

# Division Council by jim joiner REPORT

I sat with nearly 200 other delegates from 12 countries of the Far East in the tenth-floor Sunset Pavilion of Manila's Bayview Hotel. We awaited the opening of the 1973 Far Eastern Division Annual Council. To the west, immediately beyond bustling Roxas Boulevard and the United States Embassy complex, ships lay at anchor in Manila Bay. Some 30 miles across

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the water, Corregidor Island rose against the horizon.

This symbol of heroic resistance against invasion reminded me of the horrors and the heroes of World War II. Farther north, like the central figures in a picture framed by one of the large windows, stood the mountains of Bataan, where the defenders held off the enemy for months. No doubt other delegates remembered General Douglas MacArthur's ringing promise —"I shall return"—as he was ordered to leave Corregidor for the safety of Australia. And MacArthur kept his promise.

Today, there was no war in Manila. In fact, many delegates expressed their feelings that the city had markedly improved in *(See page 6.)* 

# deskside chats

Instrument Approach



About forty-five minutes after leaving Pusan, Korea, our jet liner began its approach to the airport in Fukuoka, Japan. Soon we entered ugly

looking clouds which even at twenty thousand feet seemed almost solid. Descending sharply with lowered wing flaps producing the same kind of sensation as a bus braking on a steep hill, our plane made a number of turns, first one way and then another. With absolutely nothing visible through the clouds, I found myself getting tense. Insistently the thought forced itself into my mind, "How can this pilot possibly know what he is doing?" It was not reassuring.

After several moments the rate of descent lessened. We seemed to be flying straight again. Suddenly we broke through the clouds, just a few hundred feet above the ground. We were headed directly for the end of the landing strip, and without having to deviate either to right or left, our pilot brought us in to a smooth landing.

My tenseness over, I mused on the marvels of that skillful instrument approach. Unable to see through the clouds any better than I, the pilot had nevertheless been totally undismayed. He had been in constant radio contact with the control tower, and the intricate instruments before him had unerringly indicated his proper flight path. Complete reliance. on this marvelous guidance system had guaranteed a safe approach.

Life today has much in common with jet flight. The pace is swifter than it used to be. Broader knowledge, better facilities, more efficient methods have stimulated a vast increase in accomplishments. Yet mankind's basic problems, like the weather, have not been eliminated. We run into them with devastating suddenness. Often we cannot see our way through.

Certainly we need a guidance system.

This God provides as standard equipment for every Christian. "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." (Ps. 32:8)

Instant availability.

Unerring direction.

Unlimited range.

All that is required of us is total reliance.

Cordially,

P.H. Eldridge

Paul H. Eldridge, President

COVER: Delegates to the Division Council and their wives, gathered in the Sunset Pavilion of the Bayview Hotel, Manila, on Sabbath afternoon, November 17. This upper room experience served as a spiritual launching for TARGET 80. Jim Joiner is editorial consultant of the Philippine Publishing House.

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### Okinawa Dentist



Reths

Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Reth and daughter Natalie have joined the Okinawa Mission. Dr. Reth recently graduated from the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, and joins Drs. Wendell and Kizziar in the dental clinic at the Adventist Medical Center. He was born in Yugoslavia and moved with his parents to the United States when he was 20 years old. Having mastered the English language, now Dr. Reth and his wife, are in Japanese language study.

#### Nurse in Taiwan



Marilyn Follett; has joined the Taiwan Adventist Hospital as public health nurse and nurse midwife. Miss Follett has recently complet-

Follett cently completed her Master's degree in public health from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. Although this is her first regular mission appointment, she served as a student missionary in Port of Spain, Trinidad, in 1964. She also holds a midwifery certificate from the American College of Nurse Midwives.

#### New Accountant

After serving as AVSC English teachers at Japan Missionary College last year, David and Deborah Rawson recently arrived in Guam where he will be working as an accountant for the Far Eastern Island Mission.

### **Outstanding Student**



Paul

Allan Paul, Philippine Union College overseas student from British Solomon Islands, was chosen with two others as the Most Outstanding Overseas Student in the Philippines by the Philippine Interna-Friendship Organization. tional Allan was selected from 25,000 foreign students in the country. In the photograph he holds a trophy given by the Honorable lose Aspiras, tourism secretary of the Republic of the Philippines, and a plaque. This is the first time such an honor has gone to a student of PUC.

#### Scripture in Bushman

Bushmen can now read a portion of the Scriptures in their own language. The Gospel of Mark for the first time has been translated into one of the world's least known tribal tongues – Bushman. The book of Mark in Bushman will be printed in an interlinear edition with Afrikaans, English, and German "dynamic equivalent" translations. The translation was prepared by a professor, a clergyman, a Bushman farmhand and a 16year-old school girl who know both Afrikaans and Bushman.

#### **Book Sales Up**

Britian is buying three times as many religious books as it did 12 months ago, says one of Britian's biggest and best known publishing firms. Religious editor of Hodder and Stoughton Limited, Edward England, says his firm requires two new religious books each week to meet the demand.

#### **Religion in Indonesia**

Statistics compiled by Indonesia's Ministry of Religions reveal that more than 400 religious sects are registered in the predominantly Muslim country. According to a Jakarta broadcast, Indonesia recognizes only the Muslim, Roman Catholic, Protestant, Hindu, and Confucian religions. It added, however, that "other sects do not suffer persecution as long as they are acting within the law."

#### **Biggest Church in Orient**

The biggest church building in the Orient has opened in Seoul, Korea. The Pure Gospel Central Church seats 10,000 in the main sanctuary. It took five years to build at a cost of about US\$2 million.

#### FAR EASTERN DIVISION OUTLOOK

January, 1974



Elder and Mrs. Ezra L. Longway

# Far East Missionaries Wed

Wedding rites, uniting the lives of two devoted overseas missionaries, were held Sunday, November 11, in the St. Helena, California, Seventh-day Adventist Church. In this service Mrs. Florence Nagel Winton became the bride of Ezra L. Longway, SOS worker in Hong Kong.

The bride, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Sherman Nagel, early missionaries in China, was born in Macao, China, and lived there the first 19 years of her life. She studied at Pacific Union College, Loma Linda University, and the University of California in Los Angeles. Returning to the Far East, she served in Thailand and Vietnam. She was one of the pioneers of the first Adventist hospital in Saigon in the early 1950s.

Later in the United States, Mrs. Winton engaged in other professional lines of work, and since June, 1966, has served at the St. Helena Hospital and Health Center, most of the time as a secretary. Ezra Longway was called by the Adventist Mission Board for mission service to the Republic of China in 1918, just after graduating from Atlantic Union College. For more than 50 years he labored in China, Manchuria, and Hong Kong.

#### Last to go

When revolution struck China during World War II and all Christian missionaries were ordered out, Longway was one of the last to leave. Finally he located in Hong Kong, where he has been working with Dr. Harry Miller in raising funds for hospitals and medical facilities.

Among the more than 200 guests at the wedding were members of the Far Eastern Fellowship of Northern California, of which club the bride is treasurer. Also in attendance were leading members of Chinese Seventh-day Adventist churches in San Francisco-a choir of 20 members.

#### Russian work

While directing missions work in China many years ago, Pastor Longway worked among the Russians in Mukden, Manchuria, and in later years church members came from there to San Francisco, where there is now a strong and growing church. The Russian choir furnished special music for both the wedding and the reception.

The bride wore a long pink gown of satin brocade with a matching shoulder-length veil. She carried green orchids on a white Bible.

#### Attendants

The bride's matron of honor, Mrs. Fawn Roth, and bridesmaid, Mrs. Irma Miller, wore gowns of maroon crepe and carried pink mums.

The bridegroom was attended by his nephew, Dr. Roger Coon, best man, and by Dr. Sherman Nagel, Jr., groomsman and brother of the bride.

The Longways expect to make their home in Hong Kong, reaching there about January 15, 1974. They will both be connected with the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital. - J. R. Ferren.

# **Periodical Index**

Every month some 70 magazines and journals are published by Seventh-day Adventists in North America alone. Every year more than 8,300 articles are written by Adventists for church publications.

Until recently finding a specific article one year or more after publication was a matter of searching through stacks of publications or relying on memory.

With the Seventh-day Adventist Periodical Index published twice a year, articles are organized by author and subject. A cumulative index is published every two years.

The list of publications includes the official organs of all world divisions, the union conferences in North America and some institutional and departmental publications. This includes the Far Eastern Division *Outlook*.

Thirty periodicals are indexed comprehensively, including such magazines as Adventist Home, Adventist Layman, Insight, Ministry, Review, Signs of the Times and These Times. Another 27 publications are indexed selectively.

For more information write to the Loma Linda University Library, Riverside CA 92505.

# Home Study Program

Now it's possible to get a degree by mail.

Home Study Institute, the extension branch of the Seventhday Adventist school system, is participating with Columbia Union College in an External Degree Program.

Persons who qualify for the program may obtain a Bachelor of Liberal Studies Degree with all, or nearly all, of the course work taken by correspondence through HSI. Two other methods can be used in working toward the degree independent study projects under the supervision of a Columbia Union College professor, or examinations over any area in which a candidate feels that he has attained competence because of past experience.

The degree will be earned in a Seventh-day Adventist Christian context, under the guidance of Christian instructors and will be conferred by an Adventist institution. Eligible persons are those who are capable of doing collegelevel work but because of circumstances—home, family, or work have not had the opportunity to obtain a college degree. Older citizens, veterans of the armed forces, and housewives with small children should find the program particularly beneficial.

### LLU Representative

The Andrew Nelsons have returned for another year of service at South China Adventist College in Hong Kong.

Dr. Nelson continues teaching at the college and directs the preparation of the research on the up-to-date Peking-Mandarin Chinese-English dictionary.

He is also the Oriental Field Representative of Loma Linda University and has on hand applications and descriptive materials. He is prepared to answer questions about the University from his Hong Kong office.

He also has a supply of the following books:

The Gist of Christian Education, which is now used at Andrews University and Columbia Union College.

Food for Everyone, the Mittleider book, now in its second edition.

The Modern Reader's Japanese-English Character Dictionary, for any interested in that language.

Inquiries may be addressed to Andrew Nelson, South China Adventist College, Clearwater Bay Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

# Streamlined Kit

MV Kit goes to an eightpage monthly starting with the January, 1974, issue.

With a larger format and punched along one side for binding in a looseleaf notebook, this new MV Kit brings all kinds of fresh and useful information to church youth leaders. Check these regular features:

• A clearly developed essay that takes up a current theological issue.

• Profiles of outstanding youth leaders and programs.

• "Campus Forum" for educators and campus pastors to share ideas and to be heard.

• "Campus Communique" for what's going on in Adventist schools around the world.

• "Know," a new section for church school and academy teachers.

• "Discussion," short stimulating thoughts followed by reading suggestions and study questions.

• Program suggestions especially for overseas groups.

*MV Kit*, the youth ministry journal, is published by the Southern Publishing Association, 2119 24th Ave., North, Nashville, TN 37202, USA. Subscription cost for Far Eastern countries is US\$5.00 per year.



Division Secretary, W. T. Clark (right) confers with President P. H. Eldridge and Assistant Secretary, D. A. Roth during Division Council session.

# Division Council REPORT

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peacefulness, order and cleanliness since the imposition of martial law. And today, these nations were not enemies. Japanese, Filipinos, Americans, along with their colleagues from many nations, were united in devotion and dedication. In fact, as I interviewed a number of delegates from various places, many commented favorably on the unity of purpose demonstrated by leaders and workers during the council.

#### Religious side

Mentioned by almost every delegate I interviewed were the spiritual highlights, especially the midday devotionals conducted at 11:45 each day by Ralph S. Watts, Sr. As he brought dynamic emphasis to the return of Jesus and events to precede it, I thought again of Corregidor. One far greater



G. O. Bruce, Division treasurer.

than MacArthur has promised His followers, "I shall return."

Elder Watts, a former vicepresident of the General Conference, and a former missionary in the Far East, continues to serve the church in his retirement years. He has just returned to the Far East with the special assignment of encouraging the increased study and circulation of the writings of Ellen White. His purpose was clearly evident: to aid the church in preparing for the promised return of Jesus. Delegates were disappointed to learn that the Conflict of the Ages series has been printed up to now in only seven languages around the world.

Of course, much business was conducted during the council. The largest budget in the history of the Division, amounting to US\$2,409, 685.40 was voted. Church membership in the Far Eastern Division at the close of 1973 was 256,649.

Evangelistic outreach was in the forefront. FED Evangelist Bruce Johnston joined President Paul Eldridge and other Division leaders in focusing on TARGET 80, a coordinated system of planning for the coming years. It indeed represents "The Bold Adventure" for reaching out to millions in the Orient. A fresh, new look at possibilities for evangelism in and by church institutions attracted my attention.

Unique in this Division Council was the emphasis upon cultural programs. The Philippine Publish-



One of the main instructors during the administrative pre-council was Pastor Lowell Bock, associate secretary of the General Conference for the North American Division. His wife lived in Manila as a child when her father was a departmental secretary with the North Philippine Union Mission. January, 1974

ing House Madrigal Singers and a Philippine Union College group each presented an evening program. Colporteurs of the North Philippine Union gave their inspiring "Night of Songs." And delegates were taken to a special rendition of Philippine folk songs and dances at the Sulu Restaurant.

#### Mayor's talk

The Honorable Ramon D. Bagatsing, mayor of Manila, addressed the council on November 14. Premiere showing in the Far East of the new Youth Department film, "So Many Voices," was on November 12. This 47-minute film, in color, captured the imagination of delegates.

Presidents of local missions throughout the Far East participated in the council. It was the first time in several years that all of these administrators were gathered together in council. There was a youth observer from Philippine Union College.

The first woman lay delegate attended this FED Council. Mrs. Sie Tiong Gie, of Indonesia, graduated from a Catholic teachers'



The editorial workshop consisted of many presentations by visitors and delegates. Shown in action during the meeting are, left to right, M. Miraflores, Philippine Publishing House; James Joiner, editorial consultant, Philippine Publishing House; and Kenneth Holland, of Nashville, Tenn., editor of These Times magazine.

college in Java and was a leader of more than 200 children and youth in her home church. Through Voice of Prophecy lessons, she became an Adventist in 1955.

Furloughs and permanent returns for overseas workers are voted at Division councils. Attracting our attention this time was the

Publishing house editors met for a workshop prior to the publishing council. Left to right, Calvin Teng, South China Island Union; Samuel Tsai, Malaysian Signs Press; and Le Van Khoa, Vietnam Signs Press. vote to grant permanent return to Richard C. Hall, missionary-pilot in the Far East for almost two decades. His most recent work has been in Sarawak.

Just prior to the Division Council, other councils were held. Notable was the first editorial council in the Far East since 1968, continuing for four days. Kenneth J. Holland, editor of *These Times* 



Letters from the kids back home in Singapore occupy the full time and attention of Mr. and Mrs. David Dennis, shown in the Sunset Pavilion of Manila's Bayview Hotel.



magazine, was sent by the General Conference to counsel and coordinate this meeting of FED editors. World publishing leader D. A. McAdams not only assisted in the editorial council, but in the three-day FED publishing council which followed. Former *These Times* editor R. E. Finney, Jr., pastor and teacher in Singapore while "retired," was a special contributor to the editorial council.

Administrative and auditors' councils were in progress simul-This group comprises the largest delegation ever to attend a year-end Far Eastern Division Council meeting. The photo was taken in front of the Bayview Hotel, Manila, Philippines, November 1973. taneously. Departmental councils are held every four years in conjunction with the Division annual councils, on a rotating basis. The health and Sabbath school councils are scheduled for November, 1974, in Singapore, prior to the FED annual council.

In between times

Squeezed into "odd" hours, usually in the evening, were other important meetings. Publishing house boards and various committees from all levels struggled to find time to transact necessary business.

Providing counsel during the session were C. O. Franz, secretary

of the General Conference; Lowell Bock, associate GC secretary, and A. C. McKee, GC director of Trust Services, as well as FED leaders. Two other divisions of the church were represented, by Editor E. A. Hetke and Auditor E. M. Stiles from the Southern Asia Division, and Auditor S. H. Macfarlane from the Australasian Division. Most of these guests spoke in churches in the Manila area for Sabbath services.

Sadness comes even during Division councils. Pastor and Mrs. Alvin Bartlett, of Jakarta, Indonesia, were in Martinsburg, West Virginia, to attend the funeral of their eldest son, Brant, and their

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daughter-in-law, who were killed in an auto accident near Southern Missionary College, where both attended school.

The Seventh-day Adventist Museum of the Far East, in Singapore, has been placed under newly named curator Don A. Roth. He appealed to church members throughout the Far East to contribute items of interest for display in the museum.

#### New union building

Groundbreaking for the Philippine US\$179.104 North Union building highlighted the last day of the council. Completion is expected in July, 1974, two years



after the old building burned. A new president of the NPUM will be chosen soon to replace M. G. Jereos, who has resigned.

Tasty, nutritious noon meals were served in the hotel dining room under the direction of Mrs. Rhodie H. Imperio, dietitian at the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital.

Forty-two delegates participated in "Heartbeat," a coronary risk evaluation program of Loma Linda University, now available here for the first time. Division health secretary Dr. G. C. Ekvall described "Heartbeat" as an excellent program in these words: "Disease of the blood vessels feeding the heart is an increasing problem for people living in the Orient. This condition causing obstruction of these vessels is an important factor in the cause of heart attacks. The 'Heartbeat' program is an excellent method of testing certain body mechanisms with exploration of findings, to give counsel for correction of abnormalities, and thus help to prevent heart attacks."

Adhering still to what might be described as puritan qualities, the Division Council reaffirmed its stand on rock music.

Traditional folk music was not condemned for some of it is acceptable as a means of Christian witness, and is often used in church services.





# FROM THE UNIONS

# JAPAN

# **Church Improvements**

To climax a remodeling and expansion program to the Kurume church, special services were held on August 26.

Valued at approximately US\$35,000, the modernized structure replaces the original building erected in 1939 as a gift from S. Ishibashi, president of the Bridgestone Tire Company of Japan. Mr. Ishibashi donated this edifice as a testimony to honor the faith of his sister Fusako, who has been a Seventh-day Adventist for many years.

Y. Okafuji, president of the South Japan Mission, and H. Imamura, treasurer, officiated at the August 26 service.



Robert and Danetta Frost, Wendy, and Robbie

### **Frost For Treasurer**

Robert W. and Danetta Frost, Wendy  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years old, and Robbie, 1 year old, have arrived at the Japan Union Mission where Robert is serving as treasurer.

Bob and Danetta are both graduates of Pacific Union College, class of 1965. Bob majored in business administration and Danetta in nutrition. Danetta completed the dietetic internship program at Loma Linda University, and worked for several years as a therapeutic and consulting dietitian. She is the daughter of Duane S. Johnson, associate secretary of the General Conference.

Bob completed his Master's degree in business administration at the University of California last year. Before graduating from Pacific Union College, he worked for one year in a public accounting firm. In 1965-66 he served as a business intern with the General Conference auditing department. Since then he has worked at Loma Linda University in various financial offices, including chief accountant for Loma Linda Foundation, assistant to the controller, operations officer and the administrative assistant to the vice-president for financial affairs. – Lois May Watts.

# korea

# **Cows For Korea**

"Drink more milk." It sounds like a slogan for a dairy association.

It is, in fact, the plea of the Korean Ministry of Agriculture to the people in this northern country of the Far East. Korea has been one of the lowest per capita milk users in this part of the world, until recently when the government launched an advertizing program emphasizing the healthful benefits of drinking milk.

In the past year the public demand for milk and dairy products has skyrocketed. Korean mothers and fathers, like parents all over the world, want to provide healthy diets for their children as well as for themselves.

This is a fine objective if milk is available. But that's not the case in Korea. Every day the country is caught short by some 60,000 to 70,000 quarts of fluid milk, not to mention the needs for cheese, butter, powdered milk, and other dairy products.

Naturally this situation has hit the dairies around the country. One of the major suppliers to the metropolitan Seoul area is the Korean Union College dairy, managed by George Haley. This dairy, as all Korean dairies, conforms to Stateside standards



George Haley's dream is to import 100 cows from the United States to Korean Union College. The recent demand for more milk in Korea has hard hit the college dairy.

of quality. The KUC dairy has an exceptionally good reputation for producing high-grade milk and the demand is great on this particular dairy.

But Korean Union College has only 35 milking cows, which at the most produce only 400 to 500 quarts of milk per day, or approximately one tenth of the demand. Orders come in for more milk-3,000 to 4,000 quarts per day-and Haley has to go to other processors to get milk for his customers. He doesn't want to turn away customers. He'd rather get more cows and expand the dairy, which helps support Korean Union College. The present milk shortage offers a unique opportunity if the herd can be rapidly expanded.

The college dairy not only has a good reputation as far as producing top-quality milk, it also has the reputation of being the only college industry in the Far Eastern Division that makes large enough profits to be of real benefit to the school. In addition to providing work opportunities for students, the profits of the thriving dairy and 250-acre farm built the new modern administration building that stands in the center of the KUC campus.

Haley's dream is to import 100 cows from the United States to Korea. Because of the expense in feeding and caring for the cattle on a sea voyage, 100 heifers would make a 16- to 19-hour air trip across the Pacific, according to Haley. More student help would be added to the dairy. This would help with their school expenses.

Already several cows have been donated to the KUC dairy by persons in the United States, and Haley hopes that others in North America will be interested in this "Cows for Korea" project. Direct inquiries should be sent to George Haley, Korean Union College, IPO Box 1243, Seoul, Korea.

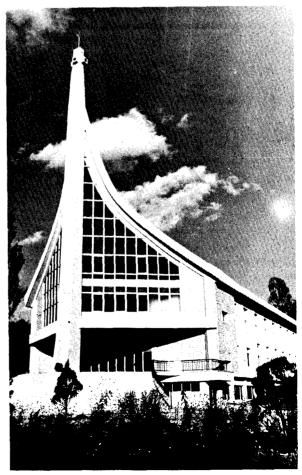
# Landmark in Seoul

After 17 years of planning, the largest Adventist church in Seoul is open for church services. The first services were held on September 22, 1973, in the new Seoul Adventist Hospital Church which seats 1,200.

Pastor Kim Bong Wuk began dreaming about this structure 17 years ago because at that time the old hospital church was overcrowded.

Following years of planning, that dream has become a reality as it stands as a living monument to the living God.

When the first plans were being made, many hospital workers gave a month's salary to the building fund. The Seoul Adventist Hospital prepared the land for the church, and many church members and a sister hospital in Pusan contributed substantially to the building fund. Finally with funds from an untagged gift to the Far Eastern Division, the project was completed.



New Seoul Adventist Hospital Church

The area of the church building includes two floors, covering approximately 21,780 square feet. The main sanctuary measures 60 feet by 140 feet. Not yet completely finished inside, the plan for the church basement includes a pastoral office, a small chapel, a choir room and lounge. -T. C. Kim, director of communications.

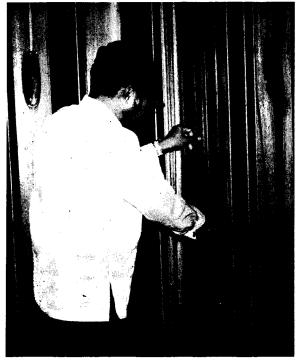


# Manila San Expansion

Dedication of a new pediatrics unit, a conference room, and a remodeled operating suite marked the completion of Phase II of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital's renovation-expansion program.

The operating suite, which was completed earlier this summer, now has two large operating rooms and two small ones, sterile and work rooms, two lounges, cast room, storage room, and pathology room for rapid frozen section readings.

The new pediatric unit consists of three private and three semi-private air-conditioned rooms, three wards and four isolation rooms. Facilities include 30 youth beds and cribs.



Business Manager E. C. Corpus turns the key to open the varifold doors for open house guests at the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital.

Following open house festivities, the "historic first" meeting of the North Philippine Union Mission Executive Committee was held in the hospital's new conference room. – Emmeline Amy Arriola - Flores.



The new conference room is one of the recent improvements made in the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital. The room seats 84 persons in revolving maroon-coloured chairs and has an elevated stage complete with a public address system.

#### **News** Notes

• James W. Frey, retired U.S. Air Force pilot, has volunteered to serve as liaison officer for Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service in the North Philippines.

• Mr. and Mrs. Artemio Elumir and family returned to Thailand for their third term of missionary service after a regular furlough. He is business manager of the Haad Yai Mission Hospital while she is a clerk in the hospital and music teacher at the Haad Yai Junior Academy.

• Meritt R. Crawford from the Chesapeake Conference of the Columbia Union has arrived with his wife and daughter to serve as union builder. He started as a construction apprentice in 1934 and since that time has had experience as a carpenter, cabinet maker, and builder in a number of conferences in the U.S. He was builder for the Far Eastern Island Mission from 1969 to 1972.

• Abel Pangan, Torcuato Billones and families returned to Thailand after their furlough here. Pastor Pangan is youth, Sabbath school, and temperance secretary at the Ekamai Adventist School. This is now their fifth term as missionaries in Thailand. The first was in Laos where Pastor Pangan was an evangelist.



# Asia Study Center

The South China Island Union Mission executive committee has voted to look with favor on the development of an Asia Study Center on the Clearwater Bay campus of South China Adventist College. This program is being developed as a result of consultation and recommendations from Dr. A. N. Nelson and John Hamilton of Loma Linda University. The program would be designed to serve approximately 15 students each year. Its objectives are:

1. To provide foreign scholars a base from which to do research work in Asian studies to enhance understanding between East and West.

2. To study and experiment with new methods of evangelism for reaching Asians.

3. To introduce Asian culture to those who desire to study it.

4. To arouse interest and prepare young people for future mission work.

## Sustentee Housing

It was early in 1970 that the Hong Kong-Macao Mission appointed a development committee for the sustentee housing project of which Dr. B. W. Loh, an active layman, was elected chairman. Soon he was busy directing the work of raising funds for the building, purchasing land, and applying for permission to build four bungalows which needed the approval of only the district office.

#### Good response

Response to the fund-raising campaign was very encouraging. It was estimated that US\$16,667 would be sufficient. Chan Shun, general manager of the Crocodile Garments Ltd., liberally pledged to give half of the total cost-HK\$50,000.

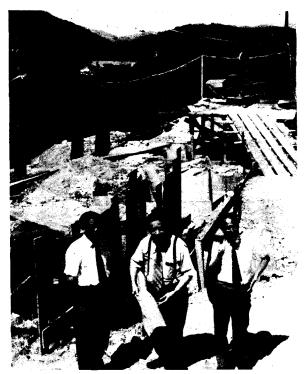
Contrary to expectation, it took a long time to process the application with the authorities concerned. When urging them to give prompt attention to our request, we usually got an answer like "The matter is under consideration." Thus three and one half years elapsed before final approval was granted to begin construction.

Meanwhile city regulations had changed, and it was no longer possible to build the type of bungalow we had in mind. It became necessary, instead, to erect a two-story apartment building with 12 living units. This would cost more than HK\$600,-000 (US\$120,000 for exchange rates were different too!), but even though this was six times the original budget, Mr. Chan stayed by his promise and gave liberally-HK\$300,000. In addition, the General Conference voted US\$25,000 for the project. Together with other donations from those in Hong Kong and abroad, we have enough means on hand to care for construction at its current cost.

#### Special Service

An exercise was held on the building site at Clearwater Bay, Kowloon, to mark the beginning of construction on August 26. In attendance were many laymen and workers from various churches in Hong Kong and Kowloon. Speakers recalled the history of the project, and commented on its proposed function.

It is expected that construction will be completed by the end of this year. May God bless the work and the retired workers who, after long years of faithful service, are worthy of a good place to live during retirement.-H. S. Lo, principal, Kowloon Sam Yak Middle School.



Members of the Hong Kong-Macao Mission development committee are shown at the site of the new sustentee housing project in Hong Kong. Left to right are Samuel Young, B. W. Loh, and T. M. Chu.

# south philippines

# Ingathering Experience

"Gentlemen, what organization are you representing?" questioned Brigadier General Mario Espina when representatives of the South Philippine Union approached him for a permit to solicit Ingathering funds.

"General, we represent the Seventh-day Adventist organization," was the polite reply.

"Seventh-day Adventists?" he echoed in excitement.

For a minute the churchmen wondered what his next words would be.

"My mother is a Seventh-day Adventist!" he exclaimed. "She lives in the United States, and just yesterday I received a letter from her."

Tenseness left the visitors as General Espina recollected some of the Adventist churches in Luzon he had attended as a little boy, and he remembered going out on singing bands to solicit Ingathering funds.

Learning that fact, the men from the South Philippine Union slipped in the purpose of their visit—the solicitation permit. Without another question, the permit was granted -A. A. Villarin.

#### Moslem Converts

Early this year an evangelistic effort was planned for Milbuk, the most progressive community in the municipality of Palimbang in South Cotabato where a logging firm operates a huge plywood and veneer factory. This coastal municipality was the first to experience difficulties caused by the warring tribes in this area. Milbuk is predominantly a Moslem community, but because of the seriousness of the conflict between Christians and Moslems, the residents had to be segregated and a boundary defined. Any social or other contacts between the two groups had to be arranged by the police or other authorities.

Voted to lead out in this crusade were J. H. Adil, mission evangelist who is a former Moslem; N. T. Alipoon, Bible instructor, and H. S. Rabanes, Jr., ministerial intern. In order to have access to both factions, our evangelistic center was constructed right at the boundary line just adjacent to the police guardhouse. The lecture series was offically opened to the public last February 11. Many times the meetings were disturbed and adversely affected by shooting nearby. However, our evangelistic team was determined to brave the situation and to preach the gospel in this virgin territory.

On March 31 the first baptism was held for 23 souls, five of whom were former Moslems. Of special interest is the fact that two of the Moslem converts are children of an Iman, or Moslem theologian. This Iman and his wife and their other children are now being prepared for the next baptism. A former champion of the Islamic faith, this Iman will surely be an instrument to win other Moslems to the "people of the Scriptures" as they usually call Seventh-day Adventists. An intensified follow-up program is now going on, and a church building is nearing completion. -1. C. Ladia.

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## Distinguished Visitors at BAH

In the aftermath of student political demonstrations in Bangkok, October 14 and 15, the Princess Mother and Prime Minister of Thailand visited victims hospitalized at the Bangkok Adventist Hospital.

Approximately 35 people were taken to the Adventist hospital during the student revolt.

Hospital personnel were alerted to the possibility of an increase in emergency-care patients on October 14 only a short time before the first three victims were brought to the emergency room.



Thailand's Prime Minister, Sanya Dharmasakti, is welcomed by the staff of the Bangkok Adventist Hopital.



Her Royal Highness, the Princess Mother is welcomed to the Bangkok Adventist Hospital following student disturbances that brought several victims to the hospital. Royce C. Thompson, administrator, and Gertrude Green, nurse, extend the welcome.

A call went out for extra blood. The laboratory staff took over one end of the out-patient department for donors who responded with 82 pints of blood.

#### Curiosity seekers

A crowd of curious spectators gathered outside the hospital to watch the train of victims brought in for treatment. Several university students helped keep the crowd in control and at the same time encouraged some spectators to donate blood. They also took up a collection to help pay for some of the medical-treatment expenses incurred. According to hospital policy, victims of such a wide-spread demonstration are treated at Bangkok Adventist Hospital free of charge.

#### Program cancelled

A previously scheduled benefit program planned by laboratory and x-ray students was cancelled, and refreshments that were already prepared to be served at the evening program were distributed to blood donors and hospital workers.

As the demonstrations and shooting quieted in Thailand's capital city, so did the flow of patients into the hospital.

On October 20 the Prime Minister of Thailand, and on October 22, the Princess Mother took flowers and gifts to those hospitalized as a result of the disturbance.

The purpose of their visits was twofold: First, to visit those who had been hospitalized during the demonstrations, and second, to say "thank you" to the Bangkok Adventist Hospital for its care during the national emergency.

### Youth Evangelism

Evangelistic meetings were recently held in Butterworth by James Wah and Edward Poey, aided by the enthusiastic young people of the Penang English Church. Most of those attending were Voice of Prophecy students, many between the ages of 14 and 16. Pastor Wah baptized Jeffrey Lou, the first fruits of these meetings. In order to have Sabbaths off, he made arrangements with his factory employer to work on Sundays.

Of special help in this evangelistic work was the generosity of Drs. Sam and Effie Jean Ketting, who loaned their van to transport the helpers and some members to Butterworth.

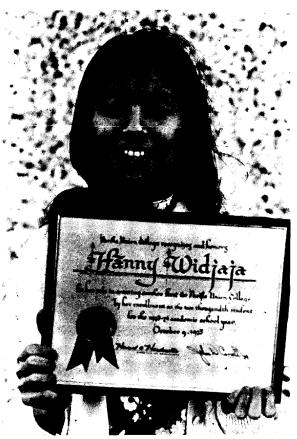
There is a great work to be done here. The seed is being sown, and some day the company in Butterworth will be a church. -S. Vellu.



# **Baptisms Climax School Year**



The baptism of 20 persons highlighted the close of the school year at Indonesia Union College. Included in the baptismal group were five persons from a youth evangelistic effort held in the nearby town of Lembang.



Hanny Widjaja of Bandung, Java, Indonesia, was the 2000th student to enroll in Pacific Union College for the fall quarter, 1973.

# 2000th Student in College

Hanny Widjaja, a second-year nursing student from Bandung, Java, Indonesia, was honored at Pacific Union College (Angwin, Calif., USA), recently as the 2,000th student to register for the fall quarter of the 1973-74 academic school year.

The college passed the 2,000 figure for the first time in its 91-year history after registering nursing students on the Glendale Adventist Medical Center extension campus in southern California. Presently enrollment figures stand at 2,100.

#### Plaque and scholarship

Miss Widjaja was given a plaque honoring her as the 2,000th student by Pacific Union College President Dr. J. W. Cassell, Jr. She also received a US\$100 scholarship towards tuition costs.

In January of 1971, Miss Widjaja left Bandung for Pacific Union College to take up nurses' training. According to her story, a girl friend suggested Pacific Union College as a good school in which to start her nursing education. What she didn't know when she left for Pacific Union College was that it was a Seventh-day Adventist school. Not being an Adventist herself, Miss Widjaja knew only a few fundamental principles of Christianity which she had learned at home.

As a result of the college's positive Christian witness, Miss Widjaja was baptized last April by Elder Ted Wick, PUC's campus pastor. She is the only member of her family of five to have joined the Adventist church.

#### Lord's leading

"I'm convinced now that the Lord led me to Pacific Union College," Miss Widjaja says. "I've seen His leading in so many ways since I left Indonesia."

This coming June, Miss Widjaja will graduate with an A.S. degree in nursing and after the successful completion of her state board examinations, will be qualified as a registered nurse. She then hopes to attend either Walla Walla College or Loma Linda University to work on her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

After Miss Widjaja receives her B.S. degree, she hopes to return to Indonesia to continue her nursing career. - Dave Roth.

# New Girls Dorm



Ground-breaking ceremonies were held October 7 for the long-awaited new girls dormitory at Indonesia Union College. Participating in the first shovels of earth were: (Left to Right) Miss Tan Lian Lan, dean of girls; Dr. R. H. Tauran, dean; Amos Simorangkir, college president; T. L. Tobing, Central Java Mission education secretary; C. G. Manurung, West Java Mission president; C. Silalahi, assistant business manager of Bandung Hospital; R. I. Sarumpaet, editor of the Indonesia Publishing House; Dr. E. Liwidjaja of Medah; M. E. Thorman, union education superintendent. W. L. Wilcox, circulation manager at Indonesia Publishing House; N. G. Hutauruk, union president, and D. D. Dennis, Division auditor. It is not yet known when construction will begin on the new building, but the college girls hope it will be soon.