

FAR EASTERN DIVISION

OUTLOOK

"THE ISLES SHALL
WAIT FOR HIS LAW"



Pastor and Mrs. C. G. Oliver and their son Ronald. Pastor Oliver is the president of the West Irian Mission.

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### *Mrs. C. G. Oliver Writes from the Land of the Papuans*

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"THIS is the second anniversary of our arrival in Irian Barat and I am going to celebrate by writing some of our friends. Gilbert (Pastor Oliver) is celebrating by installing a new sink cabinet he has built. It is surely nice.

"The most unusual news from here is that we have had three months together here at home. It is a rare treat and there is plenty to keep us busy right here in the office and in the district. Plans were for a visit from Pastor H. B. Ludden, Division auditor, Dr. R. F. Waddell and Pastor P. H. Eldridge who were going to conduct a Five-Day Plan. In spite of many hopeful trips to the airport, with lots of baking done, and beds ready, we have always had to come home empty and a bit lonely. Rumors are always flying around here like birds but we keep on as usual and hope for the best.

"Gilbert had several trips planned into the interior to visit the stations but is thwarted by worn-out hiking shoes. New jungle shoes were to have been brought by Brother Ludden but they no doubt are resting in Djakarta! Ship mail is held up for ages. Our latest copies of the **Review and Herald** and **Instructor** subscriptions are September, 1964. So we hope the shoes will not be sent to us by ocean mail!

"From the old Christmas cards received last year, our Dorcas ladies prepared more than 1000 cards for sale, complete with Indonesian greeting and envelope. From the sale of these we were able to make quite a number of food boxes for the poor, and also presented our church with two electric fans. The latter is quite a luxury in this land but it results in a lot more alert congregation. We plan to start much

earlier this year on the cards and we think we can help a lot with the expense of building a new church at Abepura.

"Our visit to the west end of our mission started out rather badly. Gilbert at the last hour was not allowed to get on the plane out of Djakarta so he was not in Biak to meet me as we had planned. (Brother Oliver was returning from the Division Council in Baguio.) I went on to Sorong and had a long week to wait without knowing where he was or why. You can be sure I was happy to see him get off the plane the day before Christmas.

"In Manokwari we visited the most primitive people I have yet seen anywhere, and we didn't have to walk for miles to find them either. We drove right into their village. I was amazed at their terrible sores, runny eyes, and filthy bodies and scant clothing. A lovely rushing stream skirts their village but it seems that the water is just for the fish! Their houses made from bark boast no windows and they seemed more like caves. We hope to have a branch Sabbath school and at least a weekly medical clinic there soon. They surely need what our mission can offer them. There is a Protestant teacher and school there and a government clinic not so far away. So often people are prevented from hearing the truth and receiving the help they eagerly want because of threats from the workers from other missions. We have to work carefully.

"On the island of Sorong there was such a wonderful interest. Two boys were working there but Satan stirred up some of his helpers and our workers finally feared for their lives. It wasn't comfortable to be confronted with men swinging their sharp knives. However, the seed has been sown and we know the Holy Spirit will water it.

"Since the first of the year, a number of branch Sabbath schools have been started. Some of the academy boys were self-possessed enough to keep on with their Bible story even while a couple of trouble makers threatened them with parangs two Sabbaths ago in a village out beyond the school. But the people are not easily frightened either. Last year 182 were baptized.

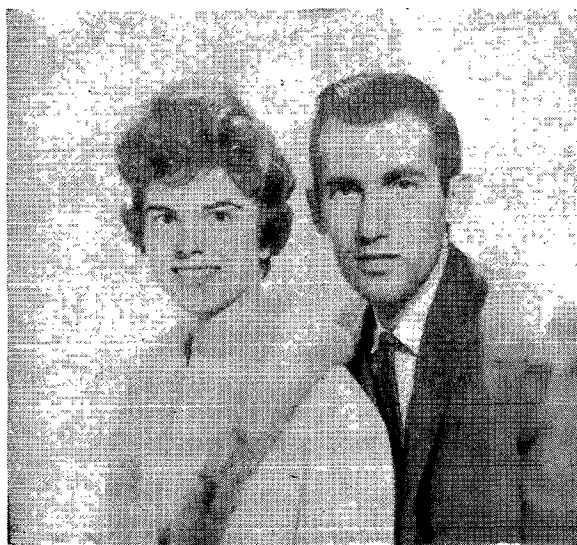
"Our worker, who is working nine days' walk from the Lake, sent an SOS for clothing—any

kind. He reported that hundreds of the natives had helped him build the church, school and his house. They were eager to come to church but now they were ashamed to come naked because they see him and his family wearing clothes. We cannot find cloth here now but we made a lot of sarongs from some old tent liners that were stored in the basement. He also asked for food and medicines. The Catholic Mission has tried twice to fly another of our workers in there with supplies but so far he has not been able to get in, due to bad weather once and

a closed airstrip another time. This week we hope it will work out.

"We are fine and Ronald is busy with his studies at P.U.C. We thank you again for your prayers and your letters and help in various ways. It all means so much to us."

*This letter was written by Mrs. C. G. Oliver to some of her friends. We were so pleased to be among them and we just did not feel that it could go into the file without first being shared with our **Outlook** readers. The Olivers are wonderful missionaries in the land of the Papuans, formerly West New Guinea, now Irian Barat. —**Mrs. C. P. Sorensen**



In the picture are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Aldridge who arrived on Koror Island some months ago. Brother Aldridge is the principal and business manager of the Palau Academy. His wife is on the teaching staff. In addition to this they serve the churches and companies on the island.

*Mrs Russell Aldridge Writes
from the
Islands of the Pacific*

MR. and Mrs. Russell Aldridge, recent graduates of Atlantic Union College, are now stationed on Koror Island, one of the Palauan group of islands. A very interesting letter has just been received from them which we wish to share with our **Outlook** readers—at least excerpts from the same. We know our readers will be happy to learn a bit more about that speck of land in the broad Pacific. We quote:

“Leaving Guam, we boarded a propeller plane for the Palau Islands. The flight takes five hours to reach Anguar, the nearest air strip to Koror. We had a safe and enjoyable trip crossing the Pacific waters. Nearing the Palau Islands, the pilot informed us that we would stop at the island of Yap, a desolate island which had been badly hit by the 1964 typhoon. We were able to see the island of Koror as we flew over the many little islands.

We spotted the Seventh-day Adventist church and school from the air. We flew past Koror and headed for Anguar, forty miles away. (Koror now has its own airfield.) At Anguar we had a fast and daring ride in a World War II jeep from the airstrip to the dock where we boarded a World War II M-boat.

“The M-boat travels eight miles an hour. The natives took advantage of this slow speed. They caught many large fish. We could hardly believe our own eyes when we saw the Palauans eating the raw fish.

For seven hours we rode the M-boat. Sunburned and exhausted, we arrived at the port of Koror as the sun was setting. We were warmly greeted by the Seventh-day Adventist members who decorated us with leis of fragrant flowers. Russ and I felt like a king and queen! They were so happy to see us. We were home at last! The Palauans are a warm-hearted people. They certainly made us feel right at home. We hopped into the back of a Datsun pickup truck and down the dirt road we went, dust covering us from head to foot. We learned later that the only vehicles on the island are the war jeeps and the new pickup trucks. We now have a new blue Datsun pickup truck and I have more than once ridden in the back of the truck. We stopped in front of a beautiful white church with a tall steeple. This is our SDA church which had been built by the Palauans themselves.

We knew right then and there that we would be happy on Koror.

A Few Facts about the Palau Islands

“The Palau Islands consist of approximately two hundred islands. Koror is just one of the smaller inhabited islands. The people (natives) are Micronesian. Their skin is bronze. The women like to wear bright colors and flowers in their hair. The natives are very clean. They dislike dirt and disorder. They are very poor. The people rely on the ocean and the fertile land for their living. Fish and taro are the main food items. Their homes are huts made either of bamboo with thatched roofs or wooden walls with a tin covering and a tin roof left over from the war. The women cook over open fires. They have no ovens—food is eaten raw, boiled or fried.

The Palauan Religion

“The Palauan religion deals mostly with spirits. The people are very superstitious. Converts from the Palauan religion are few. There is a Catholic Mission, a Protestant Mission and our Seventh-day Adventist Mission. The people of the other missions are good friends of ours. We have been able to discuss religion very openly with the Americans who work on the island. We have not been able to talk with the natives because of the language barrier. We hope that by the end of two years we will be able to speak the language fairly well.

“Our work is mainly with the Palauan Academy. We have thirty-seven academy students and the elementary school has an enrollment of 150. Russ is the principal of the academy and at present he is in charge of four churches and three groups which meet each Sabbath. We were hoping that another minister might be able to come to take over some of the responsibilities but we have been told that this is not possible for lack of funds. We spend many Sabbaths visiting the other churches. These trips to the other churches are made by boat.

Vacation Bible School

“This summer we are planning to hold a two-week Vacation Bible School for the Palauan youngsters. We hope that through the children

we can reach the parents. Our desperate need is for workers and funds. Since the drowning of our Palauan pastor, we are so short of help. We need another teacher for the academy who can teach science and who has some music ability. We are planning to build a new academy this fall. We want to expand, not only in room but also in subjects. This will be a heavy load for three teachers.

“This May we will have six seniors graduating from the academy. This is the second graduating class from the academy. All six of the seniors want to further their education at Philippine Union College. But they need funds. The mission gives scholarships only to a few students, as many as the budget will allow, but this year there are no scholarships available. Our hearts go out to these students.

“Russ and I love the islands and the Palauans. We are glad we can serve the Lord here in Koror. The field is ripe, so ripe, and the harvesters are too few. The tasks are great and challenging. The Lord is leading. We need more workers and funds to educate our youth who will be the future leaders on these islands of the Pacific.”

Far Eastern Island Mission

Obituary — Pastor Toribiong Uchel

By G. A. Haas

TORIBIONG UCHEL was born on the Island of Babeltaub, Palau, Western Caroline Islands, in the village of Airai on July 7, 1921. He was drowned in the sea about 7:30 a. m. on the morning of March 7, 1965.

Pastor Toribiong became interested in the Adventist message while serving as a policeman for the Japanese government during the last war. Pastor Yamamoto had been imprisoned for his faith, and Pastor Toribiong was assigned to him to guard him day and night. After the war, Sister Shwarse, a blind member of the church, taught Brother Toribiong more about our truth. Later, when missionaries

came, he was baptized by Pastor Robert Dunton.

In 1951 Pastor Toribiong was invited to become a minister. He accepted and was ordained in 1956. He has served faithfully and well and many hundreds were baptized during his ministry.

Not only was Toribiong Uchel loved by the church but he was highly respected by the entire population of the island. Repeatedly he was elected to serve in the local legislative body, and at one time he served as Judge. For two four-year terms he served as Speaker or President of the legislative body.

Memorial services were conducted in the Koror Adventist church on March 10 by G. A. Haas, Russell Aldridge, Nobuo Willy, Sadang and Solomon Mokokil. The District Administrator and the Secretary of the Legislature both read fine eulogies. Cables from every area of the Trust Territory were received and read.

Pastor Toribiong is survived by his wife and eight children, his mother, a faithful member, and one brother and one sister. The church and the community have lost a true Christian brother, a friend and a counselor and he will be missed for many years.

Johnson, the eldest son, has decided to become a minister. He graduates from the Palau Academy this year and plans to attend Philippine Union College next year.

It was the privilege of the writer and others to complete the instruction to a large baptismal class which Pastor Toribiong and Brother Nobuo Willy were meeting with and on March 18 twenty-six were baptized. This was the largest class to be baptized in our mission. Surely Pastor Toribiong's work will live on in the hearts of these converts.



Mr. and Mrs. Flordelino C. Lagundino cutting the wedding cake. Their many friends in the Philippines and the Far East wish them much happiness in their married life.

A Pretty Wedding

SNOW was falling on a scene already blanketed with several inches of dainty whiteness on Sunday evening, 14th February, 1965, as a large group gathered in the Washington Sanitarium Chapel, Takoma Park, Maryland, U. S. A., to witness the marriage of Flordelino C. Lagundino and Rebecca Ambrosio.

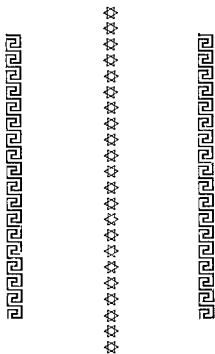
A glow of warmth and good fellowship pervaded the appropriately decorated chapel. Many Filipino friends from the Washington area, from Philadelphia and New Jersey, as well as many American friends, came to witness the ceremony and

to express their good wishes. Rebecca was attended by two of her Filipino friends, and Flor by two of his Filipino companions. The page boy was also a Filipino. One of the flower girls was a charming little Filipina and the other a lovely little fair-haired American.

Flor and Rebecca are both former students of Philippine Union College. Both have come to the U. S. A. for advanced education and training. They are united in their desire to prepare for efficient service in the Lord's work.

All their friends pray for God's special blessing to be with Flor and Rebecca as they establish their new home.

—W. L. Pascoe



Southeast Asia

Set Apart for the Ministry

By **D. R. Guild, Ministerial Secretary, Southeast Asia Union**

AT our recent mission meetings, nine men were ordained to the gospel ministry. Sensing the full meaning of a man's being set apart for the ministry, Sabbath afternoon at each of the mission sessions, when the ordinations took place, was a solemn and memorable moment.

In the Malay Mission, Pastor Chen Kwai Yong has given full proof of his ministry by pioneering a new church; Pastor Jan Hutauruk has had remarkable success working for the Muslims; Pastor K. Liklikwatil has been engaged in Malay-English work; and Pastor Giang Tu Minh, formerly a missionary to Cambodia, now pastors two churches in the Malaya Mission.

In the Thailand Mission, Pastor Sapon Siaguar became the first and thus far only Thai national to be ordained. Last year the Lord blessed his ministry with thirty baptisms. Pastor Abel Pangan, a missionary from the Philippines, served in Laos until the work there was closed down because of the political situation. Since that time, Pastor Pangan has been most willing to serve in every capacity where the need has arisen. Pastor Gumjorn Srirattana-ppapas has served faithfully as a



Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Keizer (left) and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ortner. The two men were ordained at the time of the Sarawak Mission session.



The three young men in the Thailand Mission who were ordained. Left to right: Gumjorn Srirattana-ppapas, Abel Pangan and Sapon Jaiguar. Standing with them are their wives.



The four young men in the Malaya Mission who were ordained. Left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Cheng Kwai Yong, Mr. and Mrs. Jan Hutauruk, Mr. and Mrs. H. Liklikwatil, Mr. and Mrs. Giang Tu Minh.

pastor and departmental secretary for twelve years.

In Sarawak, Pastor C. A. Ortner, principal of the Ayer Manis Training School, is actively engaged in evangelism as the leader of several churches within the school district. Pastor L. E. Keizer, who will lead out in the workers' training program at Ayer Manis, is actively engaged in student evangelism, village evangelism and as the pastor of several churches.

Inasmuch As . . .

By **T. K. Chong, Pastor, Singapore Balestier Road Church**

A LETTER came to the hand of the writer on April 28 which reads in part as follows: "I thank you all for the help you have given to the late Mr. D. M. Shedden and his family. When he was sick you took him to the hospital. His dirty room you came and cleaned . . ."

While the late Mr. Shedden was in the Youngberg Memorial Hospital, a few of us decided to give his son a helping hand by cleaning the father's room so that when he returned from the hospital he would find everything spick and span. It was on a Sunday that six of us—Tang Swee Keng, Eddie Wong, Low Beng Kay, Gary Tay, Hannah Chong and the writer collected pails, mops, brushes, disinfectants, etc., and put it all in the

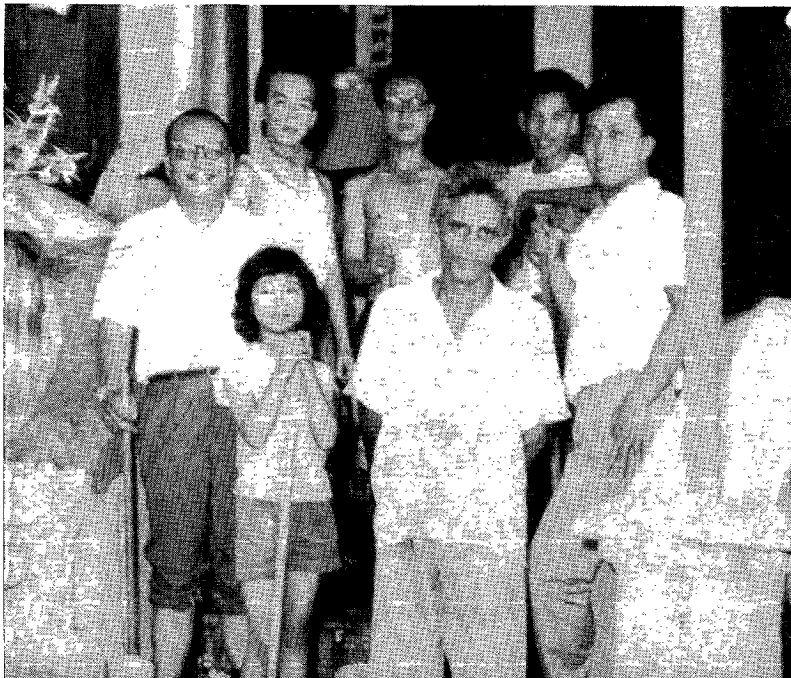
car and drove to Mr. Shedden's home. It took us four and one-half hours to remove all the furniture from the room, brush away the cobwebs, scrub the floor and the walls, dispose of the dirt and rubbish and to scrub all the furniture, pots and pans.

The neighbors soon stopped by to see what was going on. They had never seen the like before—total strangers cleaning up the place of one of their neighbors. Inquiries were soon made and they learned that we were Seventh-day Adventists. Soon the neighbors gathered their young people together and instructed them to clean up their backyards and to clear away all the rubbish under the houses. We had really set the pace!

We had planned to get a new pillow and mattress for Mr. Shedden before he returned from the hospital but this we were not permitted to do. The day after the room had been cleaned and prepared for Mr. Shedden's return, the news came to us from Doctor Steele that the eighty-eight-year-old man had taken a turn for the worse. He never regained consciousness.

The late Mr. Shedden had attended evangelistic meetings by the several evangelists who served the church in Singapore. Through the years whatever evangelistic series was held, Mr. Shedden was always present. For two years he has been a regular attendant at our church.

Pastor T. K. Chong (left) with his crew of workers who did the cleaning job in the Shedden home.



Members of the church, Mrs. Boyd Olson and Mrs. C. D. Martin in particular, had been taking him to church on the Sabbath. Of late he had also attended the School of Prayer on Wednesday evenings. He enjoyed these meetings immensely. On a recent visit to his bedside by the pastor he was heard to say that he so wished he could attend the prayer meeting. He was to have been baptized on April 17 but that date found him sick at the hospital. His daughters, three in all, asked us to perform the funeral rites for he had told them that he was a Seventh-day Adventist.

The young people who took part in the cleaning bee, thus rendering Christian service, came from different walks of life, namely teacher, watchman, clerks, and a school girl from Southeast Asia Union College. Though it came too late for Mr. Shedden to enjoy, the young folks never regretted that they had lent a helping hand. They were glad that they had had a part in making someone else happy.

There is a crying need in our churches today for the members to demonstrate Christianity in action. Words without action fall flat for actions speak louder than words. The counsel given by Mrs. E. G. White in **Welfare Ministry** is so true. The question is will we heed the counsel or wait till it is too late. Jesus said, "For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me." (Matthew 25:35, 36).

I Missed the Bus

PRICHAJ LUMUDON is one of the hard-working colporteurs in Thailand. He has been actively engaged in selling our literature since he was baptized a year ago. He is always on the move—getting people to buy our books and enrolling them in the Voice of Prophecy course.

One day he boarded a long distance bus for he was going to another province to canvass and to deliver books. Before reaching his destination, the bus stopped at a small town for a thirty-minute break. Prichai seized this good opportunity to canvass some of the shophouses nearby. Since his sales



Sabbath, April 24, was a very special day in the Balestier Road church. Pastor T. K. Chong had laid detailed plans for a Children's Dedication service, the first to be held in several years. Not only the parents of small children in the Balestier Road church came for the service but many came from the college church and other nearby churches. There were 45 babies and young children present for

this special service. Nine different nationalities were represented which reminded us of the song the children sing in Sabbath school: "Brown and yellow, Black and white, All are precious in His sight."

The parents with their children were invited to come to the front of the church. After an appropriate Scripture reading and a talk by the Pastor, the ministers on

the platform joined the parents and children and formed a circle around them. As the prayer of blessing was being offered the ministers placed their hands on the heads of the little children.

A white carnation was presented to the mothers and each child was given a certificate of dedication. The above picture was taken at the close of the service.



were very good, he continued to work without realizing that the thirty minutes were up. When he rushed back to the bus station, he found that the bus had left. He felt quite upset for now he had to buy another ticket and the next bus would not leave till the next day. So he spent the night in that small town.

The next day when he picked up the paper he was shocked to read that the bus he had missed overturned and nine persons were killed and sixteen injured.

**As told to David Chung,
Publishing Secretary,
Thailand Mission.**

West Indonesia

Sixty New Church Schools in Indonesia

**By Herman E. Mangkei,
Educational Secretary**

THE 42nd elementary school in the West Indonesia Union opened on January 4, 1965, in Surabaya. It was a thrilling experience. For more than two years the brethren in Surabaya had doubted the

possibility of starting a school. They reasoned that there might be only a handful of children and thus they would not be able to pay the teacher.

When the writer visited Surabaya in August of 1962, he stressed the need for a church school. There was a response and the interest began to grow gradually. But it was not until August 8, 1964, that the officers of the church school board were elected. On later visits to the area, the writer encouraged the new school board by assuring them that God is always with His people when they launch a new project for His sake. So plans were laid for opening the school and the date set for the opening was January 4, 1965. First a suitable building must be found. Money must be collected for books, desks, blackboards and other equipment. H. N. Siahaan, the local mission educational secretary, and the writer met with the school board for two evenings. Following that the chairman of the school board, Tjioe Twan, and Siao Sin Tjo, the treasurer, and the writer visited the homes of the brethren and collected 200,000 rupiahs. On a later Sabbath, following a sermon by the writer, the church gave another 170,000 ru-

piahs. Now the school board members were very happy, and they and the mission leaders were convinced that God was leading in this project. The school furniture and other things needed for the school were ordered. January 4, 1965, the scheduled date for the opening of the school, arrived and what a happy day it was for the school did open on that date. The writer and the president of the mission, Pastor S. Ritonga, praised the brethren for their great accomplishment. Brother Ritonga assured the parents and friends that this was a fulfillment of the work of Elijah in bringing the children back to their parents and the parents to their children. This was the 42nd church school in West Indonesia. The 43rd school was started in NoElmina, Timor, Nusa Tenggara last February. Each school that is started is a miracle in and of itself.

When the writer returned from Philippine Union College in March, 1964, Pastor W. L. Wilcox, the president of the West Indonesia Union, greeted him with these words. "I am afraid that the work of education in the East Union will be ahead of us here in the West." I answered: "It doesn't matter.

There are 38 elementary schools in the East Union and we have 28. But if God is with us I am sure the work will progress. The Lord Who helps the East Union will also help the West Union."

Now in the West Union we have 43 elementary schools, eight junior high schools, two boarding schools (high schools), and one senior college. As we look back over the past years we can see how God has miraculously opened the way for the establishment of church schools. In July, 1962, we had 25 elementary schools. The following year 16 new schools were opened and in 1963-1964 25 more making a total of 66 elementary schools.

Thus in three successive school years there have been at least 60 new church schools started in Indonesia. Schools have sprung up like mushrooms. We say again that it is truly a miracle each time a new school is opened. With the continued blessing of God, we are looking forward to even greater blessings and miracles in the future.

Converted Muslims Organize a Church

By Rifai Burhanu'ddin, Chaplain Bandung Sanitarium and Hospital

IN October, 1961, I was transferred from Djambi, South Sumatra Mission to Bandung, West Java. The work of spreading the message here in Bandung is not much different from what I encountered in Sumatra. The reactions of Muslims to Christianity is about the same everywhere. My first Bible study in Bandung was given to Mdm. Marjati Widjaja, a Sundanese lady and a fanatic Muslim. I found it difficult to convince her of the truth. Mohammed and Al-Qur'an were the foundations of her belief. So the first textbook that was used as a tool to explore the message was the AlQur'an. Many statements in the AlQur'an testify that Jesus, the Son of Mariam, has authority on earth and in heaven. Also Ali Imron talks about the true Christian church. For six months Mdm. Widjaja studied faithfully. Finally the time came when she asked for baptism and Pastor D. Batoebara baptized her. The challenge to her then was how to introduce this wonderful message to her parents who, too, were fanatic Muslims.

The Widjaja family lives in the village of Tjitjaheum near the city of Bandung. After Marjati Widjaja's baptism, I was often invited to her parent's home in order to establish the message in their hearts. At first they treated me as a stranger.

According to Sundanese custom, I visited them at first on a friendly basis. However, at the close of one of my visits, I made an appeal, saying, "Search the Qur'an diligently

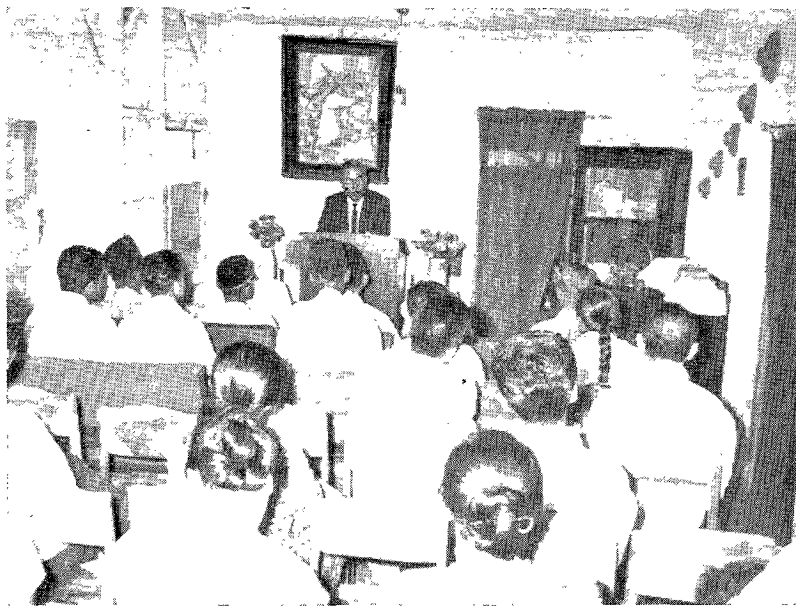
and carefully and become acquainted with Mohammed and his message." In the days following, I dealt with the gospel in the Qur'an as taught by Mohammed. I call these studies "Christ in the Qur'an." I then appealed to them to make a decision. If Mohammed taught about Jesus and held that He has authority both in heaven and on earth, and that He is more powerful than Mohammed, and you say that you believe what Mohammed said,



Mrs. Kalitouw, nee Marjati Widjaja (center) with her husband and Pastor Rifai Burhanu'ddin (left).

Mr. and Mrs. Kalitouw (right) with the parents of Mrs. Kalitouw, Mr. and Mrs. Widjaja.





The members of the Tjitjaheum church who were formerly Muslims. For the present they meet in the home of Mrs. Kalitouw.

then whom will you choose for your leader? Of course Jesus for he is superior to Mohammed. Week by week we studied the Qur'an and finally they accepted Jesus and believed in Him as the coming King. This is also the theme of the Qur'an. For this reason Mohammed urged the Arabians to get ready.

The attention of these old parents of Mdm. Widjaja was directed to the Gospel at first via the Qur'an entirely and then by the Bible itself. Soon they had given up their faith in the Qur'an and we then studied only from the Bible. The time came when they were invited to join the church. At first they refused. They were ashamed to be seen going to a Christian home for worship. I prayed about the matter and God provided the solution. One day the parents of Mdm. Widjaja said: "Pastor, why don't you bring your church to our house?" The next Sabbath the new Tjitjaheum branch Sabbath school was started in their home. Thus in May, 1963, the new Tjitjaheum branch Sabbath school was born in the home of a former fanatic Muslim family in a Muslim community and right alongside the Islamic Elementary School. This tiny nucleus consisted of two families, Suyderhoud and Widjaja, and a young man, Muchtar Oesman, all of whom had been patients at the Bandung Sanitarium and Hospital, except Suyderhoud.

On July 19, 1963, four persons

were baptized, two of whom had been patients at our hospital. Brother Widjaja and four of his Muslim friends joined the second baptismal group and they were baptized the same year. Then in 1964, Mrs. Widjaja together with six more Muslims was baptized. A fourth baptism took place several months later when six more souls accepted Christ as their personal Saviour—this after many months of study. On September 26, 1964, another family was won to the truth. They were brought to a knowledge of the message by listening every Sabbath morning to the beautiful hymns sung by the Seventh-day Adventist members. Sometime after this a man was baptized who had persecuted his wife severely when she had taken her stand for the truth, this against her husband's wishes.

The Tjitjaheum church, made up mostly of former Sundanese Muslims, was organized on October 17, 1964, by the district leader, Pastor M. Siregar and Pastor S. F. Sitompul, president of the West Java Mission. At that same time, Pastor Rifai Burhanuddin was appointed district leader. This new church meets every Sabbath morning in the home of Marjati Widjaja. Please pray for these new believers that the Heavenly Father will strengthen them so that they will remain faithful until Jesus comes.

All This for That One Child

By Herman E. Mangkei

THEY resolved to move ahead. There was no other way to help that student. He had passed the government examinations for the sixth grade and could enter a junior high school. But which school?

The church officers of the Malang, East Java, church were exchanging their ideas and opinions. They were eager to work out a solution for that student to continue his schooling. His parents did not want him to attend a non-Seventh-day Adventist school. But how could the church operate a junior high school only for their son. They prayed and prayed.

The church members could not forget that Mrs. White had said that it is high time for our children to be separated from worldly associations and that would include worldly schools. This lad had been reared in a Seventh-day Adventist home and educated in a church school through the elementary grades. Now should he be sent to another type of school for his higher grades? No, the church must find a way to care for him. They found the way on July 12, 1964. It was to give the first year of junior high school work—all for this one child.

On the day of the graduation exercises of the church school, Sie Tiong Gie, the church elder and the chairman of the school board, spoke on the importance of sending Seventh-day Adventist children to a Seventh-day Adventist school. The writer stressed the three things needed to make a successful student—aim high, think big, and work hard. The church then and there decided to offer the first year of junior high school work. It was felt that perhaps no other children would join that school but a miracle happened and five other Adventist children came to register. They had graduated from a non-Adventist elementary school. Our prayers have been that the church be blessed abundantly as it has determined to gather its children of school age into an Adventist school. The year before the church had started its church school with 14 SDA children and two teachers were employed.



Students and teachers of the Vacation Bible School held in Semarang (Central Java). Miss Esther Ong, standing fourth from the right was the director of the school. In the picture to the right the parents and visitors admire the articles made by the children in the craft's class.

Now they have 25 children in the elementary school and six in the junior high school, first year. These children are taught by three consecrated teachers.

The Malang church has the finest school building as compared with other Adventist schools. It is well equipped with the best desks, blackboards, teachers' desks and chairs of teakwood, so well polished that they shine like mirrors. The building has six rooms and an office for the principal. It is the desire of the church to give their children the best of everything, especially the best education. They want their children to be in God's service and children at last worthy of being God's children and worthy of heaven when Jesus appears in the clouds.

The teachers are: Miss Tjoa Giok Hoa, Mr. C. Kainde, and Mr. S. Trisno. Miss Tjoa, the principal, and Mr. Kainde are graduates of Indonesia Union College. Mr. Trisno is a graduate of a government teacher training school.

The attitude of the church members in Malang toward Christian education is also seen elsewhere among the churches in Indonesia.

Following up our VBS

By Esther Ong, Semarang Church
W. Indonesia Union

WE finished our first Vacation Bible School on the 9th of January, 1965, with very astonishing results. We are now continuing with the branch Sabbath school program.

Seventy-five children between the ages of eight and thirteen were enrolled in our first Vacation Bible School. Ninety percent of these children were from non-Adventist homes. Fifty of the students were awarded diplomas.

We had a fine graduation program and nearly all the parents of the children were present. At the close of the program the parents and friends viewed with great interest the exhibit of the crafts which the children had made. Activity books containing pictures which the children had made or cut out and pasted into the books were also on exhibit.

A father, who had become very much interested, wrote and told us how much he had appreciated having his children participate in the VBS. His children felt very sorry because he was ill and could not attend the graduation program. They wept and said: "Father, why were you ill? If you had not been ill you could have enjoyed our program. We were jealous when we saw the parents of our friends present."

As a result of our Vacation Bible School we are now conducting two branch Sabbath schools. One is held in the morning and the other in the afternoon for some of the children have to be in school in the morning. These children have brought their friends and neighbors until now there are **more than one hundred in each branch Sabbath school**. We pray that God will bless our endeavors to win others for Him.

Muslim Convert Wins Souls

By William Walean

MUCHTAR OESMAN was a devout Muslim until he heard the truth two years ago. He immediately bent every effort to become well grounded in this new-found faith for he wanted to share it with others. After his baptism, a feeling of great joy in the Christian faith swept over him and set him afire with enthusiasm to carry out his desire to be a soul winner for Christ.

With a series of Bible studies, which he himself had studied, he set out in personal evangelism. He visited his acquaintances and associates and shared with them his faith. His zeal and promising aptitude prompted some of our Union workers to encourage Brother Oesman to attend the academy which is operated in connection with our college in Bandung. He accepted this challenge to get an education in spite of his being much older than the average student starting high school. Brother Oesman is now working for his high school diploma. He hopes soon to begin his preparation for the ministry by entering the college.

Upon his arrival at school, in spite of a heavy study schedule, Brother Oesman immediately studied the possibility of winning souls in the neighborhood. In the Cavalry compound adjoining our college campus, he managed to arrange

for Bible studies twice each week in the home of Brother Worung and family, resident Adventists in the Cavalry compound. A song service in which our church hymnal **Lagu Sion** was used proved to be an effective means to attract the neighbors to the Bible study. This effort was rewarded with the baptism of two young men, Martin Rantung and Siguman.

Further visitation and more Bible studies resulted in a second baptism of three more converts, namely F. Worung and wife, and H. Ch. Laoh. This second baptism was held in May 1964.

The devil became angry over this success. Hatred and opposition on the part of the members of another denomination in the barracks flared up. The opposers vented their anger at us, and especially at the new converts by boycotting them and making fun of all their activities. This opposition soon quieted down when the opposers found that instead of discouraging our brethren, it even prompted them to greater and more heroic efforts. This caused them to become more deeply rooted in their faith.

The difficulties and opposition turned out to be blessings in disguise. Mrs. Palar and Mrs. Laoh, who at first reacted with apathy toward every effort to convince them of the truth, were later won after seeing the friendly treatment of their sick relatives by our doctors and nurses at our hospital. A cooperative attitude and sympathy extended to them by our church members also helped to win them. Consequently on the occasion of the third baptism on December 19, 1964, six other converts from the Cavalry compound were added to our membership, namely Mrs. Palar and her daughter, Mrs. Laoh, her two sons and a daughter of the Worung family.

Muchtart Oesman is not resting on his laurels. He is doing even more in spreading the good tidings in the vicinity of our college.

Korea

A Friendly Contact

PRESIDENT Pak Chung Hee of the Republic of Korea, visited the tomb area adjacent to

Korean Union College for the annual Korean Riding Club picnic. While there he and Dr. Rudy E. Klimes had a most cordial visit and they also had their pictures taken together. The President is very much interested in the student-work program. Many of the members of the Riding Club are well acquainted with the college farm and they spoke highly of Korean Union College in the presence of President Pak Chung Hee.

The President seldom has the opportunity to meet foreigners with whom he can speak Korean and he was visibly pleased with Dr. Klimes' Korean.

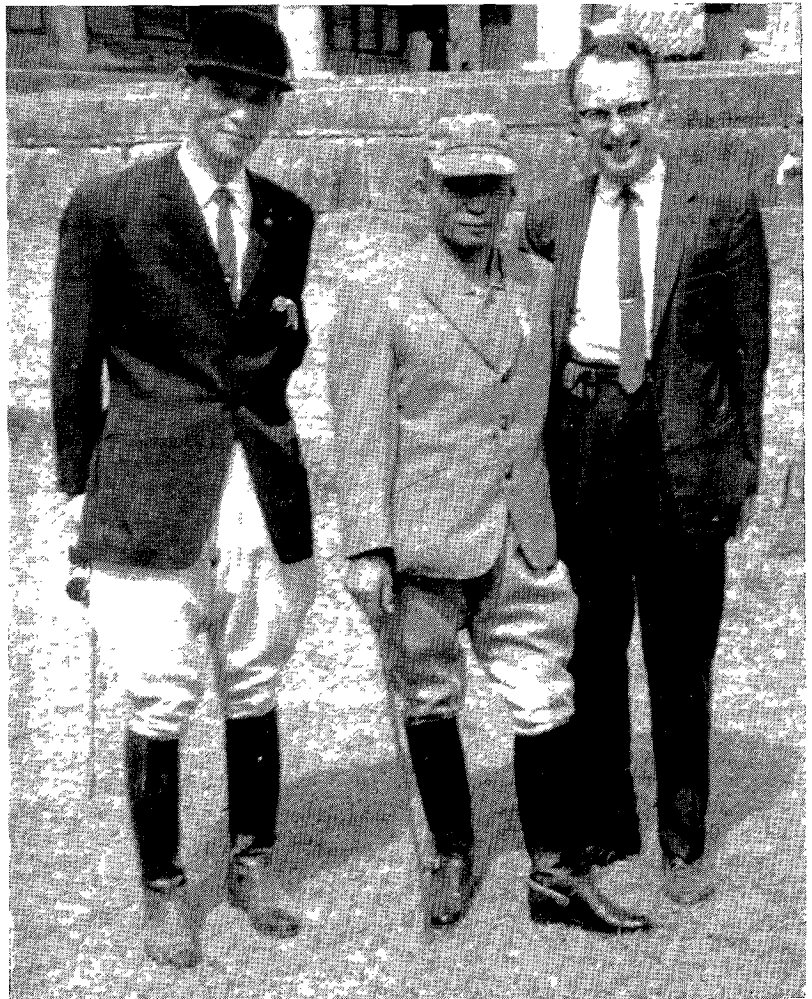
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Korean Union College

Korean Union College Dateline

Enrollment Increase. The enrollment of the various departments of the college, as reported by Registrar Kim Pyung Taik, is as follows:

College	182
Junior College	82
Total College	264
Academy	362
Elem. Schools	75
Total	437
Total Enrollment	701

The combined college enrollment shows an increase of 14 percent over last year, while the junior college enrollment is within 18



President Pak Chung Hee (center) with Dr. R. E. Klimes (right) and the chairman of the Korean Riding Club.

students of the permitted maximum. The total College Park population stands at 903.

Faculty Up-Grading: Twelve of the college faculty members have enrolled in college classes offered the first semester. At present five faculty members are studying or have initiated definite plans for study on the Doctoral or Bachelor of Divinity level.

Important Visitors: A group of thirty highranking army chaplains was entertained at a banquet at the college cafeteria. The college president, Dr. R. E. Klimes, and the dean of students, Professor Cho Pyung Suh, spoke on the worldwide work of Seventh-day Adventists, and the position of SDA servicemen in Korea.

Week of Prayer: March 21-27, Pastor Yoo Chung Shik, dean of the Yong Nam Academy, conducted a very spiritual Week of Prayer for the academy and college students. He conducted faculty morning worship and met with many of the students individually for private counselling. After the Thursday night meeting, he conducted a special consecration service for the combined faculties and their families. A baptismal class of 50 students was organized.

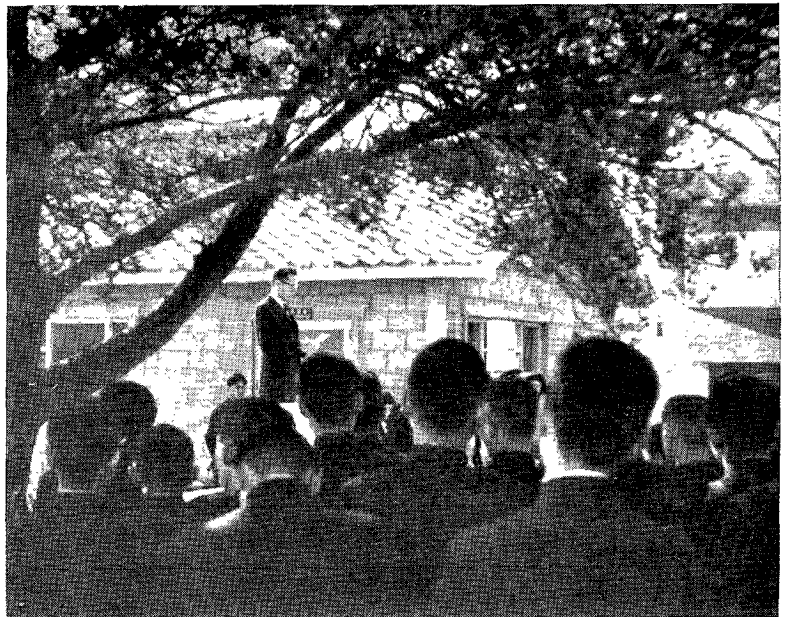
Lounge-Office Gift: The overseas missionary group donated a living room set of furniture which is being used in the new lounge-office which is available for campus visitors for interviewing purposes.

New Farm Equipment: With the coming of spring the college farm resounds to the throbbing of a newly-arrived American tractor. The tractor was bought by Mr. Haley, director of farm industries, with funds donated by Dr. and Mrs. John Steele. The Steeles are the parents of Mrs. Madeline Johnston.

Teacher-Student Work Program: With the new 1965 schoolyear, a very successful teacher-student work program was initiated. The students work on the farm in three groups together with faculty members. The Vocational Junior College teachers in the agriculture department participate in this program every working afternoon, while the other academy and college teachers participate one afternoon every three weeks.



The officers of the Student Conference at Korean Union College. The president of the conference is Shin Kay Hun, second from the left.



A milk processing plant was opened on April 6, 1965, at Korean Union College. This plant will process the milk produced by the 45 head of cattle in the college herd. The building was built with funds provided by the Far Eastern Division and the equipment was donated by friends.

Student Conference: A new course called "Practicum in Church Administration" will use as its laboratory the college district consisting of nine churches, five companies, and 20 branch Sabbath schools. The Student Conference will have two major objectives: to educate for church leadership, and to make the college district a model district. The class will be taught by Dr. R. E. Klimes.

Another Masters Degree: On February 8, 1965, Mr. Choo Han Seung, instructor in agriculture, received a Master of Agriculture degree from Tong Kook University. He is the 12th holder of a Master's degree on the faculty of Korean Union College.

Korean Union College News Briefs

- Korean Union College Senior Pak Chong Ki, won first prize at a Bible contest held at the E-Wha University, Seoul, Korea. Seventeen contestants from all parts of Korea entered the contest.
- During recent academy and college chapel periods, Pastor J. R. Nelson, from the General Conference, told some thrilling soul-winning experiences of soldiers around the world.
- College Senior Oh Man Kyu attended the Youth Congress in Japan as a student representative of the Korean Union College.
- Pastor Cho Pyung Suh, Dean of Student Affairs at Korean Union College, was elected Public Relations Director of the newly organized Korean Association of Theological Schools.

—Jane Ritonen Haley
Office of Information

Central Philippines

A Missionary to the Rich

By S. G. Miraflores

ANTONIO ANDRADA is a piano repairer and tuner in Iloilo City. He had contacts with faithful Seventh-day Adventists both in Mindanao and in Negros before his conversion. These contacts had given him some knowledge of Adventists and their beliefs. The silent witness of a con-

sistent Seventh-day Adventist convinced him beyond doubt that we are good people with good principles. He also had dreams which contributed to his conversion.

When the fulness of time had come, it was not hard for Antonio Andrada to decide to follow Jesus. He and his wife were baptized, and four of their eleven children joined with them in this rite.

Brother Andrada had associated with worldly friends and with them had visited bars and movies. When he finally gave up these things once and for all, his friends thought he was missing a lot in life and a lot of fun. But our good brother thinks otherwise. He feels that he has

and tuning jobs. The customers are convinced that he is sincere and earnest in his work. Indeed, the Lord is blessing him materially.

"I am enjoying the blessed hope and sharing it with every piano owner with whom I come in contact," says Brother Andrada. Some times he comes in contact with priests and they always offer him the best cigars and the most expensive wines. He politely refuses such and the priests are surprised. They become curious. This gives Brother Andrada a chance to tell about his convictions regarding tobacco and alcohol.

As home missionary leader of the LaPaz church, his home is tempora-



Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Andrada and family. The father and mother and four children were baptized at the same baptismal service.

everything to gain. He sums up his blessings as follows:

"I have better health. I can prove to you that a person can be healthy without eating pork," he tells his friends.

"My business has improved since I accepted the message," testifies Brother Andrada. Before accepting Christianity, I had only about three piano repair jobs a year. Now I have to refuse jobs brought to me for I cannot cope with them all." He receives calls from Negros and Panay offering him piano repair

rily the place where the church worships. A new LaPaz church is under construction in a new area.

In spite of a large family, the Andradas are willing to have their home used as the place of worship. It is believed that he has in mind giving a piano to the new church when it is completed.

The enthusiasm and zeal of Brother Andrada in sharing his faith is so well known that his brethren speak of him as the "Missionary to the Rich."

South Philippines

Davao Center Fruitage

V. L. MONTALBAN, president of the South Philippine Union, under date of March 29, writes as follows to C. P. Sorensen in telling about the success of the evangelistic meetings being held at the Davao Center:

"We are happy to report to you that last Sabbath Dr. and Mrs. Edward N. Lim were baptized at the Davao City church baptistry. Doctor Lim is a Chinese who has resided in the Philippines for 27 years. He was born in Korea in 1893. He studied in Japan from 1905 to 1913. During 1914-1917 he studied in the United States. He served the US Army from 1917-1919 and remained in the US until 1926. He did medical work in various cities of Korea and Manchuria from 1926-1928. He served as medical officer in the Chinese customs house in Hankow from 1928 to 1930. He was a Major General in the Chinese National 28th Army of Szechuan. During the years 1938-1942, Dr. Lim wrote articles for the Manila Chinese newspapers. He represented the Chinese government in relief work and organized the Philippines Cultural Association. He came to Davao in 1951 where he practices his profession as a medical doctor. One of his sons is now studying at Mountain View College. We were so happy and grateful to God for his wonderful testimony last Sabbath as he told of how he had embraced the truth. His wife graduated from the Central Philippine University with a Bachelor of Theology degree. In my conversation with Dr. Lim, he intimated that he met Dr. Harry Miller in China.

"Dr. and Mrs. Lim are fruits from the Davao City effort. To date 60 have been baptized as a result of these evangelistic meetings and the effort is continuing."

The Rape of the Mind

By **P. P. Ramos, Religious Liberty Secretary, South Philippine Union**

GOD is a God of freedom. He commands "... and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof. . . Lev. 25:10." When he legislates, His law is called "the law of liberty." (James 1:25) Even the preaching of the message is for the emancipating of the soul. Listen to Christ's words: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath annointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted; to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, Luke 4:18."



Pastor P. P. Ramos, Religious Liberty Secretary of the South Philippine Union.

No wonder the great apostle Paul wrote, "... and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 1 Cor. 3:18."

It is God's desire that men should be free. He hates oppression and slavery, thought control and intolerance wherever they are found and in whatever form, whether committed by governments, religious organizations or persons. Real Christians and genuine citizens cry out: "Give me liberty or give me death."

Here in these fair isles, object of our loyalty and love, the Philippines, we have seen history take off the yoke of bondage from our people. Accompanied by explosions of

rockets and the barking of cannons, we received freedom from three former conquerors. We would like to think that since we are now free we shall forever remain free. I wish I could feel that way but I cannot. In our midst there is a world civil-ecclesiastical power that is determined to put another yoke on our necks—a yoke more dangerous and deadly than all our former masters put together. And worst of all, the yoke will be administered by the very men we have voted into congress because we believed they would uphold the Constitution of the Philippines, which guarantees to us the separation of church and state. While the commission of the Lord Jesus is for His church to preach the gospel to all the world, this power would like to control men and nations by means of their law-making bodies. To attain this end, she has to commit fornication with the kings of the earth. (Rev. 18:13) "Pope Pius IX, in his Encyclical letter of August 15, 1854, said: 'The absurd and erroneous doctrines or ravings in defense of liberty of conscience, are a most pestilential error—a pest, of all others, most to be dreaded by the state.'" **Great Controversy**, page 564. "Says Bishop O'Connor: 'Religious Liberty is merely endured until the opposite can be carried into effect without peril to the Catholic world.'" **Ibid.** p. 565

The Cuenco Bill, otherwise termed as H. B. No. 13043, pending before the Senate but already approved by the House of Representatives, authorizes public school teachers to conduct religious instruction voluntarily in public school buildings. The catch is in the word "voluntarily." How long can the public schools define what is voluntary and what is compulsory when in the first place more than 95 per cent of our public school teachers are Catholics? Co-authored by 81 congressmen and voted for by sixty-four, this bill, if approved by the Senate and signed by the President, will constitute a definite menace to our freedom and like a bomb explode the dictum of separation of church and state guaranteed by our constitution.

The sponsors of this bill maintain that it is constitutional. While the Senate waits, the President of the Philippines has already endorsed the bill in his speech given at the Quadri-Centennial rites at Cebu

City, in which, before the Papal Legate, Ildebrando Cardinal Antonutti, he consecrated the whole of the Philippines to the Roman Catholic Christianity.

How can this bill be constitutional when the doctrine of the separation of church and state is violated on these counts:

1.) Public school teachers who are paid from government funds must not teach religion on school premises.

2.) To the pupils and their parents belonging to different religious persuasions, the teacher will cease to be a symbol of national unity.

3.) The popular religion will then clamor to have her members hired. Teachers' examinations will then include religion, to the detriment of the minorities.

Has the time come when we shall become slaves right here in our country? That which affects the public schools, affects the whole country. Is this the sign of the sunset of freedom in these beloved lands? "Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom." Eternal vigilance in prayer, in Bible study, in presenting a solid front before the whole country along with those who still sympathize with us. Let us ponder the words of the great President Quezon:

"The doctrine of separation of the church and state was not enunciated by a king or by a president, or by a pope or a bishop, but by our Lord Jesus Christ Himself." Let us continue to pray and to do during these fearful times to the end that we may keep separation a reality.

Reform Movement Turned Seventh-day Adventist

By A. A. Villarin, President
Davao Mission

ONE day two men from Balangunan (the southern tip of Davao Mission) came to visit me in my office. After exchanging a few greetings, one of the men asked whether I was the one in charge of distributing food stuffs and relief clothing.

"Why, yes, I am," I answered.

"Can you give us some?" he asked.

"Where did you come from?" I inquired.

"We came from Balangunan and

we belong to the Reform Movement under Pastor Binoya," one of them answered.

And this is the story as he later related it:

"One Sabbath day while we were holding our meeting, Brother and Sister de Asis and Brother Gelacio Java of the Sulop church came and preached to us the true Seventh-day Adventist doctrine. We were convinced that God was speaking through them and we requested to know more about this message. We made a unanimous decision to follow this new-found faith. The whole church was stirred and it was a happy privilege for all of us when the day came for Pastor L. P. Gaje to baptize us in the watery grave.

"Now we have come to ask you for some relief clothing because we have some Bilaan converts who cannot attend the meetings for they do not have clothes to wear."

We thank God for giving our lay members power to turn the hearts of the people to the Lord.

Bolos, Rifles and Books

By F. D. Lao, Publishing Secretary,
South Philippine Union

SEVERINO BONCATO, accompanied by another colporteur and Ben Moralde, the publishing secretary of the Northern Mindanao Mission, went to the hinterlands of Bukidnon to deliver several copies of the book **Great Controversy**. When they arrived there they were met by some of the church officers who advised them not to proceed with their deliveries for the barrio captain was prepared to kill them. He was angry at our colporteurs for his wife and most of his people had ordered the books. In his rage, he passed around words of threat. For this reason our brethren who knew the unfavorable attitude of this man toward Adventists, were apprehensive. To avoid bloodshed our brethren pleaded with the colporteurs to forego their deliveries. But who can afford to lose 2,000 pesos' worth of orders! Instead of being dismayed or discouraged, the brethren were asked to join with them in prayer. With renewed enthusiasm and strong determination to succeed they went forward with courage and in the arms of faith.

Upon arriving at their destination, they started their delivery only to be turned down by each customer.

All referred them to the captain. When they went to his home, they were met by his young daughter who told them that her father was out and that he would not return till late at night. Our colporteurs felt that this was only an alibi. To prove their desire to see the barrio captain, they told the girl that they were prepared to wait for him even if it meant a whole week of waiting. Just then the captain, who had been hiding in the kitchen, came out and went directly to the bedroom, presumably to get his rifle and thus make good his threat. He then called the men who were working on his farm. The sight of these men with bolos in their hands surrounding them was enough to frighten our humble self-supporting workers. They felt that they had no way of escape.

With anger in his voice, the barrio captain inquired of them as to their purpose. Brother Moralde extended his hand and introduced himself and then told the purpose of their visit. The captain then burst unto a rage and pointing his finger at Brother Boncato, he called him a racketeer, a thief and a fake for he had forced his wife and his people to buy his books. Many unkind statements were made by the man but our colporteurs remained calm. In the meantime, Brother Moralde pretended to take down all the statements that the captain had made. When he had calmed down, Brother Moralde explained to him the contents of the book and the advantage in owning one.

Instead of asking the barrio captain to pay for the book, he asked him to put his signature to the things that Brother Moralde had noted down. "What is this?" asked the captain. "These are all your accusations and we only ask you to affix your signature to the same as proof that you made them," Brother Moralde answered. The barrio captain, after having been convinced of the value of the book and sensing the futility of his accusations, apologized and called to his wife to bring the money to pay for the book. The Spirit of the Lord had touched his heart. He not only paid for the book his wife had ordered but he accompanied our colporteurs to some of his neighbors and encouraged them to pay for the books they had ordered.

On their way home the following day, the colporteurs saw at a dis-

tance a man holding the book, **Great Controversy**, in one hand and a deadly bolo in the other. He was waiting for them by the wayside, his bolo unsheathed. Our men proceeded on to meet him. They were surprised when he started to ask them questions. Speaking to Brother Moralde, he asked, "Are you receiving a monthly salary, Mr. Moralde?" Brother Moralde nodded his head in the affirmative. The man then inquired into the possibility of hiring Brother Moralde for one month to teach him the things contained in this book, **The Great Controversy**. He was willing to pay that amount of money in order to be better guided into the truths it taught. He was assured that someone would come to teach him Bible truths. He was introduced to the district leader and Bible studies were begun. Before the end of 1964 he and his family were buried in the watery grave.

Let us continue to pray for our literature evangelists and for the books they leave in the hands of the people.

Week-end Convention at Mesaoy

By **Segundo A. Ramel, Minister
Northern Davao District**

THE convention held in the barrio of Mesaoy, Tagum, Davao, March 17-20, 1965, sponsored by the Davao Mission, was a real blessing to us. Many brethren, including delegates from the remotest area of the district, bravely hiked many kilometers over dusty roads while others arrived in modern motor vehicles. On the Sabbath day, the church was packed with one hundred fifty in attendance, including the children. All eagerly awaited refreshing words from the Holy Writ as presented from the pulpit.

All of our thirteen magazine workers were present, and they under the able leadership of Miss Baculpo added to the spiritual atmosphere of our Sabbath worship through their ministry in song. The voices of the Tagum choir, trained and conducted by Mrs. Aida B. Ramel, lifted every heart heavenward in worship.

Throughout the convention the sermons preached were revivals in nature while the evening sermons were evangelistic. The convention hours were filled with instruction

and workshops for the brethren as the various phases of our work were promoted. J. A. Corpus, Sabbath school and home missionary secretary of the mission, emphasized that if we were to become a AAA Banner Sabbath school we must increase our offerings every Sabbath. Mrs. C. A. Llaguno, secretary of the Parent and Home Councils, urged that our homes be kept clean and neat with everything in good order. She urged that the kitchen be the cleanest part of the house. S. L. Llaguno, educational secretary, stressed the importance of sending our children to our own Seventh-day Adventist schools. B. U. Donato, MV and educational secretary of the union, exhorted us to forsake everything for Jesus, while Brother AQUI, auditor of the mission, reminded us to be faithful in tithe paying and giving of offerings for the support of the ministry of the Word.

The Sabbath sermon given by Pastor Yutuc was a stirring one. When the altar call was made, all responded and, as they came down the aisle, they wept bitterly over their sins and rededicated themselves for service till the end of time.

The convention closed with the baptism of 13 young people by the writer.

A Report from Sulu

By **G. U. Ellacer, District Leader
Sulu Archipelago**

GREETINGS from Sulu, the last outpost of the Advent Movement in the Philippines. The Sulu Archipelago is a group of 700 registered islands and islets in the southernmost waters of the country, bounded by Sabah (formerly British North Borneo) on the southwest. Its population, some 330,000, is predominantly Muslim, although a large segment of the Samal tribes is pagan. Sulu is the biggest district in the Western Mindanao Mission, with an area of 400 square miles. We had two companies of believers in this Moroland. One was in Batabato, Balimbing, on the island of Tawi-tawi.

The company of believers in Batabato has recently dispersed. This is owing to the Muslim threat to the settlers and also the moving out of the Timex, a logging company. A few years ago the government

opened a land settlement in Tawi-tawi. Many people from Luzon and Mindanao came there to farm. A number of Adventists were with the settlers and they made a lively company of believers who met at the home of Carlos Monteron, an Adventist who had been a Muslim.

While working on their farms, the settlers were under the watchful eyes of the native Muslims. When the crops were ready to harvest, these natives came out and claimed that the land belonged to their great grandfather. Erecting a red flag in the field, and with a shining barong, a Muslim sharp bolo used for killing only, they drove the poor settlers away. The settlers had no alternative but to flee for their lives. Most of them went back to Luzon or transferred to other settlements. One of our brethren, Jose Acosta was shot. At present Carlos Monteron and family are the only Adventists left there.

Another Company at Jolo

The other company is in Jolo, a town of parades, delicious fruits, and untaxed goods. Jolo is the place of vintas, sleek sailboats used by Tausags and Samals for fishing and pearl diving. It is reckoned that the most enlightened Muslims in the country live in Jolo. It is in Jolo that you feel that you are in a foreign land. The culture, dialect and the way of life of the populace are different from that of other places in the Philippines. Safety is not guaranteed in any place nor at any time. Bloodshed is a normal affair. Superstition is prevalent. It is in Jolo that the greatest challenge to evangelism is found. Christians comprise only five percent of the 34,000 population. The Tausags feel that Jolo is only for Muslims.

How Our Work Began in Jolo

The work in Jolo first started after the liberation with Pastor and Mrs. Alfonso Somicad as missionaries. Their work was short-lived and they had to return to the mainland thus leaving the islands without a missionary for many years. In 1957, the former Southern Mindanao Mission sent Pastor and Mrs. Francisco Cabansag, both nurses, who did most of the ground work by house to house visitation.

(Concluded in July Outlook)

North Philippines

Filipino Assistant Auditor Appointed

By **B. B. Alsaybar, Principal
PUC Academy**

INDICATIVE of the onward march of the work in the Far Eastern Division is the recent appointment of Pastor Meliton M. Claveria to the post of assistant auditor of the Division for the three Philippine Unions.

Pastor Claveria has had 35 years of full-time service in the work in such varied capacities as office secretary, translator, academy treasurer, mission treasurer, mission



Pastor M. M. Claveria, Division assistant auditor for the Philippines.

president, and union mission secretary-treasurer. Early in his ministry he served as secretary to Pastors O. A. Blake and R. R. Figuhr. His appointment marks a first in the history of the Far Eastern Division, the first Filipino and also the first Asian to serve as an assistant auditor for the division field.

The Philippine Islands made up one union until 1951 when it was divided into two. During the last Division Council in Baguio, the South Union was divided into the South and Central Unions. Hence we now have three union missions and this necessitated the appointment of an assistant auditor for these three fields.

Temperance Workers Invade Philippine Schools

By **A. J. Abawag, Temperance
Secretary, South-Central Luzon
Mission**

IF there is any place where intoxicating drinks abound, both native and imported wines, it is in this mission. There is need here for a temperance movement on a large scale. We were at a loss just how to begin. But God opened up the way for us so that now we have more invitations than we can cope with.

The Parent-Teacher Associations of the two large academies, the Quezonian Memorial Academy and the Antimonan Academy, combined their PTA meetings for a special program and the writer was invited to be their guest speaker. The theme of their meeting was "The Family Week." The Adventist young people of Lucena prepared a temperance play portraying the evil effects of alcohol on the family. The play was well performed and it was followed by a lecture by the temperance secretary.

After the program, the faculty members of both schools said that this was the best admonition they had ever heard about the evils of liquor and hard drinks. They expressed the wish that the parents and friends present would heed the admonition and overcome the evil habit. The emcee pledged that he would not indulge in drinking anymore. He had been a heavy drinker.

Two months later, the Mayor of Lucban, Quezon, through the Municipal Council, invited us to present the same program and lecture at their town plaza. They wished for help to solve their juvenile delinquency problem. We were given one Sunday night but this was increased to two nights and later another night was added. On the first night the same play was given and this was followed by a lecture. Approximately three thousand people came to the plaza. The next night the union temperance secretary, B. G. Mary, and the mission president, E. J. Tangunan, gave two more interesting lectures and these were followed by two films, "Monkey on the Back" and "One in Twenty Thousand."

Three weeks later the mayor of Majayjay, Laguna, sent a request

to us through the district leader, S. V. Manuel, to present the same program in their town. At the same time the mayor of Lucban asked us to hold another meeting in his town. We accepted this invitation for the reason that the temperance team is not financially able to travel to distant places. That night at Lucban the municipal counsellors, the barrio captains, and the other town officials were present.

Another invitation came to us from the town officials of Tayabas, Quezon. The temperance team is under the direct supervision of Vicente Jusi, who is in charge of the participants in the play, and Florencio Abuel, temperance officer of the local church of Lucena, who makes the final arrangements for appointments. The temperance secretary of the mission assists in any way that he can.

Yes, God is opening the way for us to crack down on the evil habit of drinking. We plan to invade the schools and arrangements are now under way for us to visit academies and colleges, both private and public. Sponsors are needed to carry on this work.

Promote! Promote! Promote!

By **J. O. Bautista**

THAT in a nutshell is the secret for success and the reaching of goals in any enterprise, campaign, or project. Whatever progress is made in any line of our work largely depends on the planning and promotion carried on by its leader or leaders. Someone has aptly said that dynamic leadership is essential to success in any line of undertaking. We were forcefully impressed anew with this truth not so long ago.

In a determined effort to make the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering during the third quarter of 1964 the biggest in its history, the Far Eastern Division set a goal of US\$ 15,000. (The highest amount previously on record was US\$11,098.) The amount was apportioned to the several unions. The North Philippine Union's share was 14,250 pesos. This figure was in turn divided among the five local missions. Mountain Province with only

twenty Sabbath schools and given a goal of 570 pesos was the first to be able to submit a complete report. A few of the Sabbath schools did not reach their goal. The mission exceeded its goal by 30.84 pesos.

Additional early reports indicated similar trends. Philippine Union College set a goal of 1,080 pesos and raised 1,228.04; Gagalangin, with a membership of 61, set a double peso goal before its members. They gave 131.20 pesos. Manila Center and Pasay English church realized the biggest Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings in their history by giving 238.44 and 700.00 pesos respectively.

Experience has amply demonstrated that progressive Sabbath schools are those whose leaders carry on vigorous promotion and make use of goal devices.

Typical Examples

A typical example of a prosperous Sabbath school is Gagalangin in the Manila area. The credit for its success in maintaining its position as the top Sabbath school in the Central Luzon Mission goes to Sister Luz G. Arceo who has been its superintendent for a number of years. She prepares a different device each quarter both for the Investment Fund and Thir-



The 1964 officers of the Baesa Sabbath school seated in front of one of their interesting devices. Benjamin Abejar, seated third from the left, provides an attractive device each quarter.

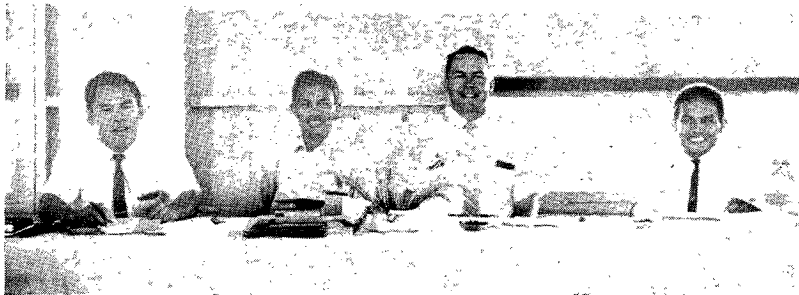
teenth Sabbath offering. The results testify to the effectiveness of goal devices.

The Investment Fund for 1963 showed an increase of 349.79 pesos over that received in 1963. Likewise in the Thirteenth Sabbath offering there was an increase of 221.43 pesos over the previous year.

Another Sabbath school is worthy of mention—the Baesa Sabbath school, neighbor to Philippine Union College. This Sabbath school

has the good fortune of having as one of its members an accomplished artist in the person of Benjamin Abejar, an employee of the Philippine Publishing House. He sees to it that the school has an attractive device every quarter.

We have presented these achievements of some of our schools in an effort to drive home the point that promotion pays substantial dividends.



Everyone is happy as the "grilling" begins. Left to right: A. P. Roda, PUC President; Nic Tumangday, MVC Instructor and M. A. candidate; S. Allen, Dean PUC School of Theology; B. Bandiola, PUC, Graduate Dean.

All M. A. candidates at P. U. C. must write a thesis. Recently the first person to conduct a thesis Seminar for the M. A. degree in Religion at P. U. C. presented a summary for his findings to the graduate faculty and student body.

Mr. Nic Tumangday, Bible teacher at Mountain View College, presented the main outlines of his research into the teachings

of the Iglesia Ni Cristo, a strong indigenous Filipino Church, founded by a former Adventist. His thesis deals especially with this body's unscriptural Unitarian view of the nature of Christ.

As the pictures accompanying this story demonstrate, the occasion was an enjoyable one. Cantaloupe a la mode was served in keeping with the ancient Filipino tradition

which connects food with all pleasant gatherings of people. All the persons present enjoyed the evening. It is hoped that Mr. Tumangday will be one of the first to receive the new government-approved M. A. degree in Religion.

—S. Allen

Dean, School of Theology



The anxious candidate, Nic Tumangday, has a last moment conference with his Committee Chairman, P. U. C. President A. P. Roda.

CAST THY BREAD UPON THE WATERS....

THe other day while I was sitting in my office, a lady not of our faith called me by phone. The reason for her calling was to tell me about her happy experience in one of our hospitals. She was making a trip around the world recently, and while in Bangkok she became ill rather suddenly and was taken to our hospital in that city. The treatment she received there from capable, dedicated doctors and nurses made such a tremendous impression on her that she felt she had to tell me about it. It took her quite a while to tell her story, but I was happy to listen.

Time is never wasted listening to cheering reports.

A few of the many fine statements that she made are: "My experience in that hospital was the next thing to being in paradise." "You are the most unselfish people." "Why can't there be more institutions like this?" "Those doctors were so kind capable and dedicated." "And oh, those nurses, they were the kindest people I ever met."

Wherever there are consecrated, loyal, and dedicated Seventh-day Adventist doctors, dentists, and nurses, society is greatly blessed and the church is praised. The

product of Loma Linda University can be a powerful factor not only in bringing healing to the body but also to the soul; not only in building a strong society, but also a strong church in society; not only in preparing for citizenship here, but for citizenship in heaven.

We are grateful for Loma Linda University. More and more young people should receive training to go out and help relieve the suffering of mankind and point people to a better way of life.

—R. R. Bietz
Pacific Union Recorder

NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

● Pastor L. M. Baylon has been appointed chaplain at the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital. Another appointment recently made in the North Philippine Union is that of Pastor J. Leones to serve as the pastor of the Pasay English Church.

● The Seminary Extension School which is now being held at the Indonesia Union College at Hegarmanah, near Bandung, Java, has an enrollment of 200. This is the largest enrollment of any of the Seminary Extension schools that have been held in our Division. The following are the visiting instructors or lecturers: Dr. Wilber Alexander of Andrews University, Pastor R. L. Odom from the General Conference, and Pastor P. H. Eldridge, Division Ministerial Association Secretary. Pastor Boyd Olson, Division Educational Secretary, is also in attendance and he is the coordinator of the school.

● Miss Sherry Johnson is spending her summer vacation with her parents, Pastor and Mrs. H. D. Johnson. Sherry graduated from the Far Eastern Academy in 1963 and for the past two years she has been enrolled at Walla Walla College. We are happy to share with the Johnson family the pleasure of having Sherry on our Division compound again.

● Miss Audrey Jackson recently was the guest of Miss Marian Barlow and other friends in Singapore. Miss Jackson has been a member of the nursing staff at the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital. She is now joining the staff of the Rest Haven Hospital in Canada.

● Dr. R. F. Hann, of recent years one of the staff physicians at the Bandung Sanitarium and Hospital in Bandung, Java, is spending a month at the Vellore Christian Medical College in India. Mrs. Hann and the son and two daughters remained in Singapore. It is furlough time for the Hanns and they will spend that time in the States where Dr. Hann will do graduate studies. He has recently accepted a call to the Penang Sanitarium and Hospital following the sojourn in the States.

● The many friends of Pastor James Wah will be happy to know

that he has improved in health to the extent that the Penang Sanitarium and Hospital Board have asked him to serve as a part-time chaplain in that institution.

● Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Brailsford from Australia spent Sabbath, June 5, with friends in Singapore. They were en route to Poona, India by ship. Dr. Brailsford will teach Physics at the Spicer Memorial College. Mrs. Brailsford will also serve on the faculty of the college as Speech teacher.

● Pastor R. J. Radcliffe, General Conference auditor, is the guest of the Division families as he audits the accounts of the Division. This is his first visit to our field.

● Mr. and Mrs. Arlind Hackett and baby have arrived on Guam where Arlind will be the secretary-treasurer of the Far Eastern Island Mission. He is a "returned missionary" for as a lad he spent several years in Singapore with his parents, Pastor and Mrs. W. J. Hackett. We welcome these new arrivals.

Our Humble Apology

A bit of misinformation crept into the news columns of the May number of the **Outlook**. Word came to our Division office from several sources that Pastor D. S. Kime had died and accordingly we ran the item in the **Outlook**. We are indeed happy to know that it was a false rumor and that Pastor Kime is well and busy as usual with his church duties. We do humbly apologize to Pastor and Mrs. Kime.

A Highway Tragedy

We were shocked and deeply grieved to learn by cable of the tragic death of the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Dick, of the Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital in the Philippines, Lora had attended the Adventist Seminary in Collonges-sous-Saleve, France, this past school year. She and three young ladies from the school had been on a motor trip to Spain. Returning to France, their car left the road and crashed into a tree. Lora and two of her companions were killed instantly and the fourth

girl was seriously injured. Dr. and Mrs. Dick left for Collonges on Saturday, June 5. They hoped to bring the body of their daughter back to the United States for burial on the family plot in Kansas. The many co-workers and friends of the bereaved Dick family truly extend sincerest sympathy to them.

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