

## LEWIS A. CLARK REPORT

My report for FIELD REPRESENTATIVE and PRESIDENT of our society is identical.

Beginning last summer and continuing since, our efforts have been applied to the organization of a regional type of conference. This has required a number of planning and coordinating meetings and much communication. There have been problems because of our international relationships and the money differences. But the leaders involved have a remarkable ability to overcome differences of opinion and we feel that a good experience is in store for all participants.

We depend on our unseen helpers, and, as usual, they are assisting, and unforeseen changes in leadership have been achieved with great results. We think the place we chose--Warm Beach Camp and Conference Center--is a good choice for our type of activities.

The fact that this event will take place is proving to be a real opportunity to get acquainted with other leaders as well as an experience in coordinated leadership. The Urantia movement in this whole area will be strengthened and sparked with new energy and enthusiasm as well as new understandings and broader viewpoints. It has proved to be a real challenge, but exciting.

*Lew Clark Sr.*



FIELD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 29, 1986

April 27, 1985 - I flew to Dallas for the wedding Sarah Andriani and Ed Nachtweh. It was an unusual and beautiful wedding. Many of our Urantia friends attended and I had a good visit with all of them. I believe Ed will be a great addition to our Brotherhood.

Our Society was well represented in Kansas City at their Conference, by Harry McMullan, Larry Mullins and Pat Kopp. Harry and Pat gave talks and Larry showed a Multi-Media - "Pebbles of Truth." Many of us were unable to go because of our impending trip the following weekend.

On May 11, 1985 (Saturday) the following Urantians left Oklahoma City for France, Italy, Israel and Egypt: Tom Allen, Faye Brown, Helen & Van Butler, Beth & Michael Challis, Charlene, Julie & Vicky Morrow, Susan Wright, Rusty Aldridge and Fred Farhal. We were joined in New York by: Deborah Foster (Anchorage, AK), Earlene Green (Silver Spring, MD), Carol and John Hay (Boulder, CO), Ann Pennartz (Lewisville, TX), and Andre Radatus and Chris Riggio (Denver, CO).

In Paris we were joined by John & Susie Hales, from Chicago. We arrived on Sunday morning the 12th of May and that afternoon John Hales and I went to visit Jacques and Simone Weiss. Jacques Weiss, as you know, translated The URANTIA Book into French. That evening 12 URANTIA Book readers from Paris met with our group in the basement of a restaurant near our hotel, which Jacques, George and Marlene DuPont had made arrangements for. It was a totally delightful evening - and the only dampness to the affair (outside of the weather) was the fact that Charlene had a little accident and she, Helen and Van had to stay at the hotel. Gilles Dessoubret, one of the French readers, joined us the following day and toured with us. It truly was a special occasion - which had - and we are still having - far-reaching results.

In Israel, at Tiberias, on the Sea of Galilee, Satu Sihvo and her friend from Finland joined us for 2 days of sight-seeing and 3 evenings of socializing. It was truly wonderful to get to know our sisters from other Countries - they were delightful and they seemed to enjoy all of us. At the Kibbutz Nof Ginnosar, where we stayed, Tom Allen laid his URANTIA Book on the counter and the clerk turned out to have read the Book when he lived in San Diego, CA, several years before. We sent him 2 Books to place in libraries.

June 14th, 1985 - Tom Allen and I drove to Texas - northwest of Dallas, to a camp where the Dallas URANTIS Society there was having a Convention. Charlene and Veldon Morrow joined us - and we had a great time, returning Sunday afternoon.

June 22, 1985 - Harry McMullan and I went to Chicago to the Triennial Delegate Assembly and Executive Committee meeting. Harry, along with Tom Allen and Fred Farha, attended the Educational Committee program during the week and I returned for the General Council meeting Saturday and Sunday until noon - then Executive Committee meeting Sunday afternoon. Larry Mullins and Tom Allen were elected to the General Council, now making a total of 4 from Oklahoma.

We all got together for a little shower for Vicky Morrow and Todd. They were married August 2nd and many of us also attended the beautiful wedding.

Debbie Foster, from Anchorage, arrived August 7th to go to school for a couple of weeks at FAA, and she stayed with me. On Friday, August 9th, George Michelson-DuPont and Jean Claude Nior - from Paris and the Netherlands - arrived



to spend the weekend. Saturday evening we had a dinner and swimming party at Harry McMullan's home. Sunday we played music and ate all day - Jean and Debbie (with Roger Gordon helping) prepared food for about 18 hungry people - and George and Jean Claude stayed over for class, catching an early flight out Monday morning, after at least 1 hour's sleep. It was a wonderful weekend. We really loved those French men!

August 16, 1985 - Tom Allen, Harry McMullan, III and I flew to Knoxville, TN where we were met by Martin Peng and taken to his home for the night. Early Saturday morning we picked up Martin's mother, his sister-in-law and niece from Taiwan, and we drove to Falls City Falls for a Conference. We showed our Multi-Media "Pebbles of Truth" and it was well received. This was a terrific Conference - Harry gave a talk and although it rained most of the time we enjoyed meeting a lot of new people and renewing friendships with many people we had known. We flew home from Knoxville Sunday afternoon.

August 21, 1985 - Duane Faw, from Malibu, CA was our speaker for this most important occasion. Duane is a very good Bible student - you all know he is the originator of "The Paramony" - and his description of the Biblical Jesus was most enlightening. Various members told of their actual experiences in the Holy Lands and the Celestials sang! We took in 3 new members. This is always our SPECIAL occasion - celebrating Jesus' birthday!

October 11-13, 1985 - I flew to Fort Wayne, IN to attend the Conference there, hosted by the Fort Wayne Society (Meredith & Irene Sprunger). They had many excellent speakers and Meredith showed 2 of our Multi-Medias - one written by him and the other by Larry Mullins. Many people from Chicago had driven down and I met a lot of new people.

October 25-27, 1985 - Our Society hosted The Forum on "The Foreword." David Elders, from Darien, CT did us the honor of enlightening us on this rather difficult part of The URANTIA Book. It was very well attended - we had good music - even some extra from Dan Young - a wonderful "worship" service with individuals telling of personal experiences and relating them to members of "God The Sevenfold" and a fun-fun trivia session on Saturday night. It was diverse, unified and quite wonderful!

November 8-11, 1985 - The General Council and Foundation Trustees had a "Retreat" just west of St. Louis, MO. Although it rained some and was cool, the atmosphere was warm. It was an opportunity for the new members of The Council (elected in June) to get acquainted with other members of the Council and the Trustees. We discussed Goal-Setting and Long-Range-Planning and it was such a deep topic and there were so many good thoughts on the subjects - it evolved into a Planning Session to be held in Orlando, FL the middle of April, 1986, and will be professionally conducted.

November 29, 1985 - I flew to Dallas and spent the day and night with Gene Joyce. She had a lot of our Urantia friends in on Friday evening and we spent most of the night talking about the Book, the Brotherhood and our many common interests. I returned home Saturday noon, for Dr. John Lange from Fort Smith, AR was coming in to spend the weekend. This too is always fun.

December 18, 1985 - I flew to New York, met John and Carol Hay and we flew to Paris for the holidays. We spent a day and night with George & Marlene Michelson-DuPont and their daughters Christine and Stephanie, then Jacques DuPont joined



us and we took 2 cars to Val-d'Isere - 8 hours south by automobile to the Alps. There was beauty and harmony - food, sleep, rest & fun. We went back to Paris and spent one day at the Rodin museum, before returning home January 31st.

January 17-19, 1986 - Martin Peng from Oakridge, TN spent the weekend.


February 14-17, 1986 - We had our annual International Fellowship Committee meeting in San Francisco, at the Berkeley Marino Marriott Hotel. It never stopped raining, but we had a terrific meeting - and a great social on Sunday evening with the Bay Area URANTIA Society.

February 21-23, 1986 - Alan Smith and his friend Tim, showed their slides and told us of their trip to Lake Van and Mount Ararat, in Turkey. We also saw slides of Egypt, Italy and a few other places. Alan and Tim are from Albuquerque, NM. Van & Helen Butler hosted the Society and Alan and Tim with a covered-dish dinner at their home. Exciting stories of our brothers and sisters in other lands.

Tom Allen and I attended his brother Bill's small and very nice wedding in Tulsa on March 21, 1986. The lucky girl was Nancy Knowles.

April 16-20, 1986 - Harry & Beth McMullan, Tom Allen, Larry Mullins and I all went to Orlando for the Design-Shop. As each of you know - it was terrific! So was this last year - thanks to all of you and of course our Father.

Sincerely,

  
Berkeley Elliott,  
Fiela Representative

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

1985 - 1986

May 16, 1986

Field Representative

Julia K. Fenderson

Festival of the Pacific Arts: An unusual scene of URANTIA Book activity was held in Papeete, Tahiti, at the Festival of the Pacific Arts. Under the direction of Emmanuel Lou many booths were set up which formed artistic displays of The URANTIA Book in both the French and English editions. Interpreters were present to explain the book in several languages including: English, French, Chinese, Fijian, and Tahitian. Rene Lou, Emmanuel's oldest son, served as one of the interpreters. Hundreds of people from various areas of the Southwest Pacific attended this conference. During this time 34 URANTIA Books were sold: 24 in French and 10 in English.

American Academy of Religion (AAR): The annual meeting of AAR was held in Anaheim, California, November 23-26, 1985. The AAR is the leading professional organization of student and faculty scholars of religious studies. The milestone significance of this meeting was the presentation of five scholarly papers on The URANTIA Book, two of which were by our own Dr. James C. Mills and Dr. Meredith Sprunger. This conference of panelists and audience, together numbering about 40 people, was conducted in an atmosphere of reasonableness and cordiality (I was unable to attend but received first hand accounts and taped proceedings). The group in attendance unanimously agreed to petition the AAR for another consultation at the next meeting to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, though the request was turned down. Jim and Meredith were still not discouraged for this event marked an important step in establishing The URANTIA Book as a legitimate tool of scholarly study and research.

Visitors and Calls: I am fortunate to be able to continue to respond to URANTIA Book readers who call, write, or visit, and together we search for materials or answers to questions of both intellectual and personal concern. I have collected files for more than 30 years which are helpful in our investigations. Many inquires come from other states and countries.

Meeting at La Mesa: Jim Felt of La Mesa, California, leads a very active and large study group which meets at his restaurant every Thursday and Sunday. He invited me to lead one combined group with visitors by showing my slide talk, "Study Groups Around the World". This I did, with Charles Arterburn's help, on Sunday, February 16, 1986. It was a good meeting with much interest and many questions.

Helping Others Who are Traveling: I am also fortunate to be able to help several who are traveling to other places and countries to visit URANTIA Book study groups. As I have traveled widely and have kept records of expenses, work accomplished, and data on individuals (I continue to maintain correspondence to these areas), I thus can help those planning trips. Many are traveling to other countries this summer.

Respectfully presented,

*Julia K. Fenderson*

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The report from Dick Prince, Field  
Representative, has not been received  
at this date.

May 15, 1986

To: Executive Committee

From: Helena Sprague

Re.: Field Representative's Report

To let people know the book exists, a casual remark to a large group brings the word, "Urantia," to many for the first time. In an Elderhostel we attended in March, this resulted in inquiries about securing a copy from 4 out of 34 people.

The majority of my individual contacts, in notes and visits, are inquirers through Chicago. Each person whose name is sent learns that "We're here" but we do not pursue. They are helped to find other readers, pen-pals and study groups. For the most part I have found these people perceptive, delightful and genuine in their search.

Two study groups keep me alert by first hand exposure to the inherent strengths and occasional problems in any group concerned with the uniquely personal. Study groups' needs can be met by experience IN, not ABOUT, the teachings, and it appears that we could do more with this approach. In spite of problems with busy schedules, distance, leaders finding their way and sometimes Nathaniel's "half-heartedness," (1923-4), groups start and some endure, bringing a lot of satisfaction. The number of groups in our area remains about the same as last year.

Some groups and individual readers not members of the Connecticut Society are enthusiastic about working with the Site Coordination Committee for the 1987 Conference at Brunswick, ME.

Many are convinced that similarities between concepts in The URANTIA Book and current religious thought are a promising introduction to the book, and that the capacity to inquire and listen are involved. The Associate Pastor of our local Congregational Church, (who is also a psychoanalyst), was introduced to the book through Meredith Sprunger's efforts, and she is an active member of our "Homework Group." We share an interest in developing some brief material on "Listening," a combined philosophical, psychological and spiritual approach, which may be useful in both church and situations related to study and dissemination of The URANTIA Book.

The report from Henry Begemann, Field  
Representative, has not been received  
at this date.