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Photo by John Hales

Delegates and alternate delegates of Triennial Delegate Assembly gathered at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago.

TRIENNIAL REPORT

Delegates to the Sixth Triennial Delegate Assembly of URANTIA Brotherhood met in Chicago on August 17 and 18, and elected twelve members to the General Council, eight of whom were seated on the Council for the first time. The delegates also passed five resolutions to be considered by the General Council at its Triennial meeting August 19.

President Meredith J. Sprunger formally convened the Triennial Delegate Assembly at 10:00 a.m. on Friday and presided for the duration of the assembly, which concluded at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. The keynote speech entitled *The URANTIA Book, The World, and Us* was presented by General Councilor James C. Mills.

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Photo by Duane Faw

Meeting of General Council in progress, August 19, 1979.

1981 GENERAL CONFERENCE PLANNED FOR COLORADO

Plans are well underway by URANTIA Brotherhood to hold a General Conference from August 8-August 13, 1981, in Estes Park, Colorado. Similar to the 1978 Conference, and based on experience and recommendations from that meeting, the 1981 Conference will utilize the talents of several URANTIA societies and study groups.

The Boulder/Denver study group selected the meeting site, a YMCA conference center and retreat located in the Rocky Mountains 70 miles northwest of Denver. The center adjoins Rocky Mountain National Park and offers spectacular mountain scenery and a wide variety of outdoor activities. It promises to be a good site for families, providing numerous activities for children. Those who want to extend their stay to combine vacation time with the conference will be able either to check in early or stay later.

Nancy Grimsley of Berkeley, California, was named General Conference Chairman by the URANTIA Brotherhood Executive Committee. At an October meeting in Chicago, the Conference Planning Committee projected the conference theme to be the individual's relationship with the Universal Father. The Planning Committee consists of Chairman Nancy Grimsley and members Marta Elders (Darien, Connecticut), Berkeley Elliott (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma), Tammy Eriksmoen (Corona del Mar, California), John Hay (Meeker, Colorado), and David Kulieke (Mount Prospect, Illinois).

Please note that the above date is 1981; there will not be a general conference next summer although there will no doubt be many regional ones. Detailed information on the conference will eventually be sent to all on our mailing list, probably in the winter of 1980/81.



Photo courtesy of Russell Hawk

Site of 1981 General Conference, Estes Park, Colorado.



John Hales, the new President of URANTIA Brotherhood, was born and raised in the Chicago area. His parents and grandparents were members of the Forum, the group which early studied the URANTIA Papers. John also attended meetings of the Forum in the early 1950's, and he became a charter member of First URANTIA Society in 1956 at the age of 19. He still holds membership in this same society.

John graduated from Beloit College and subsequently served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific for three years. Thereafter, he returned to the United States and set up residence in New York City where he obtained his Master's Degree at Columbia University School of Social Work, and was later employed as a psychiatric social worker. John also served as a Field Representative of URANTIA Brotherhood for several years while in New York. John met his wife Suzie in 1965 at a summer camp in New Hampshire and they were married the following summer. They have two children, Cathy 10, and Erik 7.

The Hales currently make their home in Kenilworth, Illinois, a few miles north of Chicago. John moved back to the Chicago area with his family in 1974 to become Resident Director of URANTIA Brotherhood. John has been employed in that capacity ever since and has also served at different times as Secretary and Secretary-General of URANTIA Brotherhood over the past five years before being elected President this past summer. In addition, John was an active member of the Education Committee for several years. John is the eighth person to serve as President of URANTIA Brotherhood.

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Resolutions was appointed by Meredith Sprunger, each consisting of all delegates. The delegates withdrew to meet in closed session until 4:00 p.m. with only alternate delegates permitted as additional participants. The results of each committee were announced and formally adopted at the Saturday session.

A large turnover occurred in the selection of members to the General Council. The following twelve people were elected on the first ballot for terms of nine years each:

Charles R. Burton	Lake Villa, Illinois
Lewis A. Clark	Wenatchee, Washington
Stephen Dreier	Teaneck, New Jersey
David N. Elders	Darien, Connecticut
Duane L. Faw	Malibu, California
William M. Hales	Winnetka, Illinois

James P. Jarnagin Houston, Texas
 Gene Joyce Richardson, Texas
 Harry McMullan III Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 Martin W. Myers Chicago, Illinois
 Helena Sprague Farmington, Connecticut
 Meredith J. Sprunger Fort Wayne, Indiana
 Four of the above—Lewis A. Clark, William M. Hales, Martin W. Myers, and Meredith J. Sprunger—were returning members of the Council. The other eight sit on this governing body for the first time.

RESOLUTIONS

The Triennial delegates also passed five resolutions and they are as follows:

1. Be it resolved: That a special fund be established and earmarked for the production of a Spanish translation of *The URANTIA Book*.
2. Be it resolved: That URANTIA Societies be allowed to purchase URANTIA Books in case lots of five or ten copies, at matching bookstore prices.
3. Be it resolved: That it is the sense of this Assembly that the Standing Committees of the Brotherhood more actively pursue their Constitutional purposes, and that they present in their annual reports to the General Council a statement of the specific goals they have established, and demonstrate positive steps taken to achieve these goals.
4. Be it resolved: That the Executive Committee study the possibility of financial sponsorship of attendees at Brotherhood Conferences.
5. Be it resolved: That it is the sense of this Assembly that the Executive Committee examine ways to facilitate family participation in Brotherhood sponsored events, such as conferences.

Each of these resolutions was referred to the General Council for study and action. At the subsequent Triennial meeting of the General Council, the first resolution was referred to the Executive Committee for implementation; resolution numbers 2 and 5 were referred to the Executive Committee for study; and resolution numbers 3 and 4 were referred to the Committee for action.

TRIENNIAL MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL

On August 19 at 10:00 a.m., the Triennial Meeting of the General Council convened in Chicago, and the session included the newly-elected Council members. President Meredith J. Sprunger chaired the meeting. In addition to passing on the above-mentioned resolutions, the Council deliberated on numerous other matters, some of which are listed as follows:

1. Considerable discussion was held regarding the decision of the Judicial Committee to require physical presence of members to make up a quorum of a standing committee. It seemed to be the general feeling that it would be necessary to permit using telecommunication to make up a quorum or else pay air fare for members to attend meetings in future.
2. The Council passed a motion requesting that the Executive Committee prepare an amendment to the constitution which would permit the Executive Committee to

meet monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly. The Executive Committee is to present this amendment for consideration at the next meeting of the General Council.

3. A constitutional amendment was passed changing the name of the "Committee on Education" to "The Education Committee" to be consistent with other committee names.
4. A constitutional amendment was passed permitting members-at-large to serve as members of departmental committees of *URANTIA* Brotherhood.

Election of Officers, Committee Chairmen, and Members

A point of keen interest in the Council meeting was the election of officers, committee chairmen, and committee members. For the first time, there were a good number of nominations from the floor in addition to the slate of nominees presented by the Executive Committee. Positions of more than one nomination included the presidency and the chairmanship of the Judicial Committee. John Hales was elected President, with Lynne Kulieke also having been nominated for the position from the floor. John thus became the Brotherhood's eighth president to serve. Duane Faw and Scott Forsythe were both nominated for the position of Chairman of the Judicial Committee. Duane was subsequently elected to this post.

Officers of *URANTIA* Brotherhood were elected for three-year terms as follows:

President	John Hales
Vice President	E. L. Christensen
Secretary	Katharine Harries
Treasurer	Edith Cook
Secretary-General	Marian Rowley

A biography of our new President, John Hales, appears elsewhere in this issue. Three other elected officers, E. L. Christensen, Edith Cook, and Marian Rowley, were re-elected to positions they have held for many years. They have also served on the Executive Committee in several other positions, their collective years of service on the Committee being in excess of 60.

Katharine (Ticky) Harries is the only completely new officer. Ticky is a third generation reader of *The URANTIA Book* who joined the Forum when she was 13 years old, and became a charter member of First *URANTIA* Society approximately 15 years later. She has held a variety of office positions in the Chicago area, particularly in firms which utilized her fluency in Spanish. She has held a number of positions in First *URANTIA* Society, including President from 1973-1976 and Program Chairman from 1976 to the present. Ticky, who was elected to the General Council in 1976, lives in Northbrook, Illinois, with her husband, Owen; her daughter and son-in-law, Lea and Jim Fishburn, are active in Chicago area study group and society activities.

Five chairmanships were up for election. Committee chairmen, all elected for six-year terms, are as follows:

Judicial Committee	Duane Faw
Charter Committee	David N. Elders
Fraternal Relations Committee	Carolyn Kendall
Domestic Extension Committee	Harry McMullan III
Special Projects Committee	Charles R. Burton



Photo by Gladys Harris

Executive Committee of *URANTIA* Brotherhood. Sitting left to right: E. L. Christensen, John Hales, Marian Rowley, Edith Cook. Standing left to right: Martin Myers, Lynne Kulieke, Carolyn Kendall, David Elders, Charles Burton, Duane Faw, Harry McMullan III, Katharine Harries, Barbara Kulieke. Absent: Arthur Born.

With the exception of Carolyn Kendall, the above-named chairmen are serving on the Executive Committee for the first time. Carolyn first became chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee in 1975 to complete a term of office, and this action was confirmed by the General Council in 1976. She has thus served for over four years. Brief biographies of the four new committee chairmen are presented below:

Judicial Committee: Duane Faw is a professor of law and a retired Brigadier General of the United States Marine Corps. He is a member of the First *URANTIA* Society of Los Angeles where he serves on several committees. Duane has been an effective speaker at several conferences.

Charter Committee: David Elders works as a marketing consultant. He has been active in study groups and conferences on the east coast and is one of the founding members of the *URANTIA* Society of Central Connecticut. David has also worked as an editor of *The URANTIAN Journal* since 1976.

Domestic Extension Committee: Harry McMullan is the president of his own company in Oklahoma City. Harry has served with the Family of God Foundation in Berkeley, California, and is currently active in the First *URANTIA* Society of Oklahoma.

Special Projects Committee: Charles Burton is a history and economics teacher at the high school level. He is currently chairman of the Membership Committee of First *URANTIA* Society and has been active in the society for many years. Chuck has also served on the Education Committee of *URANTIA* Brotherhood.

Various other open committee positions were filled as follows:

Scott Forsythe	member, Judicial Committee
Mary Lou Hales	member, Charter Committee
Geraldine Hahn	member, Domestic Extension Committee
Mary Burton	member, Domestic Extension Committee

Julia K. Fenderson member, International Fellowship Committee
 Stephen Dreier member, Education Committee
 Nancy Grimsley member, Publications Committee
 Harold F. Schomas member, Finance Committee
 Mo Siegel member, Finance Committee
 Marilyn Kulieke member, Special Projects Committee
 Carol Forsythe member, Special Projects Committee

Several other positions have since been filled on a temporary basis by the Executive Committee; these must be voted on at the next annual meeting of the General Council. The Executive Committee named Burton (Pepper) Harris (Glenview, Illinois) to fill a vacancy on the Judicial Committee. K. David Schlundt (Fort Wayne, Indiana) and Marilyn Hauck (Aurora, Colorado) were named to fill vacancies on the Education Committee.

At the October meeting of the Executive Committee, a resolution was passed expressing appreciation to four retiring members of the Executive Committee. These four all served for many years as follows:

Arthur M. Burch, Chairman of International Fellowship Committee 1962-1964; Chairman of Judicial Committee 1964-1979.

Bernard Burton—Chairman of International Fellowship Committee 1964-1976; Chairman of Special Projects Committee 1976-1979.

Mary Lou Hales—Chairman of Charter Committee since 1966, member since 1955.

Thomas A. Kendall—Chairman of Domestic Extension Committee since 1961, member since 1959.

Pictured below are some participants of the First URANTIA Society of Western Springs. This group has been meeting in the home of Art and Inez Burch for well over 20 years and achieved society status in 1974. Western Springs is located immediately west of Chicago, approximately 20 miles from the headquarters of URANTIA Brotherhood. The society holds weekly meetings attended by 15-20 people on Friday nights.



Photo by Elise Kupka

Western Springs Society meeting. Left to right front: Grace Stephens, Inez Burch, Sue Burch, Roberta Schomas, Martha Cherry. Back: Phillip Cherry, Marion Oestmann, Harold Schomas, Hugo Patrie, Arthur Burch.

STUDY GROUP NEWS

Study group activity in a large urban setting such as the San Francisco Bay area, in comparison to a single isolated group, is analogous to the action of an organism compared to a single cell. There are currently about a dozen known study groups throughout the Bay area. Most of these groups are related to others because they share common members, or were originally organized by the same person, or were initially one group which underwent mitosis. The groups vary widely in nature and purpose; some stress intensive study, others are more socially oriented, still others emphasize worship. There is a parents' group, at least one group which undertakes topical study, and other groups of a specialized nature. In one group or another, most individual needs can be met. Most of these groups are peopled with members of the San Francisco Bay Area URANTIA Society which is committed to promoting small study group activity.

Group composition or even group existence is in continual flux as growth occurs and peoples' needs change or expand. However, there is an overall cohesiveness and stability to the activities of the metropolitan area. This is augmented by region-wide activities such as picnics, retreats, or conferences, as well as volunteer activities held in common.

This same pattern of group systems is to be found in a number of areas, usually urban, such as Chicago or Los Angeles, but also in more rural settings. A multi-group system is to be found several hundred miles up the coast from San Francisco in Arcata, California.



A Berkeley, California, study group before meeting.



A Berkeley, California, study group after meeting.

Both photos courtesy of Bob Blackstock

Bob Hunt wrote the following regarding groups in Northern California:

"The study group in Arcata has been active and meeting on a weekly basis since August, 1975. The initial participants included Bob and Cheryl Boden, Phil and Cindy Calabrese, Bob and Bonnie Hunt, Dick and Cheryl Prince and Victor and Sondra Schaub; and the meetings rotated among the homes of these couples. More recently, the Bodens and the Schaub each have generated study group activities in their nearby communities of Loleta and Freshwater, respectively, while the Princes now have a study group in San Diego where they reside. The Arcata group now meets on Wednesday evenings, on a rotating basis, at the Calabrese and Hunt homes and at the home of Vincent Ventola who moved here from Santa Monica in the summer of 1976. We generally follow the common procedure of reading and discussing a paper, often selecting either a topic or a sequence of papers to study for several weeks at a time. There is usually some time devoted to some form of worship, ranging from silent meditation and prayer to joyful statements of thanksgiving and love. Our meetings are invariably occasions of heightened energy and insight for those assembled, and our collective gratitude to our Father for these opportunities is ever present.

"There are between thirty and forty individuals involved in these area study groups and there is interaction among the groups in the form of persons attending more than one group or visiting other groups from time to time. Then, on the last Sunday of each month, there is a gathering at the Hunt home of all the participants in the various groups. We call this our Family Council meeting and it has two specific purposes. First of all, we all gather in one large room and have a single focus of attention rather than talking or sharing in pairs or small groups as is most common in a gathering of two or three dozen people. Anyone, including the children of all ages, is free to speak to the group, asking questions, relating experiences, sharing discoveries or newly acquired knowledge, and so forth. In this way, we are exploring group dynamics and the potentials of our collective energy in ways not commonly encountered in daily routines or social activities. In this spirit, we also seek and incorporate attitudes of thanksgiving and worship, including meditation and quiet contemplation, into this special time together. The second of the primary purposes of this gathering is to discuss matters concerning parenthood, a topic in which everyone involved has a deep and sincere interest; many in the group are parents and the others anticipate such a role at some future time. In fact, the younger persons, including the teen-aged children, are learning from the breadth of ideas and experience that they observe as the parents care for and relate to their children in this Family Council meeting. With this underlying theme, that naturally includes such topics as marriage and family life, there is never a shortage of material for discussion. Since our first meeting on Easter Sunday, it is already clear that these Family Council sessions offer unique and fresh potentials; and we look forward enthusiastically to many exciting actualizations!"



Both photos courtesy of Bob Hunt.

Arcata study group. Left to right front: Bonnie Hunt, Sandy Seward, Vaiva Pazemenas, Michael Smith. Back: Bob Hunt, Wayne Connors, David Bradley, Kevin Reed, Phil Calabrese.



Family Council meeting in Arcata, California. Front: Sondra Schaub, Phil Calabrese with Daniel, Cindy Calabrese with Trinity, Bonnie Hunt with Michael and Ashley, Vaiva Pazemenas, Ethan Aronson, Cheryl Boden, Heather Kidd. Second row: Talisha Hunt, Marjorie West, Michael Schaub, Matt Horns, Mickey Aronson, Bob Boden, Jan Kidd, Christine Dugal. Third row: Dick & Cheryl Prince, Dylan Hunt, Victor Schaub. Back: Vince Ventola with Christine Prince, Tracy Hunt, Heidi Schaub.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

Palm Beach, Florida — May 9-11, 1980

Contact: David Robertson, 312 Murray Road, West Palm Beach, Florida 33405

1980 Midwest Conference — June 6-8, 1980, Lake Forest, Illinois.

Contact: David and Marilyn Kulieke, 907 E. Central, Mount Prospect, Illinois 60056 (312) 870-7458

Conference on Family — January 12, 1980, Community Church of Pacific Beach, San Diego, California.

Contact: Richard Prince, 1655 Los Altos Rd., San Diego, California 92109 (714) 270-6558.

In continuing to report on study group activities around the country and the world, we are featuring in this issue several groups which we have not previously had an opportunity to present.

In Honolulu, Hawaii, a reading group meets at the home of Sue Smith every Wednesday morning to afternoon, usually lasting from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a break for lunch. The group's purpose is to read one to two papers at each meeting as well as socialize over lunch.



Photo courtesy of Sue Smith.

Honolulu Hawaii group enjoys study and sunshine by a Hawaiian Plumeria tree. Left to right: Kathy Murray, Sue Smith, Christine Evans, Eva Sepp (moved to Oklahoma in October), and Terry Thompson.

Another URANTIA Book study group pictured on this page meets weekly in the Kansas City area. Attendance is regularly around 10-12 people and the group reads a paper together, free to interrupt the reading at any moment for open discussion. Since 1974, Kansas City readers have hosted several small regional conferences, drawing 40-90 people from Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and other surrounding states. Another study group has recently started meeting in the same area.



Photo courtesy of Ila Hall.

Kansas City study group. Left to right front: Loren Hall, Willie Schad, Dale Lugin, Marcella McBride. Back: Ila Hall, Pam Anderson, Woody Anderson, John McBride, Kay Archibald.



Peter Sarfaty



Clyde and Florence Bedell at the 1978 General Conference, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Our coverage of news around the country must also include a report on the loss of two long term URANTIA Book students, Peter Sarfaty and Florence Bedell. Peter's wife, Susan, reported that Peter passed on at his home in Virginia Beach, Virginia, on September 13. Peter has been a Field Representative of URANTIA Brotherhood since 1973, was long active in organizing study groups in various areas and was a regular participant at regional and general conferences.

Florence Bedell passed on in her home in Laguna Hills, California, on June 28. Florence with her husband Clyde was an early member of the Forum, the forerunner of URANTIA Brotherhood. After several decades of involvement in the Chicago area, the Bedells moved to Santa Barbara, California, where they became active in local society and conference functions. A memorial service was held for Florence in Laguna Hills on July 21. Vern Grimsley of Berkeley, California, conducted the service.

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