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Deskside Chats



Dedication Gap

MUCH time is spent in thinking and talking about problems which face the church. There are many. Spiritual condition, financial status, relation to government, attitude on social issues, methods of work—all have a legitimate demand on our consideration.

Some less tangible factors, however, may be even more basic to the church's real condition. One of these is the increasing distance in time that separates us from the dedication and drive of the early Adventist leaders. The lives and activities of these pioneers were a constant inspiration to the church. And the second-generation workers who associated with and were trained by these early leaders inherited a large measure of their spirit.

Now, however, there are very few workers left who ever heard Mrs. White speak, or who personally remember J. N. Andrews or Uriah Smith. Through no fault of their own, leaders of the church today have been deprived of the privilege of participating in the dramatic experiences that accompanied the development of church organization and the excitement of the early adventures in missionary penetration.

Inevitably we find ourselves in a situation like the one which confronted Israel during the time of the judges. "And the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the Lord, that He did for Israel." (Judges 2:7) With few notable exceptions, the leaders of that day failed to capture the dedication and drive that had sustained Joshua and his fellow elders. And Israel, with the conquest of Canaan in its grasp, lost its momentum, dissipated its effort, fell under the influence of its surroundings, and entered a period of dismal decline.

Will the church today repeat Israel's failure?

No other religious organization has ever had such multiplied evidence of God's direction and miraculous assistance. We have a glorious heritage of inspired leadership. The conquest of the world with the Advent message is within our grasp. But now, like Israel, we find that the generation of church leaders who knew the pioneers is gone. What a tragedy if the church should miss the lesson of Israel's failure!

The solution to this subtle problem rests with you and me. While we may not have had personal touch with the pioneers, we have their noble record. We may not have experienced the creative thrill of nurturing a new-born mission program, but we have the continuing challenge of fostering its steady growth. We may not have been in on the beginning of the Advent movement, but we may well be the participants in its final triumph.

So let's make sure that there is no dedication gap in the leadership of the church today.

Cordially,

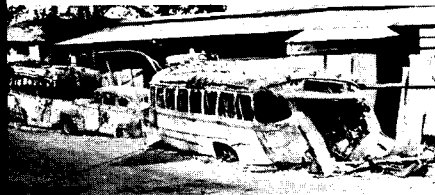
Paul H. Eldridge, President

Two Vietnam Colporteurs Die, Reports Mission President

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CAR. This was the lead car in the enemy assault on the U.S. Embassy in Saigon, Vietnam. Charles Harris and G. O. Bruce look it over.



CHARRED. These burned-out busses are located close to the mission compound.



ALLEY. Dwellings along an alley between the mission compound and the Saigon Adventist Hospital looked like this after the battle.



TENT. Refugees put up makeshift accommodations at the mission school compound.



MEALS. These refugees cook their rice over improvised fires at the mission school compound.

Columns of black smoke began to rise in several directions. At 1:20 p.m. several "Cobras," deadly new helicopters with a narrow profile, strafed and rocketed the same nearby street. We have never heard such a terrifying sound! Later we saw the results—wrecked buildings with dead bodies just 200 yards from our house. The fighting quieted there, but it was several days before wary guards would allow us to venture down the street. Air policemen, Vietnamese, and a French photographer were killed there.

In the evening of the same day another "Cobra" struck as we watched from the roof of our hospital. The Viet Cong had taken over several buildings about half a mile north of the hospital, and we had a "grandstand seat." Soon refugees started trudging down the street, carrying children and bundles wrapped in blankets. Some spent the night in our church, feeling it was surely the safest place around.

The hospital cared for 44 wounded people that first day, all without charge. Patients filled every bed and bench, and then the overflow was placed on stretchers on the waiting room floor.

During the following five days we were completely cut off from the outside world. No mails were moving, no telegrams, no planes, nothing! Four times I risked snipers' bullets and road-blocks trying to send out cables. We could not even get word from our members in Cholon until two days ago. (They are all safe.)

Last Sabbath heavy explosions in the north again awakened us, and soon Pastor Pham Thien drove in and said, "There is fighting in Go Vap, and many refugees are coming to our hospital. Could we open our school for them?" "Sure," I said.

We organized transportation to bring the people to our school, and 960 of them came. We got drinking water for them, and the Dorcas ladies under the leadership of Mrs. Pham Thien cooked oatmeal and rice. Few of us got to church that day. In the beginning some of the people had to carry their cooked rice in their hats. Later each family cooked its own, as we obtained cooking pots and fuel.

The following day duties around the camp were divided among pastors, Dorcas sisters, teachers, and colporteurs. Mrs. Juanita Holm sent nurses to check for illness, and to hold health classes for the parents. Pastors Nguyen Van Xuan and Nguyen Van Le did evangelistic work among the refugees, while Mrs. Beatrice S. Neall directed parent education classes, and Le Van Khoa cared for recreation.

LEFT. This is the Chinese Pagoda which was used as headquarters by the Viet Cong in Cholon, just two blocks from the Cholon Chinese Adventist Church. It is now almost completely destroyed. **RIGHT.** Refugees are found all over the city of Saigon, Vietnam.





Mrs. Ellen G. White and the Prophetic Gift Part III

By D. Arthur Delafield,
Associate Secretary, Ellen G. White Estate

Practical Christianity

The instruction communicated by Mrs. White to the church sounded a clarion call to higher, nobler living. This meant practical Christianity that found its way into the total life of the Christian. In impressive language she wrote:

"Bible religion is not one influence among many others, but its influence is supreme, pervading and controlling every other influence. Bible religion is to exercise control over life and conduct. It is not to be like a dash of color, brushed here and there upon the canvas, but its influence is to pervade the whole life, as though the canvas were dipped into color until every thread of the fabric was dyed in a deep, fast, unfading hue."—Ellen G. White letter 2, 1895. Published in **The Faith I Live By**, page 220.

"Let every one inquire seriously, 'Am I a genuine Christian? Am I bearing the true marks of a Christian? Am I doing my best to perfect a character after the divine model?'"—**Ibid.**

Collectively Seventh-day Adventists were to be "the head and not the tail" in temperance reform, lifting a warning voice against alcohol and tobacco. They were to be distinguished for their welfare ministry and their interest in the poor and the down-trodden. They were to stand at the forefront of the battle for religious freedom. Through their publications they were to advocate human equality, the brotherhood of man, and the fatherhood of God. Yet they were not to become involved in social battles or political reforms. Theirs was a religious mission—to announce to the world the near advent of the Lord and the dramatic news that "the hour of His judgment is come." Revelation 14:7. The call of the Spirit of Prophecy was to a holy life, the true, distinctive mark of God's people. Christlikeness was the preeminent goal to be attained.

This present life, she said, was to be marked by the faithful discharge of practical duties and the performance of missionary service. She wrote concerning the instruction she had received from God:

"I was instructed that I must ever urge upon those who profess to believe the truth, the necessity of practicing the truth. This means sanctification, and sanctification means the culture and training of every capability for the Lord's service."—**Selected Messages**, b. 1, p. 33.

Mrs. White practiced what she preached. She was what she taught the people to be. She said:

"In connection with my husband, I was to be a medical missionary worker. I was to set an example to the church by taking the sick to my home and caring for them. This I have done. . . . I was also to speak on the subject of Christian temperance, as the Lord's appointed messenger. I engaged heartily in this work, and spoke to large assemblies on temperance in its broadest and truest sense."—**Ibid.**

She continues:

"I was charged not to neglect or pass by those who were being wronged. I was specially charged to protest against any arbitrary or overbearing action toward the ministers of the gospel by those having official authority. Disagreeable though the duty may be, I am to reprove the oppressor, and plead for justice. I am to present the necessity of maintaining justice and equity in all our institutions.

"If I see those in positions of trust neglecting aged ministers, I am to present the matter to those whose duty it is to care for them. Ministers who have faithfully done their work are not to be forgotten or neglected when they have become feeble in health."—**Ibid.**

The financial structure of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, with its workable system of tithes and offerings, has awakened an interest on the part of other churches. Frequently their leaders ask Seventh-day Adventist executives, "How do you do it?" In one recent year the annual per capita giving in North America reached \$243.36. In attaining this figure the practical Biblical measures encouraged by Ellen White were a large factor. Add to this the enormous benefits of the denominational sustentation

plan for retired ministers and other denominational employees, and it will be seen that Mrs. White's appeal for equity and justice has been heeded.

Many of Mrs. White's messages were letters to the erring, written by hand and mailed to those who needed spiritual help. Frequently the recipients were church leaders. The words that came from her heart to the hearts of these living persons were felt and believed and lived. Mrs. White was deeply convicted that the spiritual counsels she wrote originated in the mind of God. Often she rebuked sin. In an article written especially for Seventh-day Adventists, Mrs. White explained her mission in these words:

"I have not come to cry peace; you can hear this voice wherever you go. There are those who will be glad to lull you to sleep in your carnal security; but I have a different work. My message is to alarm you, to bid you reform your lives, and cease your rebellion against the God of the universe. Take the word of God, and see if you are in harmony with it. Is your character such as will bear the search of the heavenly investigation? Remember, Jesus says: 'Not everyone that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven.'"—*Review and Herald*, June 22, 1911.

Her messages covered nearly every phase of human life and experience. They include valuable counsels on church and institutional responsibilities. They present the duties of Christians to witness for Christ and to maintain a consecrated homelife. As we have seen, health, temperance, and Christian education are stressed. One hundred thousand hand-written pages came from her pen, representing 25,000,000 words.

Ellen White was as much at home discussing the profoundest truths of theology, such as the creation of the world, the incarnation of Christ, and the atonement on the cross, as she was in the contemplation of the simplest devotional truth. Rich and poor, learned and ignorant, were reached by her profoundly spiritual messages. A gentleman who read from Volumes 6, 8, and 9 of *Testimonies to the Church* while traveling in a Pullman car, observed to the books' owner, "I hold a chair on the faculty of a university in New York; I am continually reading books, but this is the finest literature I have ever read. Where can I get some of these books?"

"That Author Is Inspired"

In England an influential woman visited a Seventh-day Adventist sanitarium near London. There she became acquainted with Ellen White's *The Desire of Ages*. Greatly interested, she exclaimed, "That author is inspired. After a lifetime of studying the religions of the world—the efforts of the human soul to get into contact with the Infinite—I have come across a book by Ellen G. White, the very name of which describes its motive, *The Desire of Ages*. Since reading this wonderful book my most ardent wish for this suffering world is that every man and woman should become familiar with its supreme Subject. . . . I can imagine no gift to mankind that can help humanity more really to live, for in it are the words of eternal life."

"These Are Wonderful Books"

In New Zealand some years ago an aged Seventh-day Adventist woman was being attended by a Roman Catholic physician. He visited her often until finally she fell asleep in Christ. When Pastor J. Hookings came to conduct the funeral service he met this Catholic gentleman. Quietly they sat together in a room in her home. The doctor was thoughtfully turning the pages of a book he had taken from the table. Quietly he said to Pastor Hookings, "These are wonderful books, sir."

"I agree with you, doctor," replied Pastor Hookings, "but may I ask, what do you know about them?"

The doctor replied that over a period of months he had been visiting the home as the physician of the woman. "Whenever I have had to wait awhile in this room," he said, "I have taken the opportunity of reading these red-covered volumes."

He went on, "Mr. Hookings, I have a large library of my own and I am a prolific reader. I have read much concerning Christianity and the Christian religion, for though I am a Roman Catholic I have been interested in the writings of Protestant authors. I would like to say that in all my reading I have never found the gospel in so beautiful a setting as I find it in these books of yours. Tell me, Mr. Hookings, do Seventh-day Adventists believe the things that are written in these books? Do they live according to the instruction that is given here? I notice that these books are called *Testimonies for the Church*. They are so practical and comprehensive. They deal with home problems, family life, business affairs, church relations, missionary work. I want to ask you, Mr. Hookings, do your people live according to the instruction that is given here?"

Pastor Hookings replied: "Doctor, we believe that this is indeed wonderful instruction, that it is given by the Lord to the church for these times. We teach this to our people, and we try to order our lives according to it."

The doctor replied, "I am so glad to hear it. I will tell you why I asked that question. You see, Mr. Hookings, I am getting on in years. Soon I will have to ask some younger man to take my practice. I am contemplating retirement and I have felt that it would be a wonderful thing for a man in his declining years to be able to go and settle down in a community of Christian people who believe in the kind of Christianity taught in these books and who shape their lives accordingly. I can think of no outward look that would be more attractive, that would be likely to be more restful and satisfying than to do that. I feel that that is exactly what I would like to do."

How Can Ellen White Be Explained?

Jesus said, "By their fruits ye shall know them." Matthew 7:20. Seventh-day Adventists and thousands of their friends who do not belong to the church are convinced that Mrs. White received special guidance from the Lord.

Mrs. White affirmed that she had been instructed by the angel of the Lord in prophetic visions to carry forward a special work. "Visions have been given

me, with the promise, 'If you deliver the messages faithfully and endure to the end, you shall eat of the fruit of the tree of life, and drink of the water of the river of life.'—**Selected Messages**, b. 1, p. 33.

Like John, the author of the Revelation, who received light from God in visions and was bidden to write them out and send them to the churches (see Revelation 1:9-11), so Ellen White was bidden by the angel to "write out the things which I shall give you, that they may stand as a witness to the truth till the end of time."—**Review and Herald**, Jan. 26, 1905.

The writings of Ellen G. White, that frail, youthful messenger of God, who lived to become a mature and tried and proven servant of the Lord, are a fact of the time. The books that she wrote are with us today, some of them in many languages. For example, **Steps to Christ** has been printed in over eighty languages and ten million copies have been distributed. Many thousands of youth and adults have

accepted Christ as the result of reading this Christ-filled book.

The invitation of Paul is relevant: "Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." 1 Thessalonians 5:20, 21.

Multitudes who have followed Paul's advice have become persuaded that Ellen G. White, the woman who begged the Lord to lay the burden of prophecy upon someone else, was the one upon whom the Lord could safely bestow the gift.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pastor D. A. Delafield has been making an extensive itinerary throughout the Far East since early December. He has conducted weeks of **Spirit of Prophecy** emphasis in our colleges. The three-part article concludes with this issue. We are pleased to present this special article written by our Far Eastern Division guest. We invite the attention of all of our readers to this series. He terminated his tour of the Far East late in February.

FED News From Here and There

● **DR.** Rolland Brines is giving relief service at the Taiwan Sanitarium and Hospital. Another physician, Dr. Elton Morel, Sr., is giving relief service at the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, Philippines.

● Theodore T. Jones, of California, has been appointed Min-

isterial Secretary of the West Indonesia Union. He is the first Negro missionary to be appointed to the Far Eastern Division.

● Robert Rawson is the new business manager of the Philippine Union College. He formerly served in a similar post with the Mount Vernon Academy in Ohio.

● Dr. James Wood has been appointed to the staff of the Okinawa Medical Center. He will replace Dr. Evert Kuester who will

return to the United States later this year.

● Mrs. Cordelia P. Reynolds has taken up her work as director of nursing service of the Penang Sanitarium and Hospital in Malaysia.

● Dr. Roger Heald, of Hong Kong, has accepted a call to join the medical staff of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital in the Philippines.

● L. A. Smith, formerly of West Irian, has been asked by the Far Eastern Division Committee to be the Acting Secretary of the West Indonesia Union until the time of his furlough later this year. L. A. Lesiasel, the former secretary, is now president of the West Java Mission.

Medical Director Bids Farewell to Korean Nurses

NURSES. When the two Korean nurses who were headed for mission service in Africa passed through Singapore they met Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Ekvall and family. He is the medical secretary of the Far Eastern Division. The nurses are shown in this picture talking with the family, left to right, Dr. Ekvall, Bonnie, Deborah Cho, Helga Oh, Betty Sue, and Mrs. Ekvall. The nurses are now at the Benghazi Hospital in Libya, the first Koreans to serve so far from their own country.



COVER



Personal help is given to students in addition to class discussions at the English Language School at the Osaka Center in Japan. In the picture on the cover Darrell Vaughan is assisting a young Japanese student who is anxious to learn English. She is listening to a tape recording of words spoken in English. Darrell helps her with the difficult words.

South China Island

Ordination at Hong Kong

ON Sabbath, January 20, John Jones and M. D. Lee were ordained to the gospel ministry in Hong Kong. The service was held in the English Church during their regular worship hour in the Kowloon Church.

Pastors Jones and Lee are both on the staff at South China Union College. Pastor Jones is the head of the Theology and Religion Departments and Pastor Lee is the Academic Dean.

Both of the men come from Adventist homes. The parents of Pastor Jones are teachers in Walla Walla College and former workers in the Philippines. Pastor Lee's father was an adventist minister and helped pioneer the work in Indonesia.

D. W. Hunter, Associate Secretary of the General Conference, preached the ordination sermon to the large congregation gathered for the occasion. Pastor T. M. Chu, of the Kowloon Chinese Church, and Ministerial Association Secretary for the Hong Kong-Macao Mission, offered the ordination

prayer. Pastor Milton Lee, of the South China Island Union, gave the charge and Pastor W. T. Clark, President of the Union, welcomed the men into the fellowship of the ministry.

Others present for the service were Dr. Clarence Ekvall and Clarence A. Miller of the Medical Department of the Far Eastern Division and Pastor L. E. Smart, Educational Secretary of the Atlantic Union Conference, and former Educational Secretary for the Far Eastern Division.

—**Andrew J. Robbins, President,
Hong Kong-Macao Mission**

Taiwan Hospital Helps Quemoy Victim

"I want to go home to my injured baby," cried Lee Le when she heard that her home had been destroyed and her baby injured.

To most people, Quemoy is only an island in the China Sea, but to Lee Le it is home—home even if Red Chinese shells fall on all sides day and night.

Lee Le is a double amputee as a result of one of those whining Communist shells piercing the darkness and making a direct hit on her home in 1962. Last week as she



NEW. Lee Le tries new legs as Dr. John Bottsford and Dr. W. L. VanArsdale look on.



MONEY. Lee Le receives New Taiwan dollars to help rebuild her home. Left to right, Robert Burgess, Lee Le, Rose Marie Radley, and Alice Lee.

ORDAINED. This is the group who took part in the ordination service of the Hong Kong-Macao Mission. The two men ordained were John Jones, second from left, and M. D. Lee, third from right, both connected with the South China Island College.



visited the Taiwan Seventh-day Adventist Hospital to be fitted for improved artificial legs she received the sad news that once again her home had been destroyed and her baby, youngest of six children, was injured. It was sad, but not all sad, for help wasn't far away. Upon hearing of Lee Le's plight, Alice Lee, hospital social worker, and Rose Marie Radley, director of nursing services, went to work. Before Lee Le was released from the hospital with her new legs she received a tear-stained gift. What was it? It was 3,800 New Taiwan Dollars from hospital employees and hospital friends to help Lee Le rebuild her home.

—**R. G. Burgess, Manager,
Taiwan Sanitarium and
Hospital**

East Indonesia

Branch Sabbath Schools Conducted by Mt. Klabat College Students

WEEK after week the 75 students of Mt. Klabat College go out into the surrounding villages to conduct Branch Sabbath Schools. Every student, a member of one of ten bands, spends each Sabbath afternoon telling the greatest love story in the world — God's love for man.

Under the direction of Petrus Ngantung, these Branch Sabbath Schools have proven to be a valuable instrument in winning friends for the College as well as providing an excellent opportunity in leadership for the students who are training to be ministers or teachers. Approximately 400 children are reached each week by this media.

A featured guest from week to week among the bands is Lena Kalangi, daughter of Robert Kalangi, Dean of the College. Lena is only ten years old but the natural talent she displays in telling character-building stories to the boys and girls in the audience is truly amazing. Her gestures and expressions come unusually natural to a little lady of her age. This talent combined with her Christian sincerity captures the noisiest audience and holds them spellbound until the message is complete. They eagerly listen with unusual silence as she paints for them in word pictures the stories that she has read or heard of the love of Jesus Christ. She has been doing this kind of effective missionary work for the past three years!

Branch Sabbath Schools have been a blessing to the people of the villages surrounding Mt. Klabat College as well as for the students who have learned how effective they can be in reaching souls.

stitute may be seen in deeper consecration among our workers and members, and in increased soul-winning activity during the months ahead.

—Alvin M. Bartlett, President, East Indonesia Union

First Ministerial Institute Held for East Indonesia

THE first union-wide ministerial institute for the East Indonesia Union was held on the campus of the North Celebes Academy at Kawangkoan. Sixty-six workers were in attendance, representing all five of the missions in the union, including several teachers from Mt. Klabat College, the workers on the Union staff, Bible teachers from the academy, and several young men who have recently graduated from the ministerial course at the college.

The keynote address was given by the Union President. One of the highlights of the institute was a series of studies on "Righteousness by Faith" given by Pastor Chester Damron, Acting President and Head of the Bible Department of Mt. Klabat College. Other features were special discussion periods, studies in denominational organization, and ministerial procedures. A special evangelism symposium, featuring the most recent soul-winning experiences in the various missions, was presented on Sabbath afternoon. Pastor Evard Kamuh, Ministerial Secretary for the East Indonesia Union, was in charge of the daily program.

The climax of the institute came with the celebration of the Communion services at the close of the meetings. The Spirit of the Lord was manifestly present, and we pray that the inspiration of this in-

West Indonesia

North Sumatra Mission Session Held at Medan

THE North Sumatra Mission of the West Indonesia Union conducted a biennial session on the campus of the North Sumatra Training School. The president, Pastor S. Ritonga, was re-elected for the new biennium. A new Secretary-Treasurer, Lawrence Manullang, and Mexico Pardosi, Publishing Department Secretary, were the only new members of the mission staff elected at the session.



S. Ritonga



LEADERS. David Dennis, left, Treasurer of the West Indonesia Union, is shown here with three of the leaders of the North Sumatra Mission. Beside him is Pastor S. Ritonga, president of the mission.



ORDAINED. An ordination ceremony was conducted during the regular meeting of the North Sumatra Mission near Medan, Indonesia. In the center is E. A. Brodeur, Publishing Secretary of the Far Eastern Division, who congratulates one of the newly-ordained ministers.

GROUP. This large group of workers attended the Ministerial Institute of the East Indonesia Union at Menado, Indonesia. In the center is the president of the union, Pastor A. M. Bartlett.



All departmental reports indicated progress. The president's report was most encouraging. He reported 2,535 baptisms in the years 1966 and 1967. This brings the membership of the mission to more than 8,000. With a population of ten million in the mission, the density rate of Adventists to the population is one to 1,150.

Sabbath School membership increased by 2,577 in 1967, bringing the total for the mission to 13,933. There were 43 Sabbath Schools added in 1967, bringing the total number of Sabbath Schools to 241.

In the year 1967 six Vacation Bible Schools were conducted in the mission with more than 500 children attending. Of this number 350 non-Adventist children received diplomas.

The 48 literature evangelists of the mission were responsible for the baptism of 42 of their customers. The gain in literature sales for the two-year period reached Rp. 1,028,991.

On Sabbath afternoon two workers were ordained to the gospel ministry. All workers and delegates attending the session rededicated themselves to the unfinished task of reaching the millions of North Sumatra with the Advent message.

—E. A. Brodeur, Publishing Secretary, Far Eastern Division

South Kalimantan MV Camp in Balikpapan

AFTER holding the first camp at Palangka Raja, South Kalimantan, we were determined to have an MV camp every year in spite of the difficulties in communication. We decided to hold a second MV Camp at Balikpapan.

With a strong desire on the part of the MV Society officers and members of the Balikpapan Church to remember the motto, "The Love

A Visit to the Major General of Kalimantan

By L. Pandjaitan, Publishing Secretary, West Indonesia Union



VISIT. A group of Adventist officials visit in the home of the Major General of Kalimantan, Indonesia. A special guest included in the group who visited the military leader was Pastor M. R. Lyon, right, Assistant Publishing Secretary of the Far Eastern Division.

IT was our privilege recently to step into the home of Major General Sumartono for an informal visit. Major General Sumartono is the man charged with the responsibility of directing the affairs, both civic and military, for the great area of Indonesian Borneo, known as Kalimantan. It was on the occasion of the South Kalimantan Mission's recent colporteur institute that Pastor M. R. Lyon, Assistant Publishing Secretary of the Far Eastern Division, with Pastor Tambunan,

the mission president, and the writer had this pleasurable opportunity.

We found Major General Sumartono to be a very friendly and hospitable person. It was our privilege to better acquaint him with the work and the aims of the Seventh-day Adventist church, both in Kalimantan and throughout the world. He seemed happy to learn that the work of the Adventist church was growing in his district. He also expressed a desire that all religious bodies might live together in peace throughout the vast territory of Kalimantan.

In expressing his desire that the work of the Seventh-day Adventist church might grow and develop in Kalimantan, he said that he hoped it would be a blessing to all people of the area.

We greatly appreciate men like Major General Sumartono who believe in the great principle of religious freedom and are willing to lend their influence and encouragement to those whose aims are for the betterment of mankind.

of Christ Constraineth us," tents were erected on a hill near a beautiful lake.

Before the delegates entered the camp a torch was lit by Mrs. A. Tambingon, the wife of the mission president. Then participants led by the mission president and his staff entered the camp, singing "Onward Christian Soldiers".

Sabbath came and programs were carried out in an impressive way. The unforgettable moment was the inauguration of the Master Guides.

These Master Guides looked like generals as they entered the room for the investiture service.

Classes were well conducted with a view to increase the knowledge and enhance the spiritual lives of the participants. The camp was held for the benefit of the young people—especially Seventh-day Adventist young people—to aid them in the development of a balanced Christian life—mentally, physically as well as spiritually.

—Tommy Umboh, MV Secretary

YOUTH. With Pastor Tambingon, the Mission president of South Borneo, in the lead followed by Pastor Tommy Umboh, MV Secretary, youth march into the church at Balikpapan in Borneo. RIGHT. The campfire on the last night of the camp was held at Balikpapan.





Photos and Story
by M. T. Bascom and
D. A. Roth

Students Direct Language School

In the fall of 1966, a small English Language School was opened. With an enrollment of 16 at its beginning, it has grown to over 600. From this language school friendships have been made with a high class of people. Professional people from all walks of life have come to our evangelistic meetings and church services. A large number attended the English camp conducted by the South Japan Mission.

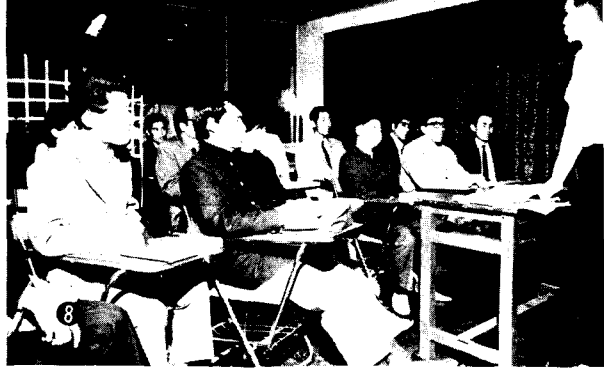
At present we have four student missionaries at the Osaka Center: Jim Pappas, Darrell Vaughan, and James Hazley from Pacific Union College; and Bruce Bauer from Andrews University. They are making a real contribution to the work, not only in teaching English, but also in the many activities of the Center. They are conducting an English Sabbath School class for those who visit the Center Sabbath School. The tuition from the Language School is being used to pay the expenses of the teachers and has paid for a new daily radio broadcast for the Kansai area in cooperation with the Voice of Prophecy and the Far Eastern Division. This ten-minute program has been on the air

since February, 1967, and is being broadcast six times a week.

Each year an increasing number of souls find their way to the Lord Jesus Christ through the witness of the Osaka Center.

1. This is a view of the Center Language Lab in operation. The students can hear the pattern of their own voices. This radio system allows different levels to practice at the same time. For other meeting equipment can be removed, leaving only a small bracket on the back of the seats. Each student spends 30 minutes in the lab for each 1½ hours.
2. Darrell Vaughan coaches a class in pronunciation.
3. Here are four student missionaries of Osaka, Japan, on their method of transportation, motorbikes. The bikes have aided them in getting out to the rural areas of Japan, thus enabling them to get better acquainted with the country.
4. Darrell Vaughan operates the tape recorder in the Osaka Center Room for a class of Japanese who want to learn the English Language.
5. A great deal of advertising is done at the Osaka Center for the English Language School. Here Darrell Vaughan talks to a couple of interested young men who saw the sign in front of the Center building.
6. The hallway of the Osaka Center is busy as the students register for the English Language School. Darrell Vaughan registers the students as they come.
7. Bruce Bauer gives some personal help to a puzzled Japanese student.
8. Darrell Vaughan teaches a class in one of the rooms of the Center in Japan.

Osaka Center Reaches Out for the Millions



UNTIL a few years ago Osaka, Japan's second largest city, had one of the smallest congregations in Japan. The Japan Union, in cooperation with the Far Eastern Division and the General Conference, joined hands together in an effort to win more souls in this tremendous city. From this combined effort the Osaka Evangelistic Center was built.

From its dedication it has been a light to the city of Osaka. At present it has one of the largest congregations in the South Japan Mission. In recent years almost continuous evangelism has been conducted in the city of Osaka. Many of these campaigns have been held in the Center. Some have been held in the suburbs. One recent campaign was held in the city of Amagasaki where a million people live. This was the first time for an Adventist evangelistic series to be held in this suburb of Osaka.



The Osaka Center has had an active Vacation Bible School program in recent years. The workers in the Center have paired off with church members and have held these programs in various places in the city. One such school was held in a Shinto Shrine! What a thrill to see boys and girls learn of Christ even in such a place! By working carefully with the local people, we have been able to use, without cost, many places for the program. One Vacation Bible School was held in a member's home, and she has continued with a Branch Sabbath School every Sabbath afternoon since. At present many Branch Sabbath Schools are being held in the city.

The Osaka Center Church organized Japan's first Pathfinder Club. This is made up primarily of non-members and has won many friends for the Center. A large number of these Pathfinders have attended the South Japan Mission's summer camp.

Recently two Five-Day Plans to Stop Smoking were held in the Osaka Center. On the last night of the first one of these, because of the special invitation given by the wife of one of our ministers, Mrs. Kaizuka, the producer from the Yomili TV Company came to the session. After attending only that one night, he was so impressed that he asked Dr. Krick and Pastor Yamaji to help put on a one-hour documentary program on smoking and its effect on the human body. They were happy to do this, and so our program along with several other very prominent Japanese doctors was put on video tape and aired over the Yomili network throughout Japan. This program was telecast on January 4 and reached 16 of Japan's largest cities — Osaka, Tokyo, Sapporo, and others. All of the major cities were covered by this one telecast. To follow up this tremendous contact, another Five-Day Plan was held in the Center immediately following the telecast. Our Center received much attention from this program.

We ask an interest in your prayers that the Osaka Center will continue to reach out to give the light of the truth to the millions in Osaka and its surrounding suburbs.

—M. T. Bascom, Director
Osaka, Japan Center

Korea

Korean Union Literature Evangelists Institute, 1967

WITH "More Sales and More Souls" as their aim and "Even So Come, Lord Jesus" as their motto, 150 happy literature evangelists met together for instruction, inspiration, and recreation in Korea. Nineteen were attending their first institute. Eleven were won to the truth by another literature evangelist and 26 of those in attendance were recruited by one of their fellow literature evangelists.

With a broad vision of the work yet to be done in Korea, and renewed courage and faith, these enthusiastic workers set new goals for 1968 that will far exceed past accomplishments.

We greatly appreciated Pastor E. A. Brodeur, Publishing Secretary of the Far Eastern Division, being with us for a few days and for his timely contribution to our institute.

On Sabbath afternoon at our symposium, our hearts were thrilled with the many experiences told by our literature evangelists. We would like to share just one of these experiences with you. Our literature evangelist wanted to visit the president of a mine that was located quite a distance back in the mountains. The only way that he had to get into this mine was by a hand-operated coal car. By the time he reached there he was quite dirty, but cleaned himself up before he went to visit with the president.

When making inquiry to see the president he was told that the president was not there. He started to tell the foreman just a little about his work and the minute he saw "The Signs of the Times", he immediately said, "Oh, you're from the Adventist Church." He went on to relate that another member in the mine had a wife who had purchased one of the magazines and that it had caused a lot of trouble in their home. He gave the literature evangelist quite a verbal thrashing. After he finished, the evangelist told him that it was always a habit with him to have just a word of prayer before he left a place. The foreman agreed. Standing there in the busy office with typewriters and other



New Missionaries from Korea to Libya

APPOINTED. These two young Korean nurses are now on duty at the Benghazi Hospital in Libya, Africa, the first two from their home country to serve overseas. They are Helga Cho, left, and Deborah Oh, right. They visited Hong Kong, Singapore, and Bangkok in the Far Eastern Division before proceeding to their post of duty in Africa.

activities going on he thought that it was just he and the foreman standing with bowed heads, but then he noticed that the office became very quiet as he prayed.

He had heard that the president had several injurious health habits, alcohol being one of them. He prayed for the president and asked God to bless his business and to give him the wisdom to carry forth a good program there. Then at the close of his prayer he said, "Now, O Lord, I have come all the way up here to see this president and now I can't. You know what a long trip it is in here, and if it be your will, make it possible for me to see him on the way back."

After his prayer, the door to the president's office opened and the president beckoned him to come in. He told him that he had never had anyone offer a prayer for him. He mentioned his bad habits and told him that he realized that he needed help, but he didn't know where to turn. The literature evangelist had a very good study with him, enrolled him in a Bible course, and left many books.

As the literature evangelist finished his experience he remarked that this experience taught him that "when you have come to the end of the line, pray."

—S. D. Pangborn, Publishing Secretary, Korean Union

Central Philippines

Local Missions Conduct Annual Committee Meetings

REVIEWING the progress and laying the plans of the work for 1968 the four local missions in the Central Philippine Union recently held their annual committee meetings in their respective mission stations at Iloilo City, Bacolod City, Cebu City, and Tacloban City.

Present at these meetings were the local mission executive committee members and the Central Philippine Union officers and departmental secretaries.

A few changes in the mission departmental secretaries were made as follows: Pastor C. T. Garilva, evangelist of East Visayan Mission goes to Negros Mission as the Sabbath School and Lay Activities Secretary in exchange with Pastor O. L. Alolor. Pastor N. L. Ornopia, Bible teacher of East Visayan Academy, takes over as MV and Educational Secretary with P. T. Gultiano for East Visayan Mission. Mrs. D. C. Sabine will assist as Parent and Home and Child Evangelism Secretary in Negros Mission.

In the Central Visayan Mission, Pastor D. M. Niere, the president, also acts as the Public Relations Secretary.

With God's presence and guidance the work in Central Philippines will surely go forward.

—F. M. Arrogante



EFFORT. A student at Philippine Union College, Jonathon Ng, of Southeast Asia Union, conducted a series of evangelistic meetings at Dumaguete during his annual holidays. This is the large group who attended the nightly series in the local church.

Student Conducts Campaign During Holiday in the Philippines

JONATHAN Ng, Vice-President of the Ministerial Association of Philippine Union College, conducted the "Hour of Hope" Bible lectures at the Dumaguete Central Church, Dumaguete City, during his annual holiday. The spirit of the Lord was upon this young preacher so that the impact of divine messages effectively moved the hearts of God's people. Brethren from nearby churches and non-Adventist friends flocked to attend the nightly series. He urged them to prepare for Christ's soon coming.

The climax of the series took place on December 22 when five

souls indicated their desires to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Our hearts were made glad by the same decision made by many prisoners when Ng was invited to speak before a group of about 200 prisoners at the city prison.

Ng, with his stirring experience of conversion as a Buddhist-turned-Adventist, is a scholar from Malaysia to further his ministerial training at Philippine Union College. With him was Edmund Ho, of Singapore, who served as the song leader in the meetings.

The two-man team stayed at the residence of Attorney Paponcio Bagapuro, the church elder. The writer, MV Leader of the church, translated into Cebuano the English preaching of this Malaysian guest.

—**Ben Trumata, MV Leader, Dumaguete Church**

East Visayan Mission Colporteur Institute

A very profitable institute for East Visayan Mission colporteur evangelists under the leadership of Pastor E. N. Dicen, Union Publishing Secretary, Pedro Manatad, the local Publishing Secretary, and Gloria Sinco, Assistant Publishing Secretary, was held at the Sagkahan Church in Tacloban City.

The Union workers who were present to support the institute were Pastor E. A. Capobres, M. U. Donato, L. E. Montana, and F. M. Arrogante. Pastor Arrogante opened the institute Friday evening with a call for a total commitment to the cause of God and faithfulness to the Advent message. Pastor Capobres gave the Sabbath sermon, challenging the colporteurs to give the Advent hope through the printed pages.

The colporteur force of only 17 last year has more than doubled in number. There are today 41 who have pledged to deliver Ps.75,000 worth of books and to win 50 souls in 1968.

—**F. M. Arrogante, Secretary, Public Relations Department**

EVANGELISTS. A new boost was given to literature evangelism in the East Visayan Mission as a result of an institute held at Tacloban City. Last year the force was only 17. Now it is 41. They have pledged to win 50 persons to the message in 1968.



Pastor Delafield Visits the Philippines

THE three-month itinerary of Pastor D. Arthur Delafield of the White Estate, General Conference, in the Far East, including the Philippines, has been a blessing to our people. His series of lectures in Mountain View College at Malaybalay, Bukidnon, at Philippine Union College in Manila, his speaking engagements among our sanitariums, publishing houses and academies, and the inspirational sermons, counsels and admonitions, given at the specially arranged meetings and rallies among our big churches, have buoyed up the courage of our people and established more firmly our faith and confidence.

The visit of Pastor Delafield to our area is indeed invaluable profitable.

—**F. M. Arrogante**

NEWS NOTES

● **A** contract has been signed by the General Conference with Radio Free Asia for Seventh-day Adventist radio broadcasts to be beamed to the China mainland and to North Korea. The programs will be prepared by radio evangelists in the Far Eastern Division.

● The "Voice of Prophecy" radio group will be in the Far Eastern Division later this year. The group will include Pastor H. M. S. Richards, Jr., and the "King's Heralds" male quartet. Accompanying them on the tour will be Pastor Royce C. Williams, Radio-TV Secretary of the Far Eastern Division.

South Philippines

The Mobile Mission School of the Philippines

THE challenge of the unchristianized minorities that inhabit the mountain regions in the interior of Mindanao, Philippines, was met partially with the birth of Banaba Mission School in Southern Mindanao four years ago. This is the school that had casually turned mobile and moved into three different sites.

Originally, its flag was hoisted over half-naked Bilaans of Surala hills, Cotabato. For security reasons it was moved south and served, this time, among the Manobo natives in the jungles of Ampatuan, Cotabato. However, a comparatively superior Muslim tribe began harassing these poor, helpless people and spoiled them of their farm produce. They had to abandon their homes and flee for safety. The school closed. All 40 native children composing the school vanished to reappear no more. It was impossible to open school again, and it became necessary to move into another locality. Lanao, lying eight kilometers southwest of Keytodak (a Christian village), was the new location. Here, quite secure from hostile tribes, the now veteran Banaba Mission School is situated.

The Lord's guiding hand was manifested. Whenever or wherever the school altar is erected, the light of God's love is left shining in the hearts of native peoples. Darkness of unbelief and superstition, disease, and ignorance is dispelled. For the first time in all their lives hearts begin to open in prayer to their new-found Friend and Saviour.



New Sewing Machines in Use at M.V.C.

LEARNING. Mrs. Arline Dick, Chairman of the Home Economics Department of Mountain View College, instructs two students, Esther Payapa and Emma Gentapannan, in the use of a new Singer sewing machine, one of two donated to the department recently by friends of the college.

News Briefs From Mountain View College

● **B**EFORE the new college cafeteria has been completed, brand-new equipment for it has already been received from a donor,

Paul Damazo, food consultant of large-scale restaurants and food preparation firms in the United States. Hearing about Mountain View for the first time through Otis Edwards, former college dean, he personally donated \$2,000 toward this cafeteria need. Worth around

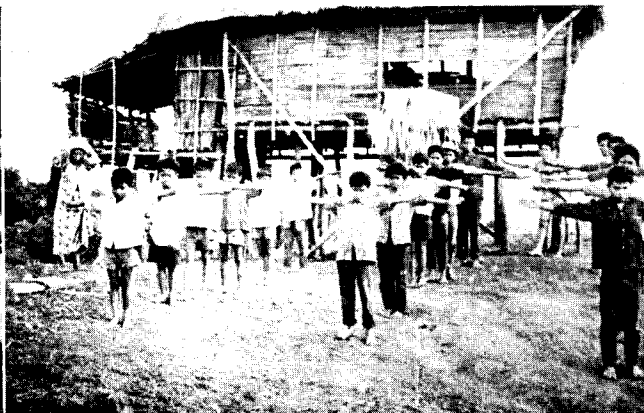
Sweet, melodious voices now fill the cool air of the surrounding woodland as happy school children chant our gospel choruses they learned at school. There is evidence of cleanliness and sanitation in native dwellings. Ears, arms, and legs are cleared of various-sized bronze rings which once tinkled noisily. In utter astonishment, however, they learn that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord. With strong reluctance they accepted the strange doctrine on diet where pork and betel-nut chewing were emphatically prohibited. "How could we ever live without these?" they ventured in protest. They could hardly believe in the coming of a resurrection morning and of life eternal in a golden kingdom beyond the stars. What a challenge!

Boys of seven to 20 years of age make up the class which is currently housed in an old Manobo hut built like a lighthouse on top of a hill. These poor school children and adults are graced with but one single change of clothes. They eat only two meals each day. This accounts for the high rate in absences from classes. The constant threat of malaria fever is another factor to consider. Their faces, nevertheless, are radiant with intense eagerness.

Truly, the challenge of the "Mobile Mission School" is great. Only the mind of Providence can rightly account for the number of Bilaans and Manobos who will eternally be saved in God's kingdom.

—Eliseo M. Sarsoza, Teacher
Banaba Mission School

STUDENTS. Here are two scenes from one of the most primitive schools of the Far Eastern Division located on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines. The Manobo children are anxious to receive a Christian education.



15,000 pesos, the items include a triple-deck oven, a steam kettle, an electric stove, 800 plastic tumblers, and 24 trays.

● Corn as the major cereal of the MCV dining hall is destined to be a thing of the past, as the biggest rice harvest we have just had indicates. Already 200 cavans, representing half of the present crop, have been gathered in. This first "miraculous" result of rice-growing here saves the school some 16,000 pesos. The rice-planting crew of MVC is planning to open up ten more hectares for the 1 R 5 variety expected to yield around 1,500 to 2,000 cavans.

● With new cooking vats and crusher and a lot of good cane this year, the sugar mill can look ahead to brighter days. In a few weeks' time it has already turned out 2,000 kilos of brown sugar. This new 2,000-pesos worth of equipment came as a result of the Thirteenth Sabbath donation to MVC through the Far Eastern Division from Mr. and Mrs. Borme of Bermuda.

—Miriam Tumangday

Ex-Governor's Son Baptized in Mindanao

IT was a long process of Bible study and hard struggle which finally led Fidel Damasco, his wife, and five children to decide to be baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist faith.

Fidel is the eldest son of Lope Damasco, who for three terms was Governor of Bukidnon in the Philippines where Mountain View College is located. In 1950 Dr. Andrew Nelson, former president of Philippine Union College who was working to acquire the site where the college now stands, spent a night in the Governor's home. This was Fidel's first contact with the Seventh-day Adventists. A close friendship developed between Dr. Nelson and the Governor, but the family remained indifferent to the faith. Their satisfaction with their present religion, and the influence of their associates were strong deterrents to their interest in Adventism.

The next contact that Fidel's family had with the Adventists was through Pastor Praxedes Ramos and his team of ministerial students

from Mountain View College who conducted an evangelistic campaign in 1964 in Malaybalay, his town. His children attended the meetings, took and finished the "Voice of Prophecy" Bible Course, but Fidel and his wife remained uninterested. However, they did listen to some of the Bible studies that were given to their children.

After the evangelistic effort, the family moved to the farm and eventually lost contact with the Adventists, but the Lord did not abandon them. Two years later Mariano Abesta, ranch supervisor of Mountain View College, together with some ministerial students, contacted Fidel. Mr. Abesta was delighted when Fidel said, "I would like you to give Bible studies to my family and me. I want you to give them to us because you are elderly. You do not argue, or enter into controversy." The studies were started at once by Abesta, and the family accepted every message and made the necessary changes in their lives in harmony with the teachings they had received. Fidel stopped keeping company with his liquor-drinking friends, refrained from Sabbath work, and abandoned his smoking habit. Eventually he requested to be baptized together with his family.

This news stirred his father and other leading government officials to action. As an allurements they visited Fidel with job offers that were very attractive. He could have his choice of two schools near his home where a principal was needed. Another position was made available in the Provincial Engineering Department at a very good salary. These offers were tempting, especially as he needed money to support his ten children, seven of whom were in school.

However, his decision to follow

Christ was firm. He said, "I would rather stay on the farm and be a good Seventh-day Adventist Christian than to accept a job that will take me back to my old companions and expose me to trials and temptations while I am still young in the faith."

On September 2, 1967, Fidel with his family accepted Jesus fully and were baptized at Mountain View College.

His father and other members of the family became very angry and called him for a conference. They told him they had sold the small lot of land where they had permitted him to build his house and rent it out as a source of extra income. Now he must move his house from the lot. This was a shock to the newly-baptized family as this was an indication that they were being disowned by the father. It also posed a serious problem as there were renters in the house. Where could he move it to? The rent of the house was the only source of cash to keep his children in school, so the children dropped school and joined their parents in the farm. But even the farm could be taken from them as it belonged to the Senior Damasco family.

The two older girls have now applied for work at Mountain View College where they hope to complete their studies and be of service to God's cause.

—A. B. Gayao, Dean of Students,
Mountain View College

VOP to Come Soon

Watch for the itinerary of the "Voice of Prophecy" radio group soon to come to the Far East.

BAPTIZED. Shown above is the family of Fidel Damasco, a former public school teacher, who decided to become a Seventh-day Adventist.



Southeast Asia

Southeast Asia Union Committee Plans New Year Program

FORTY-four delegates and members to the year-end committee for the Southeast Asia Union met in Singapore for reports and plans to make a greater "break-through" in evangelistic endeavor during the new year.

Financial standings among the institutions showed marked advance. Most of those reporting showed one hundred percent or more operating capital. Hospitals and publishing house figures for 1967 were indicative of God's blessing.

One of the major undertakings of this session was a re-study of all old policies of major consequence to local missions in order that uniform plans might be undertaken in the interest of union-wide implementation.

Projects earmarked for special emphasis in 1968 included the Saigon, Vietnam plans for a new hospital and school of nursing; an addition to the publishing house plant in Saigon; medical work in Sandakan, Sabah; and completion of the auditorium and facilities at Southeast Asia Union College. Numerous other projects, some underway and some still on the drawing board, were also discussed.

Late in 1967, numerous ministerial training institutes, plus other departmental training programs, were successfully carried out and goals for 1968, when reached, will



BOOKMEN. Here are the literature evangelists of the Thailand Mission in the Southeast Asia Union. In the center back (partially hidden) is Pastor Vernon L. Bretsch, Publishing Secretary of the Union.

surpass anything ever accomplished in the past.

God's spirit met with our leaders at these meetings and great will be the result as they go forth now to do His bidding.

—V. L. Bretsch

Thailand's Army of Book Evangelists

By V. L. Bretsch, Secretary,
Publishing Department,
Southeast Asia Union

THEY may look like a small army in number, but they have the potential to shake Thailand to its very roots. In the days of the apostles, only a few men turned the world upside down, and that is what these dedicated literature evangelists want to do in Thailand during this new year.

Looking over the reports of 1967, these happy workers have made

some outstanding records. One lady, with about 15 years experience, delivered over S\$30,000 in one year. A man almost reached the same total. In the field of extra missionary endeavor, these workers' are also setting new records. Baptisms were reported at the institute that caused rejoicing and a renewed dedication to work even harder for more souls this coming year.

The publishing house in Thailand showed a gain in its operations for 1967. This is miraculous when you consider that it is just a young institution and has had many "growing-up" problems. The leaders and workers in the institution are working hard to make the literature attractive and thus help give it a wide circulation.

We are sorry to announce that Pastor Abel Pandan, Publishing Secretary for the past two years and an assistant for several years before that, has left the department as of January 1 and is preparing to enter other work. We appreciated the fine leadership he has given and we wish him God's speed in his new work. Diasdado Corpus, from the Philippines, who joined us more than a year ago, will take over the department. He is a man of good experience and has already made a good impression upon our literature workers.

Surely 1968 will see good progress for our literature work in Thailand. But as the servant of God has said, "Where there is one, there ought to be one hundred." We pray that the Lord of harvest will send forth many more workers into the field this year.

DELEGATES. Here is the large group of delegates who attended the annual Committee of Southeast Asia Union in Singapore.



Seven Witch Doctors Won in Borneo

By Elam Sinaga, Sarawak
Director of Lay Activities



CONVERTED. This is Ngian, a former witch doctor of Borneo, who is now a baptized Christian.

"WHEN I first became a witch doctor I vowed I would never divulge the secrets of my hypnotizing power. The ability to communicate with the spirits, and the craft of deceiving and cheating the people must never be known outside of the black art sphere." I was lost in amazement as Ngian, a 50-year-old former Iban witch doctor, opened for the first time to my wondering mind the deep secrets of his magic arts. The deathlike silence of the evening hours wore on as he exposed to my captive ears witchcraft's deceptive power over the Iban tribe, dwelling in the jungle.

"For 20 years," he continued, "I have been practicing this cunning art. For 20 years I have been misleading and swindling the people. For 20 years I have suffered untold grief and bitterness of soul. It has been like a hell on earth. All the days of those long years my body was racked with pain, my mind was disturbed by a tortured conscience. I drank and smoked during the sleepless and slow passing hours of the night. Little relief came during the daylight hours. For those same 20 lingering years I have been longing and searching for something better."

"In order to keep the Ibans in the snare of our bewitching charms and trickery I initiated my two younger brothers into this deceptive craft. Three of us in one family were blinded by Satan. Praise the Lord, those miserable 20 years of bondage to a cruel tyrant ended when your friend Sipok came to our village and my home. Even though the time I served in the enemy's camp has made me a wrinkled old man, I now have a new lease on life. My health is better. I feel younger. Life is now worth living. The future is bright with hope. How did all of this happen? It happened by a miracle of divine power when Christ became my personal Saviour and I accepted the Advent message."

"Now I introduced my two younger brothers to the One that brought healing to my soul, joy to my heart, and strength and health to my body. I'm glad to tell you that three former witch doctors

are now rejoicing in their new found faith."

For a whole evening this newly-converted ex-witch doctor related to me the almost unbelieving deceptive practices of jungle witchcraft. He was now serving another Master and he was no longer bound to

secrecy and delusion. Even though I have been working for the Iban people for about 40 years, yet I was amazed as Ngian brought to light many of their long-hidden secrets. I knew according to the scriptures that those who practice these dark arts were condemned to hell fire. At the same time I had witnessed their apparent ability to heal many sick people. Therefore I thought they deserved a certain amount of respect. Now my eyes have been opened to the Truth. These witch doctors have actual communications with wicked spirits. Then in addition to their black art practices they gain their livelihood by deceiving and defrauding the people.

The remarkable change that has taken place in Ngian's life is amazing to his neighbors and friends. Sipok, who pointed him and his brothers to Christ and salvation, has a special gift in winning witch doctors. Already a total of seven of them have given up their black magic and deceptive arts and become ardent believers in the Advent faith.

Singapore News Notes

By Maggie Tan

● **Esther Wong** stopped for a few days in Singapore on her way back to Bangkok from Australia. She successfully completed her requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Education at Avondale

College and will teach at the Ekamai School in Bangkok.

● **Pastor and Mrs. E. H. Wu** left Singapore in mid-January for the United States where they plan to spend a year with their children, Seng Chai, Seng An, and Seng Ping. Pastor Wu is a star solicitor in the school's annual Ingathering Campaign.

New Pastor for Singapore Church

APPOINTED. The new pastor of the Balestier Road Church in Singapore is Pastor Ng Sui Koon, formerly with the Bible Department of Southeast Asia Union College. He is shown in this photo with his wife and two children. He takes the places of Pastor T. K. Chong, now president of the Malaya Mission. The new pastor has his M.A. and B.D. degrees from Andrews University in Michigan.



North Philippines

Union Biennial Session Held in Manila

MEMBERSHIP now just 162 short of 40,000, a 21 percent increase in tithe receipts, number of Bible studies doubled, a 27 percent increase in Ingathering receipts — these are some of the highlights of the Union president's progress report for the past biennium before the delegates gathered for the North Philippine Union session held at the auditorium of Philippine Union College.

Sabbath School membership for the two-year period increased by 29.69 percent. Investment from June to January, 1967 was Ps. 12,042.21, against Ps. 8,569.61 during the equivalent period last year. Child evangelism supplies sold for three quarters last year was Ps. 6,905.71; in 1967 it's Ps. 14,307.87.

Pathfinder clubs and membership have more than doubled. "Voice of Prophecy" graduates for three quarters this year numbered 3,832. There are now 35 stations through which the message is being preached.

There were 200 Union and Mission revival evangelistic teams organized. Assisted by laymen, these teams have meant the gaining of more converts and the reclamation of backsliders.

Whereas there were 50 evangelistic campaigns in 1967, 225 are being planned for 1968.

The constituency of the North Philippine Union are looking forward to bigger activities during the next biennium.
—B. B. Alsaybar



ORDAINED. President T. C. Murdoch of the North Philippine Union greets M. G. Jereos, NPUM secretary, who was ordained on December 3 along with five other alumni of Philippine Union College. From right to left, they are Pablo G. Poblete, PUC Bible teacher; Rosendo O. Gonzales, evangelist; Angel Biton, evangelist; Basilio Palad, evangelist, and Geronimo Calangan, evangelist. Pastor P. H. Eldridge, who gave the ordination sermon, stands at the left, and Pastor B. A. Martin, who offered the ordination prayer, looks on at right.

Literature Evangelists Conduct Institute in Manila

THE largest colporteur gathering in any one local mission field throughout the Far Eastern Division was held recently when some 297 literature evangelists from the North Philippine Union converged at Las Brisas de Monte Antipolo in Antipolo, Rizal for the Eighth Home Health-Education Service Seminar.

An invited guest from the Far Eastern Division was Pastor Melvin H. Lyon, Assistant Publishing Secretary.

The entire seminar covered studies on the various phases of the literature evangelism program. These studies which were conducted by Elder Lyon and some local publishing leaders headed by Pastor Alberto N. Santiago and Mrs. Rosario N. Emralino, North Philippine Union publishing leaders, had been designed to acquaint the colporteurs with modern canvassing materials and devices and new methods of

making contacts and creating prospects.

One of the highlights of the seminar was the report of more than Ps.1 million in sales by this Union alone. Of note was that four years ago such an accomplishment was achieved by the three Philippine Unions.

Highlighting the institute were the reports in which the different missions described their work of conversion of souls through literature evangelism and the presentation of awards to some of the outstanding colporteurs.

The Philippine Publishing House manager, Willard D. Jemson, praised the colporteurs and reiterated that the Philippine Publishing House is "always in close cooperation" with the activities of literature evangelists." He said that the publishing house has launched a strong program for the book and magazine work. He said that new books published in English and other dialects will be circulated soon to help boost the sales in the field.

—Flor B. Conopie

Large Delegation at NPUM Session in Manila

SESSION. Delegates and guests to the Union biennial session of the North Philippines pose near the PUC auditorium. President P. H. Eldridge of the Far Eastern Division is seated at the center. To his left is NPUM president, Pastor T. C. Murdoch, and to his right is Pastor E. L. Langway, Division Field Secretary.



Philippine House Marks Anniversary

THE Constituency and Annual Board of Directors' meeting convened November 30 in Manila. This year's sessions were unusual from the standpoint that 1967 marks 20 years of operation of Philippine Publishing House in Baesa since it was rebuilt following the war. For the occasion we used the theme "Twenty Years of Progress".

Among the 94 constituents and guests present were eight former workers now retired. At a luncheon which highlighted these meetings we honored these retirees with appropriate certificates of appreciation for their many years of service. Among these was Nicanor Legaspi with 39 years of service.

Ten present employees with 20 or more years of service to this House were similarly honored. Of this group Canuto Domocmat has served 37 years.

Philippine Publishing House has a continuing and deep interest in evangelism, and as a gesture of identification with the 1968 World Evangelism program presented checks totaling Ps.6,000 to the presidents of the three Philippine Unions.

At this session the Constituents voted to change the operation of Philippine Publishing House from a biennial to a quadrennial basis. It is expected that sales for the year will reach Ps.2,000,000.

—**W. D. Jemson, Manager, Philippine Publishing House**



MISSIONARIES. This is Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Warpole and daughter who will be going to Sabah in April to serve as student missionaries from Philippine Union College.

Student Missionary Appointed to Sabah from PUC

RONALD Warpole, 26, a ministerial student at the Philippine Union College, has accepted a call from the Far Eastern Division to serve as student missionary in Sabah, North Borneo, this coming summer. He will be leaving for his post in April at the close of the school year to do pioneer evangelism in remote jungle regions in that area.

The new student missionary came to PUC last June after attending "the other PUC across the Pacific" for two years taking the ministerial course to prepare for future missionary service. He and his wife, Judy, and daughter Tammy will be there for about three months.

The One-Million Peso Story

THE outstanding report during the last North Philippine Union biennial session came from the publishing department entitled, "The Million-Peso Story." It was an account of how the 265 literature evangelists of the Union were able to attain their goal — their first million pesos within one year.

"At the start of this year," said Pastor A. N. Santiago, Publishing Secretary, our colporteurs thought of making this year exceptional by reaching one million pesos in sales. They knew that the only way to do it was to work harder. And work harder they did. Believe me, when 300 faithful and dedicated literature evangelists work hard it means unprecedented things are going to happen. No wonder we surpassed a million pesos in literature sales.



AWARDS. Here are the participants in the Publishing Award Ceremony of the North Philippine Union.

God helped us a little harder because we worked a little harder."

One literature evangelist alone, Mrs. Elda Nonato, accounted for Ps.23,809.85 in sales up to the end of November. The others in the list of top ten which she heads are as follows:—

- Rogelio Dayrit — Ps. 21,789.30
- Adriano Agonias — Ps. 17,838.50
- Isabel Penalosa — Ps. 9,602.20
- Priscilla Comilang — Ps. 13,646.00
- Paz Mercado — Ps. 13,121.90
- Victor Flauta — Ps. 14,205.65
- Manuel Aljecera — Ps. 9,069.70
- Caluya Moises — Ps. 17,662.85
- Susana Decena — Ps. 16,607.40

During their five-day seminar at Las Brisas resort in Antipolo, Rizal, Pastor Santiago and his staff had the opportunity to be with the bookmen army and rally them for the great challenge of 1968. Pastor M. R. Lyon, Far Eastern Division Assistant Publishing Secretary, spoke to the colporteurs. Awards to outstanding literature evangelists were given.

Their goal for 1968: Two million pesos!


—**B. B. Alsaybar**

WORKERS. Philippine Publishing House workers with 20 or more years of service are shown above. They are, left to right, top row, Mariana Nabang, Miguel Adante, E. L. Villanueva, Eusebio Lopez, A. B. Timple. Bottom row, left to right, Anotolio Alberastine, Bienvenido Alcantara, Mrs. Maura Mina, Canuto Domocmat (with 37 years of service) and B. Roldan.



War Rages Near Mission Compound

Missionaries Under Fire in Saigon, Vietnam



SHOT. Mrs. Charles Harris, wife of the Business Manager of the Saigon Adventist Hospital, holds a bullet which came through the sunshade in the living room of their Saigon home.

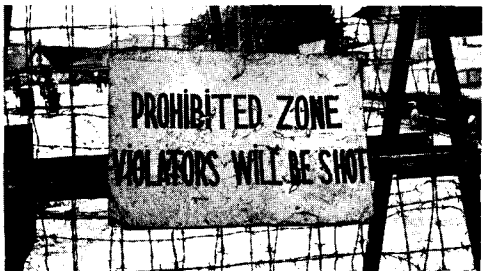
New Year's firecrackers turned deadly in Vietnam late in January. We have received word that the deacon of our Dalat Church, with his wife and one child, were killed in the fighting a few days ago. Only one child survived, and she is wounded. One of the ladies of the Vam Nhon church has been killed also, and yesterday we learned that the elder of our Dalat Church was killed and buried on February 11. Both the Dalat church officers were faithful colporteurs for many years. The two colporteurs killed are Ngyhen Van Niem, about 50, and Pham Hong, about 40. In addition to the wife and child of the first literature evangelist two lay members have been killed in the recent fighting, a total of five adults and one child. There may be more, but we don't know about them.

I was up at midnight the night of January 29-30 to record the sound of the fireworks which punctuates every Vietnamese New Year. But at 3:00 a.m. of January 31 we were awakened by the "Real Thing". Three heavy explosions thundered through the alley across the street. We could see sparks rising from a burning Jeep, and we quickly fled our house for the other side of the compound.

Tracer bullets streaked across the sky in all directions. M-16's cracked, while M-60's coughed and stuttered. Grenades and mortars burst between us and our hospital a mile away. We didn't know what was happening, but we were sure men were dying nearby. Soon two of our nurses rode a taxi into the compound and called for Dr. Jess Holm. Two policemen had been brought in badly wounded, and Dr. Holm knew it was the beginning of a "Long Day". Dr. Holm and his wife told us later that they passed two burning vehicles on their way to the hospital.

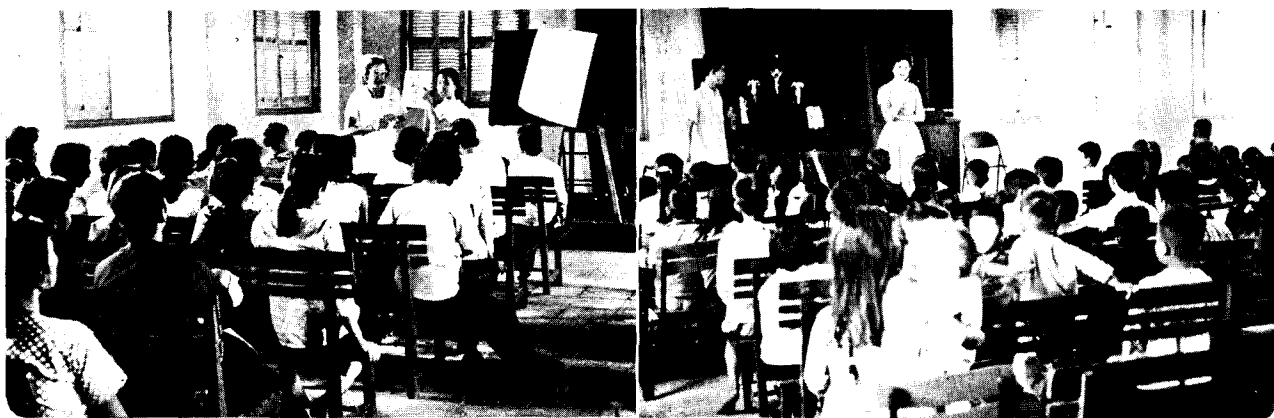
Fighting continued near our compound for eight hours.

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BARRIER. Barbed wire and signs like this are located all over the city of Saigon, Vietnam as the result of the "Tet" assault by the Viet Cong.

BELOW. Nearly 1,000 refugees have crowded the compound of the Saigon Adventist Mission School. The workers there have taken advantage of the situation by conducting daily Branch Sabbath Schools, right, and an afternoon health lecture, left. Mrs. Jess Holm, wife of the Saigon Hospital Medical Director, is teaching the health class while Mrs. Beatrice Neall, wife of the mission president, is teaching the Bible class.



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