

# Christian Bikers defend column concerning the Witnesses...



**KEEPIN' IN TRACK**

Postponed a week because of inclement weather, the Georgetown YM-YWCA's annual Walk-a-jog-athon finally took place Saturday at Fairgrounds Park. As well as raising funds for the Y through sponsors' pledges, these energetic youngsters welcomed the chance to compete for special prizes, including a record player, a radio sweatshirt and gift certificates. Among the international Y concerns expected to benefit from the Walk-a-jog-athon are community projects in the shantytowns of Peru. About \$2,000 is expected to be raised from this year's run. (Herald photo by Harold Bransch)

## Letters to the Editor

To the editor of The Herald:  
I think you print a fine paper and your workers do a great job.

This letter is in response to the attack on Bob Ollivier's article on Jehovah's Witnesses (letter to the editor May 12), which by the way was very tactfully written. The letter by the Jehovah's Witnesses PR man was a wise comeback avoiding the truth and throwing the public eye at Bob. What of Bob's comments on the false prophesying of the world ending? No mention was made of that.

Here are some reports right from their own "Awake" and "Watchtower":

Who Is A Prophet of God?

"The three essentials for establishing the credentials of the true prophet, as given through Moses, were: the true prophet would speak in Jehovah's name; the things foretold would come to pass (Deut. 18:20-22); and his prophesying must promote true worship, being in harmony with God's revealed word and commandments."

The Watchtower Society of Jehovah's Witnesses claim to be a Prophet of God.

This "prophet" is not one man, but is a body of men and women. It is the small group of footstep followers of Jesus Christ, known at that time as International Bible Students. Today they are known as Jehovah's Christian witnesses. Of course, it is easy to say that this group acts as a "prophet" of God. It is another thing to prove it. The only way that this can be done is to review the record. What does it show?

Review The Record - What Does It Show?

1889 - "The battle of the great day of God Almighty (Rev. 16:14), which will end in A.D. 1914 with the complete overthrow of earth's present rulership is already commenced." THE TIME IS AT HAND p. 101 (1908 edition).

1916 - "The Bible chronology herein presented shows that the six great 1000 year days beginning with Adam are ended, and that the great 7th Day, the 1000 years of Christ's Reign, began in 1873." THE TIME IS AT HAND p. 2 (forward).

1918 - "Therefore we may confidently expect that 1925 will mark the return of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the faithful prophets of old, particularly those named by the Apostle in Hebrews 11, to the condition of human perfection." MILLIONS NOW LIVING WILL NEVER DIE, p. 89.

1922 - "The date 1925 is even more distinctly indi-

cated by the Scriptures than 1914. WT 9-1-22, p. 262.

1923 - "Our thought is, that 1925 is definitely settled by the Scriptures. As to Noah, the Christian now has much more upon which to base his faith than Noah had upon which to base his faith in a coming deluge." WT, p. 106.

1925 - "The year 1925 is here. With great expectation Christians have looked forward to this year. Many have confidently expected that all members of the body of Christ will be changed to heavenly glory during this year. This may be accomplished. It may not be. In his own due time God will

accomplish his purposes concerning his people. Christians should not be so deeply concerned about what may transpire this year." WT 1-1-25, p. 3.

1926 - "Some anticipated that the work would end in 1925, but the Lord did not state so. The difficulty was, that the friends inflated their imaginations beyond reason; and that when their imaginations burst asunder, they were inclined to throw away everything." THE WATCHTOWER, p. 232.

1941 - "Receiving the gift, the marching children clasped it to them, not a toy or plaything for idle pleasure but the Lord's provided instrument for most effective work in the

remaining months before Armageddon." WT 9-15-41, p. 288.

1968 - "True, there have been those in times past who predicted an "end" to the world, even announcing a specific date. Yet nothing happened. The "end" did not come. They were guilty of false prophesying. Why? What was missing? Missing from such people were God's truths and the evidence that He was using and guiding them. AWAKE 10-8-68, See Luke 21:8.

FIND GOD IN CHRIST. Why follow an organization that is a proven false prophet? It is a serious thing for you to do. Don't put your hopes in a human organization for the arm of flesh will fail you (Jer. 17:5). Put your hope in Christ (Col. 1:27). Those who follow a false prophet will be destroyed with the false prophet (1 Peter 2:17-19). Follow God's

counsel in Romans 10:8-13. He will not fail you.

God does not have a "one true organization" today. He has individuals millions of them, who have looked to Jesus as THE WAY, THE TRUTH, and THE LIFE (John 14:6). They have put their trust and confidence in Him for forgiveness of sin and are forgiven (1 John 1:7-9), therefore, they are in THE Way, they are in THE Truth, and they have THE Life, because they are "in Christ" (11 Cor. 5:18; 1 John 5:10-13) and their sins are blotted out. These millions of individuals comprise the "body of Christ" (Romans 12:5, 1 Cor. 12:12,13).

Let the TRUTH be made known to all. Please do not think that this is a "hate" movement on this cult. We love them in Christ and wish them to be set free by the TRUTH. Please do not feel sorry for them, and allow them in your home, for they are very well trained in deception and false teaching.

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## ...and Bob, too

To the editor of The Herald:

I feel that I must use the medium of the Letters to the Editor page to reply to the letter from Walter Graham, public relations officer for the Jehovah's Witnesses. I will itemize and reply in order:

- 1) Mr. Graham states I did not check my facts. The facts were checked and were stated as correct.
- 2) The reason I did not ask for information at the Jehovah's Witness headquarters here is I do not like the idea of a guard house at the main gate of a religious organization.
- 3) I am not using The Herald to "vent my personal prejudices."
- 4) There was no mention of hate in my column of May 5, or any other column for that matter. Also there is no hate campaign except in the minds of the Jehovah's Witnesses themselves. In this way they seek the sympathetic people of the world as converts.
- 5) Further light may be shown by reading "In The Churches" of May 14.

The item used May 5 was a nationally released news item and was used as such. Mr. Graham neglected to mention the Jehovah's Witnesses had to print their own Bible to back up what they had been teaching. This makes for many and great misunderstandings between Jehovah's Witnesses and Christians. God's Holy Word tells us in Revelation 22:18 and 19, that we must not add to, nor take away from this holy book.

Mr. Graham, in his letter states "the Bible's promise of the incoming world government by Jesus Christ that will affect the future of THIS generation." Is this another of their datings of the end times of the world? Once again referring to the scriptures we are told, "no man knoweth the day nor the hour" or as it is in Acts 1:7 "it is not for you to know the times or the seasons."

Thank you,

R.C. (Bob) Ollivier

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