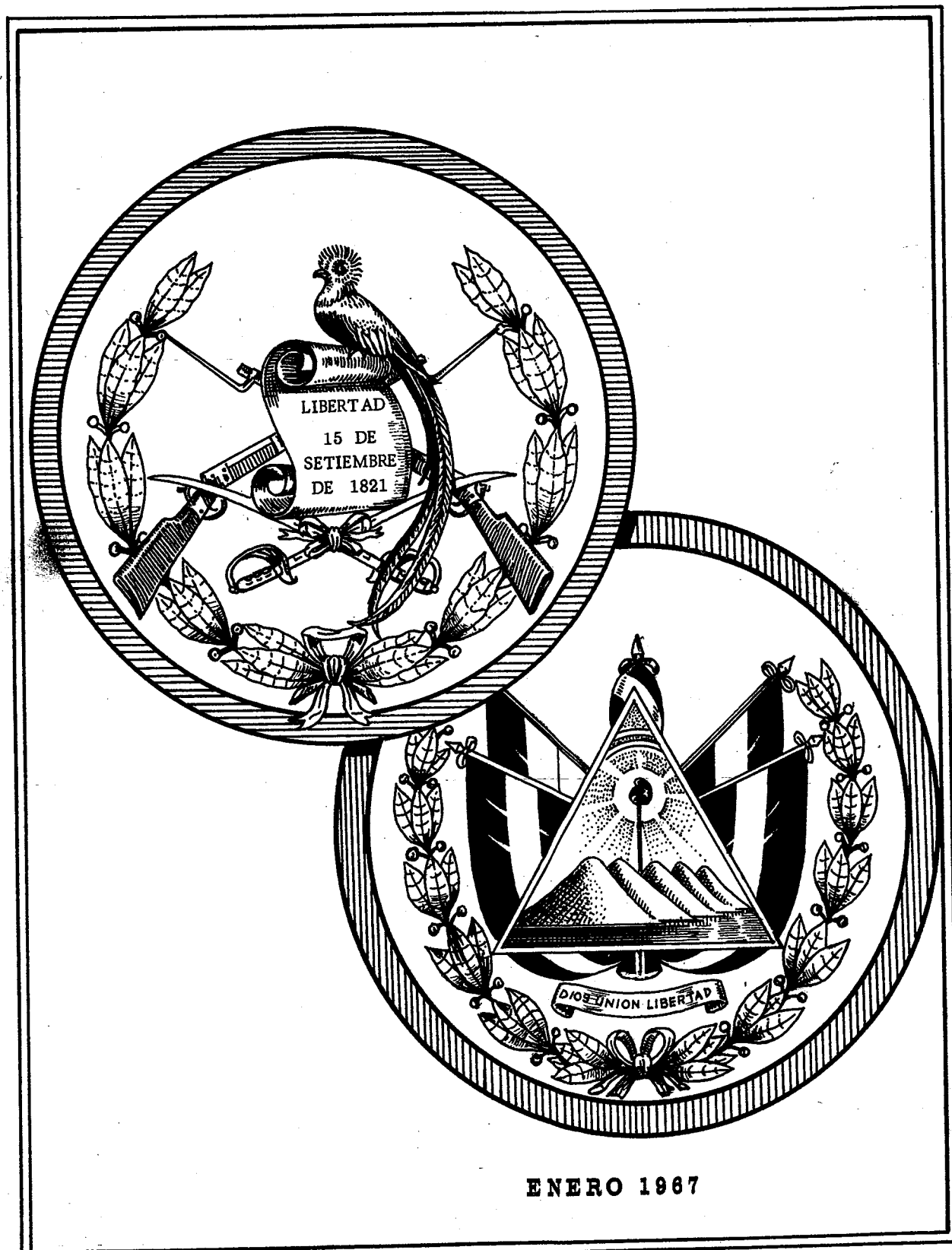


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GUATEMALA - EL SALVADOR MISSION

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Thank you,

Elder Stan Hoffman

Dear Fellow Missionaries:

One of the things we dream about most in life is success. We all want to be successful in the mission, in our studies as we return to school, and in the Church as we plan for the future. We want everything that is good in life and everything that other people have that seems to make for lasting happiness.

Robert Updegraff, a prominent success counselor, says that it is not a lack of brain power or business capacity that holds men back from success, but that more failure occurs because people only take about one-fifth of their minds with them into their work.

During his years of preparation, Abraham Lincoln spent his evenings lying before the fire memorizing the Bible and other good books. He went over these ideas again and again until they were firmly established in his soul.

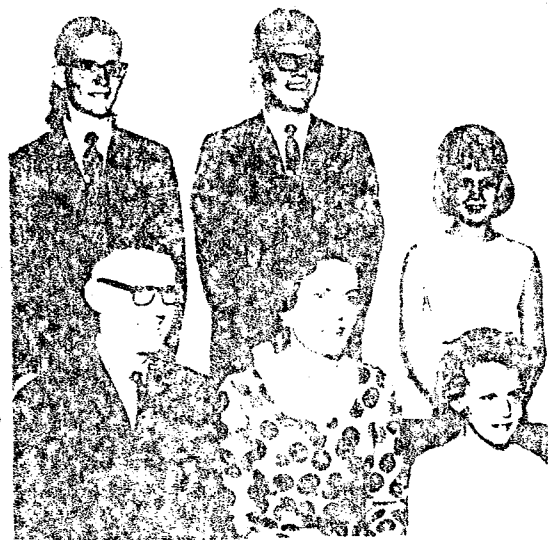
Anyone who really desires success must first be willing to pay the price. In the mission field we are most concerned about success in the mission. Experience has taught that many missionaries are successful due to the fact that early in their mission they learn the simple principle of obedience and apply it as best they knew how all during their mission. They learn early too, that missionary work is hard work, perhaps the hardest work they have ever done. They learn early that enthusiasm is a must. And all of these successful missionaries constantly remind themselves that they are working for the Lord, helping to bring about the establishment of the Kingdom in this mission.

The year 1967 stands to be the very best year that this mission has ever had. Our missionaries are better as a group than they have ever been before. Our Church is now given greater and better recognition in the mission area than ever before. Many of our members have been to the temple and are therefore, better prepared to help build up the Kingdom. There exists a greater desire among them to have the full Church program and they are anxious to do all in their power to have a stake. And we may all help.

Success is within our reach. We shall succeed if we remain humble, teachable, and diligent.

Sister Hansen joins me in wanting for all of you a year of happiness and achievement.

Terrence L. Hansen



Dear Fellow Missionaries:

In order to be a basketball player, it takes practice. In order to play baseball or be a race car driver, it takes practice. In order to become an efficient, hard working Elder, you have to practice. "Thinking is easy; action is difficult; to act in accordance with one's thought is the most difficult thing in the world."

Let's go back in time to when we received our mission calls. First of all we went to a map to find out where the mission was located. Then we began thinking and dreaming of what the mission would be like. We could see ourselves the best missionaries in the field, baptizing the most people, working the hardest. Now let's put these thoughts into Missionary life as of right now, and take a look at ourselves. Are we acting in accordance with the thoughts that we had? Are we doing the job that is expected of us by the Lord?

Are we striving to better ourselves? Are we constantly improving? How true is the statement, "When we're through changing, we're through." President McKay has said, "Thought precedes action."

I pray that we may always act in accordance with our thoughts, being worthy of our missionary calling, and let our thoughts be good ones.

Sincerely,
Elder Sidney L. Smith

Dear Fellow Missionaries:

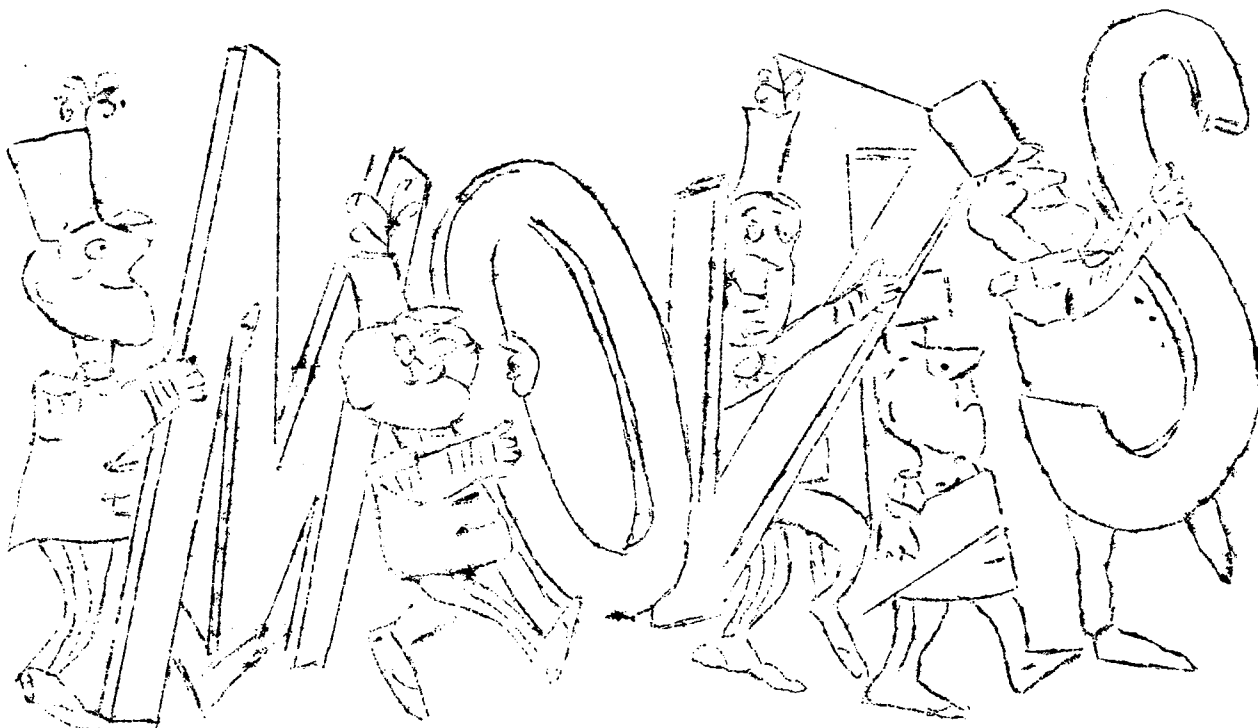
During the months of January and December the Guatemala-El Salvador Mission saw several of the best missionaries that have ever come to this mission pack their bags, bid their farewells, and hop on the Pan American bound for home. As their planes left the ground, Guatemala, El Salvador, their baptisms, their "paseos" and their associations with their fellow Elders as missionaries all became memories, experiences that they may never have again.

Think of the joy they must have experienced as they saw their parents and loved ones for the first time in two years. After the initial excitement was over all these Elders went to their Stake Presidents for very important interviews. Undoubtedly their Stake Presidents greeted them warmly and expressed their joy for having them home. Then they asked the Elders some very serious questions about their missions, listened to a few of their mission experiences, wished them well, and then sent them on their way, knowing through their own personal discernment what kind of missionary each Elder had been. What were the questions that the Stake Presidents asked the Elders? I don't know them all, but I do know one of them, "Did you serve an honorable mission?"

Project yourself forward into the future. Not only will our Stake Presidents ask us this question, but so will many others--including God Himself. They may not ask us directly, but they will ask themselves, using as a yardstick what they see in us as individuals. How will you as an Elder in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, having finished your mission in Guatemala-El Salvador, answer this question? How would you answer it right now?

It is my prayer and desire that we may each answer honestly, both verbally and ethically, "I FILLED AN HONORABLE MISSION."

Sincerely,
Elder Stan Hoffman



FOR THE 2nd, 6th, 10th, 13th, and the 14th of January

(Jan. 2)

<u>ELDER</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>WITH</u>	<u>AS</u>
D. Taylor	Guat.#	S. Hoffman	Lit. Sec.
M. Thompson	Guat.#4	M. Heredia	Co-Sr.
R. Brown	Guat.#4	D. Dunn	Jr.
M. Gardner	Salv.#4	T. Stillman	Sr.

(Jan. 6)

D. Campbell	Guat.#4	R. Brown	Sr.
D. Dunn	Guat.	R. Farley	Z.L.C.
J. Workman	Guat.#5	R. Fraser	D.L.

(Jan. 10)

J. Chambers	Guat.#4	R. Morales	Jr.
B. Brower	Santa Tecla	G. Mortenson	Sr.
T. Liechty	San Miguel	W. Nelson	D.L.
L. Rex	Sonsonate	R. Hess	Jr.
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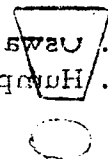
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D. Dunn	Guat.#5	R. Fraser	D.L.
J. Workman	Guat.#3	T. Carpenter	D.L.
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G. Gibson	Mazat.	E. Crosby	Jr.

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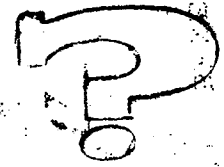
M. Davenport	Salv.#3	D. Gonzalez	D.L.
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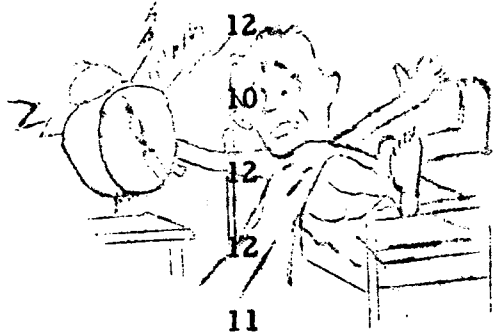


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Quiché	10	15	150%	Hunt
Guatemala #4	21	27	129%	Jones, W.
Atitlán	9	11	122%	Stone
Santa Ana	14	14	100%	Christiansen
Guatemala #1	13	12	92%	Wright, C.
San Salvador #2	8	7	88%	Allred
Office	12	7	58%	Hart
Cuezaltenango	17	8	47%	Roth
Guatemala #3	17	7	41%	Hernandez
Guatemala #6	16	6	38%	Betz
Guatemala #5	12	4	33%	Welsh
Mazatenango	10	3	30%	García
San Salvador #4	15	4	27%	Madsen
San Salvador #1	19	5	26%	Breinholt
San Salvador #5	4	1	25%	Orton
San Salvador #3	12	1	8%	Wright, G. S.
Guatemala #2	$\frac{6}{215}$	$\frac{0}{132}$	$\frac{0\%}{61\%}$	Nelson, G.

JANUARY

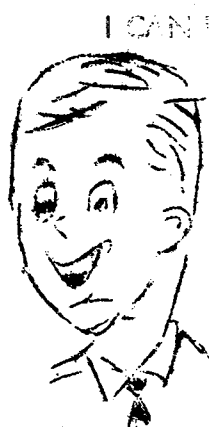
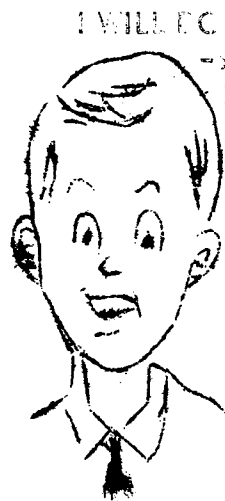


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Guatemala #1	14	Wright, C.
Guatemala #2	4	Nelson, G.
Guatemala #3	19	Workman
Guatemala #4	22	Jones, W
Guatemala #5	12	Dunn
Guatemala #6	10	Betz
Office	12	Hart
Quiché	12	Hunt
Atitlán	11	Stone
Mazatenango	(10)	García
Quezaltenango	14	Corrigan
San Salvador #1	(19)	Breinholt
San Salvador #2 (San Miguel)	(8)	Liechty
San Salvador #3	12	Wright, S.
San Salvador #4	(15)	Madsen
San Salvador #5	5	Orton
Santa Ana	16	Christiansen
	<u>215</u>	



DISTRICT LEADERS:

If your challenge number is not correct please send to the office a FRIENDLY REMINDER giving us the correction.



I WILL DO IT
-50-
DETERMINATION

I CAN DO IT
-60-
KNOWLEDGE OF ONE'S

I WILL TRY
-70-
WILLING HEART

THINK I CAN
-80-
FAITH IN YOURSELF

I CAN'T DO IT
-40-
LACK OF ABILITY

I DON'T THINK I CAN
-50-
LACK OF CONFIDENCE

I CAN'T
-30-
LACK OF

I DON'T CARE
-20-
INDIFFERENCE

I DON'T WANT TO DO IT
-10-
LACK OF DESIRE

I REFUSE
-1-
OBSTINACY

WHICH
IS YOUR
ATTITUDE



THE PRICE OF SUCCESS

I often wonder what it is that brings one man success in life, and what it is that brings mediocrity or failure to his brother. The difference can't be in mental capacity; there is not the difference in our mentalities indicated by the difference in performance. In short, I have reached the conclusion that some men succeed because they cheerfully pay the price of success, and others, though they may claim ambition and a desire to succeed, are unwilling to pay that price.

AND THE PRICE IS

TO USE all your courage to force yourself to concentrate on the problem in hand, to think of it deeply and constantly, to study it from all angles, and to plan.

TO HAVE a high and sustained determination to put over what you plan to accomplish, not if circumstances be favorable to its accomplishment, but in spite of all adverse circumstances which may arise--- and nothing worth-while has ever been accomplished without some obstacles having been overcome.

TO REFUSE to believe that there are any circumstances sufficiently strong to defeat you in the accomplishment of your purpose.

Hard? I should say so. That's why so many men never attempt to acquire success, answer the siren call of the rut and remain on the beaten paths that are for beaten men. Nothing worth-while has ever been achieved without constant endeavor, some pain, and constant application of the lash of ambition.

That's the price of success as I see it. And I believe every man should ask himself: Am I willing to endure the pain of this struggle for the comforts and the rewards and the glory that go with achievement? Or shall I accept the uneasy and inadequate contentment that comes with mediocrity? Am I willing to pay the Price of Success?

AND THE TIME TO BEGIN TO PAY IS NOW

DISTRICT OF THE MONTH

During the month of December the Quiché District, led by District Leader Dennis Hunt, certainly gave momentum to the now "in motion" Indian Program. The Quiché District attained a difficult 150% of their proposed challenge, thus becoming DISTRICT OF THE MONTH. We extend our congratulations to the following elders for their diligence and hard work.



ELDER DENNIS HUNT



ELDER JEFF AAGARD



ELDER RONALD NELSON

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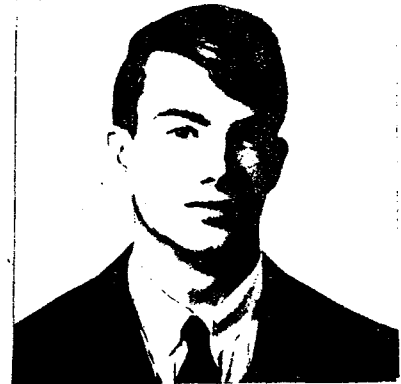
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ELDER JAMES PAYNE



ELDER JOSEPH MARTINE



ELDER MARK ANDERSON

We also congratulate: Guatemala #4 with 129%, Atitlán with 122%, and Santa Ana with 100%. We are looking for repeats next month.

TOP BAPTIZERS

R. Nelson	15
M. Anderson	15
R. Morales	14
C. Hymas	14
R. Harris	9
B. Lloyd	3
M. Thompson	7
W. Betz	7
L. Henderson	6
M. Roth	6
W. Schofield	6
B. Smith	6
J. Stone	6
J. Cazier	6



TOP HOURS

G. Simonton	68
D. Hamilton	68
B. Madsen	67
R. Speaker	66
P. Lewis	65
D. Carpenter	64

C. Wright	64
D. Frazier	63
R. Goodwin	62
T. Liechty	62
H. Moon	61
F. Oswald	60

B. Smith	60
G. Wright	60
T. Mendez	60
D. Morales	60
J. Beare	60

TOP LESSONS

T. Proctor	99
J. Beare	83
T. Mendez	70
F. Oswald	70

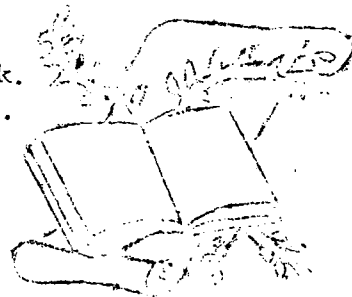
M. Katona	65
S. Pearson	57
L. Fackrell	56
G. Simonton	55

R. Morales	51
C. Hymas	50
K. Jones	50
R. Jones	40

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

Man from the beginning possessed the potential power of creating his requirements through work. The words "create" and "work" are synonymous. Hence, the power of God is work.

-- Joseph L. Wirthlin



Understand men and women as they are--- not as you are.

--Brigham Young

A man cannot deny the truth when the spirit of God is burning in his bosom.

--Francis M. Lyman

There is nothing that will lead to damnation and destruction quicker than self - justification of sin.

--Brigham Young

There is a way to every human heart, and the Lord will show you that way if you will be humble, prayerful, and study His holy word.

--Lorenzo Snow

Never forget that the true way to be happy is to do something to add to other's happiness. Try to forget self and joy here and hereafter will come to you.

-- Heber J. Grant

God has made America fruitful; man must make and keep the nation great.

-- David O. McKay

Knowledge is proud that he has learned so much; wisdom is humble that he knows no more.

--Unknown

In all your learning you should get understanding of the fundamental truths pertaining to your salvation and the kingdom of God.

--Joseph Fielding Smith

TEN LAWS OF PRIESTHOOD LEADERSHIP

There are many powers in this world, but the greatest of all is the power of God who made the world. When His power is given to man to govern His kingdom, it is called the holy priesthood. It is the strongest power and influence in the world ---but may only be such when it is used in accordance with the ten laws of priesthood leadership. Each law is stated, followed by check-questions to stimulate our interest in and our knowledge of the principle.

I - Persuasion

Persuasion is the chief tool of priesthood leadership. The Savior and all the prophets used this principle widely. It is an effort to convince another through the presentation of ideas, concepts and sound argument. It is the opposite of force. It is used often by truth seekers and those who have a testimony of the truth. These people feel that sound argument is on the side of truth, and they are willing to let others be themselves and take time to think through a proposition. Those who are not sure of the truth or the righteousness of their cause are inclined to demand or compel because they are not sure of themselves and their leadership.

--Do you believe that there is a spirit in man and that God through his servants, can give this spirit understanding?

--Do you believe that man is a free agent and that God holds him responsible for using his agency in choosing good or evil ideas?

--Do you respect the dignity of human personality and the right of each to choose for himself?

--Do you avoid manipulative tactics which tend to capture the mind before it has had time to honestly weigh decide, and take independent action. ?

Do you have a passion for sound argument, good doctrine, and clear statements of fact? Do you believe that the way to fight bad ideas is to displace them with good ideas?

--Do you try to improve your persuasive skill through appropriate stories, parables, and scriptures which communicate through the spirit of God?

-- Do you have a system for gathering and filing these illustrations and stories for ready reference?

II - Long - suffering

Long-suffering is the second law of leadership. It is willingness to wait, when necessary, for the unfolding of plans and for the reconciliation of ideas, in the interest of the final achievement of worthy goals. Christ exemplified this method in his parable of the wheat and the tares.

--Do you have a sense of trust in the ultimate triumph of righteousness?

--Do you fuss and fume and show unrestraint when things do not move as you planned them?

--Do you excuse yourself from deciding or do you vacillate and postpone appropriate and timely action in the name of long-suffering?

--In priesthood councils are you willing to try to cleanse your ideas, and engender support by seeking for unanimity?

--Are you a leader who never stops working while waiting for developments?

--Instead of pulling up the plant often to see if it is growing, are you willing to wait, watch and nourish it until you can tell that it is progressing because of the tender shoots and by green leaves?

III- Gentleness

Gentleness is one of the important "musts!" It is the opposite of rigorous treatment. Its symbol is the dove, which was also the symbol of the presence of the Holy Ghost at the baptism of the Lord Jesus Christ, the head of the priesthood. Gentleness is a sign of constancy and steadiness, like the light of the stars which shine upon us nightly.

--Do you believe that all who work in the priesthood should be treated as "fellow servants"?

--Do you believe it is human to resist rough handling of one's ideas and opinions by another person?

--Do you believe that in this telestial world where coerciveness and force are so often the rule of life that there is a place for gentleness and for consideration of others.

--Do you feel that there is a place for honest opinions in priesthood government?

--Do you believe that true gentleness requires control and that it is a symbol of power rather than weakness?

--Do you admire the priesthood leader with gentle word and quiet, meaningful manners to whom members instinctively turn in time of need?

--Do you believe that gentleness often disarms prejudice and opens the way to wise solutions to problems?

The preceding was taken from a booklet entitled "Ten Laws of Priesthood Leadership" by Harold Glen Clark. The remaining seven laws will appear in subsequent issues of the Avante. It is hoped that a study of these laws will help to give us a fuller understanding of our responsibility as priesthood bearers.

DID YOU KNOW

THAT

All district leaders should turn in their district's challenge for the following month in time for the "Avante Press." In other words, they should be in by the 5th of the month. PLEASE!

THAT

District leaders should put the names of those Elders who are to receive credit for baptisms on the back of the 110 FP cards. To help avoid confusion, please put the full name of the Elder on the card.

THAT

The office no longer handles film of any kind. There are, however, stores that will give missionaries a discount on film. Here is one: Colorama (6a Ave. 9-37, Zone 1, Tele. 28-6-25) This store gives a 20% discount on developing.

THAT

The office is not open all day every day. We will be happy to see you at the following hours:

Sunday	Closed		
Monday	Closed		
Tuesday	8:00-12:00	2:00-5:00 p.m.	Closed
Wednesday	" "	" " "	"
Thursday	" "	" " "	"
Friday	8:00-12:00	Closed	6:30-9:00 p. m.
Saturday	8:00-12:00	Closed	Closed

THAT

Pan American allows Elders going home 44 lbs. of luggage. Overweight luggage from Guatemala to Salt Lake City costs \$1.20/lb. If you go to the airport and your luggage is overweight, be prepared to pay the overweight charge. You can save yourself a lot of money by sending your extra weight home before you get to the airport. (Guatemala to Los Angeles is \$1.00/lb.)

THAT

Charla equipment is expensive. The Mission has approximately \$2,500.00 worth of charla equipment. We appreciate the way many of the Elders take care of it because our supply of film strips, projectors, and recorders is definitely limited. Unfortunately, due to carelessness with the equipment on the part of some of us, our supply is rapidly diminishing. Would you, as a conscientious Elder, please remind your careless companion to be more careful? Have you ever tried to give a charla to good investigators with a scratched up film strip, taped Beatle music, and a projector with a faulty electrical connection that shocks you every time you plug it in?

Espero que estés contento. El
único fuego que había en 7 kilómetros
y lo apagaste.



FELIZ CUMPLEAÑOS

Michael Massey
January 2nd

Roberta Lindsey
January 2nd

Jack Runyan
January 6th

Joseph Martineau
January 11th

Carlos García
January 14th

Steven Thorne
January 17th

Robert Fraser
January 24th

Burton Johnson
January 28th

BIENVENIDOS

CARL V. SMITH
Rupert, Idaho

JAMES V. YARDLEY
Panguitch, Utah



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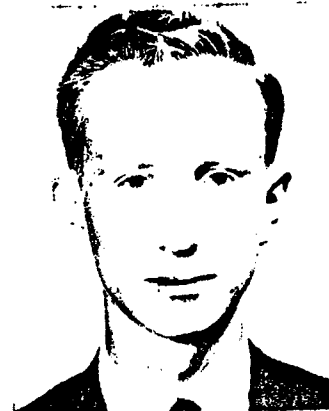
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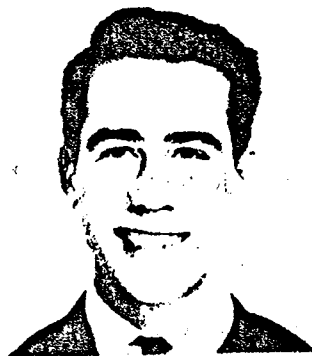
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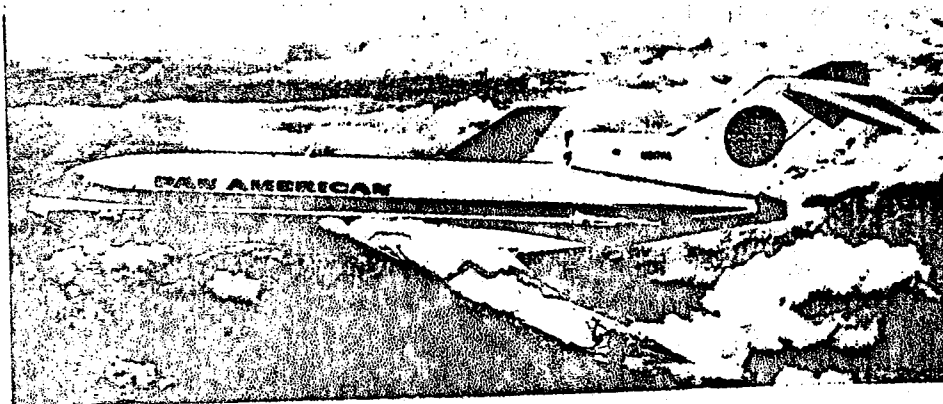
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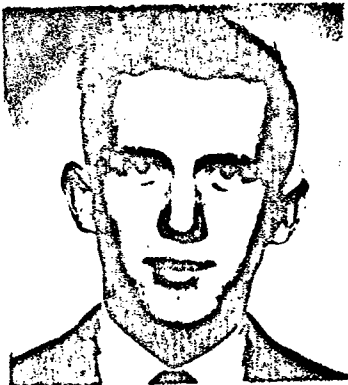
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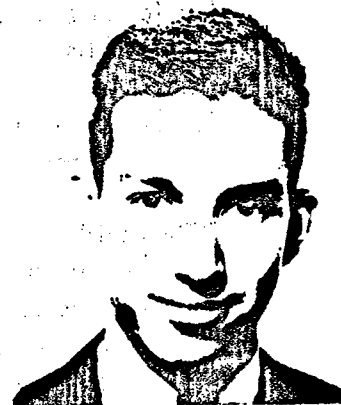
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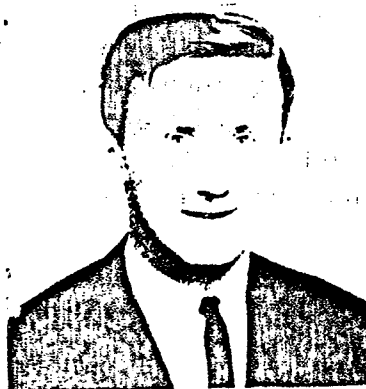
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THE PROPHET JOSEPH SMITH'S MISSION

He did not give us a NEW GOSPEL but RESTORED the ORIGINAL Gospel of Jesus Christ.
He gave us a richer interpretation of the teachings of Christ.
He gave us the true conception of God, Jesus Christ and The Holy Ghost.
Through him the Priesthoods of God were restored.
He translated the Book of Mormon by the gift and power of God.
The Book of Mormon gives us a new witness for God.
The Book of Mormon made many Biblical scriptures clearer.
Through Joseph Smith we have the proper Church Organization.
Through him was revealed the doctrine for the Guidance of the Church.
His experiences were not ordinary in the religious sense.
Though unlearned, he brought light into a darkened world.
He lived honestly and sincerely, but was misunderstood, persecuted and hounded, and at last he gave his life for his testimony.
He endeavored to turn men and women from the easy walks of near truth, into the paths of full truth.
He was courageous and dared to battle alone for the right.
He received no personal recompense. To possess the truth and to have others possess it was his reward.
He founded Nauvoo, then the largest city in Illinois.
He established schools and universities. He revealed that "the glory of God is intelligence."
He built temples and laid out cities.
He planned for the temporal welfare of his people.
He did not preach his opinions, but spoke as one having authority, for he said: "Thus saith the Lord."
He gave us the Word of Wisdom and the Law of Tithing.
He gave us an understanding of Salvation for the dead.
He taught us that "Man was in the beginning with God."
He taught that Matter is Eternal.
He took the reproach out of the fall of Adam.
He taught us the purpose of this life.
He not only taught immortality, but he also taught eternal life as more than immortality but everlasting growth and action in the presence of God.
He taught continued revelation and made mysteries clear.
He cleared away the errors and traditions of men surrounding the gospel of Christ.
He correctly PROPHESED of the Civil War, the westward movement of the Church, and of his own death and world wide fame.
He correctly named the Church for Christ and not himself.