

URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN
Covering 1967 - 1968

Presented to General Council

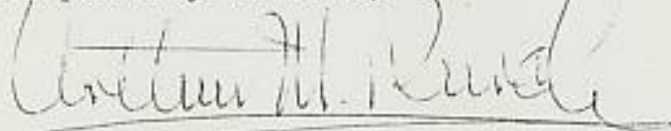
August 4, 1968

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE REPORT TO
THE URANTIA BROTHERHOOD GENERAL COUNCIL
MEETING

Since a year ago at the General Council Meeting of the Urantia Brotherhood the Judicial Committee has held but one meeting as required by the Constitution. As there was no old business or new business to be considered the meeting was adjourned shortly after it was convened.

This fact in the mind of this chairman indicates without qualifications that our Brotherhood is being managed and led by a harmonious and efficient group of personnel.

Respectfully submitted;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arthur M. Burch".

Arthur M. Burch
Chairman

August 4, 1968

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHARTER COMMITTEE
URANTIA BROTHERHOOD
FOR 1967-68

To the General Council:

A meeting of the Charter Committee of the Urantia Brotherhood was held on June 16, 1968 at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois. A quorum was present.

There have been no applications for charters this year.

The Charter Committee hopes that, in the not too distant future, some of the study groups now in session may wish to form a society and become active in the Brotherhood.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary C. Hales".

Mary C. Hales
Chairman

July 1, 1968 for General Council Meeting August 4, 1968.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1967-68 TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL

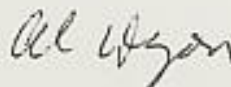
During the past year no problems have arisen requiring us to function as a committee, largely because the religious hierarchy in general have not yet come to know of the existence of the Urantia Book or the Brotherhood.

On our part, we have been aware of the amazing ferment taking place on the world-wide religious scene; the continuing acceleration of change in the established order, especially among the churches which for so many centuries have been the conservators of the Christian faith.

All this may presage the advent of a period when not just a few individuals--as is presently the case--but religious organizations as such will begin to show signs of becoming receptive to the infusion of the new insights, the tremendous enlargement of understanding and spiritual vision with which the Urantia revelation is destined to overshadow the religious traditions and dogmas of the past.

However, we recently heard of a fellow Urantian in a neighboring state giving a copy of the book to a minister who subsequently burned it as something so heretical it should be destroyed. Such an incident--along with a few previous events, equally negative though less dramatic in overtones--tends to confirm our impression of the wisdom of those who have helped shape our policy. We agree with their feeling that first, as individual Urantians we must be guided by our own best judgment in choosing those fellow mortals with whom we shall try to share the Urantia Book, whether they be ministers, priests, or ordinary laymen; and that second, as a Brotherhood organization, we should still bide our time until that day when the logic of events will determine the direction of any positive program of discharging our constitutional mandate to "foster and develop fraternal relations and good will with the churches of various denominations and with the religions of the world."

Respectfully submitted



Albert H. Dyon, Chairman
Fraternal Relations Committee

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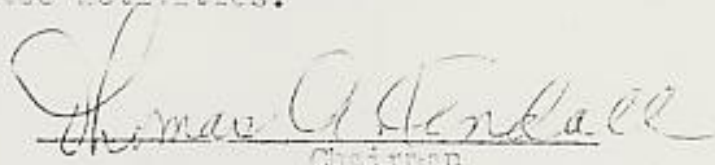
REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF DOMESTIC EXTENSION
COMMITTEE OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD TO THE
GENERAL COUNCIL - Sunday, August 4, 1968

During the past year the Domestic Extension Committee sent gift books to 12 institutional and public libraries, including five college and university libraries.

The letter and return post card system of inviting contact with the Urantia Brotherhood by purchasers of Urantia Books is still in effect. In the last year 39 cards have been received by the Brotherhood. Unfortunately, we have heard very little from these people after the initial contact, notwithstanding the follow-up letters sent them.

The committee sponsored one teaching visit to the Culver, Indiana study group. The Culver people are always happy to receive visitors from headquarters or from other societies.

Alvin Kulieks, Brotherhood president met with this committee once this year, at which time we discussed present and future committee activities.


Chairman

REPORT
of
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

1967-1968

August 4, 1968

To the Executive Committee
To the General Council

The Committee on Education held five regular meetings this past year, at which several matters of business were considered.

It was decided that there would be a Summer Study Session August 2nd and 3rd, 1968. Alvin L. Kulieke and Marian T. Rowley were selected as a committee to arrange the program and conduct the session. The committee eventually approved the theme: MORAL ASCENSION TO PARADISE. The various phases of the ascendant career were to be discussed by the following: Mrs. Ruth Burton, Mrs. Julia Fenderson, Mr. Alvin L. Kulieke, Mrs. Anna Rawson, and Dr. Meredith J. Sprunger.

For the School program of the past year, two seminar sessions of nine weeks each were held on Wednesday evenings during the Fall of 1967 and Spring of 1968. Most of those attending had already earned their Certified Leader or Ordained Teacher degrees, but all participants were consistent in attendance. As a result, the studies were conducted in depth, with all in attendance contributing to the discussions. It was the consensus of the group that all benefited by gaining much information, understanding, and inspiration. Among the various subjects considered were: Thought Adjusters, Personality Survival, Seraphic Guardians of Destiny, Seraphic Planetary Government, and Energy - Mind and Matter. The same plan of study is to be carried out during 1968 and 1969 with different subjects to be considered. We hope that many will avail themselves of this opportunity to participate in a more intensive study of the wonderful Urantia teachings.

At our last meeting the Committee on Education re-elected the officers of the School for the coming year: Dr. William S. Sadler, President; Mrs. Helen Carlson, Secretary; Kenton L. Stephens, Treasurer; Alvin L. Kulieke, Dean.

We continue to study and evaluate our programs and are ready to adapt the program to the needs or desires of those attending our sessions.

William S. Sadler

William S. Sadler
Chairman

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PUBLICATIONS REPORT

Annual Report from August 1967 to August 1968

To the Executive Committee of Urantia Brotherhood

To To General Council

The Publications Committee reports that ever since October 1955 its major activity has been to produce and mail out the Urantia Brotherhood Bulletin in October, February, April and July of each year. That first Quarterly Newsletter, dated July 5, 1955, (now called the Urantia Brotherhood Bulletin) was mailed to less than 100 persons.

Now it reaches more than 900 individuals. It is mailed to one or more persons in almost every state, and to 16 people who live in foreign countries.

The mailing list has been growing steadily in the last two years. This is partly due to the fact that we now have a letter (prepared by the Domestic Committee) which we attach to the book when it is mailed to an individual. This letter explains our organization and suggests that he or she might be interested in getting together with some other reader of the Urantia Book. Also a card is enclosed, to be returned if such individual is interested in receiving our Bulletin or any other material we might be sending out. Many of these cards are returned.

These individuals are placed on our mailing list and put in touch with each other only when it is agreeable to both persons.

Dated July 1, 1968.



Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
URANTIA BROTHERHOOD
FOR 1967-68

To the General Council:

A meeting of the committee was held October 29, 1967 for the purpose of preparing the 1968 budget to be submitted to the Executive Committee. The respective budget needs of each committee, presented by the committee chairman, were reviewed and it was apparent that these needs for 1968 were being estimated at \$7,150 as compared to \$7,225 for 1967; a reduction of \$75.

A letter of solicitation, which had been drafted, was considered and discussed and was approved with minor changes by the committee. The solicitation was combined, as in the past, with the solicitation of operating funds for the Urantia Foundation. The solicitation letters were mailed to the membership and other interested individuals on November 22, 1967.

Upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee at its meeting March 4, 1968, a second letter as follow-up was sent March 9, 1968 to those who had not responded to the first letter. It wasn't necessary to hold a committee meeting to pass on the draft of this letter.

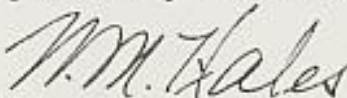
Combining the response to these two letters, the results have been as follows as of June 3, 1968.

Total letters sent first mailing - 477 and follow-up letters - 285.
Final total responses - 121 (61 members - 60 non-members).

Total amount pledged or received was \$9,593. Of this total approximately 50% was designated by the contributors to go to the Urantia Brotherhood. This amount is \$4,796 (\$2,513 from members - \$2,283 from non-members).

The books are in the process of being audited by the Arthur Andersen Co. for the year ended December 31, 1967.

Respectfully submitted,




William M. Hales
Chairman

July 1, 1968 for General Council Meeting August 4, 1968.

REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES
OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD
TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR 1967-1968

During the year this Committee, or the individual members thereof, have rendered the following services:

1. Assisted in placing the jackets on the remaining copies of the first printing of the Urantia Book.
2. Taken books to the Post Office.
3. Acted as receptionists (tending the door) for the school sessions and other meetings.
4. Assisted in seeing that the meeting room and other rooms used by the Brotherhood are kept clean and in order.
5. Assisted in serving refreshments at social gatherings.


Chairman

July 1, 1968

Custodians of Urantia Book functioning jointly for Urantia Foundation, Urantia Brotherhood and Urantia Brotherhood Corporation, submit the following:

Annual Report for 1967 -- (Jan. 1, 1967 to Dec. 31, 1967)

To GENERAL COUNCIL

cc Treas: Urantia Foundation
Urantia Brotherhood Corporation
Urantia Brotherhood

1967

Jan. 1	Inventory at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Ill		264
Mar. 17	Received from Donnelleys	500	
July 17	" " "	200	
Nov. 13	" " " Balance	<u>484</u>	<u>1184</u>
	Total		1448
	Books sold during 1967		<u>1106</u> 342
Mar. 7	Lost book - Wendell Williams, Ft. Wayne, Ind.		<u>1</u> 341
	Gift books on Pm. 10 during 1967		<u>40</u>
	Balance 533 Diversey Parkway		301

Memo

During 1966 721 books were sold or given away
During 1967 1146 " " " " " "

1968 book sales to July 1, 1968 were 684

Sales and gift books from 1955

1955	1695	1961	462
1956	639	1962	716
1957	594	1963	600
1958	388	1964	622
1959	454	1965	594
1960	522	1966	721
		1967	1146
		Total	9153

Dated July 1, 1968

Marian Rowley
Deane M. Harkness
JOINT CUSTODIANS

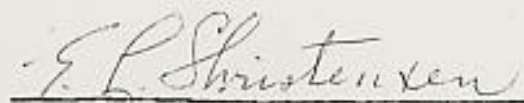
AUGUST 4, 1968
REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
TO THE
GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

The office of Vice President of the Urantia Brotherhood has not proved to be the sinecure I thought it would be when I agreed to serve in that capacity a year ago. But it has been a most interesting post and as always, where anything Urantian is involved, the past year has been a delightful one.

It has been my privilege to work closely with our President as we have conferred about activities and problems that have arisen and also plan for the future progress of our organization. There have been visitors to meet, interesting correspondence to attend to, and many other duties which the President has assigned to me. We have continued to send out letters periodically to the Urantia Societies, to our Field Representatives, and this year we are including known study groups. In addition to a short message from the President, these letters include excerpts from interesting correspondence as well as news items of Urantians not a part of the News Bulletin.

In my 1967 report to the Triennial Meeting of the General Council I told you that the Urantia Foundation was in the process of producing the second printing of the Urantia Book. In February 1968 the new books were delivered to the Foundation. 10,000 were printed as in the case of the first edition. The Foundation has again asked the Urantia Brotherhood Corporation to act as sales agent for the book and I am sure the report of the custodians will reflect these sales to date.

As you all know, our Constitution says "the Vice President shall perform such other duties and exercise such other powers as may from time to time be imposed upon him by the General Council, the Executive Committee, and the President." And I am most happy so to act in the service of the soldiers of the circles.


Vice President

REPORT
of
SECRETARY

1967-1968

To the Executive Committee
To the General Council

The Secretary has performed her regular and routine duties of taking minutes, sending notices, writing letters, etc.

But, happily, in addition she has had the pleasant opportunity of visiting on the telephone, and in person, with many eager seekers of truth through the Urantia Book. There are always a few who are curious only and interested mainly in the phenomena of the origin of the Urantia Book, but most inquirers are really looking for enlightenment in spiritual matters, and we here at headquarters feel that we are becoming a bit wiser in distinguishing between the two. There is a real thrill in discussing the teachings of the Urantia Book with sincere truth-seekers, and I continue to be grateful for my opportunity to meet some of these people here in our office.



Anna Rawson
Secretary

URANTIA BROTHERHOOD CORPORATION

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE
For Year Ended December 31, 1967

INCOME

Contributions for General Expenses	\$ 5,863.70	
Sale of Urantia Books (1106)	10,915.50	
Tithes from Urantia Societies	191.94	
Urantia Brotherhood School	65.70	
Other Income	<u>822.44</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		\$17,859.28

EXPENSES

Rent	6,000.00	
Telephone	133.70	
Postage	278.14	
Office Supplies and Expenses	72.85	
Committees' Expenses	92.35	
Accumulate Exp. for Triennial Delegate Assembly	200.00	
Cost of Books Sold (1106)	6,642.00	
Other Expenses	<u>846.94</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>14,265.98</u>
TRANSFERRED TO TREASURY RESERVE		\$ 3,593.30

REPORT TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL
OF THE URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

August 4, 1968

From the Secretary-General's Office - for the Year 1967-68

A most important accessory in the way of office equipment has been added this last winter - and that is a 3M 107 copy machine. It was bought by the Brotherhood and it is most helpful to all of us.

The name of the second Urantia society to be chartered has been changed during the past year. This society started as the West Coast Urantia Society and late in 1960 changed its name to "The First Urantia Society of Los Angeles, California." In order to shorten the name, a change was requested and approved for "First Urantia Society of Los Angeles."

During the past year the Executive Committee has set two new policies which may be of interest to you. One is the matter of giving out names of people who have Urantia Books. For the protection of privacy, it was decided that names and addresses will not be given out except under the following conditions:

1. If the Brotherhood office is notified that a Field Representative or any Brotherhood member plans to visit a certain section of the country, and if there is sufficient time to ascertain whether book owners would welcome a visit from a Brotherhood representative, names and addresses of such book owners may be given to those about to visit the area.
2. When the Brotherhood office has certain knowledge that a Urantia Book student in any area wishes to meet other Urantia students or Brotherhood members, the name and address of such an individual may be given.

The other policy is regarding the 40% discount being allowed on Urantia Books in certain instances. It was agreed that 40% will be allowed to bookstores and libraries for books in any quantity, also to Urantia Societies and Brotherhood members in quantities of 10 or more, and that the granting of 40% to other individuals will be at the discretion of two or more officers of the Brotherhood.

The work of the Secretary-General's office goes on as usual and consists of answering routine letters, filing, buying supplies, and attending committee meetings as an ex officio member. It is still a very interesting spot.


Secretary-General

Marian Rowley
6/29/68

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL
of
URANTIA BROTHERHOOD
August 4, 1968

A year ago when this General Council reorganized the new president found an Executive Committee conducting the affairs of the Brotherhood very effectively. All committee chairmen and most committee members were a devoted group, dedicated to the work of the Urantia movement. There is a surprising amount of detail to be taken care of, especially for some committees and officers. Very few people, I suspect, have any idea of the amount of work that is performed here at headquarters. I wish to express my appreciation and commend the officers and others who so diligently take care of much of the business of the Brotherhood.

Five societies are still functioning, for the most part with increasing interest and slowly growing membership and attendance. Study groups continue to multiply, but we are not always aware of such groups being started. We have tried to keep these organizations somewhat unified and in touch with the overall activities of the Brotherhood through the use of quarterly bulletins, periodic letters from the President and Vice President, and other letters or phone calls.

The sale of books keeps increasing. The first printing has been completely sold, as well as several hundred of the second printing. Our custodians and others who work here at headquarters have had their hands full in keeping up with orders. There is need for a part-time individual to be employed to assist in many of the activities that must be carried on here at headquarters.

In order to strengthen our organization and stimulate its growth I believe that we will need to employ a full time field secretary - some individual who would be able to travel to visit study groups and societies as a representative of the Executive Committee and the General Council - the Urantia Brotherhood. I look for this to start as a part time activity for an experienced member of the Urantia Movement and supported by contributions from societies, study groups, and other interested individuals. I conceive of a set-up wherein the individual selected for this would be one who is possibly retired from secular work, and would therefore be available on call to visit a society or group of Urantians. I would expect that such activities would help the various groups and instill into each a greater sense of belonging, thus causing a greater sense of unity to exist throughout the various affiliates of the organization.

For years we had anticipated that when the book would be printed it would spread like wildfire. Little did we realize that most people, if they could be induced to read the book, would not approach it with the interest of one who has been diligently and sincerely searching for the truth. It has been hard for us to realize that most of our friends or acquaintances are relatively satisfied with their religion and prefer not to be disturbed or to make the effort necessary for them to see the value of this more exalted revelation.

As we analyze ourselves and note our own enthusiasm and dedication to these teachings, we feel that everyone should rush to accept the Urantia Book, but as we experience disappointment when our friends reject the book or do not even show enough interest to read it, we must control our feelings and not permit ourselves to become discouraged or pessimistic. We cannot let the reactions of any one individual or group of individuals affect our own enthusiasm or confidence in our superhuman supervisors.

We must constantly bear in mind that the Urantia Book is sponsored by a corps of superhuman revelators, and that many superhuman individuals have cooperated in its production, and all of these certainly have a long range perspective. It is presently under the joint supervision of the Angels of Progress and the Angels of the Churches - completion seraphim - those who have progressed to Paradise and Seraphington in an adventure that probably was similar to that of evolutionary mortals, about which we have just spent two days of study, and these seraphim are now on our planet assisting in its administration. Our planetary permanent citizens, the United Midwayers, who had been waiting literally for centuries to tell their story of the life of Jesus, have presented Part Four of the book, and doubtless must be intensely interested in the progress of our organization. These are our associates and leaders in this Urantia movement.

And yet we are in a difficult situation in which the book has been given to us before the world is ready for it. Translations must be prepared, teachers trained, and many study groups established for that day when the people of Urantia are willing to seek for its soul-saving message. Many of us who are presently members of the General Council have been connected with the Urantia Book since long before it was printed.

We have seen many come and go. We have passed the test of time and now see our book in print and our organization in existence. We have also passed the test of unity, for we have learned to be flexible as we held to the teachings of Jesus and the revelators. I believe that we are facing another test - the possibility of becoming discouraged at the rate of dissemination of the Urantia teachings, that is well below our expectations. And in this we must guard against impatience and a possible urge to use various devices for publicity and expansion. I do not think there is any question that a rapid surge of growth could easily take place if modern advertising media were used, such as those with which we are confronted every day, but the effect of this could be disruptive and even disastrous. It is important that each of us determines in his own mind that he will not yield to despair or the possible tendency to become disappointed.

A year ago it was suggested that we had reached a certain plateau in our attempted climb toward general acceptance of the Urantia Book, and that the view from the plateau, though not from the height some of us had hoped to reach, was pleasant and satisfying. Now today we can look back from a different level of progress to see how far we have advanced in our climb. At first glance we may feel that not much progress has been made. We still have the same number of societies and there has not been a very significant increase in Urantia Brotherhood members. But we cannot deny the almost daily receipt of letters of enthusiasm about the Urantia Book teachings and the constantly increasing number of books sold, and the corresponding increase in the number of people who are happily expressing their appreciation for finding the book and for the effect of its teachings upon their lives. And as we view the activities of the Urantia

Brotherhood, who is to say what standards of success we must adopt? As we look back, though, the picture still remains very similar, when we look closely and listen to what people are saying we can be sure we have progressed. And I believe that our slow but steady progress is consistent and in keeping with the instructions that we received over fifteen years ago. In addition, and I believe this is important, many of us are growing in our understanding of this revelation and insight into the more obscure passages of the Book. I believe there is evidence that the Spirit of Truth is opening our eyes, that our Thought Adjusters are able to get some messages through to us and that the teaching seraphim are helping teachers so that the truth that is with us continues to grow into more enlightenment.

But keeping in mind the instructions we have received, we must strive continuously to enlarge our vision. This Urantia business is big business -- how big few if any of us will ever realize in this life on the planet. There are many with peculiar backgrounds and leanings who want to get control of the Book. We must be consistent and unrelenting in our purpose to protect the Urantia Book and keep the Brotherhood an organization that only plans continual dissemination of the truths about Jesus and the accompanying material in the Urantia Book.

As each of us has embarked upon the open seas of life's adventure, so has our Brotherhood set sail on a voyage of world enlightenment through this new revelation that has been given to the world. To those of us here principally has been entrusted the leadership of this venture. We have had some instructions, some charts, given to us to guide us, but we continue to plow through new waters, and the charts have to be refined or changed periodically. May we all work together in continued co-operation, utilizing our best judgment and combined wisdom in making those decisions that will keep our course consistently aimed toward the haven of ultimate world acceptance of the Urantia teachings.

Alvin L. Kulieke
August 4, 1968

August 4, 1968

REPORT FOR YEAR AUGUST 4, 1967 TO AUGUST 4, 1968

August 13, 1967 - Claude Weiss, Paris, and Margaret & Roy Sperry, Independence, Missouri visited our Sunday evening class.

August 19, 1967 - Jacques Weiss from Paris, arrived in Oklahoma City and on the 20th twenty-one people attended an open house in his honor. Mr. & Mrs. Dupont and Simone Leclere (also from Paris) arrived to attend our Jesus' Birthday dinner meeting, as well as Margaret & Roy Sperry. Mr. Weiss was our principal speaker; fifty-three attended; and six new members joined our Society.

August 31, 1967 - Frankie Goodman and I flew to Vine Grove, Kentucky to see Mary Lawton, a member of our Society, that was critically ill. Mary died September 5th and on the 13th our Society held a memorial service for her, which Clyde Goodman conducted.

October 15, 1967 - Clyde & Frankie Goodman, Esta Alford and I met with Robert Streit in Dallas.

November 25, 1967 - On November 23rd our Society was 10 years old, so we celebrated our anniversary on the 25th with a dinner and program. Margaret, Roy, and Diana Sperry were guests on this occasion.

January 29, 1968 - Larry and Bernard Peterson, Newton, Kansas, visited us and we enjoyed a study session with them.

March 3, 1968 - Harold Schomas, Chicago, visited both our Sunday and Wednesday groups, while working in Stillwater.

April 28, 1968 - Dr. Bob and Jo Myers, from Newton, Kansas, attended our Sunday evening class, bringing seven guests with them. Four of these guests have attended regularly since that time.

May 17, 1968 - Helen & Van Butler, Clyde & Frankie Goodman, Marjorie Sawyer and I drove to Newton, Kansas. After a delicious dinner at the Myers eleven of us had a Urantia study session. May 18th we drove on to Independence, Missouri to visit Margaret Sperry, her family, and friends.

June 25, 1968 - On June 22, David Sperry, oldest son of Roy and Margaret, was killed in an automobile accident. Helen Butler, Frankie Goodman, and I flew to Kansas City the 25th, to attend the funeral and to spend the day with the Sperry family.

June 29, 1968 - Thirty-three attended a dinner and study session at the Jack Harris' residence, in honor of Dr. Bob, Jo, and Martin Myers, from Newton, Kansas.

We had 25 out-of-town guests this year.


Berkeley Elliott
Field Representative

Julia K. Fenderson
West Coast Representative

August 4, 1968

In many instances, the West Coast representative finds that her duties overlap with those of President of First Urantia Society of Los Angeles.

The past year saw the organization of two study groups in the San Diego area following a series of meetings at the El Cortez Hotel with Urantia Book readers. Vern and Nancy Grimsley were with the representative at the initial meeting. Georgia Gecht and Maria and Ward Culbertson aided with follow-up meetings.

One study group meets once a month, while the other is a traveling group composed of ensigns aboard the USS Ticonderoga. *HUITE CASTON*

The representative feels that she has discovered a potential leader in San Diego by the name of -- believe it or not -- Peter Piper. He is a dedicated student of the Urantia Book and may well become a "power house" for the Urantia movement.

Last August, as representative and local president, arrangements were made to entertain the Jacques Weiss party from France. A meeting was held at the Steen home in Pasadena, followed by a dinner meeting at a local restaurant. Mr. Weiss was featured speaker at both of these sessions. *Another dinner meeting was held at the representative's home for the Weiss group.*
Two meetings of our local society were held during the year with Vern Grimsley as guest speaker. FUSLA is now exploring the possibilities of obtaining a radio station in the Los Angeles area to broadcast Vern's "Family of God" program.

FUSLA has organized a school called "The School of Meanings and Values" to serve as a preparatory school for the Brotherhood School. Classes are now being conducted by Georgia Gecht. Maria Culbertson has been asked to conduct the classes during the next semester.

The Burton Kings and Doris George are conducting what they call "The Urantian School of Research" on Eagle Rock Boulevard in Eagle Rock. A sign bearing the name of the school is attached above the entrance. Several rooms are filled with photographic, tape-recording, mimeographing, and motion picture equipment. Apparently, no classes are being conducted. It will require additional investigation to determine just what the purpose of this school is for and what effect it will have on the Urantia movement. *The representative called on them and reminded them three times that the term "Urantia" is copyrighted and should not be used without permission.*

Respectfully yours,

Julia K. Fenderson

Report of Field Representation (1)
J.C. Mills Aug 4, 1968

10: Officers and members of the
General Council, Wenta Brathood

Our study group in Neenah, Wisconsin
consists of eight members. Attendance
is consistent at our bi-weekly
meetings and the group can be
considered solid. Others are reading
the book but only time can determine
their degree of interest.

In April of 1968, Mrs Mills and
the writer visited the Orient. During
our stay in Japan we discovered
a serious interest in Religion in one
of our guides, Shigeru Narahara
who is a member of the Sokagakku,
the laymen's division of the Nichiren
Shoshu a Buddhist sect. The
political branch is the Komite. I

believe a study of the philosophy of ⁽²⁾
this group provides insights into the
Japanese mind but in a not all-
inclusive manner. After discussion
with Shigeru Narahara a printed
book was sent to him ~~at the writer's~~
~~expense.~~ The writer is now
reading the basic text covering the
~~essence of the~~ philosophy of the
Nichiren Shoshu, or as they call
themselves, True Buddhism.

On our return trip we again
visited Japan at which time the
writer visited the Sokagakkai Cultural
Center in Tokyo. There he met and
visited with Tomohiro Matuda,
General Overseas Bureau. After discussion
we decided to exchange books. This
was done on my part because I
feel there are many gaps in
knowledge in the philosophy

of the Michiken Shosha which can
be well rounded out by the
Vrantia Book. (3)

After the lapse of sufficient
time for the Vrantia Book to
have had some reading I plan
to follow up by letter. If some
plans we have mature, I shall
be able to follow up in person
eventually.

Respectfully submitted
J. A. Mills

Neenah, Wisconsin
Aug. 1968.

Field Representative Report to Members of the General Council 1968

As I was preparing this report a student came in my office. This student is a little older than the average college student and quite intelligent. He had enrolled in my philosophy course during the Spring Quarter. From the beginning of the course he was disturbed by what he heard. Occasionally he would stop after class to discuss issues. He would usually leave partially admitting some reasonableness to my position but saying, "I don't agree with you." Or he would say, "I came from the country where we have certain basic convictions and no one will ever change me." Although I encouraged him to maintain his own convictions, as the quarter progressed he became more disturbed and eventually dropped out of class. This resulted in his failing the course.

This summer I was surprised to see him again enrolled in philosophy. At this time I introduced a revision of the course to make it more vital with readings in contemporary literature such as Robinson's Honest to God and Fletcher's Situation Ethics along with additional papers from the Urantia Book. On this occasion as he walked into my office he had a broad grin on his face. "You know," he began, "last night I read Robinson's chapters on 'The End of Theism' and 'The Ground of Being' and the Urantia Book papers 'The Universal Father' and 'The Nature of God.' Later as I was thinking about all this, suddenly everything fell into place. Now I understand what you are trying to do!"

He went on to discuss the importance of this mission which had now become his mission. He would make observations about the critical need for change in the thinking of the common person and repeatedly concluded his remarks with the phrase "but the time is late; maybe its already too late." I assured him that things were being done and that I hoped to be devoting full time in this work by 1980. He looked at me with something of a contemptable compassion, got out of his chair and cried out, "Man, you don't have that long! You don't know what's going on. I've been in Viet Nam; I've been in the ghettos; I know what they're thinking. Man, you don't have that long!"

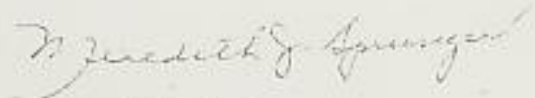
This young man, I believe, is an example of the urgency of our time. In our work at Indiana Institute of Technology we are striving to meet this challenge in various ways. One of our central efforts has been to introduce an integrated humanities series that is required of all students which will be taught by three dedicated Urantian professors and which will endeavor to present the basic teachings of the Urantia Book - not because these principles are in the Urantia Book but because they are basic to mankind. In the philosophy course of this integrated series students are required to read over a dozen papers of the Urantia Book - not because they are in the Urantia Book but because they represent the best material in print in certain areas which we cover. In this way hundreds of new students each year are discovering the enlarged philosophic-religious view which this unique book presents.

During the year we have had many interesting experiences. I was asked to make a presentation of the Urantia Book to a group of psychologists and laymen in Fort Wayne. The meeting was well attended including several clergymen who were present. The discussion which followed the talk was lively and positive. During the year I discovered there was a group of women in town who meet weekly and frequently discuss the Urantia Book. One of these ladies told me she had discussed the Urantia Book with one of our senior public librarians and was told that there was always a long waiting list for the book and that the Urantia Book was stolen from the library more frequently than any other book. Along this line, although we have nine or ten books on reserve in the college library, students complained about no books being available. Upon investigation I discovered students were misusing the over night check out privilege. They would get interested in the book and just fail to return it at nine in the morning. We solved this problem by cutting out the over night check out privilege on the Urantia Book.

This spring a young man who lives in Fort Wayne made a trip to California for business purposes but while there was introduced to the Urantia Book. He

became so interested that he called the Urantia Brotherhood office in Chicago to find out who could give him some more information about the book. Christy told him there were some people at Indiana Institute of Technology just across the street from where he lived who could give him some help. Finally, in April Alvin and Lucile Kuliske visited our study group. We were happy to have them in our home and we all enjoyed their fine fellowship and Alvin's warm and inspiring message to the study group.

Cordially yours,



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