

# ANOTHER BIG **WATCHTOWER** CONVENTION!

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## JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES RETURNING TO YANKEE STADIUM

125,000 Expected  
From 90 Countries



To Last 8 Days  
July 19 to 26

*No world series crowd ever equaled the number of Jehovah's witnesses who packed out Yankee Stadium July 30 to August 6, 1950! No comparable religious gathering was ever before held in the United States! Yet thousands more will attend this year, eclipsing even the 123,700 of 1950! That year delegates came from 70 nations. This time people from 91 lands and islands of the sea have already arranged to be present. Chartered planes will converge on New York from all sides. Regular flights and ocean liners will bring their share. Sixteen to eighteen thousand delegates will come from Canada alone; thousands more from every state in the Union and the territories.*

In just the first two weeks of its operation the Watchtower Rooming Committee received requests for almost 30,000 accommodations. One hotel was packed out a year in advance. New York is unquestionably in for the biggest convention it has ever seen!

This is no ordinary gathering. The free sessions to which all are invited are practical, down-to-earth discussions of Bible problems and daily living. The example of unity among people of all races and nationalities will be outstanding. New Yorkers, impressed with this biggest of all conventions, may wonder, "So what does it mean to *me*?" Turn the page and find out.

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## WHY BEING HELD?

There is nothing commercial about this assembly, just as there is nothing commercial about the activity of Jehovah's witnesses, whom you see standing on street corners with *Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines, and who call at your door and conduct home Bible studies with you and your neighbors. The four hundred thousand witnesses for Jehovah throughout the earth devote their lives to enabling others to see the truth of God's Word and come out from the confusion that exists in today's hundreds of different religions. The only way to determine what is really right is to find what the Bible actually says about such confused doctrines.

This assembly is not just to sing hymns and have prayer meetings. It will be profitable and instructive, practical and informative. Discourses on each day's program will increase your knowledge of God's Word, will help you understand the reason for the troubles and confusion in the earth today, and will give practical information that can be applied to your daily living. Here you will learn of the fulfillment of Bible prophecies concerning the coming of a New World society, a new system of things that will replace today's tired, worn-out and discouraging old world. You will see the results of such a system in the unity, oneness and Christian fellowship evident at the assembly. Today we face the worst of times. Ahead, however, are the best of times. Do you know why? Do you want to benefit from them? Would you like to know why Jehovah's witnesses do not have the world's cringing fear of the future, but instead demonstrate vigorous Christian action all over the globe? The answer is in no sense political, but concerns what God's Word says about our day. Come hear this answer, and be convinced!



View of Yankee Stadium filled to capacity on opening day of the graduation of students from 32 nations, who had just finished the assembly. The opening day of the 1953 assembly, Sunday, June 14, 1953.

## WHO IS COMING?

What an inspiring throng will attend! Among the more than 100,000 delegates who will be here from over 90 countries and islands will be many who have endured the hot flame of fiery persecution because of their Christian activity. Some have stood up against the Communist rulers and have gone underground to continue their Bible-education work. Others were in the Nazi torture camps under Hitler. Neither radicals nor Communists, all are Christian men and women, and their persecution has been because they hold to the promises of God's kingdom.

## WHAT BENEFIT TO ME?

Do you ask this question, with practical foresight? Well, this is no usual religious conclave. It is no gathering of church leaders talking over your head. It will not depend on formalism and ceremony to hold your attention. There will be no shouting. Like the assemblies at Jerusalem in Bible times, it will be practical for the average man. As when Jesus spoke to the multitudes, it will offer something worth while!

Is it of value to you to know why this world faces its present trouble? what God's Word says about it? what will really solve world problems? what will straighten out family difficulties and end delinquency among those who accept it? Would it not be of value to you to know that your children were not on a course that might lead to delinquency and crime? You will not hear just talking and moralizing, but will get practical information that, if you accept it, will be of value in your daily life. Jehovah's witnesses who have been to such assemblies before know that. That is why they are spending their time and money to travel great distances to be here. But in New York it costs you only a subway ride.

Have you noted religion's failure today to draw young people? Here you will be amazed at the youths, actively and zealously participating and paying rapt attention to the interesting lectures. Like their elders, they have found something really worth while! Come and witness this phenomenon yourself, and stay long enough to find out what it is that so fervently interests them.

It is this practical interest that caused one magazine to recently term Jehovah's witnesses "the world's fastest growing religion". If you attend enough sessions of this eight-day assembly you will see why, and perhaps come to realize why Jehovah's witnesses really live what they believe.



1950 assembly. Seventy thousand from 67 nations here observe their missionary studies at the Watchtower Bible School of Gilead, July 19, you can attend Gilead's 21st graduation.

## COMING?

From every state of the Union, from Canada, Mexico and Latin America they will come. People of all social strata, from all professions, and financial categories, formerly of all religions. Many have made sacrifices to come, but they know their efforts will be well rewarded.

If you would like to have some of these delegates stay in your home, since the hotels will be packed out, they would be glad to pay a reasonable amount for rental of a room. For information call Watchtower Rooming Committee, LOrain 8-6900.

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

What will take place when Yankee Stadium is transformed into a location for this Christian assembly? The first day, Sunday, July 19, will include the graduation of 127 students from 28 lands and isles of the sea who are now at the Watchtower Bible School of Gilead, the Society's missionary school. Have you ever wondered what Scriptural counsel could be given to such a group just starting their activity as special missionaries in the world's four corners? Do you remember reading how 3,381 persons were baptized on August 6, 1950, at the last such assembly of Jehovah's witnesses at Yankee Stadium? What Scriptural counsel do you think should be given to such an outstanding group? You can hear it on the program at this assembly. Would you like to hear from missionaries in Italy, Germany, India, South America, the Far East? Then come to Yankee Stadium. You can benefit from Bible talks by officials of the Watchtower Society, and thrill to reports by ministers who are in charge of the Watchtower's work in odd and distant parts of the world. If you want information on practical daily living—not human theories, but information you can personally apply—then come to Yankee Stadium. That's right—

## YOU ARE INVITED!

Just walk right in. No collection is taken, and no admission will be charged at any time. Here you will find a happy people who are really united, who have found a way to surmount all barriers. That way is Jehovah's true worship. National, racial, lingual, religious, and social barriers have melted away before the irresistible unifying power of Jehovah that draws them together. You are welcome in their



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midst, and no restrictions, at any session of this assembly, will be placed upon anyone who is orderly and does not interfere with the rights of others to hear. For these eight days the doors of Yankee Stadium are open and you are welcome. If you are interested in the good news, free of any charge, then by all means come to the stadium July 19 to 26, 1953. The cost is covered by Jehovah's witnesses, who have benefited from this message themselves and want you to do likewise. Food will be available at a cafeteria and at refreshment stands; so, if you wish, come and stay all day and buy your meals served right there for the convenience of the great crowds.

## BE SURE TO ATTEND HIGH SPOT

Of outstanding interest will be the public lecture Sunday afternoon, July 26, on the intriguing subject "After Armageddon—God's New World". This is the high spot of the assembly. Make a special effort to hear it, even if you are unable to attend any other session. But be there early, for in 1950 the stadium was filled long in advance and many had to listen from outside.

## HEAR SPECIAL RADIO STATION

Watchtower radio, WBBR, 1330 on your dial, will broadcast some sessions of the assembly. This noncommercial station's programs are always outstanding, and from time to time during the next few weeks it will provide interesting information about this unusual gathering. WBBR broadcasts daily from 6 till 8 a.m., Sunday until eleven, and every day except Monday and Saturday from 5 to 8 p.m. On your dial at 1330 you will find thought-provoking programs. Listen to WBBR and heed its invitation to assemble at Yankee Stadium, July 19 through 26.