, and the legal battles the enemy had thrust on God's faithful witnesses, and that the SOCIETY had directed them to fight to the last ditch, and that at the greatest expense they had done so and gone up to the Supreme Court of the nation, and the SOCIETY was fighting for the things for which the flag stands, and now many legal victories had been won. In Germany hundreds of legal cases were won before the witness work was closed down there; likewise it may be here in America. Then a great outburst of gladness broke at the chairman's announcement that Judge Rutherford had caused to be published a new 32-page booklet entitled "Jehovah's Servants Defended", setting out the judicial decisions of high courts in cases we had fought and won; he now authorized the release of the booklet and a copy to be given free to each one there. This gracious provision and gift put a new weapon in the hands of the battling witnesses for use in meeting the enemy both in the field and before the tribunals.

This same day a sharp judgment of the great Lawgiver against the "evil servant" class (Matt. 24:48-51) was expressed at the beginning of the afternoon's sessions. An ex-army officer of the United States appeared on the platform and asked and was granted the privilege to present a Resolution concerning one Moyle. Said lawyer proved unfaithful to his position of trust in the Lord's organization, slandered and abused the Bethel family at

Brooklyn, quit his post of duty, and thereafter sued the Society and its board of directors and others for \$100,000 for libel because the facts were published in *The Watchtower* for the protection of Jehovah's witnesses throughout the land. The Resolution condemned such course of action and such recourse to worldly courts as unscriptural, unwarranted and unjustified. Put to a vote, the Resolution was adopted with a unanimous "Aye" by the vast assembly of more than 75,000. Thereafter copies of the Resolution were given free to all, to take home with them.

The afternoon's program concluded with a stirring speech by one from Canada, where the ranking prelate of the greatest religious foreign power has dictatorially caused Jehovah's own organization to be declared "illegal" and forbidden, and its adherents to be imprisoned; but where true Christians continue to obey God's commands rather than man's, and of whom 2,000 were then in attendance at the assembly and rejoicing. An example of a well-ordered Theocratic service meeting, presented by four young workers from headquarters, and a discourse on "Ehud and His Dagger" closed another blessed day.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

The event everywhere advertised for today and eagerly awaited was the delivery of the public address by the president on "Comfort All That Mourn", at 3 p.m. The great publicity campaign had gone over! Now 105,000 persons jammed The Arena and auxiliary buildings, the grounds all around, and the eleven-mile-distant trailer camp. A private telephone line connected The Arena platform with the WATCH TOWER headquarters at Brooklyn and the administration building of radio station WBBR on Staten Island, N. Y., where other audiences assembled. Both when the speaker ascended the platform and when the chairman presented him to speak the audience gave him a great ovation. The orchestra, now augmented to 126 instruments, rendered a selection suitable to this significant hour. Then the speech began. The public-address system was working at its best, and everyone in every location could hear well. The speaker's voice was in excellent condition, and filled with the quality of comfort. All hung on his words in rapt attention, only to break out in repeated applause, on nineteen occasions.

Referring to the cause of mourning, the speaker stated: "It is the truth that will make the people free from fear and mourning. Receiving the truth, their joy at once begins, and that's why 100,000 on these grounds today are all smiles!" (Applause) A reference to the "Axis Powers" and then to Daniel chapter eleven and "the king of the north" and "the king of the south" quickened the audience into unusual alertness. Both "kings" are not men, but world ruling powers! Then the scales fell from the listeners' eyes as Judge Rutherford identified the 'northern king' as the ruling power which is totalitarian and represented in the Axis combine and opposing Jehovah's Theocracy and its servants; and the 'southern king' as the world ruling power which rules and claims the right to rule the nations in the name of Democracy, and is represented in the British Commonwealth of Nations and supporting nations, but which also does not support The Theocratic Government. A brief survey of Daniel 11: 27-45 followed, and ended all too soon. But when he added, "*The Watchtower* will publish the same, that the people of good-will may be enlightened," there was a joyous expression of satisfaction. More applause, later, when he commented, on Daniel 11: 45, "that will mean the end of the Axis Powers, including Nazism, Fascism, and ROMANISM!"

Concerning the good news of The Theocracy he exclaimed: "Thank God that the message does not proceed from any man!" (Applause) The fulfillment today of Daniel's prophecy and its understanding mean the "end of the days" is here, and "which is proof that we may confidently expect Daniel the prophet of God to soon stand amongst the peoples on this earth and many will see him and rejoice". (Applause) The audience thrilled again

into applause when he added that the Lord's people "are looking for those faithful men of God and they will not be surprised when they come". He then proceeded to detail the blessings of God's kingdom, and interrupted to cry out, "I challenge any government under the sun to point out any hope that they hold out!" (Applause) More blessings described, and he turned his words to his auditors: "And it is the duty and privilege of the people of this convention to tell the people of Missouri and of all parts of the land about The Theocracy." (Applause) Next a glorious description of "the Holy City"; then "no more death!" (Rev. 21: 1-4) As to our period of transition from the wicked to the Theocratic rule, "soon the combined elements of wickedness will put forth their supreme effort in their final endeavor to destroy all who support The Theocracy, and they will cry 'Peace and safety!' because they have all of Jehovah's witnesses in the jug!" (Applause, with smiles of understanding) "They shall fail, and none shall help them, because God has decreed it so." Then came words of hope concerning the Armageddon survivors, followed by a contrast between the wicked and the wise: "They that be wise will choose to serve the King of glory and receive the blessings of everlasting life."

With the words, "And now, my good friends, I am sure you will want to join in sending a message of comfort." Judge Rutherford read a prepared "message", addressed "To all persons of good-will toward Jehovah and His King, Christ Jesus". Concluding it, he put the question, "If you believe that this is the message of loving-kindness that you wish to send to the people, say Aye!" There was a unanimous "Aye!" seconded by great applause. During the speech Judge Rutherford appealed "to the people of my native state [Missouri] to calmly look into the Bible for the hope of eternal life" (Applause), and now he expressed it as a "great privilege to speak to the children of the people of this state", and he asked: "What do world powers hold forth? Nothing! What does The Theocracy hold forth?" Everything worth-while!

The speech ended and Judge Rutherford retired, but a further joy awaited. Before the speech the chairman announced that, anticipating the great demand for it in print, the speech had been published and copies were on hand. Now it was announced that ten copies of the new booklet "Comfort All That Mourn" would be given free to each one there to distribute at once to the people of St. Louis, and without contribution; but any recipient so desiring and asking might contribute whatsoever he felt inclined. The response to this opportunity after such a public address was electrical, and parties and individuals scattered to all parts, the slums, the sidewalks fronting the "cockatrice hatchery" the Vatican maintains in St. Louis, and other locations convenient for the quick-distribution work.

Other presentations on the day's program were "Advice for Kingdom Publishers" by the Society's legal representative, and also discourses on "Transition" and on "Theocracy", all which were received with much aid and benefit. The supply shipped of the new booklet "Comfort All That Mourn" was quickly exhausted and distributed far and wide, and thus comfort from above was spread to other hundreds of thousands.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, "CHILDREN'S DAY"

On an occasion last spring Judge Rutherford stated at headquarters in Brooklyn, "This is the day of the children." Today at the assembly marked the time even as such. The full significance of what Almighty God here caused to come to pass on this day will only be realized later under His revelation. He knows the end from the start.

Early this morning, at seven-thirty o'clock, there was an assembly of the candidates to hear the discourse on "Baptism", prior to their immersion; where 3,903 presented themselves therefor, of whom 1,357 were children, and out of almost "all nations, kindreds, people and tongues". Pools had been contracted for in