

1975 Triennial Report of the Secretary

Anna Rawson

The Secretary's duties have remained about the same throughout the past three years - sending out notices of meetings., recording minutes, keeping up routine correspondence, with perhaps an increase in volume as URANTIA has become a more familiar word throughout our land. Yes, the duties have been repetitive, but the "fringe benefits" have been increased tremendously - these ever-intriguing and challenging opportunities of making new contacts for Urantia over the telephone, by letter, or, best of all, by personal encounters. For, as we have all discovered the truth of URANTIA makes its appeal to the individual -it is best disseminated by a person-to-person method just as was Jesus' gospel originally. And I shall always be humbly grateful for my opportunity as Secretary of being located here at headquarters where I have been able in a small way to acquaint truth-seeking individuals with more information about this supernal URANTIA revelation.

Anna Rawson

Secretary, URANTIA Brotherhood

1975 REPORT OF PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Leone Sadler

Members of this Committee are:

Leone Sadler, Chairman Eva Vincent Virginia Bowman Helen Carlson Mary Snider Lillian Wallin

The Publications Committee has been more or less inactive for the last two years. An entire new periodical is being considered and it is expected it will get under way soon.

This Committee has been asked to collect study aids in order to create a library of such study aids.

Leone Sadler

**1975 REPORT OF THE DOMESTIC EXTENSION COMMITTEE
OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD TO THE
GENERAL COUNCIL**

Thomas A. Kendall

The Domestic Extension Committee continued its practice of sending gift books to college and public libraries in the United States. The cost of these books are being paid by the gift book fund to which many people have contributed.

At the behest of the Executive Committee, we are beginning a trial survey of two or three states in the Brotherhood address file. Herman Schell of our committee will be attempting to match Urantia Book readers in geographical areas, the purpose of which will be to encourage formation of more study groups.

The Information Kit is nearing final form. A covering letter is being prepared by Geraldine Hahn and Hoite Caston. The kit would be made available to reporters or writers desiring facts and information about the Urantia Book, Urantia Brotherhood, and Urantia Foundation. Policies concerning advertising and promotion have not changed, but circumstances arise when it is not possible to avoid someone intent upon writing about the movement. The kit would provide correct information - not information derived solely from sources outside the movement. The kit can be amended, expanded, or portions deleted when necessary. The Information Kit could be sent to persons organizing study groups in the future, thereby serving a dual purpose,

Thomas A. Kendall, Chariman

1975 Annual Report of the Foreign Extension Committee

Bernard Burton

Present members of the Committee are Ann Rawson, Hazel Cunningham, Eunice Mills, Harold Schomas, Mary Snider, Secretary, and myself, Bernard Burton, acting as Chairman. We have our meetings to discuss the progress of the Urantia movement outside the United States and to foster in any way we can group activity as it appears. Also in attendance at our last meeting were Miss Christensen sitting in as acting Secretary General and John Hales, our Resident Director.

No one can deny but what we are seeing an increasing interest in the Urantia Book, not only here in this country but outside the United States as well. Finland is soon to have a translation and through Family of God broadcasts many responses are coming out of India. As a result of correspondence back and forth two gift books have found their way to the sub-continent. These individuals are recommended by the Family of God staff after considerable screening. In testing of interest and sincerity, Canada and Australia continue to show Urantia interest and activity.

As an example of how hungry people can become for the books saving message let me read a report given John Hales by a visitor to 533 about the sharing of the Urantia Book by prisoners in a Cuban prison,

Thank you,
Bernard Burton Chairman

Report of the Committee on Education of Urantia Brotherhood 1975

Meredith Sprunger

The founders of the Urantia Brotherhood visualized the educational function of the Brotherhood basic to its future. Accordingly they organized the Brotherhood School and trained Certified Leaders and Ordained Teachers. The students of this from the Chicago area. It was soon apparent the Brotherhood School needed to find ways to extend its outreach. The Summer Study Session, now known as the General Conference, was initiated to partially meet this need.

The continuing challenge of extending the service of the Brotherhood School along with new approaches to education in our culture have necessitated rethinking the philosophy, curriculum, methods, and goals of the Brotherhood School. The Committee on Education has started this task during the past year. The Workshop was initiated to facilitate the restructuring process of the Brotherhood School.

We are planning a program whereby we will get extensive feedback from all segments .of the Brotherhood which will help shape the policies of the Brotherhood School. At present we visualize a school with considerable flexibility and diversity to promote maximum educational activity while at the same time controlling the quality of educational goals. We are not overly concerned about current status or methodologies but the end goals of our educational experience.

Last summer I accepted the chairmanship of the Committee on Education with some misgivings concerning the problem which the distance between Fort Wayne and Chicago would precipitate. Although we got along reasonably well, the monthly trips to meet with the Executive Committee required shifting of classes and other schedule changes. Irene's illness this spring along with a year of experience brought me to several conclusions:

- 1) The chairman of the committees of the Brotherhood should live in the Chicago area or the Executive Committee should meet on a Saturday.
- 2) Expediting plans for the General Conference and Workshop should be in the Chicago

office and immediate decisions in planning the conference should be in the hands of a small committee in the Chicago area.

I, therefore, have advised Paul to appoint a chairman of the Committee on Education who lives in the Chicago area.

Cordially,

Meredith J. Sprunger

**1975 REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD TO THE
GENERAL COUNCIL**

Carolyn Kendall
August 3, 1975

As reported to you a year ago by former chairman, James Mills, the Fraternal Relations Committee was formulating guidelines for Speakers' bureau. A survey of societies, study groups, and individuals produced a number of ideas, among which, most notably, was the recommendation that such a program be conducted on the local level. The committee continued discussion during 1975. It was felt that speakers should be sent only upon request. Committee members feel that there are plans to have in readiness for the future. few societies have had requests for speakers.

In March, Mr. Snider asked Fraternal Relations to undertake a study of all of the significant religious organizations of the world.

The Executive Committee has approved a letter and request form which will shortly be mailed to the Brotherhood membership. We are requesting titles of books, newspaper and magazine articles dealing with religious groups in order to start a resource file. Eventually consideration may be given to starting a library. Committee members felt that we should not make judgmental comment upon any religious organization, but rather devote energies to gathering and co-ordinating information.

Carolyn Kendall, Chairman
