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Remarkable closing scene one night during Nassau Crusade in the Bahamas, with 459 persons coming forward as inquirers. On final day 9,000 persons attended, half of them being unable to get into the hangar

When the Christian people decided to do something about spiritual conditions the result was— revival!

people of the Bahamas a new sophistication, but also a new apprehension. Will Communism infiltrate and capture the Bahamas as it has nearly by Cuba? Will the Mafia move in and spoil the islands with crime, prostitution and subsidized gambling casinos? Can the people resist the multifarious temptations of the day?

Spiritual leaders in Nassau, the capital, aware of the approaching crisis, decided to invite the Graham Association to conduct an evangelistic Crusade. Heading the move was the president of the Senate, the Hon. Leonard J. Knowles; and by the opening day of the Crusade, support had come from the Governor, the Premier, the Anglican bishop and nearly all of the clergy of Nassau. John Dillon, Sterling Huston and Sherwood Wirt were among those who went in ahead of time to lay the groundwork for the Crusade. John Wesley White, Ralph Bell, Wesley and Margaret Boyd, Jimmie McDonald, Ethel Walters, C. Edward Thomas and Charles Ward formed the Crusade team.

A dilapidated hangar was renovated and draped with the flags of a score of nations. The hangar accommodated 5,000 persons under pressure, but as many as 9,000 converged on the premises, and during the two weeks, April 9-23, a total of some 52,000 came to the meetings.

NOTHING LIKE IT SINCE 1492!

The evangelist, Dr. John Wesley White, declared that he had never experienced such a movement of the Holy Spirit. As many as 457 came forward on a single evening, until a total of 1,700 had registered their desire to commit their lives to Jesus Christ. They included the 82-year-old taxi driver who said he wanted to learn how to pray. He said he could not pray to a Christ, however alive he might be, unless he knew him.

There was the operator of a chain of theaters; the bank clerk who had gone to church with religious regularity for years but had never known the forgiveness of sins; the student at Queens College who came for a "lark" but went forward: his conduct as a result was so sharply altered that a whole class of students took notice, many later going to the Crusade and being converted. There was the salesman from Paris and the sailor from Michigan.

There were the children and the young people, eager to demonstrate the transforming power of the Gospel to a new and revolutionary generation of mankind. Finally there was the woman who, after being counseled, went away with a radiant face and a soul ablaze with the sunshine of life. That night she succumbed to a sudden illness and went to her heavenly home rejoicing that she was ready to go. Others came to the meetings from Venezuela, Puerto Rico and nearby islands.

Said Senator Knowles, who has welcomed royalty and the heads of state of the world to the Bahamas (President Kennedy and Prime Minister Macmillan met here), "Never in the history of our island kingdom — and we date back to 1492, you know — have there been such religious gatherings, either in size or impact. Pray for us, that during the critical years ahead the hand of God may guide our affairs here to the glory of his name."

Said Sir Ralph Grey, Governor of the Bahamas, "We must pray that the quality of continuing response will match the quantity of immediate interest."

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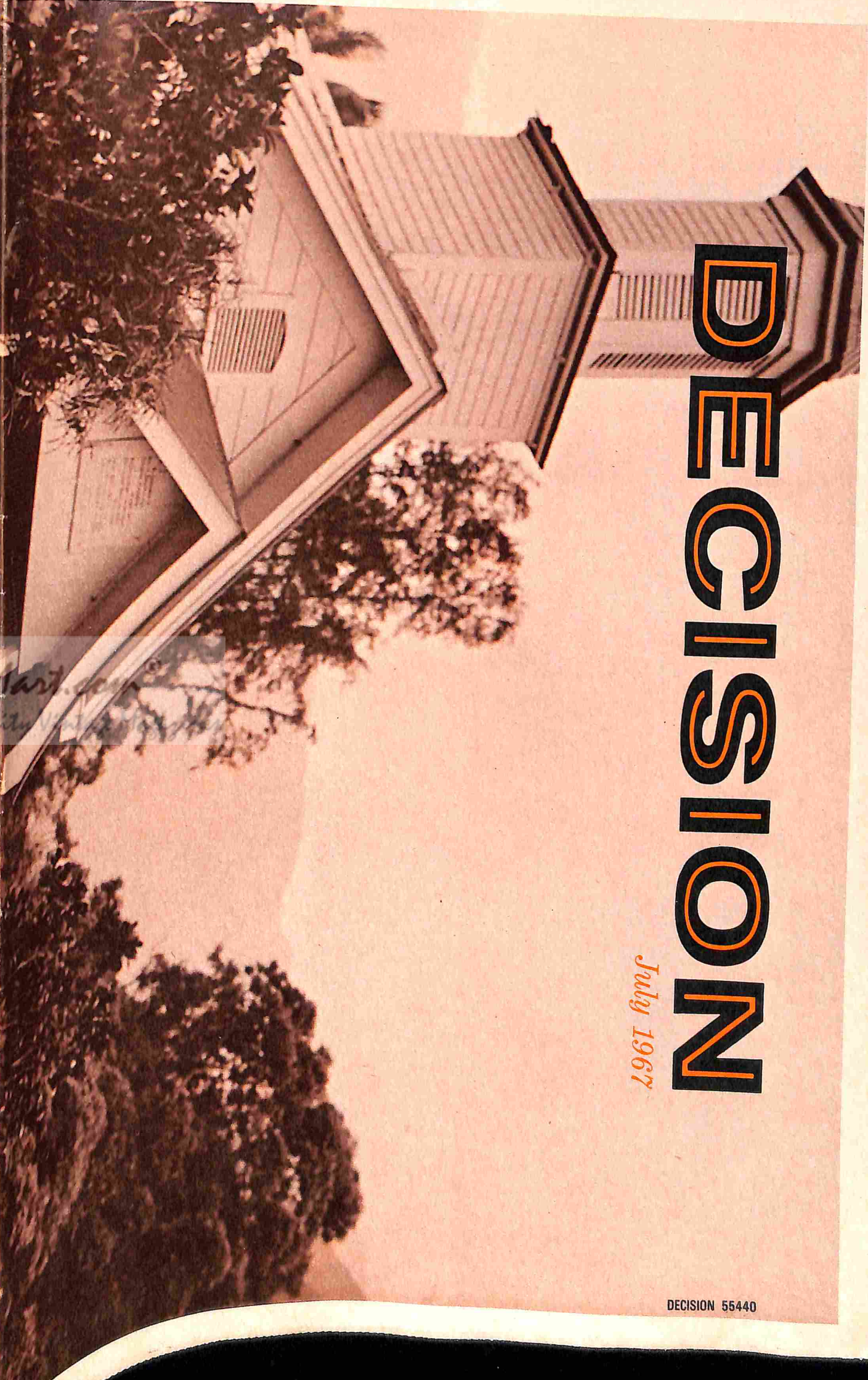
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Evangelist Joe Blinco talks with a gardener at Kalaupapa, the leper colony on the island of Molokai, Hawaii. In background is the old Siloama church, or 'Church of the Healing Spring,' built by Congregationalists in 1871 and now being replaced. Russ Busby photo



COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL

Rudolf Bultmann has asked the right question for our age: "How do we interpret the Gospel to make it relevant to modern man?" The

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burning question facing church leaders today is, "How do we communicate the Gospel to our generation?" I think that first we need to look at the deeper level of man's spiritual and moral need. There are areas of life that are not totally met by social improvement or material affluence. Christ said, "What shall it profit a man, *continued on page 14*

