

GOTHAM'S BIGGEST RELIGIOUS CONVENTION!

More than 180 thousand Jehovah's Witnesses come to New York's Yankee Stadium here and the nearby Polo@grounds for their Divine Will International Assembly. In a staggering job of organization, more than 70 thousand meals can be dished out here in an hour.

The members of the religious sect represent all parts of the nation and the world - Africans, Latin Americans - from 123 different lands.

The giant sports area is packed with a greater crowd than ever saw a World Series. It is symbolic for the Witnesses who claim to be the fastest-growing religious group by increasing their membership seven-fold since 1942.

MASS BAPTISM OF WITNESSES!

In what is the largest mass baptism on record, seven thousand 136 Jehovah's Witnesses undergo total immersion at Orchard Beach, New York. Men on one side - women on the other.

The ceremony - a highlight of the religious group's 8-day international assembly - takes two-and-a-half hours.

In the words of a leader, each baptism symbolizes the dedication of a life to God.