

This morning Dr. Murray was expecting to speak in chapel, but as you know he had a very serious accident last October. His recovery from it has been almost miraculous. It is amazing after the accident he had that he has recovered so much. After something like that most of us find that we get ambitious and want to go ahead as fast as we can and it's hard to learn to pace yourself. Yesterday Dr. Murray had his first class in Bible Evangelism; then he went to lunch with the Board of Directors, then he was at the meeting of the Board all afternoon. I find that after a meeting with the Board all afternoon if I do nothing else in the day that I am pretty tired! . . . I find something like that takes a lot out of my nervous system. In addition to that to have two hours of classes and then have lunch with the Board would be more than I could undertake . . . Today he found it necessary not to hold the chapel service . . . I think we should all very definitely remember him in prayer, for his continued recovery . . . and complete renewal of his strength.

It is my privilege to speak at the first chapel of the new year. Let us read the 46th Psalm (out of the NIV) (Reading text)

I believe in days like this that such a Psalm is very important to us. To realize that God Almighty is in control. Surely if men were in control we'd be in an even worse situation than we are today. Carter says it is utterly unacceptable to us to have Russian troops in Cuba. Then two weeks later he says he has decided it is acceptable. Now he has declared that the Russians must withdraw from Afganistan! They must take out their 70,000 troops! I don't know whether a couple of weeks from now he'll decide what does Afganistan matter? What does Pakistan matter?

We cannot endure that Iran shall sieze 50 American citizens! We cannot endure that! So we will probably bring sanctions against Iran and reduce them in strength to the situation where Russia taking over Afganistan can easily march in and take over Iran! What's ahead? Nobody knows. If you look at the situation, there is reason for utter despair.

In the beginning of this century they said, We can never again have another great war. The Hague tribunal was established. There will never again be another great war! Then World War I broke out. The greatest destructiön the world had ever seen up to that time.

When that was finished they made the League of Nations, and there would never again be another great war! Then World War II came and World War I seemed small in comparrison. When that was finished, of course they would not revive the League of Nations! That had failed. So we called it the United Nations! It's Secretary goes over to Iran and is there today. There is danger to his life. The UN has no power. It's just a debating organization. It's just an excuse to lull people to sêeep. We don't know what's ahead, but the communists have declared they are going to bury us. Will they succeed? Will they not? The Lord knows. He says here, Be still and know that I am God. If our nation would turn back to the