

## Nuremberg Assembly Attracts People From Many Countries

Letter No. 7 in Mr. and Mrs. John Cordaro's European trip is post-marked Nuremberg, Germany. It tells of the huge Jehovah's Assembly congress there, with some interesting sidelights on the quaint German city. Next week — The Hague.

Now we are in Germany. There were 28 cars to our train. As we reached the border we were met by border officials who once again stamped our passports. Somehow the sight of these officers gave me a queer feeling. I remembered all the motion pictures I had seen of the war films in which officers in the same garb brought fear to many of us.

Then we crossed the Rhine river and soon arrived at Nuremberg. The train was taken over at the border by German trains that were powered by coal. In Switzerland and home it was all electric.

Now the beautiful scenery of Switzerland was gone. Our sight seeing was over as we remembered the purpose of this trip, to meet together in worship to the Eternal Father, Jehovah, people from all nations, and all tongues. On our way here we passed through a large station that had been bombed during the last war. Its rounded roof had been all glass and steel, but not one single pane of glass was left in the centre. Even the huge steel beams and supports had been blasted out for they were being replaced by new ones. It was mute evidence of the terrible destruction caused by war. This we found also again in our drive from the station to our assigned home during our stay.

We at last reached our destination and were welcomed by our host and hostess, and we were glad to crawl in to our beds for the night. We were relieved to find our hostess could speak a little English. Next morning her little niece volunteered to be our guide to the street car where we could board a car that would take us directly to the Kongress. The stadium was situated on the banks of the Rhine and already there were dozens of boats out all along the river. The day was warm and sunny. As we entered the avenue that led us to our Assembly grounds we had the river on one side and the other side was lined with cafes and beer gardens. Tall trees lined each side of the road, further down it looked very much like the midway at the Exhibition, for both sides of the road were lined with little booths and stalls, on which were hot dogs about 12 to 14 inches in length which were sold with little buns not even as large as our hamburger buns. They looked so funny sticking out each end of the bun. Some of the stalls had more buns, but they were filled with chopped onions and fish that looked like large sardines. Others had onions and a thin slice of pickled red salmon. Still others had the same chopped onions with small herring sticking out each end of the bun.

At the end of this avenue was the entrance to the stadium. I noticed two tower replicas of the picture on the face of the Watchtower magazine. Between the Two Towers was a banner announcing "the conquest of the world by God's Kingdom." Beyond and on each side of the open air stadium were rows and rows of tents over 100 feet in length. On one side they were used for cafeterias, on the other side was a laundry and sleeping tents for those unable to get housing accommodation. On the floor were deep piles of clean straw covered with clean white sheets. I was reminded of the way the Israelites travelled to their assemblies, such as the festival of the weeks, the feast of the Tabernacles, etc. They must have made use of like places of rest. It made me feel humble. We need no palace in which to worship God and Jesus himself gave us the example when he washed the feet of his disciples.

Then we ascended the steps which led to the huge outdoor auditorium. It was built in a circle. Nearly one quarter was the background of high pillars... something like the Roman pillars joined at the top. In the centre was a mass of beautiful flowers and small trees and a small platform covered by a canopy. There were 5,000 here for the first day. Today there was a Baptismal service and 4,333 immersed. Today there is a total of 625,565 Witnesses.

The talks were given sometimes in German and translated into English and sometimes in English translated into German. We sat in the centre of the open air stadium which is built in a circle with tiers of seats running up to the top of the circle. There were flags of all colours flying from the tall flag poles and strung between the poles were banners representing the different countries attending the Assembly. I counted 61 countries.

I wondered how they could sing our songs in the German tongue and was so amazed that the same tune was sung in all the different tongues present and it blended in perfect unison.

In two days we go to the Hague for our last Assembly. After that will be all sightseeing and I shall try to give you a fair account of what we see.

On the street where we stay all the houses have a small garden and bushes growing inside a waist high picket fence. To get to the house one must press a button on the gate, then the lady of the house from within releases the catch on the gate and you may enter the garden. Once outside of the garden you must open the gate till it is released from within. All down

this street we noticed the names of the householders on wooden strips fastened on the gates. I wondered why there were so many with English-speaking names and found out they are the families of American soldiers stationed in Germany. There were visitors at our house last night and the visiting gentleman could speak English fairly well and so we were able to have quite a nice conversation and enjoyed our evening very much.

It is hard to realize that Germany is divided by east and west from where we are, but it was brought home very forcibly to us at the station. Over the loud speaker came a voice requesting someone to go to a certain spot in the station. I learned that the person wanted had crossed from the eastern zone into the western zone to attend our Assembly which is of course banned by the Communist countries. We are not allowed to preach or even have in our possession a Bible. That person who placed God in his life above personal safety was being warned not to return to the eastern zone as the Russians had discovered he had eluded them and crossed the border for the Kongress. How this brings home to us all how dear to us is the freedom of worship, and how dearly it has been bought for us by our forefathers and by battles that are still

## "Oscar" to Conservator At Newspaper Convention

The Brampton Conservator was awarded the "Oscar" of weekly newspaper publishing at the annual meeting of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association in Vancouver.

The Conservator was voted the best all-round newspaper in its class — large weekly newspapers with a circulation of at least 3,000 — and was awarded the Mason Trophy.

Second and third places were claimed by the Midland Free Press Herald and The Yorkton (Sask.) Enterprise.

An award for the best editorial page in the over 3,000 circulation class was won by The Swift Current (Sask.) Sun. Runners up were the Newmag, Ket Era and Express, second, and the Tillsonburg News and the Yorkton (Sask.) Enterprise, both tied for third place.

The Brampton Conservator also won first honours in the best front page competition. Second and third were The Fort Credit Weekly and the Midland Free Press Herald.

In another division of the competitions, The Oakville Trafalgar Journal was selected as the most outstanding weekly newspaper in Canada with a circulation of more than 2,000. Close contenders were the Courtenay (BC) Comox District Free Press and The Aurora Banner. Winners of the best editorial page competition were: first, The Oakville Trafalgar Journal; 2nd, The Melville (Sask.) Advance; third,

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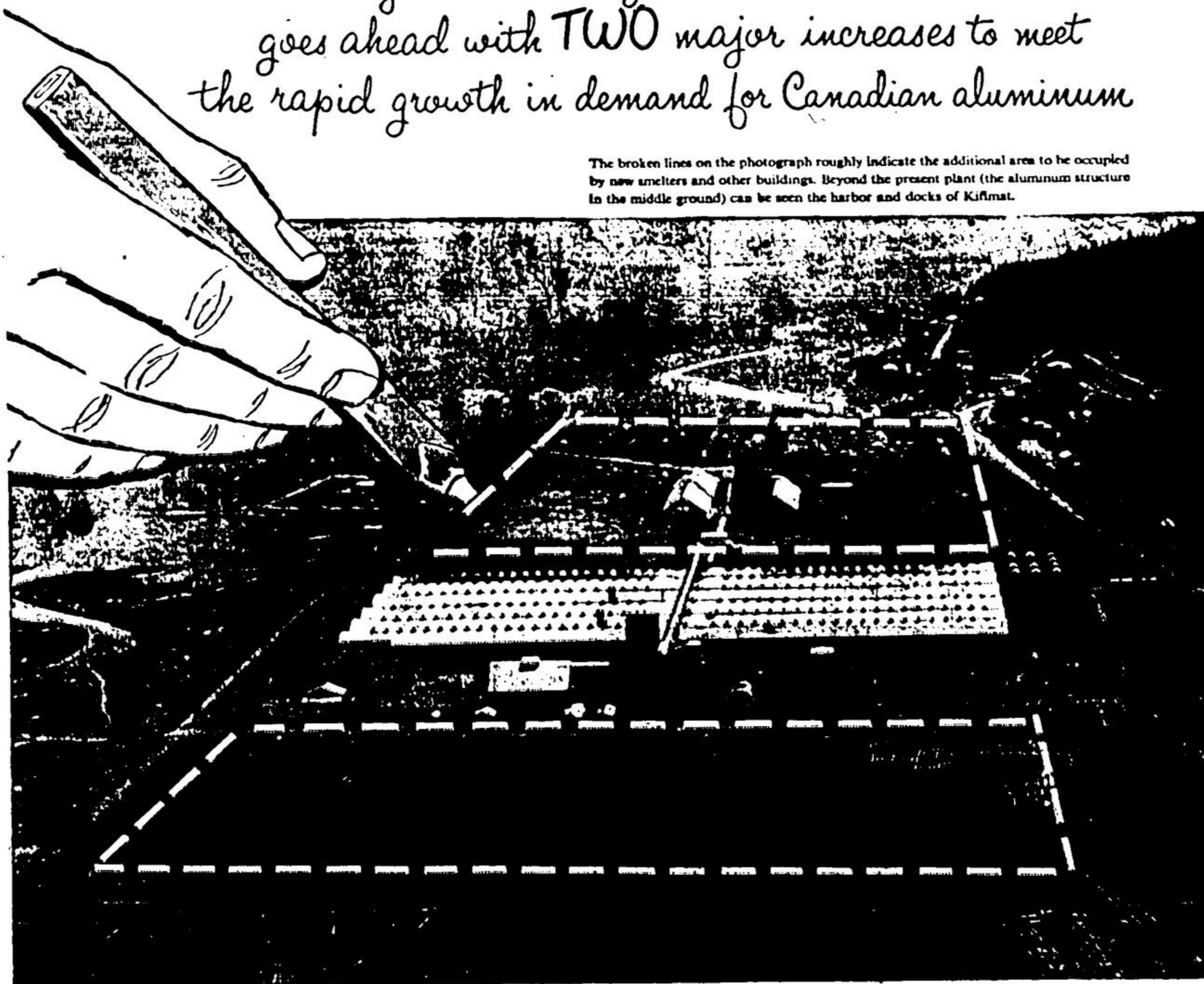
trict Free Press; second, The Oakville Trafalgar Journal; third, The Mission City (BC) Fraser Valley Record.

Next public holiday is Thanksgiving day which this year comes on Monday, October 10th.

# Kitimat grows

Already Alcan's big new West Coast smelter goes ahead with TWO major increases to meet the rapid growth in demand for Canadian aluminum

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