

ON ACCELERATION

You will remember that last year when I was sent out I issued all of you an invitation to my fiftieth birthday, which I planned to celebrate in Sudtonggan. I mentioned it once before, but I'll tell you again now, any of you who aren't fifty yet need to go to Sudtonggan and just sit down and wait. Let them celebrate your 50th birthday for you. I'm going to work on it so a few years from now I'll be able to tell you what it means to be 50. I've got another month to go before I'm not 50 any more, but in the last 11 months I spent 4 weeks in Sudtonggan and I spent 2 weeks in Kwang Yung Il and I just returned from 3 weeks in England. Oh, I also spent some time in 5th City. As you know, I just go to represent you. I wouldn't go on my own - I just go to represent the Guardians. The trouble is, I can never say, "No" when they call with an assignment. There's an agricultural team going out in January to El Bayad, and, for the record, well, if somebody calls ... So, if I happen to be assigned, I can make myself available.

Just a word on Sudtonggan. I know any of you that have ever been to a project never have any doubts about why you are there or whether you're doing the thing you should be doing, or whether it was worth the money. I want you to know, I have a doubt sometimes. But I'm telling you whenever I ask myself whether it's worth it or not I think about walking out on the veranda of that house there in Sudtonggan. I see those young fishermen coming over that hill when it's barely daylight to start talking to the house about the plans for the fishing boat. They have a bounce in their step and a sparkle in their eye that you would not have seen before. Then, for me it's worth it. I would not ask you to agree with that, but ... You wonder whether it's worth it and you're dead tired. Hale and I would get up and leave right after worship in the morning and wouldn't come back until late at night sometimes. Other times you made it back in time for the happy hour. I had an assignment to get a sewing machine, because they wanted to make uniforms for the pre-school. And we were to stop by Singer company and see if they would donate a sewing machine, but when we got there we found that they were all electric. Trouble is, we didn't have a generator at that time, therefore no electricity. So I had to go back and report on the machine: (and I never like to go back and tell everybody I lost). They are waiting out there when you get back to the house, "How did you make out with the sewing machine?" and I say, "Well, we're working on it." Well, in the meantime, Hale and I had stopped by the "1896 Bar", which is in Lapu Lapu City, not to have a drink necessarily, but to wait for the next taxi cab. While we were there, we ran into a Peace Corps young lady - a fine young lady - and Hale just happened to mention to her what we were doing today, and would she happen to have a sewing machine? In a bar - and you know what her answer was? She had one. This is the truth. They had two of those pedal

types like my mother used to use to patch my pants. They had two of them that had been sent down there a year or so ago for a project that had never gotten off the ground, and the machines were just sitting over there drawing dust. One of them still worked, and they brought it out to the project the next day. There are people that care. Yes, it's worth it.

The windmill. You know we talked alot about windmills at the last Guardians' meeting. I'm not going to go into the windmill story. Some of you know it, but whoever we take over there to build windmills, we need to do some work here first. And I'm serious about this now. So we don't go over to a project and start experimenting with windmills and find out we don't have enough wind or something. You may not know it, but it makes a difference on velocity. Being a transportation man, I figured that out right away. In Sudtonggan there's a little hand pump outside and if you want a bath or some water, that's where it comes from. The pipe runs over into the holding tank (it's 110 gallons) and I counted, and it takes 2,236 pumps to fill that tank one time. And, just for the house needs the tank has to be filled at least twice a day. Hale and I spent one whole day (plus Quimby and I spent 2 days in Manila) just looking for a little gasoline run pump, because that is a lot of pumping. I found out who does the pumping. If you want to eat, if you want to dring, if you want your tea, then you help do the pumping. When we went out looking, the only thing we could find was a water pump with a two-inch pipe that would handle 100 gallons of water in 30 seconds! And this Chinese businessman was bound and determined he could help solve our problem by selling us this big pump, so that we could fill our tank in 30 seconds. He didn't realize that it might have sucked that rock right up with it. There's just not enough water down there.

So anyhow, those are some of the issues with a project. Hale mentioned about the veterinarian who spent several months in Sudtonggan. That's a great thing. And somehow, we need to get some of these churches or institutions or colleges doing that kind of support. That's just a great happening. It probably did the church more good than it did the project or the vet that they sent over there to do those rabbits. In fact, I'm available if they want to send me ...

The other thing I want to mention about Sudtonggan is that we got two goats to start our goat farm. The only trouble is, they're both male. They are having a little problem raising goats at this moment. We're going to try to solve that. We're going to ask them to send us either one female or two females in order to even the thing out. If anybody's got a female goat, I'll trade you for one male.

Now, in Jeju. I represented you in Jeju for the World's Fair. Going back to the last Guardians' meeting in April, you remember I talked to some of you, and about a dozen of you said you would try to make it to Jeju if we were called on to go. I had your names down on a list. Then about a week before the Fair actually happened, I got the call, because we always do things with plenty of time in advance - give you plenty of notice and all that. I got this call and it looked like the Fair was really going to come off, so I had

better get some Guardians together. I said, "How many do you want?", and the wisdom came out, they needed eight. True story, I made 11 calls and eight of us went. If they had said nine I would have probably had to call that twelfth one. If you haven't got your passports yet, be sure to get them. At least throw them in your dresser drawer and have them ready. If you haven't got the money that you can borrow or in your kids' school account, savings account, or those war bonds that your folks left you, go ahead and borrow it and put it in a safe deposit box and just leave it there. Or put it in a savings account and let it draw interest. But just leave it there handy just in case you get a quick call, because Jim may want you to go to Wales with him. Kneisely may want you to go to Bayad with him. You never know. So be prepared.

Now, one thing on Jeju. There were 15 of us that took off from Chicago and went over there. We got into Seoul and because of bad weather on Jeju Island they were not flying the airplane. Therefore we all took the bus and went out to the Seoul House. 80 people showed up out there, and Mary Work - bless her heart, she's an angel - never frowned once. Here we were in this little bitty courtyard. We all showed up with our luggage and it just filled the courtyard, so Mary came out and announced, "no problem", we were to stay there for the night. Actually, the women will stay in the house and the men will go to the inn down the street a few blocks. One of the great things about this outfit is the great individuals that you get to meet and drink with and work hard with. One of the greatest ones I've met in a long time is Chief Frank Brave Bull from Cannon Ball. He went with us. We got ready to go down to the inn, and being a self-appointed leader, I made the suggestion that we not take all the bags, because it's hot, so why not just take what we need and leave the rest. Some of them did want to take their bags, and Frank felt he should take his with him, so he said, "As long as you're not carrying anything, would you mind helping me to get my bags all down to the inn?" I went down early to arrange the thing, and I looked out of the entrance and here came big Jim Philips, and he had not only his bags; he had bags on his shoulders, on the top of his head, everywhere. Then I looked over at the chief, and he had nothing. I walked over to Frank and asked him how he was doing, and he said, "Fine." Then I walked over to Jim and I said, "Jim, I know how he got to be chief." I wish he were here. I like to kid him about that.

Those flags you see over here were there in a row as we came in for the fair, and a great day it was. To see the gong that was presented. It's up in the Great Hall. When they stood up to celebrate the 24 with that thing and rang it, I tell you it sent chills up my spine. I'm not usually a romantic or anything, but I tell you I was very proud to be a part of this group as that gong chimed all the way around from 5th City through the 24 to celebrate Kwang Yung Il.

Now, the Isle of Dogs. I was over there the week before last. Last year at this time you will recall that Jim and Laverne were in London in the Isle of Dogs working and they sent Moffett a long telegram in order to sell Pug Shoes to everyone. And, remember, Moffett read about the Pug shoe in-

dustry they were starting in the Isle of Dogs as part of their economic programme. And we took orders and you recall it was then that they said to be sure when you send your order back to draw the outline of your foot, cut it out and mark it left or right. So, when I got over there I wanted to see the Pug shoe factory. You've got to understand that the orders were placed last year. Some of us still haven't received our shoes. Jim Taylor is still waiting for his, and Jack Gilles is waiting for his, and maybe a few others. You know, they pressured us to get these shoes, buy these shoes, get this big order in. So, when I got on the bus I told the bus driver I wanted to go to the Pug shoe factory. I imagined this big building with smokestacks coming out of it, a lot of people running in and out, this assembly line pumping along, sewing shoes, gluing rubber soles on, coming out of production, being wrapped, shipped, going into the big London docks and away they go. Pug shoes all over. When he stopped he said, "This is where you wanted to get off." All I saw was this little bitty church. I started to tell him, "No, I wanted the Pug Shoe Factory", but my Mother always said, "Don't say it more than once". (Because she didn't want to raise any real dumb kids, you know.) So I walked into this church very quietly, and I wanted to see the Production Manager. He was there. I said, "Where are the employees?" And again, it was a question I asked only once. He was working only 23 hours a day. He was strictly production. The Shipping Department comes later in the project. There was a long list up there that said "Taylor" and "Gilles". I told him, "No problem with me, just a visit." And I could cut his shipping costs in half. I told him Gilles was going to Maliwada in a couple of weeks anyway, and he could just stop by and pick up his. He has one ready, and I figure if he stays a couple of years, on the way back the guy will have the other one ready.

There is only one viable economic entity, and I say this to my colleagues who set up the Consult (and I contributed to it heavily). There are 27 pubs on the Island, and they all do well. Now I don't know who on that board during the Consult put a shoe factory up there, but when the next economic team goes in there, they should probably go in and set up a pub, and then we could all leave the place.

Now, my assignment was to talk on acceleration. That was my introduction. But I'll save acceleration for another time. If I was going to say anything about it, I would say, "If you want to be 100% alive for 24 hours a day, social demonstration is what you've been waiting for all your life. If you want to be authentically engaged, and I can't say that strongly enough, 24 hours a day, if you want to be wide awake no matter how tired you are, 24 hours a day, and if you haven't read Rob Duffy's opening address to the Global Research Assembly last summer where in his poetry he said the only thing he ever felt like these days was a human being, I began to get some sense this year of what he's talking about. Shakespeare said something to the effect that angels rush in where fools fear to tread (and for you Shakespearean students, if he didn't say it that way, he should have). I don't know; you and I just showed up caring. It's not good and it's no great thing. I don't even know why it happens. We talked about the fact that there are only two kinds of people in the world, which I deeply believe. There are those who care and those who don't care. And that's it."

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The question comes, how you and I act out our caring. And that's something only you and I can answer for ourselves. Our wives can't keep our conscience, nor can our husbands. Your boss can't keep your conscience.

Well, I've said enough, and so now I'm going to ask all of you to take care of yourselves, and I'm serious. Take care of yourselves.