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The New York skyline, with the new Madison Square Garden, home of the 1969 Crusade, in the foreground

In the year 1958 a certain columnist (who is no longer writing) predicted on national television regarding a certain evangelist (who is still preaching), "I give this man about two years before he goes into eclipse."

I mention this after having just talked on the telephone with Dr. Walter Smyth, director of Crusades for the Graham Team. Says he, "It looks as if 1969, the 20th anniversary of the

'cathedral revival' in Los Angeles, may well be the greatest year in the Team's history." It seems that God keeps his own schedules. Or, as Dr. Daniel Poling used to quote, "I am immortal till my work is done."

There will be three major efforts by the Team to reach the world with the Gospel during 1969, Dr. Smyth reports. One will be in Australia and New Zealand during February and March. One

Dan Piatt is serving as director of the Crusades in Australasia, assisted by Harvey Thomas. The Anaheim meetings will probably draw the largest attendance, as the Anaheim Stadium seats 45,000 persons in the stands. Already southern California is organizing, and Crusade Director Harry B. Williams has opened a headquarters office.

After the Sydney Crusade last April a student at Sydney Missionary and Bible College wrote this in a report of his counseling activity:

Hearts glowing with anticipation,
The hushed meditation,
The sudden noise of thousands singing;
In the quiet contemplation
Man meets with his God.
Pray with us that the Spirit of God will bring
revival to the world in 1969!

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WHY I BELIEVE THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD

by **BILLY GRAHAM**

The President of the United States who is being elected this month will take his oath of office in January with his hand on a Bible. When Queen Elizabeth II was crowned the royal sovereign of the United Kingdom in June of 1953, one of the bishops who took part in the ceremony carried a Bible as they walked before her from the door of Westminster Abbey to the scene of her enthronement. She took her coronation vows upon the sacred Word of God. For the past 200 years the Bible has been under attack. Before that, little



Russ Busby photo. San Antonio Crusade, 1968

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