

Witness Convention to Begin

The eight-day international convention of Jehovah's Witnesses is scheduled to open Sunday, Sept. 8, at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. The huge Bible conference is expected to draw 70,000 delegates, which will be the largest that the religious group has ever assembled on the West Coast.

Visitors from all 50 states and 37 foreign countries will be hosted by 182 congregations in the greater Los Angeles area.

Theodore Jaracz, district supervisor of Jehovah's Witnesses for Los Angeles and surrounding cities, announced that all local services of the Torrance congregation will be suspended until after the Convention.

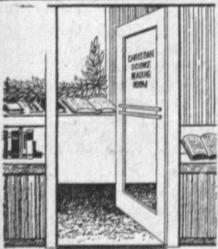
Members of the Torrance congregation will use busses to transport conventioners to all sessions of the eight-day Bible meeting. Speakers from the Watchtower Headquarters, as well as district and circuit ministers will present Bible lectures, discussions and demonstrations during the eight-day period, Jaracz said.

N. H. Knorr, president of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society sponsors of the convention, will deliver the principal address on opening day at 3 p.m. He will speak on the subject, "When God is King Over All the Earth." Admission is free.

Franciscan Padres to Show Handicrafts

On Labor Day, Sept. 2, the Franciscan Padres at Old Mission Santa Barbara will demonstrate some of the more than 50 trades taught to the Indians in the early days at the California Missions.

The pottery making machine will be shown, the arts of tile making and carpentry explained.



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You may have passed by this quiet place many times—but have never entered it. Yet here in this peaceful room, ready for you to read, is a book that has enabled many to find their true identity—to really know themselves, to discover the certainty and the continuity of their being. It can do this for you.

The place is the Christian Science Reading Room; the book, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy.

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Reading Room 1406 Cravens, Torrance

Open 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Except Sundays and Holidays 7 to 9 P.M. Mon. and Fri. Eves.



UNIQUE DESIGN for convention stage settings is shown in model of the 270-ft. long stage to be installed at the Rose Bowl for the "Everlasting Good News" Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses, which starts Sept. 1. During the eight days, more than 70,000 delegates

will listen to speakers and scores of program participants who will appear on the platform surrounded by thousands of flowers, shrubs and hand-painted murals depicting the international atmosphere represented in delegates from all 50 states and 37 foreign countries.

CHURCHES

Great Moments of Faith

By RED LOCKWOOD

Men Created Equal

It has always taken faith for men to become free, and nowhere in the annals of human history was that faith more eloquently spoken than during the darkness of the birth pains of our nation.

The morning of June 29, 1776, the alarm began when signal flags of distress were run up three tall flagstaves on Staten Island. It was a signal that the invading fleet of empire and the divine right of kings was approaching.

"I was upstairs," an observer wrote, "and as I peeped out I declare I could not believe my eyes... in about ten minutes the whole bay was full of shipping."

A short while later Gen. George Washington reported to Congress that 45 ships had come in.

At 2 p.m., the general reported 100 rigged vessels had arrived.

Raise Sails

The first of July many vessels raised sail to come closer to the Narrows and anchored off Gravesend, Long Island.

The Second of July some of the enemy men-of-war were within 700 or 800 yards of Long Island. Before nightfall, 55 vessels were close to Staten Island and had anchored.

The Third of July a heavy enemy landing took place on Staten Island.

The Fourth of July enemy troops began to throw up earthworks to ensure their stay on His Majesty's lands across the sea was permanent.

Fifty-odd men sitting during those four days in Philadelphia, only a few miles away, had the audacity to call themselves a Congress of free men and to be undaunted by the show of majestic might and to declare the Second Day that the colonies were free and on the Fourth Day to sign that Declaration.

"The Congress for some time past," the Sixth of July John Hancock wrote to Gen. Washington, "have had their attention occupied by one of the most interesting and important subjects that could

possibly come before them or any other assembly of men.

"Although it is not possible to foresee the consequences of human actions, yet it is nevertheless a duty we owe to ourselves and our posterity, in all our public counsels, to decide in the best manner we are able, and to leave the event to that Being Who controls both causes and events to bring about His Own Determination."

Washington Writes

"The Continental Congress," wrote Washington, "having been pleased to declare the United Colonies of North America free and independent States: the several brigades are to be drawn up this evening on parades at six o'clock when the Declaration of Congress showing the grounds and reasons of this measure is to be read with an audible voice."

"The general hopes every officer and soldier will act with fidelity and courage as knowing that now the peace and safety of his country depends (under God) solely upon the success of our arms."

Shortly before six o'clock, with the varied uniforms of the troops of the different state commands spit-and-polish clean, the men of Washington's command marched to form up on dress parade long bayonets affixed in heavy muskets glinting in the slanting rays of the sinking sun.

There for the first time aloud in public Americans heard the words:

"When in the course of human events... all men are created equal...

... governments are instituted among men deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed

... and for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

Peace Secure

For seven long and bitter years George Washington held firm to his faith in Divine Providence, in himself, and in the fidelity and courage of his fellow men until the fact of the peace and safety of his country (under God) was secure.

It has always taken faith for men to become free, and nowhere in the annals of human history was that faith more eloquently spoken than in these United States during the long and bitter years 1775 to 1783.

Del Amo Baptists Slated to Name New Officers

The Del Amo Baptist Church has announced the names of the general officers elected for the coming year to lead the affairs of the church.

Among them are John Shelton, music director; Lois Shelton, soloist; Janet Lee, organist; Doreece Earwood, pianist.

Bob Roberts, Sunday school superintendent; Cleon Winslow, Training Union director; Dal Hagar, Brotherhood president; Juanita Roberts, G. A. director.

Dianne Beddingfield, Sunbeam director; John Stokley, R. A. director; Doreece Earwood, treasurer; Juanita Roberts, church clerk; Marie Grasty, associate clerk.

Betty DeVry, financial records; Edwin Howse, chairman of ushers; Leonard Mills, trustee (three years); Mrs. J. H. Moore, nursery coordinators; Carl Berry, Thom Davis, financial auditors, and Bob Roberts, active deacon.

The pastor, the Rev. Daniel B. Weaver Jr., is on vacation, returning Sunday, Sept. 8.

New Unitarian Pastor to Appear in Pulpit

Appearing in the pulpit of the Pacific Unitarian Church Sunday, Sept. 8 for the first time as its new minister, will be Rev. Alfred J. N. Henriksen. Rev. Henriksen has chosen for his inaugural sermon, "Liberal Religion, Self and Society." The services are set for 10:30 a.m. at Miraleste School, Via Canada, Miraleste, Palos Verdes Estates.

Born in Boston, Massachusetts, Rev. Henriksen graduated from the public schools there and took his liberal arts and theology degrees at Tufts University and his Master's degree in sociology at Iowa University.

He was with the Unitarian Fellowship in Augusta, Maine for five years and for the next six years was in Iowa City. He comes to the South Bay area after five

years in Corpus Christi, Texas. His summers have always been devoted to a special project.

Rev. Henriksen regards "people and the ideas that motivate them" as his major interest. When queried about his reasons for coming to Southern California he replied, "California is a preview of the future. Its vast educational complex, its highly technical, yet diverse, industrial pattern, its heavy population drawn not only from all over the United States, but from all over the world—all this makes it experimental and forward looking. Such an area needs a religious, future-oriented religion. Unitarianism is such a religion. It appeals to the educated, the liberal-minded, scientifically oriented

people who abound in the South Bay area of Los Angeles."

Concerning the fundamental religious problem of our time, Rev. Henriksen stated, "Religion must be relevant to our individual and collective lives. It should make a difference to us what religion we profess. Too much religion is like collecting antiques, a pleasant hobby, but of little significance to the mainstream of life. To be relevant, religion must breathe the air of its own times. It should respect tradition, but not be bound by it. By the way, when I say 'religion', I mean people acting religiously; you can't divorce 'religion' from people who exemplify it in their lives."

Rev. and Mrs. Henriksen have three children; Heidi, 10, Carl, 16 and James, 18.



WATCHTOWER convention and Pasadena city officials coordinate plans for Rose Bowl convention, Sept. 1-8. Convention officials are shown above with Pasadena city officials after a meeting to finalize plans. Watchtower convention manager S. Halvajian, center, hands folded, is shown with convention department heads (to the left). Pasadena city officials to the immediate right of Halvajian are W. Bogart, assistant Rose Bowl superintendent, and R. Townsend, superintendent of parks, other city heads.

Juniors Donate to Center

Torrance Juniors have announced donation of proceeds from ways and means projects for the summer totaling \$3,700 to the Torrance Scout Center, one of the club's main philanthropies. Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Keith Pierson, several hundred hours volunteer time have been donated throughout the summer.

Torrance Juniors have had a special interest in the center ever since a committee headed by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Walton called upon Juniors to organize money raising projects in order to achieve funds for starting the center eight years ago.

Ground was broken in 1958, with the dedication of the building in 1962.

Training sessions, overnights, group activities, dances, rummage sales, social functions, and dinners, are among activities the center has been used for.



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NARBONNE AVENUE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH—24730 Narbonne Ave. Lomita DA 6-6029 Church 8:30 a.m., 10:50 a.m.; Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

DEL AMO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH—3915 W. 226th at Ocean, Torrance. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Training Union, 4 p.m.; Worship Services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Pastor, Daniel B. Weaver. Jr. FR 8-7440 or FR 1-3925.

CATHOLIC ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH—1900 Tullita Ave., Redondo Beach. Mon. signor Daniel P. Collins. Mass 7, 8, 9, 10, 11:15, 12:15. PR 5-6037.

CHURCH OF GOD

SOUTH BAY CHURCH OF GOD—17661 Yukon Ave. Phone 323-3976. Rev. C. L. Tierney. 17615 Yukon, Torrance. First morning service 8:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:40 a.m.; second morning service, 11:10 a.m.; Sunday night service, 7:30 p.m. Mid-week services, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

FOURSQUARE CHURCH

FOURSQUARE CHURCH—Corner of Arlington and Sepulveda. Telephone, DA 6-2072. Rev. and Mrs. James P. Lowen, pastors. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; morning worship, 10:45 a.m.; group services, 6:00 p.m.; Y.P. Cadets (Defenders), Evangelistic, 7:15 p.m. Mid-week, Wednesday Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Public invited.

LUTHERAN

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH—Located on Carson St. and Flower Ave. in Torrance. Wm. J. Roleder, pastor. Residence, 1625 Flower Ave. Phone, FA 8-3249 Phillip C. Hiller, Assoc. Pastor, 679-7710. Church office, 1725 Flower Ave. FA 0-4181. First Church worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday School 8:45 a.m. and 9:45 a.m.; second morning worship, 10:45 a.m.; Christian Elementary, Kindergarten thru 7th grade.

Adventists Boost 'Stop Smoking' Plan

Health services officials of the Seventh-day Adventist Church today announced plans for a giant Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking in the Hollywood area Sept. 29 to Oct. 3.

Dr. Ruth J. Temple, Pasadena, health services director of the Adventists' Southland headquarters, said more than 1,000 persons who want to stop smoking are expected to attend the Hollywood-area inaugural five-day session.

The church health chief said the plan in the Hollywood area will be the first of a large number of "Five-Day Plans" the Adventists expect to conduct in communities throughout the Southland and as a public service for thousands of persons who desire to stop smoking.

Dr. Temple explained that the plan is non-denominational in approach and uses a physician-minister-psychologist team which provides group therapy designed to help those attending lick the smoking habit on an hour-by-hour basis.

"Nation-wide interest is centering on the subject of cigarette smoking and its effects on health," said Dr. Temple in announcing the inaugural plan for the Hollywood area. "The plan is designed to help people who have an honest desire to quit the habit." All plans, she noted, are free of any charge.

The health services director said admission to the Hollywood-area plan session will be by ticket only. Information regarding tickets, Dr. Temple said, may be obtained by telephoning 245-1876 or 243-6231 from 9 through 5 on week-days.

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