

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND TO THE
GENERAL COUNCIL OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

for the Year 1957

Our organization is gradually growing. We now have four local Urantia Societies. The Urantia Society of Glenview was granted Charter No. 3 and installed on May 24, 1957. The West Coast Urantia Society was installed on July 26, 1957, although Charter No. 2 had been granted them in October 1956. The First Urantia Society of Oklahoma was granted Charter No. 4 and installed on November 23, 1957.

There are a number of active study groups in the following places: Albany, N.Y., Springfield, Ill., Culver, Ind., Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, San Diego, Rancho Santa Fe, Evanston, Bensenville, Western Springs, Winnetka, and Chicago.

As far as mail and reactions to the book are concerned, there has been a slow but steady stream of inquiries about the book from strangers, and some interesting reactions, mostly favorable. The most violently unfavorable comments came from Pearl Buck. But there have been many favorable comments, mostly from ordinary people like ourselves, with no claims to fame. However, there have been two well-knowns who have become interested in the last year. One is Lew Ayres, who bought three extra books for friends, and the other is Dr. Earl L. Douglass, a retired Presbyterian minister, who writes a syndicated religious column for newspapers, and has written many books. Dr. Sprunger has stirred up Culver Military Academy, which has ordered about 20 books, and he is starting a second study group among the professors there.

I am still attending most of the committee meetings in order to be familiar with what they are all doing and to keep them working in the same general direction and not at cross purposes.

I have had much help in the routine part of my job from the people who are around the office all the time, namely, Christy, Leone, Anne, and Mrs. Kellogg, and I want to thank them publicly for their assistance.

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