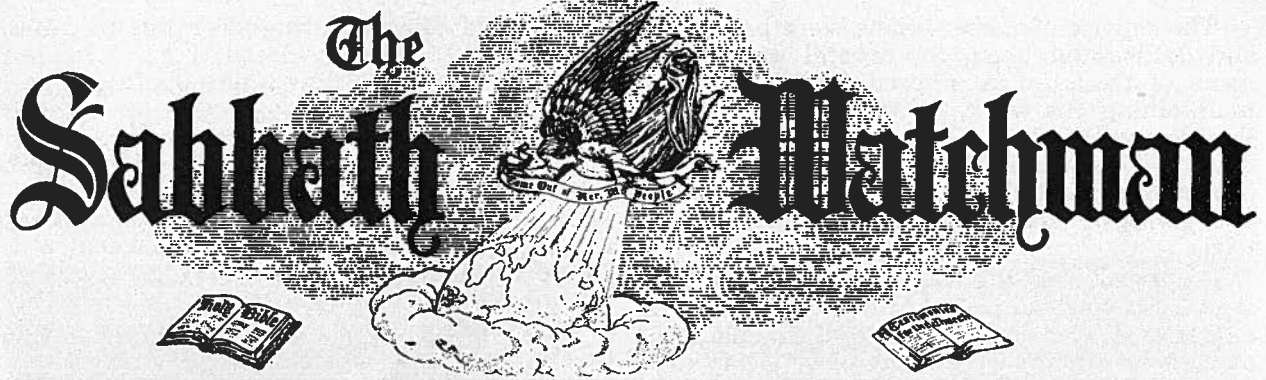


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Part of the group who attended the General Conference.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION 1956

THE DELEGATE meetings of the General Conference were officially opened on May 15th, 1956, after that some meetings and counsel by the brethren of the General Conference Committee had been held prior to this.

Elder O. Welp, being the oldest pioneer and worker in the Reformation, addressed some words, based on John 17, to those present. It was a solemn moment to see this old pioneer, who himself experienced the very beginnings of this Reformation, and to listen to his admonitions.

Following this Elder Ringelberg gave the introduction to a session of prayer which was

prayer; and our efforts in behalf of the Conference can only then prove successful if they are carried on wings of prayer.

On Wednesday, May 16th, the delegates were called upon to have their letters of recommendation of their respective Unions verified.

The following Unions were recognized as duly represented by their delegates:

The German Union, The West-European Union, The Scandinavian Union, The North American Union, The South American Division, consisting of the Southern and Northern Unions, The South African Union, as well as