



Weekly Report: Deployed Order

November 26, 1968

...my happiness did indeed arise from the same secret as the happiness in dreams; it arose from the freedom to experience everything imaginable simultaneously, to exchange outward and inward easily, to move Time and Space about like scenes in a theatre. And as we League brothers traveled throughout the world without motor-cars or ships, as we conquered the war-shattered world by our faith and transformed it into Paradise, we creatively brought the past, the future and the fictitious into the present moment.... Hesse

Journey to the East

RELIGIOUS HOUSES

NORTH

Chicago Religious House--Hyde Park

Micronet calling and training has continued. A follow-up model for week-night courses has been developed and implemented in Naperville and LaGrange. Eleven week-night courses have been definitely scheduled for the Winter quarter; six more are tentatively set.

The longest deployed House emissary, Themora Fishel, has returned from a three-week visit with grand parents in Florida.

House evaluation schedule calls for individual evaluations in Hyde Park and Rockford on Thursday and Friday, a joint Thanksgiving celebration on Friday in Rockford, and joint evaluation Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday.

Chicago Religious House--Rockford

Corporate planned sermon given by Don at First Methodist in Beloit, Wis., Sunday. Topic, "The Church's Role in Global Education."

Calling model based on new Metro Grid built and put into effect.

College--had breakthrough conversation on "How prayer is answered" with Longs and Meyers last Thursday.

Massive work day Saturday saw all first floor floors cleaned and waxed and furniture rearranged in preparation for final decorating. More about that later. Jane

SOUTH

Atlanta Religious House

We "could not escape ascending life"--and therefore announce the addition of our 18th child in the House: John Daniel Powell on November 16.

Permeation and Propagation Division says there are abounding possibilities for Permeation experiment in the Atlanta Region; that Academy recruiting is continuing and that the House Log has begun.

Style Ministry Division is still pursuing an overall Time Design, and reports that the House has decided to study Toward a New Left in Tuesday Collegium and Warriors of God in Thursday Collegium; still struggling with Teresa in Thurs. College.

Penetration-Formulation reports that long range planning has begun as the quarter ends, and the December Calendar is being finalized.

Internal Signal happening--a decision to send Gail Galtere to Nursing School (on a Voc. Rehab. Scholarship). Also, Rodney Foster has started work as a senior counselor with the E.O.A. Grace and Peace.

WEST

Los Angeles Religious House

Good courses and conversations following with regional leaders around the area last weekend.

Have visited in all metros with in the L.A. region except Las Vegas. Course follow-up structure one imperative!

We are all in the house, but still have former occupants until Dec. 1. Therefore common space extremely tight but we can all fit in and are looking forward to a visit from the Phoenix Clarks over Thanksgiving. For the House, Doris

EAST

Boston Religious House

Began study of Teresa. Find here very pushy in spite of what appears at first glance to be a second story universe.

Continued visitation of regional leadership in the parish.

Signal Event--cadre formation meeting in Etna which simultaneously recruited four PLC registrations. for RHB Dave Z.

DEPLOYED FAMILIES

NORTH

Looni's Family

External: Terry taught in R.S.I last weekend. Good course, 40 people. A formulation meeting night to set up a structure for follow up on course grads. Pedagogy weekend planned for Dec. 6-8, hopefully all participants will be teaching next quarter as 3rd teachers. We are data gathering in the event of deciding where the signal parish will be. Toss up between Wayzata, and the University South East area--a community near the University of Minnesota.

Internal: Decided with some tightening of an already 'tightened belt,' we could have Mike Ware live with us. Now trying to get admission to Marshal University High School. Looking forward to his arrival. Jean was told officially that she is now on the 'permanent staff' at her work. We have little time for cultural events.

WEST

Prather Family

External--Hale's school is going well. The seminary situation at this time in history relative to the church is desperate. Rampant vocational crisis! Even the Franciscans have moved their novices up from Santa Barara to Berkeley and are living in an abandoned Fraternity house. The Religious House seems to be replacing old Fraternity Houses.

Internal--Our symbols went up this week! David's room has also been decorated with a map of the world--upside down. Hale

INTERNATIONAL

EAST

Kuala Lumpur Religious House

A week spent in model building and nitty gritty.

Created budget model, administrative grid, and course schedule for January-February. (Decided to stay with E.I. quarterly schedule on same months.) Set 10 RSI's for Jan. Feb. and 3 PICs.

Set Nov. 29-Dec.1 as second KL course and secured a friary to hold it in. Will spend December travelling and mailing toward recruiting Jan.-Feb. courses.

Stan took 3 day excursion to a smaller town to visit a local school teacher and schools in that area.

Purchased a 9 foot x 4 foot blackboard on a stand with bulletin board on reverse side for \$25--brand new. (Some things are less.)

Eagerly awaiting materials for course on Tuesday and news from base.
Zoe, Ken, Mary, and Kjell et al.

CHICAGO

Base Report.

Highlight of the week was House Church which was moved to Monday night in order to celebrate the Edgar Chandler family. On the occasion of their leaving the Church Federation here to take up leadership of the Church Federation in Wooster, Mass. Among the guests were Charlie Stewart and Charles Churchill from Fifth City, the Hyde Park Religious House and members of the Board. Highlights of the evening were short informal talks by David Wood, Joe Mathews Mr. and Mrs. Chandler; as well as claiming promises for the future for the Chandler family...by the whole order. The crucial role they played in the development of the Ecumenical Institute was emphasized by song "The Ballad of Edgar Chandler" which we've included.

Other events last week were the reading of the bans for Bill Alerding and Barbara Williams. The wedding is planned for this Sunday..the IE is on the press and the Academy brochure mailing is planned for this week...The order calendar for December was decided on...As well as the details of Thanksgiving.

One occurrence that may help you to assess the effect of the Rose article in Christianity and Crisis was a telephone call which came to our switchboard asking to speak to Stephen Rose (on our staff???)


We welcome the Europe and Africa teams to the growing network of order groups who have subscribed to this news service...
Good night Chet???

Grace and Peace

Base

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December 2, 1958



"...I am still confronted with chaos. But I have vowed not to give in, and in the moment of making this vow a happy memory passed through my mind like a ray of sunshine. It was similar, it seemed to me, quite similar to how I felt when we commenced our expedition; then also we undertook something apparently impossible, then also we apparently traveled in the dark, not knowing our direction and not having the slightest prospects. Yet we had within us something stronger than reality or probability, and that was faith in the meaning and necessity of our action. I shuddered at the recollection of this sentiment, and at the moment of this blissful shudder, everything became clear, everything seemed possible again." Hesse

Journey to the East

RELIGIOUS HOUSES

NORTH

Chicago Religious House--Hyde Park

Thursday was spent in evaluation. The major breakthrough was a lengthy discussion on policy--how consensus is achieved, what it means to have an individual "no" to a corporate "yes" and how the individual and the group deal with this.

The Thanksgiving dinner-celebration was held in the evening.

The BIG DAY finally arrived--the first birthday celebration in the Hyde Park House honored Frank Palmer's 27th year.

We are now out of hot water--literally, until the water heater is repaired or replaced. Mary, for the House.

Chicago Religious House--Rockford

Calling/visitation continuing in all sectors. Recruitment in Milwaukee done for college course in Chicago.

Base meeting of District Superintendents has born fruit as a positive stance with Jamesville District Superintendent Formulation meeting for Metro Council held in Rockford on Sunday.

Celebration on Thanksgiving planned for house. College colleagues.

Arrival of Steve Cable from Costa Rica expected on 29th.

EAST

Boston Religious House

regional visitation continuing. Ready to launch a regional visitation with help of region.

Thanksgiving celebration festive. Children had a trip to Plymouth Rock and Mayflower as a part of the stew that went into the celebration.

Major undertaking--work in the deeps ordering the foundations of the house. Cleaned basement.

Special Thanksgiving guest Lela Jahn.

Grace and peace, David Zhart

EAST

Los Angeles Religious House

Regional Council Meeting last Saturday in an unbelievable Monastery (Benedict Castle) in Riverside. New images of corporate-ness in regions were key occurrences along with work on a grad follow-up construct.

Thanksgiving--great celebration. Hung iron cross in context of covenant conversation (Mayflower, et al.)

John Clark family--first visitors here for weekend. Brought huge Aztec calendar atop their car as gift to House. Looking forward to weekend of good work. For L.A. House, Doris.

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE Kuala Lumpur Religious House

Grace and peace be unto you--

written from the Singapore--Kuala Lumpur train. Excuse the angles. Barley, Barley, and K. Knutsen returning from PIC and RSI Singapore.

Singapore recruiters had not made clear the package nature of the courses so as had many visitors and hard to say how many participants! Roughly around 8 clergy and 13-14 laymen were there fairly consistently. PIC was only six sessions long which didn't help. Both courses were a struggle--not as positive as KL but not negative.

We visited with the Bishop this morning. He is delightful!

We celebrated Wayne Marshall's birthday--sent out our first mass mailing to KL people for this weekend's course. (120). Will send a copy of our brochure and grid (the imaginal one). Planned December and it looks busier than now.

The Lord be with you.

The Global House, Kuala Lumpur

Dear Colleagues:

Berkeley--Weather Family

Dear Colleagues: Our region experimented this past week-end with having a 1/2 day pedagogy guild starting at 7. on Friday, resuming at 4:30 Sat. morning and going through till 10:00 Sat evening. Other than the wierd feeling of having a prior conversation at 1:00 in the morning it came off well. Bob, Nancy and I were there.

On Sunday we went down to San Jose and did a follow-up on Nancy's report there.

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Grace and Peace Hale

Minneapolis--Loomis Family: No Report.

CHICAGO

Dear Reporter

The big news from Base...Thanksgiving celebration tops this week's news items. Main focus--the procession inside. Highlights of the day were the giving of gifts by the colleges during the offering. The gifts were to symbolize the style demanded for the future of the college. Among the gifts were a bowl of rice, an alarm clock, strips of colored cloth, a suitcase, and a banner with a quote from St. Theresa on it. Five roast turkeys with appropriate conversations followed. The rest of the day was given over to families. (Evening buffet featured fresh bananas, apples, etc.)...The order cultural event for this quarter occurred Wed. night when we went to see "The Red Gentle" a Scandinavian film which was "a parody on the western mindset" (quote from anonymous film critic)...Three sessions of Friday and Saturday were spent in an all order study stressing the Charting methodology--J.M.'s comments are being transcribed and we plan to send them out next week. Papers studied were H.K. Heibauer "Purpose of the Church," G.K.'s "Sickness Unto Death" and Bonhoeffer's "Community"...Friday evening was spent on an initial college evaluation session...perhaps the most devastating occurrence was the breakdown of the main boiler (Frank--the fan motor had to be rewound) which has kept us in a chilly atmosphere. A flurry of activity here points to this weekend and next week as the month of evaluation pushes ahead...Australia writes wanting to know where their 100 copies of Kazantzakis are!! (Keep those orders coming.)

Grace and Peace,

Base

(What was that about base abounding???)

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"It was not for me to convert Lukas, but I gave him some corrected information; for instance, that our League was in to way an off-shoot of the post-war years, but that it had extended through out the whole of world history, sometimes, to be sure, under the surface, but in an unbroken line, that even certain phases of the World War were nothing else but stages in the history of our League; further, that Zoroaster, Lao Tse, Plato, Xenophon, Pythagoras, Albertus Magnus, Don Quixote, Tristram Shandy, Novalis and Baudelaire were co-founders and brothers of our League. He smiled exactly in the way that I expected."

RELIGIOUS HOUSES

EAST

Boston Religious House

Presentation to Boston University School of Theology follows on the heels of same to Andover-Newton School of Theology to explore possibilities of Seminary consult.

Plans being made for Regional Presidency Dec. 7, 1968.

Regional visitation model finally reached critical mass.

26 pastors visited this week.

7 opportunities discovered, pot. power.

speaking engagement and mini consult with cadre.

Signal event--group of Clergy and Laity (RC and Prot) visit House to consult on establishing a catalytic cadre in virgin territory in New Hampshire.

Cadre launched.

Grace and Peace, David Zwart

WEST

Los Angeles Religious House

Tribal resettlement, resettlement, resettlement, resettlement, resettlement completed for fall quarter. Raising the possibility of not resettling for winter quarter. Phoenix Clerks visit over Thanksgiving weekend a great event. Fall quarter evaluation almost completed. Corporate space was occupied Tuesday AM with decisions about decor emerging. For the House, Charles

SOUTH

Atlanta Religious House

Religious House A reports that it is in the midst of intensive planning for the ensuing quarter--on the heels of a depth evaluation of this quarter. Signal event of this past week was a visit by 3 Trappist monks from a nearby monastery. The monks were guests at our Thursday college session and shared with us

insights into their own order monastic life in general. They were also helpful participants in the Teresa study. We will be having an open house Friday 12-6-68 (preceding Regional Presidium) for colleagues from across the region; we're looking forward to this event as a sort of "first" relative to our movement relationships.

Grace and Peace, Jim A.

NORTH

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Chicago Religious House: Rockford.

Signal event of this week was a special Thanksgiving celebration at which The Don Long family was present. The total Chicago house evaluation on the weekend, and our Wednesday guest night that saw 3 couples in the Rockford area who may be related to the college. (Winter quarter.) The signal event of our weekend evaluation was the college evaluation session.

Chicago Religious House—Hyde Park

Joint evaluation with Rockford was hard work, but exciting. The exchange of House models was most helpful. One result has been the remodeling of our work structures for House enablement.

We have models for (temporary cellar living—air mattresses and sleeping bags.

Guests Thursday night were Jim and Dianne Scorgie from Micro 2, South Sector, Chicago. Conversations centered on the inadequacy of the church in our times, particularly in changing neighborhoods.

Mary

INTERNATIONAL

EAST

Kuala Lumpur Global Religious House

Grace and peace be unto you--

We have completed the fourth and final course of this quarter a second course in K.L. Had 9 participants--that's the hard way to get to 500. Was a struggle beginning to end but a genuine one without any complicating Westerners. The Asian does not turn a corner like an American--have never felt so insecure teaching but is still seems to us things are going well.. Tried another pattern--Fri. night Go--Sat. A.M. they all work so resumed Sat. at 2 p.m.--finished Sun. around 5 pm. Movie in the morning is a little wild.

Were thankful to receive Thanksgiving material on Thanksgiving Day. Not exactly a holiday here. Ken preached at the American Service--about 40-50 present. We had celebration at 7 p.m. and knew as we finished you were just beginning the Daily Office.

Would like to have 12 Eucharists sent in next packet--using typed copies. Had iron cross mounted on red background framed in black--still have much decor work to do.

Stanley in Buddhist monastery in Penang--we await his return and report this week.

Appreciate the Voices very much! Our best source of news. Don't forget to deposit the Barley salary.

from the Global
House: Kuala Lumpur

DEPLOYED FAMILIES

Minneapolis--Loomis Family

Glad to welcome back a spirit colleague--John Foss, from the Academy. He gave a report to metro council meeting last Saturday. Also, had report from Rev. Tom Downs of Green Bay, Wisconsin. He was visiting Minneapolis over the week end and is going to try to attend presidium. Steve Wright from Maculister College is planning on attending the next Academy session. Possibility of two more participants from area. A penetration meeting this evening.

INTERVAL: Decided to now include a few people from the region in our Surrey House Church. Last Sunday was the first time, with John Foss and Steve Wright present. Had visit over weekend from Len Vogt. All of our university students who rent the upstairs rooms are leaving at the end of the quarter. So, we have to advertise again. We plan to write a quarter report and send it in this week. Terry is writing a paper on the sacramental movement for school.

Grace and peace, Terry Loomis Family

San Francisco--Purther Family

Dear Colleagues:

On Wednesday we went to a cadre meeting of the East Bay metro where we had a follow-up meeting for those who had just taken RS-1. David seems to be doing well at his day school. It is a program partly run by head-start funds. We take him to school every morning at eight and pick him up about four in the afternoon. He considers himself one of the boys now and insists that he always wears pocket-pants not those slip on baby pants with no pockets. He understands himself to be a adult-scholar.

Grace and Peace, Nancy and Hale

BASE HOUSE REPORT

BIG NEWS.. Last week was a week of evaluation and preparation for the accounting section of the order council this weekend. Highlight of the week was the reports and questions period regarding the deployment. Time Line:

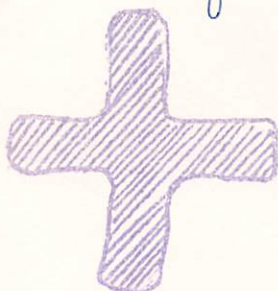
FRI	SAT am	SAT pm	SAT eve.	SUN
Rel. House Reports	Convers. on Rel. Hse led by Jop	Sch City Wedding Pat Jackson	College Reports	Division Reports

We will send extra copies of the reports back with your representatives. Research is also compiling an abstract of the transcription of the weekend which will be ready next week. The Piarce and the Allardings are about 2/3 packed and plan to leave Wed. A.M. Mack Pearce has arrived from Cleveland and will be part of the team assigned to the Religious House, Sydney.

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RELIGIOUS HOUSES

WEST

Los Angeles Religious House

Grace and Peace, Good meetings around region in the nature of follow-up formulation.

Functioned as enablement center for winter quarter brochure production and mailing. As well as late night Presidium briefings.

Enjoyed visit from Pierces and Alerdings on next-to-last leg of their journey before continental departure. Word at the airport was "No visa--no entry into Australia; no embassy between San Francisco and Sydney." So with luggage firmly ensconced in plane to Tahiti, the fivesome left for San Francisco at noon to procure visas. Doris.

NORTH

Chicago Religious House--Hyde Park

Priors from five houses were present for dinner last Monday. It was a learning experience--some learned to play pool; others ping pong.

Plans have been made for joint Christmas and New Year's celebrations with Rockford.

The last two Saturday mornings have been spent in work on the House. The basement has been cleaned. Christmas decor has been put up and a start made on implementing long-range decor models.

SOUTH

Atlanta Religious HouseSignal Events Internal:

Work day on time to prepare for open house.
Nigg study came alive in chapter on St. Anthony.
Internal struggle. Pility time design.

Signal Event--missional:

Open house for region--
2 sessions--Fri. evening, introducing session with 40-50 people,
20 of which stayed the night in the basement on army cots.

Saturday Morning Session Collegium: 50 additional people attended.
Highlight of open house--chicken dinner with white wine.

EAST

Boston Religious House

Lane Erakine and David Zhart have continued visiting in the region last week in New Hampshire and the farthest points of Maine. The regional presidium was held over the weekend at the Edwards Church in Framingham. Attended by more than 50 people. The internal life of the House has continued with the Nigg and Theresa study. The whole house attended advent service and supper at the Edwards Church last Sunday. Glenda and Stan Long, a movement couple (Summers 65, 66, 67) from N.J. were weekend visitors. The 12 children from the House come home from school on Thurs. at noon and have been taking trips--last week to the Fine Arts Museum in Boston. Previous trips have been to the Mayflower and the Prudential Building. Grace and Peace, Ruth M.

NORTH

Chicago Religious House--Rockford

Time was spent in reflection of Hyde Park/Rockford evaluation session held last week. Pushed on winter quarter imperatives.

Study of Harrington and Teresa continuing. Visitation of grads in Dixon and Mt. Morris. Guest night established for Wed. evenings. First evening had 2 movement couples--3 couples this past week.

House held hearth side Advent celebration with children.
Rockford House

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

EAST

Global Religious House: Kuala Lumpur

Week spent in recruitment planning and initial steps toward next quarter. Prepared brochure for Jan-Feb quarter and it is now being printed. Would have hated to have negotiated it if we didn't know the business--language and machine types were barrier enough. I still shudder thinking what it may look like instead of what it's meant to look like. Paper is very expensive here--none made in Malaysia.

Spent time on our mailing list--is almost totally wrong as it now appears on E.I. list. We will be sending a new list with recommendations for a regional sort system and requesting to do our own mailing if I.E.'s are sent air express bulk--will actually save money.

Children's schools closed for December holidays--one month's vacation. We have a live-in curriculum supervisor and full schedule of swimming daily, museums, movies, drama, etc.--all planned.

Next week is Annual Conference--Kjell will attend whole time and recruit. Ken, Zoe, and Margy there for one evening with laity--hard recruitment pitch planned. The following week several recruiting trips will be necessary--north and south.

Staley returned from 10 days in Buddhist monastery in Penang. To negotiating now with local Hindu temple. Has promised to send in reports.

Celebrated Stanley's 29th birthday.

Expecting Jan and Bob--no word as yet on arrival. Received permission to cut a pine tree--from experimental acreage--only pines in Malaysia--to use as house Xmas tree. Gwyn is worried about Santa arriving with no chimney.

Still awaiting Eucharists and song book images. Also word on budget model. Grace and peace.

Global Religious House: Sydney

The other half of the Academy team is half-way--we leave for Sydney in a few hours, hoping Tim Lusa has sent off all our notes in time.

Weather a bit different from Chicago which we leave you to enjoy.
Our best to all. Bill and Barbara

DEPLOYED FAMILIES

NORTH

Minneapolis--Terry Loomis Family

- External--
1. Preparing quarterly regional magazine "The Cry."
 2. Have launched emergency funding and enablement construct.
 3. Cancelled regional pedagogy guild for lack of first teacher--will slow us down.
 4. Demand of Spirit movement-intense-several colleagues "sidelined".
- Imperative: nurture the faltering; : raise up new men!

- Internal--
1. Crisis: find roomers to replace those leaving--to financially float the mission.
 2. Jean carrying major enablement during Terry's exams-- heavy burden.
 3. Trevor studying Russia -beginning to sing.
 4. Imperative: continual brooding on spirit depths of self and colleagues and future of the region.
- Grace and Peace, T.L.

WEST

San Francisco--Hale Prather Family

1. End of school quarter papers, papers, papers.
 2. Saw fellow Submariner--95% great!
 3. Continuing contradictions of maintaining worship structure and family meeting structure.
- Grace and peace, Nancy.

CHICAGO

Base Report

The news of the week include...the sending out to Summer '69-- Dec. 30--the Pierces and the Allerdings to Sydney. The Pierces left their apartment furnished to symbolize the style of the future for other families who move in and out of religious houses with their suitcases (of clothes and notes and notes and notes.)

...A work day on Saturday that moved the Biovens to 321; did repair work on the house in Evanston and painted 2nd floor Faculty East.

The Fifth City 6th Quarterly Congress which was a big success-- cooked, planned, and executed by the Board of Managers.

... National Presidium, where U S was gridded to the metro level and work was done on common regional (paper mache) structure.

National Faculty meeting on Thurs. dealt with the construct of the RS-111a Course and studied "Community" (Bonhoeffer) and "Purpose of the Church" (HBN) as background.

In Sunday Order Council we reconvened to pull together reports from the Colleges on Teresa and from the seminars on Nigg.

The Signal Happening of the week was the presence of the representatives from the national houses--symbolized¹⁰ their participation in the morning office doing the witness and being first liturgist.

Mood is high with expected return of Europe team tomorrow (especially Aimee) and the Christmas celebration this weekend. Base office is suspending operations during Guru Lab so next report will be in 2 weeks.

Grace and peace,

Base

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December 31, 1968



"Weep as though you did not weep,
Rejoice as though you did not rejoice.
Be married as though you were not,
Possess as though you possessed nothing."

RELIGIOUS HOUSES

NORTH

Religious House--Hyde Park

Special Christmas celebration at the Hyde Park House with Rockford Signal Event. First time all 26 members (including children) present. The evening included singing of carols, a pinata, and gift exchange.

Three families celebrated Christmas in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Oklahoma. The three families who stayed in Hyde Park spent quiet Christmas--attending midnight communion at Hyde Park Methodist Church.

Planning for quarter continuing. Eight house members attended regional faculty meeting which worked on weeknight seven session NSIIIa with two such courses planned for region.

Religious House--Rockford

Celebrated Christmas with Hyde Park House. Will report more next week.

EAST

Religious House--Boston

House is participating in Local Church experiment by continued assignment of Regional Intern to Local Cadre Life.

Study of Nigg and Teresa powerful combination in push toward piety.

Question of permeation raised informally but more frequently than any other previous week in context of assignment to income mission of the House.

Regional visitation continuing at rate of 30 clergy 1 week. Schedule as much or more of a man killer as PLC.

House Guests over weekends: Stan Long family from Paterson, N.J.

Signal event: Open house for cadres. 50 people from all over region.

Grace and Peace, David Chart

WEST

Religious House--Los Angeles

Long range planning proceeding--became longer and longer. Primary struggle is House-Region.

Regional intern led study document 2.

House Church --newly raised regional leadership as metro colleague gave 1 1/2 hour.

Marsha Hahn becomes celebrity today with picture in L.A. Times (making Pinatas at school.) Xmas plans underway to celebrate with Red man. Children making Mexican decor and studying some legends. Whole order to join "Las Pasadas" at Olivira Saturday night. Plans to hang no vacancy sign soon. Were expecting Nan Bailey, Lynn Bailey and the Prathers within next 24 hours! Were surprised last week by visit from Mike Weir and Justine as well as John Wilkerson and wife Maria. Decor still unfinished but progress.

Eight foot chalkboard and 6 x 8 ft. "working wall" finished. Winter Brochure mailed and great prospects for series of courses with Catholic nuns in sight.

Grace and Peace, Blaine U.

SOUTH

Religious House--Atlanta

"Symbolic" report on National Presidium. Atlanta region comprehensive mass mailing; house members mum on how job done as lips are sealed.

Decorated and welcomed Warren Barringer home for the holidays.

GLOBAL RELIGIOUS HOUSES

EAST

Religious House--Sydney

Greetings from Sydney and from the Buss/Clark (formerly) menage. Two hours after setting foot on Australian soil we were in House Church with the Sydney Colleagues. The schedule for this week calls for collegium in the

morning with the metro and the parish 5 colleagues each morning but Thursday. These deal with summer '69 plans, the between quarter planning (got new brochure off to the painter yesterday, and teaching the N. Testament papers in preparation for Summer '69. Tea is set at a different colleagues each evening--Denham's last night. He's new president home missions section for aboriginal affairs. Wednesday night is the Christmas celebration for colleagues--at a Lebanese restaurant. Every other minute is spent draining the Busses of data and being amazed at how you've enabled them to be precisely where we are, though thousands of miles away.

Just a bit of data for you--we detoured to San Francisco for visa clearance and thus left your shores bugging the Australian consulate, riding a cable car, crossing the Golden Gate bridge and running thru Fisherman's Wharf. All in eight hours. The detour routed us thru Hawaii--Honolulu--with a 20 hours layover. Touched the Japanese influence, utterly disillusioned with the commercialization, and shocked to know we hadn't yet left the states.

By the way Mark finds driving on the left fairly frightening. And has been well received by Elizabeth, whose accent will please you all.

Busses received first reply from Kuala Lumpur house today--first 2 way exchange between international houses.

Religious House--Kuala Lumpur

House Church Christmas celebration this morning. House took quick but lovely festive air. Team went to cut fresh Christmas tree. Brought back a 15 foot pine--very pretty but we aren't sure we can afford to decorate it. It just grazes the high part of the living room.

Lester welcomed home from Singapore for holidays.

Stanley touches in and out for mail between temple visits. He has promised to send reports direct to base.

Week of recruitment calling across West Malaysia completed. 40 contacts made. Good response--interest and eagerness to participate. Did a webbing job denominationally--good RC and Anglican contacts--some Lutheran.

Sent out total mailing of Jan.-Feb. brochure--360 on mailing list. More from trip to add. Did special mailing to East Malaysia contacts.

Are celebrating today with fire crackers--it is Hari Raja in Malaysia--firecrackers began at midnight Friday--have continued almost non stop. Our own crew fully participates.

Grace and peace,

Global House KL.

12/31/68

DEPLOYED FAMILIES

NORTH

The Terry Loomis Family--Minneapolis

External--

1. Pushing ahead on Winter Quarter publicity--mass mailing out in coming 2 weeks.
2. Testing recruitment structures in 2 new areas of region for RSI winter quarter.
3. Planning for crucial model-building session first weekend in January.
4. Central task: begin to ground the movement by establishing and nurturing local Spirit cadres.

Internal--

1. First quarter seminary complete:
 - a. Our methodology and interrelating models the key.
 - b. Second step after comprehensiveness--extensive theological and historical grounding.
 - c. Most significant--new piety scares seminary.
 - d. Next move--teaching methodology and field education in ecumenical parishes.
2. Important family meeting this weekend--especially pushing depth of NRM (study and worship).
Grace and Peace, Terry L.

WEST

The Hale Prather Family--Berkeley

We've set a tentative date for the Oriental RSI course (March 7,8). It will be held at the Berkeley Japanese Methodist Church. We're on our way to L.A. Religious House this week end!
Grace and Peace,
Hale and Nancy

INTERNATIONAL

Stan Bahner--Malaysia

"That which exists is one
The sages call it by various names" Rig Veda
The name makes all the difference
But even this one does not exist.

Grace and Peace from the mobile lab.
Whew! It's hot down here. I have been here 7 weeks now. Have spent 20 days at the K.L. house and 30 days on trips to other areas in pursuit of wisdom to fill in my religious and formal education charts. Data for other charts I pick up along the way through conversations, newspapers, etc. The highlight so far has been a 10 day stay in a Sinhalese Buddhist Monastery in Penang. I will return to Penang this week for an interreli-

gious retreat. I am now staying with a well educated and enlightened Hindu family and I am struggling to get on top of Vedantic Philosophy before I leave for Penang. I feel the contentless Christ word coming through but I'm not able yet to put my finger on just what the Hindu way of expressing it is.

There are many enlightened missional, cruciform Hindus in this area. They need an RSI tool with categories something like "Brahman, Vedanta, Karma, Movie and Universal Brotherhood" or some such acclimatization of RSI that enables Hindus that haven't heard "the word" in Hinduism to hear that word and be set free, not thru renunciation but thru "the freedom that Christ has won." I'll give a nickel to anyone who can help me to express this last reality in orthodox Hindu terminology. It's there. How is it said?

Yours in Christ,

Stan Bahner

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The ending of the Fall Quarter has resulted in many activities and events! Heard two international reports from teams coming in--more will be relayed to you later about these...Assignments for winter quarter came out and a team to India was sent out...The week of Christmas was highlighted by a Guru lab during which Teresa's Interior Castle was looked at in detailed charting, etc. The Order Council this week was spent in work on Obedience, Poverty, and Chastity and also a pulling together of the work on Teresa. The Christmas celebration featured a college dinner, children's play, and order carol sing and office. Missaries returned home for the celebrations.... Oh, yes, please get your cards and letters in to us by Saturday so that this report can be prompt!

Grace and Peace,

The Order Base Sector

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