



### ***This Inscription Stone Will Grace Temple In Idaho Falls***

Otto Buehner points out to Elder Sylvester Q. Cannon of the Council of the Twelve, Bishop John Fetzer of the Church Board of Architects and Presiding Bishop LeGrand Richards the engraving on the precast onyx.

## *Mar. 31, 1941* **Inscription Stone Of Idaho Temple Shipped**

***Cast From Crushed Onyx Marble, Block Is  
Believed To Be Largest In Two States***

A pre-cast onyx inscription stone weighing 2,172 pounds has been hoisted from its cradle in Salt Lake and shipped to Idaho Falls, Ida., to take its place above the main entrance to the new Temple under construction there.

The heavy inscription stone, believed to be the largest single piece in Utah and Idaho, was among the last of the 1,000 tons of stone facing cast for the huge, white temple. It bore this inscription in letters chiseled deep into its broad surface: "House of the Lord—Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints".

The building stones, to be mounted on the face of the concrete structure of the Temple, were all cast from crushed onyx marble in four months while, it was recalled, stone masons and quarry workers labored 40 years shaping the stones for the Salt Lake Temple.

Crushed onyx is shipped to the Otto Buehner and Company plant at 640 Wilmington Avenue from the west shores of Great Salt Lake. After considerable research and experiment, the plant began producing pre-cast stone

of permanent color and with wearing and weathering qualities such that it is believed the stone facing for the new Temple will have an indefinite life. The tiny particles of onyx marble are cast into solid blocks of architectural concrete.

Galvanized steel reinforcements are used within the blocks and heavy steel straps plus concrete anchor the stones to the Temple structure.

Fountains and other outside features of the temple grounds will be cast within the next few weeks, Mr. Buehner said.

On hand to inspect the inscription stone prior to its shipment were Elder Sylvester Q. Cannon of the Council of the Twelve, Presiding Bishop LeGrand Richards and Bishop John Fetzer of the Church board of architects.