



## Greetings to San Francisco Ward December, 1936

THE Bishopric, officers, and members of the San Francisco Ward are to be heartily congratulated on your having completed and paid for your beautiful and convenient church building.

When we think of the very unsatisfactory facilities which you possessed a few years ago and compare them with the well-designed, convenient, suitable and imposing structure you now enjoy, we feel that you have occasion for much rejoicing.

When it is realized that for the amount of money you have expended you have been able, through the ability of the architect and of those who have constructed the building, to make such a marvelous change in the appearance, arrangement, and suitability of this edifice, you are entitled as a Bishopric to great praise for your courage, persistence, and patience in undertaking this worthy project, and as a group of members for your willingness to donate sufficient amounts to fully meet your portion of the cost of building and furnishings.

We are happy that in this fine achievement the Church, from its general funds, has been able to appropriate 60% of the cost. It is particularly pleasing that the improvement has been so efficiently and economically done as in this instance. Because these funds have been donated by members of the Church from all parts of the world, and the demands

for worthy undertakings everywhere are so great, the means must be used economically.

Now you possess a building that is so pleasing in purity of design and so appropriate in appointments that none of you need hesitate for a moment in inviting any and all of your friends and acquaintances to attend services in this chapel; in fact, it is your privilege and responsibility to invite those not of our faith to come and hear the message of Divine Truth and give of your services to help others to learn of the Cause of Righteousness.

This structure is not primarily a monument, but is a specific means whereby you can all gather conveniently for worship and testimony, for religious instruction and education, and for appropriate recreation and social features. It is your opportunity to use it regularly and fully and to encourage every other member to take part in like manner. After all, this building is only an expression of the high principles and ideals of the Restored Gospel. To the extent that it is a means of promoting faith, unity, and righteousness among the largest number of people, will it fully serve its purpose.

With the dedicatory services it becomes a House of the Lord consecrated to sacred use in every appropriate way for the spiritual, intellectual and social welfare of all members. May it serve you all in the most effective manner to accomplish these ends!

SYLVESTER Q. CANNON,  
DAVID A. SMITH,  
JOHN WELLS,  
*Presiding Bishopric.*

*Souvenir Program - San Francisco Ward Building Dedication*



An Apostle of the Lord

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*Des. News*

A complete reorganization of the Presiding Bishopric came as a surprise move at the closing session of conference today when Presiding Bishop Sylvester Q. Cannon was appointed an Apostle and Associate of the Council of the Twelve and LeGrand Richards was appointed to succeed him as Presiding Bishop.

Marvin O. Ashton, former president of the Highland Stake, was named first counselor in the new Presiding Bishopric, and Joseph L. Wirthlin, president of the Bonneville Stake, was appointed second counselor to Bishop Richards.

With a vote of thanks and commendation for their long and faithful service, Bishop David A. Smith, and Bishop John Wells, counselors in the presiding bishopric for 31 and 20 years respectively were honorably released.

President Heber J. Grant announced the new appointments as the session opened, during the sustaining of the General Authorities and General Officers of the Church.

The new Apostle, former Presiding Bishop Cannon who becomes an associate of the Council of the Twelve, has been one of the General Authorities for the past 13 years, being appointed to the Bishopric in June 1925. Prior to that he was president of Pioneer Stake. He was formerly president of the Netherlands Mission, serving in 1899, 1900, and again from 1907 to 1909.

He was born June 10, 1877 in Salt Lake a son of George Q. Cannon and Elizabeth Hoagland.

## Changes At Conference

*Des. News* — *Apr. 7, 1938*

APPOINTMENT of a new Presiding Bishopric and the advancement of Elder Sylvester Q. Cannon to the position of an apostle, marked the concluding session of the 108th annual conference of the Church held in the Tabernacle yesterday afternoon.

Elder LeGrand Richards, who has a long record of service in various capacities in the Church, became Presiding Bishop, with Marvin O. Ashton and Joseph L. Wirthlin as his counselors.

This action, taken upon recommendation of the First Presidency and with the unanimous vote of the Church membership present at the conference, brings to the higher councils of the Church, men of wide experience, who have demonstrated by years of service their devotion to the high principles for which Mormonism stands.

Bishop Cannon, who now serves as an apostle and associate to the Council of the Twelve, has for years been a pillar in Zion, a man in whom the high callings which have come to him have been well reposed. Beloved by all who have had contact with him throughout the stakes and missions, he will be received with appreciation in his new responsibilities by a people who have learned to honor him for his integrity, his faith and his outstanding achievements.

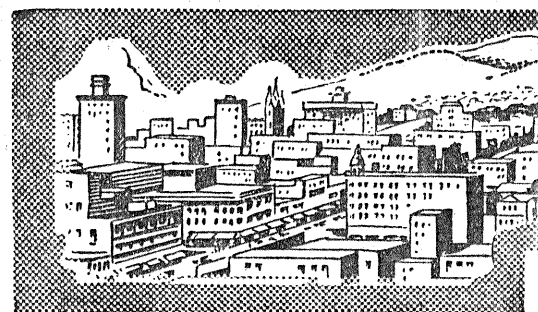
His appointment brings a condition among the apostles which has been paralleled in the past. For instance, Brigham Young Jr. served in a similar capacity as an apostle although not originally a member of the Twelve. President Joseph F. Smith also was ordained an apostle previous to his appointment to membership in the Council of the Twelve.

Elder Cannon's duties will undoubtedly take him through the stakes and missions much as do those of the other apostles.

Presiding Bishop Richards is a man of faith, devotion and ability. He has served in various capacities, as bishop, high counselor, stake president and mission president, and only recently was again appointed bishop to preside over the University Ward. He is a powerful speaker, and a careful student of the scriptures. Possessing these qualities, as well as those of a successful business executive, he is eminently qualified for his new labors.

Similarly endowed are his counselors. Bishop Ashton likewise is a man of splendid business ability and spiritual leadership. He was the first bishop of Wasatch Ward, and later became president of the Highland Stake. Following the organization of the Church Security Program he became a member of its general committee, and has served in this capacity intelligently and industriously, lending great stimulus to the Security Program.

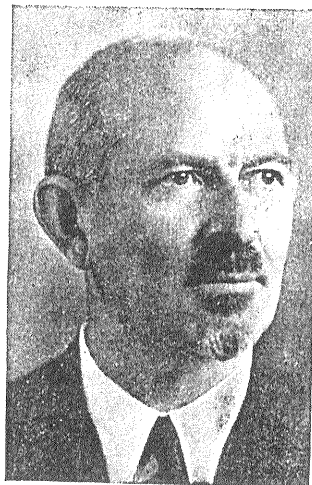
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Bishop Wirthlin is a man beloved where'er he has labored. As bishop of the Thirty-third Ward he served faithfully and well, winning the love and confidence of the people. On his retirement from that position he entered the Liberty Stake high council, and when a little more than two years ago Bonneville Stake was created from a division of Liberty Stake, he was chosen to preside over it, a position he has held since that time. He too has been a pillar of strength in the Church Security Program, serving as executive in the Salt Lake Region, and as a wise counselor to those in this area who have been associated with him in this work.

Bishops David A. Smith and John Wells, counselors to Sylvester Q. Cannon in the retiring Presiding Bishopric, are released with a sincere vote of appreciation for their long and devoted service. Both men have held aloft the high principles of the Church and have officiated ably and well in their positions in the Bishopric. The Latter-day Saints have learned to love them for their leadership, integrity and tireless activity in promoting the welfare of the Church.



PRESIDING BISHOP SYLVESTER Q. CANNON, WITH HIS COUNSELORS, BISHOP DAVID A. SMITH, (LEFT), AND BISHOP JOHN WELLS, (RIGHT), WHO, WITH THE FIRST PRESIDENCY AND THE GENERAL COMMITTEE, ARE DIRECTING THE CHURCH SECURITY PLAN AND ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS FURTHERANCE.

*Improvement Era, May 1937*

*Honolulu Star-Bulletin*  
*Apr. 26, 1938*

## Hawaii To Be Honored By Station KSL

STATION KSL, 1130 kilocycles, Salt Lake City, will broadcast an hour's program in honor of Hawaii Friday evening from 8:30 to 9:30 Honolulu time.

Bishop Sylvester Q. Cannon, president of KSL, has been a visitor in Honolulu for several weeks. He will sail Saturday on the Matsonia.

Station KSL is popular with radio listeners in Hawaii, reception generally being excellent.

*Honolulu Star-Bulletin*  
*Mar. 14, '38*  
**Cannons Here**

Popular island visitors here on a month's tour are Bishop and Mrs. Sylvester Q. Cannon and their daughters, Sylvia and Elinor. Bishop Cannon is retired, but was formerly presiding bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints of Salt Lake City, Utah. The family is visiting at Waikiki and plans to sail May 28 on the Matsonia.

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## Leave for Hawaii

*Friday, Apr. 15, '38*  
Sylvester Q. Cannon, newly-appointed associate of the L. D. S. council of twelve apostles, will leave Saturday on a month's trip to the Hawaiian islands. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Cannon and their daughter, Sylvia Cannon, of Salt Lake City, and Miss Elinor Cannon, another daughter, who will join them in Los Angeles.

# Sheriff's Camera Called Into Action by Tourists

*Honolulu Star-Bulletin* *Apr. 29, 1938*

Three fair maidens from the Bay City cornered Sheriff Duke P. Kahanamoku on the deck of the Matsonia to take his picture with their movie camera. Then they posed for The Star - Bulletin camera man.



Georgina

The girls are Misses Georgina and Lorraine White and Viola Allen. All three are from San Francisco. Georgina and Viola work for Alexander & Baldwin on the coast. Georgina

and Lorraine are sisters.

This is the lassies' first trip to the

body supervises all phases of Latter Day Saint affairs throughout the world.

Eighty eight years ago Bishop Cannon's father came to Hawaii on a sailing ship as one of the pioneer group of Mormon missionaries in the islands. When he left after a four year stay, he and



Bishop Cannon



Mrs. Cannon

his colleagues had built the church membership from nothing to 4,000 members.

Ralph E. Woolley, president of the Oahu Stake of the Mormon church, met the Cannons off port. They plan to visit Maui and possi-



Miss Allen



Lorraine

islands. They will be here eight days, staying at the Halekulani hotel.

## BISHOP AND FAMILY

Bishop and Mrs. Sylvester Q. Cannon and their daughters, Eleanor and Sylvia, of Salt Lake City arrived for a three or four weeks stay, their first in Hawaii. He is retiring as presiding bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

This is a combined vacation trip and tour of inspection of the Mormon church and its interests in the islands, for the bishop. He recently has been ordained one of the apostles of his church, which



Eleanor



Sylvia

bly the Big Island during their stay here but they have not yet decided where their headquarters will be while in Honolulu.



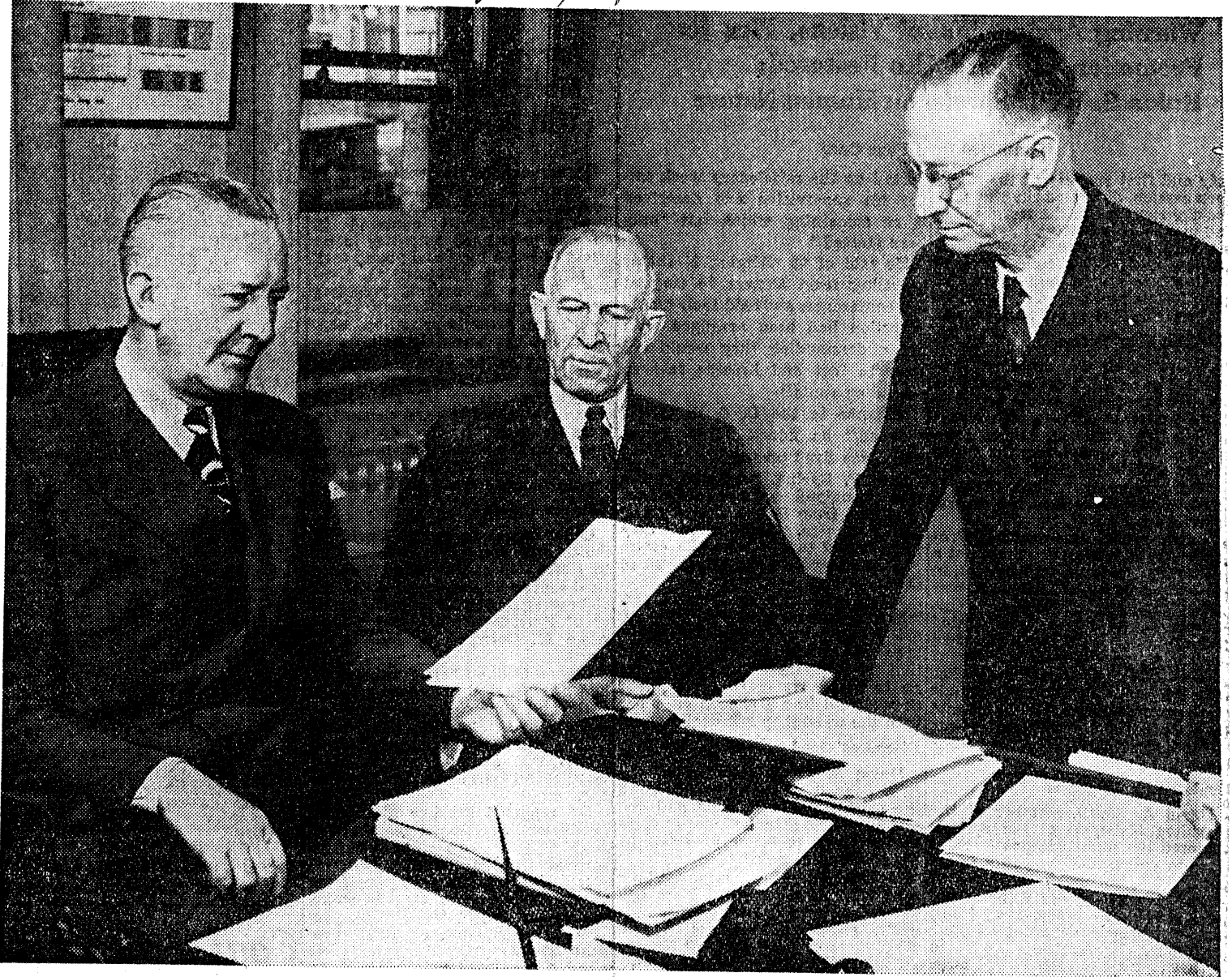
## Among Leading Figures In Tabernacle Gathering



*Deseret News - April 1938*  
 This informal picture of the Tabernacle rostrum at the 108th annual general conference shows, left to right, above, Elder George F. Richards, Elder Joseph Fielding Smith, Pres. Heber J. Grant, presiding officer and central figure of the great Church gathering, Elder Melvin J. Ballard and Elder John A. Widtsoe; lower, Elder John H. Taylor, Bishop John Wells, Bishop David A. Smith and Presiding Bishop Sylvester Q. Cannon.

# ling Conference Figures

*Tribune Apr. 5, 1958*



L. D. S. church presiding bishopric, in charge of Aaronic priesthood sessions Monday. Left to right, Sylvester Q. Cannon, presiding bishop; David A. Smith and John Wells, counselors.

Church council. Completion of the Quorum of the Twelve came with the appointment to the Council of Sylvester Q. Cannon, lately an associate Apostle of the Council. (See story and photo, this page and p. 672.)

Special departmental sessions in the interest of the Church Welfare Plan were conducted throughout the conference. Featured events were the presentation of the dramatized version of the *Elijah* by the Tabernacle choir during four days of conference week, and the participation of the Church in Columbia Broadcasting System's "Church of the Air" program on Sunday morning, at which Dr. John A. Widtsoe spoke on "Foundations of Peace." The three days were concluded by a Sunday School "Gospel in Song" theme carried out in the Tabernacle Sunday evening.

The general conference was preceded by a two-day convention of the Relief Society.

#### SYLVESTER Q. CANNON ADDED TO COUNCIL OF TWELVE

ELDER SYLVESTER Q. CANNON, 62, for the past year an associate of the Council of the Twelve, was named at the October General Conference as a member of the Council to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Elder Melvin J. Ballard.

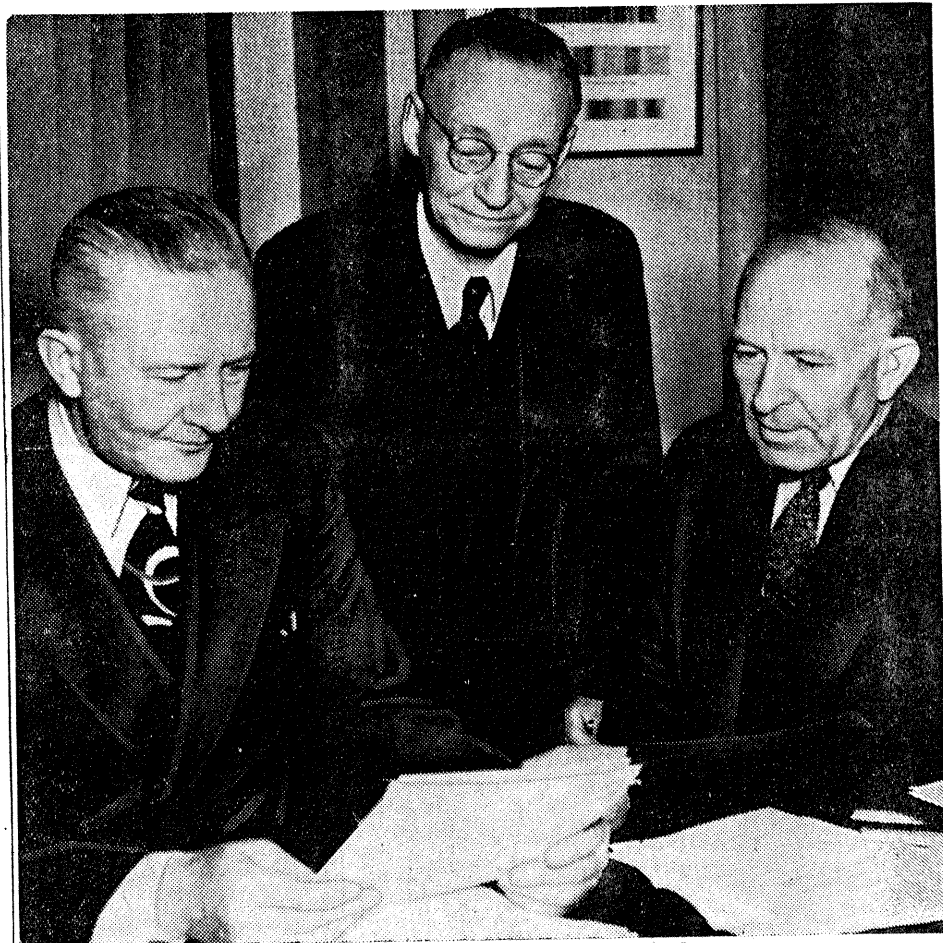
Sylvester Quayle Cannon was born in Salt Lake City, June 10, 1877, a son



APOSTLE SYLVESTER Q. CANNON

of George Quayle and Elizabeth Hoagland Cannon. By reason of his previous service as Presiding Bishop and associate to the Twelve, his biography is well known, but briefly high-lighted here:

## L. D. S. Church Officials Study Activity Report



L. D. S. PRESIDING BISHOPRIC AS CONFERENCE SESSIONS OPEN  
Sylvester Q. Cannon, presiding bishop, left; John Wells, second counselor,  
and David A. Smith, first counselor. *Telegram - April 4, 38*

In 1899, following graduation from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston, Mass., with a Bachelor of Science degree in mining engineering and metallurgy, he left for a mission to Holland and Belgium, where he began an almost continuous period of Church service. While on this mission he became president of the Netherlands-Belgium Mission in 1900, serving until 1902. In that year he accompanied President Francis M. Lyman to the Turkish Mission, visiting Egypt, Palestine, Syria, Turkey, Greece, Italy, and France.

He served in this capacity until 1917, during which time he was again president of the Netherlands Mission from 1907 to 1909.

In 1917 he was appointed as the second president of Pioneer Stake. He held this position until 1925, when he succeeded President Charles W. Nibley as Presiding Bishop of the Church. His administration was characterized by an extensive program of chapel construction. At the April conference of 1938, he was chosen an Apostle and named an associate of the Council of the Twelve.

His leadership and ability have been recognized in a number of civic appointments. In 1930-31 he was chairman of the Governor's State Flood Control Commission, and in 1931-32 he acted as chairman of the State Advisory Council for Unemployment.

Elder Cannon was married in the Salt Lake Temple on June 15, 1904, to Winnifred Saville.

The new member of the Council of the Twelve is the father of seven children, four sons and three daughters.

## L. D. S. BISHOPRIC MEETING HELD

Members of the L. D. S. church presiding bishopric conducted a special leadership conference of the Aaronic priesthood Monday at 8 a. m. in the Barratt hall, at which time David A. Smith, first counselor in the bishopric, urged a uniform method of having Aaronic priesthood groups meet every Sunday, if possible.

Attending the session were stake and ward Aaronic priesthood leaders and others interested and responsible for priesthood supervision.

Sylvester Q. Cannon, presiding bishop, welcomed the leaders in a brief talk.

Bishop Smith urged the stake and ward leaders to continue a program of obedience of the Word of Wisdom among the young people. He advised them to discourage the use of tobacco among the youth of the church.

John Wells, second counselor, was among those present.

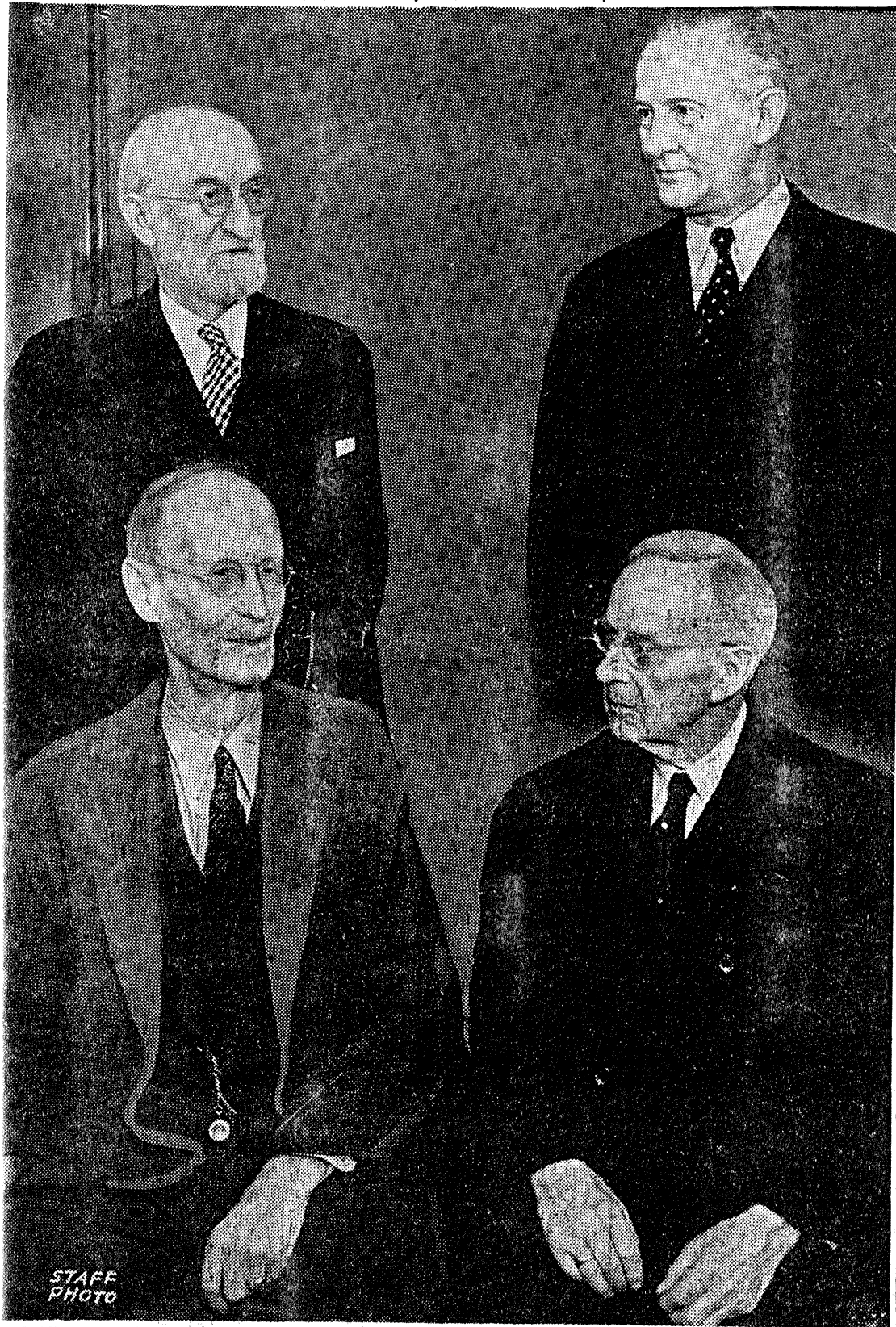
An Aaronic priesthood convention for stake presidencies, mission presidents, high councilors, bishops and counselors, stake and ward clerks and stake and ward supervisors was held Monday at 4:15 p. m. in the Assembly hall.



# Quorums Leaders

*S.L. Tribune — Apr. 6, 1937*

*Heads of the four presiding quorums of the L. D. S. church who are directing and participating in the one hundred seventh annual conference of the church, which will end Tuesday. Standing, left, Heber J. Grant, church president, and Sylvester Q. Cannon, presiding bishop. Seated, J. Golden Kimball, senior president of the first council of seventy, and Rudger Clawson, president of the council of the twelve apostles of the church.*



**Sylvester Q. Cannon . . . Advocated temple marriages.**

The sanctity of marriage and the importance of the home as a social and religious mainstay was emphasized by Sylvester Q. Cannon, associate member of the council of twelve apostles and former presiding bishop of the church. He cited divorce as a major threat to the progress of civilization and was able to find considerable gratification in the record of Latter-day Saints on broken marriages. His statistics showed divorce only about one-fourth as common among members of the church as in the nation as a whole. He attributed this to temple marriages, which make of the ceremony an "eternal covenant," and urged that all L. D. S. parents teach their children the importance of temple marriage.

## **Broadens Theme**

Broadening his theme to other responsibilities of the home, Mr. Cannon charged parents with the responsibility of educating their children so they can understand the gospel when they reach the age of accountability and having them baptized into the church at the age of 8 years.

On the economic side the speaker urged all members to seek economic self-sufficiency and suggested that they could improve the economic status of the states and localities in which they live by purchasing home products whenever possible.





### ***Named To Council***

At the left is Elder Sylvester Q. Cannon, former Presiding Bishop and Associate of the Council of the Twelve, since April, 1938, who was today named to fill the vacancy in the Council occasioned by the death of Elder Melvin J. Ballard. Below, the new member of the Council is seen with his wife, Mrs. Winnifred Cannon and their daughters, Elinor, left, and Sylvia. This picture was taken last year as they started on a trip to Hawaii.

*Oct. 6, 1939*



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Photo Courtesy Salt Lake Tribune-Telegram.  
PRESIDING BISHOP SYLVESTER Q. CANNON  
AND JOHN D. GILES AT THE AARONIC PRIEST-  
HOOD MEETING.



Presiding Bishop Sylvester Quayle Cannon  
heads all temporal affairs of the Church. Mor-  
mon bishops are administrators and priests.



Bishop Sylvester Cannon.  
*Da guds Nyheter, Aug. 25, 38*

På onsdagskvällen anlände till Stockholm mormonbiskopen Sylvester Q. Cannon, som under de senaste månaderna besökt de flesta europeiska länderna i avsikt att undersöka mormonkyrkor.

— 1937 lade vi ner så mycket som 2½ miljoner dollar på att bygga nya kyrkor över hela världen, berättade biskopen, men vi fortsätta lika fullt att planera omfattande byggnadsarbeten. I Sverige finns det i närvarande stund blott en enda mormon-

Tribune. Oct 4, 1938

## Arrives for Conference



Sylvester Q. Cannon . . .  
Describes European situa-  
tion.

## L. D. S. Official Glad to Leave War Fears of Europe Behind

Diverse conditions—most of them favorable—were reported Monday by L. D. S. church leaders who have arrived here to attend the church's 109th semiannual conference to be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

"The tension and war fear which gripped Europe prior to the Munich conference was something I was thankful to get away from," Sylvester Q. Cannon, associate of the council of twelve apostles, said.

Mr. Cannon returned Monday from a 17,000-mile trip visiting branches of the church in Europe. He was accompanied by Mrs. Cannon.

"Hitler," Mr. Cannon said, "is interested only in the German people and is trying to make all activities of his people gravitate around his administration. No one is idle in Germany and many fine public works projects are being completed."

The apostle pointed out that 15,000 of the 30,000 L. D. S. church members in Europe reside in Germany.

B. S. Hinckley of Chicago, northern states mission president, said Illinois state architects and other officials are aiding in restoring Carthage jail and in planning restorations in Nauvoo, Ill., which promise to create memorials of great interest both to nonmembers and members of the L. D. S. church.

Coming here with a large group of church members from California, Nevada and Arizona, W. Aird Macdonald, California mission president, and Mrs. Macdonald, were en-

thusiastic over expansion in that area.

A chorus of 300 women from the mission will sing Wednesday afternoon at the Relief society general conference in the tabernacle.

Mr. Macdonald described an 800-acre tract in Chino valley, Arizona which had been leased by the mission for a church welfare project. "The colony established there is practically living the united order," he said. Larger scale colonization projects may be attempted, he indicated. He described construction of irrigation dams at St. David and San Pedro, Ariz., another welfare project. The mission area now has 17 stakes and seven junior stakes.

Preston Nibley, northwestern states mission president, said more than 1000 church members from Utah and Idaho stakes have emigrated into that mission area during 1938. He described the area as prosperous economically, with church rolls growing rapidly by both emigration and conversion.

W. W. Seegmiller of Denver, western states mission president, said church branches there are operating the church welfare program to much advantage.

David A. Smith, Canadian mission president; Frank Evans, eastern states mission president, and Elias S. Woodruff, central states mission president, have been here some time.