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FAR EASTERN DIVISION

Outlook



Clark Takes Top Post

Winston T. Clark, who has lived in the Orient 40 years, or nearly all of his life, is the new president of the Far Eastern Division.

Most recently he has served as secretary of the division. Clark came to the Far East as a regular worker in 1950. He was a pastor-evangelist for the Japan Union, and remained in that country for 17 years, serving as the South Japan Mission president from 1953 to 1958, and union president from 1958 to 1967. From Japan, Pastor Clark and his family moved to Taiwan, where he served as president of the South China Island Union Mission, a post he held until his election as division secretary in 1970.

The son of China missionaries, Clark attended Far Eastern Academy in New Territories, Hong Kong, from 1937 to 1940, then because of war, continued his secondary education at Pacific Union College Academy. He is a graduate of Pacific Union College, and attended the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

As president of the Far Eastern Division, Clark will serve as spiritual and administrative leader of more than 286,000 Seventh-day Adventists. He will serve as chief executive of 21 hospitals, eight publishing houses, 398 elementary schools, 86 secondary schools, and nine colleges operated by the church in East Asia.



COVER: Vienna's Rathaus, or municipal building, is one of the city's most easily recognized landmarks. Sometimes called Central Europe's "International Congress City," Vienna was a fitting site for the 52nd World Congress of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In this issue we've tried to capture the highlights of the session as seen from the Far East.

W. T. Clark, President
B. E. Jacobs, Secretary
G. O. Bruce, Treasurer

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D. F. Gilbert, Assistant Treasurer
R. L. Rawson, Assistant Treasurer
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Top Posts



Bruce

Jacobs

The secretary and treasurer of the Far Eastern Division for the next five years will be B. E. Jacobs and G. O. Bruce respectively. Jacobs fills the post of secretary after serving five years as division youth director. He came to the Far East in 1970 from the Trans-Africa Division, where he also served as youth director. Jacobs has a total of 10 years of overseas service. The General Conference session re-elected Bruce treasurer of this division; thus he begins his second term in that post. Bruce has served the Far East for 21 years, beginning in 1954 as secretary-treasurer of the South China Island Union Mission. He has also worked in Japan and Southeast Asia.

Other Elections

Along with some very familiar faces returning, there will be a few new ones around the division office within the next few weeks. GC delegates in Vienna elected the following individuals to fill openings in the Far East: G. Ray James of the Central Union, youth director; Vernon Bretsch, former FEDite now at the Review and Herald Publishing Association, publishing and communication director; Wendell Wilcox, formerly circulation manager of the Indonesia Publishing House, stewardship secretary; and L. C. Strickland of the Southwestern Union Conference, FED auditor. C. L. Shankel, R. C. Williams, and O. C.

Edwards were all reelected to their previous posts. Additional appointments will be made later by the Far Eastern Division Committee. Remaining posts to be filled are health, temperance, and Sabbath school.

Leaving the FED

The GC elections resulted in two division personalities leaving the Far East, D. A. Roth, assistant secretary, and D. D. Dennis, auditor, and both men are going to the General Conference. Roth accepted the post of associate secretary. His responsibilities will include medical recruitment for the world field and supervision of the Southern Asia Division. Dennis was elected an associate in the GC auditing department. Both Roth and Dennis indicated reluctance in leaving the Far East, but feel they are following the Lord's plan for their lives.

Roth, who has served as editor of OUTLOOK, came to the Far East 10 years ago from the Columbia Union Conference. Dennis came to the FED from South America in 1967. He first served in West Indonesia, and then joined the division office staff in Singapore.

Division Presidents

The following division presidents were elected during the 1975 General Conference session in Austria: C. D. Watson, Afro-Mideast; R. R. Frame, Australasia; Edwin Ludescher, Euro-Africa; W. T. Clark, Far East; B. L. Archbold, Inter-America; N. C. Wilson, North America; W. R. L. Scragg, Northern Europe-West Africa; E. Oliveira, South America; R. S. Lowry, Southern Asia; and M. L. Mills, Trans-Africa.



Elmer Walde, president of the North Pacific Union, gives Don Roth some pointers on administration. Roth has been elected an associate secretary of the General Conference, a position which will take him around the world representing the church in 193 countries. "It is with deep regret that I leave the Far Eastern Division. The last 10 years have been the happiest of my life," he states. "I am leaving only because I will be able to still work for the Far East while I serve in the General Conference. Please pray for us as we leave Singapore and return to our homeland." The Roth family arrived in Singapore in August, 1965, almost 10 years to the day of their return to the United States. He has served as assistant secretary and director of communication. Roth recently commented that his participation in the evacuation of Vietnamese from Saigon last April was the most dramatic event in his experience in the Far East.

Monitoring GC from Singapore

By Pat Horning

Five years ago I sat in the left balcony of Convention Hall in Atlantic City and watched the vast panorama of the traditional missions pageant the first Sabbath of General Conference. From my vantage point I could look down at the parade of costumed participants filing slowly down the long, long aisle. Convention Hall is vast, and you can easily lose your sense of identity, but the narration refocused our attention on God's calling His people down through the ages, and somehow I felt a part of that multitude.

That General Conference was especially exciting for me because I was working temporarily for the *Review and Herald*, and my small part in putting out a daily bulletin was an absorbing job. And I was sitting right down at the green felt-covered reporters' table when business was voted, the secretary of the nominating committee reported, and Adventism's best preachers challenged us.

This summer I watched General Conference from the other side of the world. Instead of viewing the

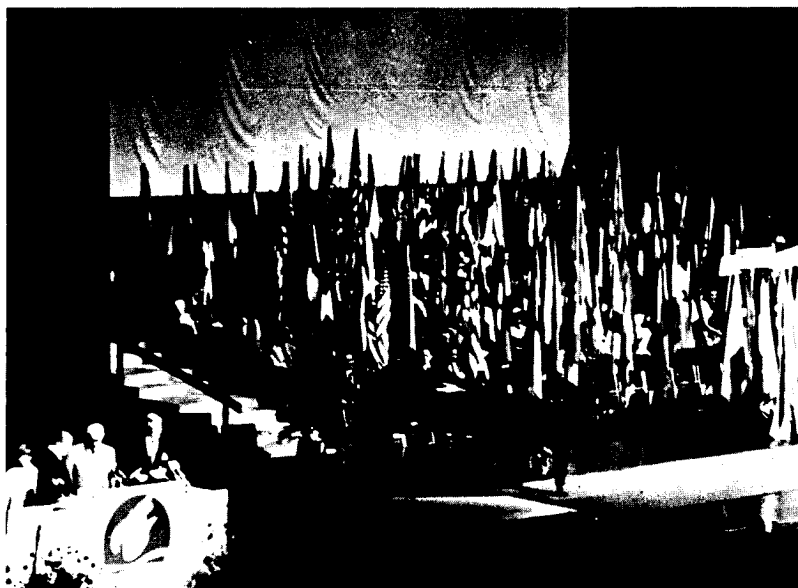
pageantry of missions from the balcony, I myself was serving in the mission field. As an English teacher turned summer reporter, I was getting up at 3:00 a.m. to monitor the telex machine that was Singapore's news link with Vienna. I couldn't rub shoulders this summer with delegates from the ten world divisions; I couldn't listen to the auditorium become suddenly hushed when the secretary of the nominating committee walked across the platform to the microphone. In short, I couldn't get a firsthand "feel" for General Conference.

As soon as the first delegate back on our compound—newly reelected division treasurer G. O. Bruce—gave us a packet of news releases, photos, and *Review* bulletins, Jane Allen and I started to digest and try to organize the multitude of facts and statistics, experiences and stories, pictures and impressions that were there on paper and film. Here, then, is a retelling of the 52nd General Conference.

Everybody who's ever been to a General Conference knows the unique blending of business, spiritual uplift, and socializing that characterize each session. Adventism is a complete way of life, and you cannot separate a General Conference into neat compartments like an egg carton, so to tie up a report under inclusive subtitles is difficult.

Worldwide Emphasis

The Vienna meeting highlighted the international aspects of the world church, which was the major reason for holding the session outside the United States, a first in the church's 112-year history. Consider the opening session. One of the first items was the seating of the delegates. For the first time in 57 years delegates from the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics were in attendance! To a standing ovation, those delegates walked down the spotlighted aisle. And for the first time ever, the



A highlight of the congress was a colorful missions pageant on Sabbath, July 12. Nationals and missionaries from some 150 countries marched in costume bearing the flags of their nation. Flags of 28 countries were posted without delegates, representing the countries in which the church as yet has no work.

church in Bulgaria was able to send two representatives. Many other members from Socialist countries were able to attend as guests.

The stories of individual sacrifice to attend the session are moving. One woman from Hungary lost her return train ticket for which she had been saving for a whole year. She reported the misfortune to the Lost and Found department. A man standing in the line behind her overheard the conversation and asked how much another ticket would cost. "Oh, too much," she replied, naming a sum worth approximately US\$30. Before she realized what was happening, he thrust the money into her hand—and vanished.

Many non-delegates camped around Vienna, although it rained frequently. Others made-do by sleeping on the floors of Adventist

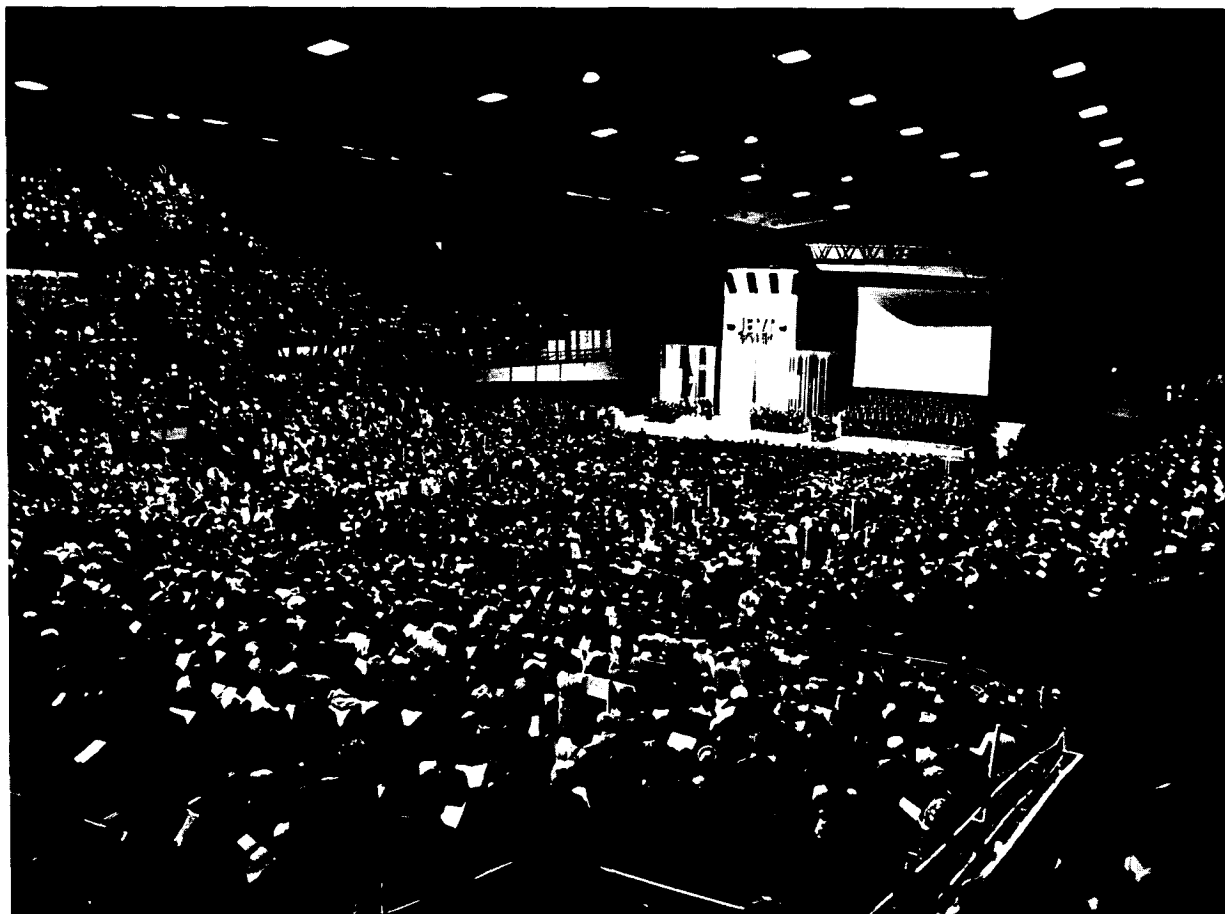
churches in the city. Hotels for the delegates were clear across the city from the Stadthalle, so cross-city travel was the order of the day. (Buses were provided from hotels to the Stadthalle in the early morning and back after the evening meetings.) Picnics frequently took the place of regular meals in the cafeteria and 12 snack bars set up in the meeting hall.

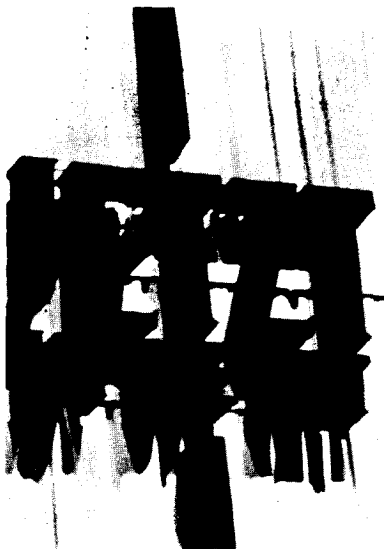
Reports Featured

Reports from the ten world divisions and 12 departments of the General Conference occupied a large slot of the time allotted to business meetings. Each of the reports (printed in the daily *Review* bulletins) is chock full of information about the progress of the church. The divisions each presented an audio-visual production, as well as a verbal report by their president.

The Far Eastern motion picture and report posed the question: How do you reach a billion people? Outgoing President Paul H. Eldridge used FED delegates to dramatize that challenge. Groups moved in and out of the spotlight, each person representing 10,000 persons. He started with a group of 23 to stand for the 230,000 Adventists in the division in 1970. The group grew by another 10 for the 100,000 new members baptized since the last GC. Then all the FEDites marched two by two across the platform and down the steps, representing the unreached millions of East Asia. At that rate it would have taken three hours of steady marching—five if you include China—to show the millions in the Far East who have not met Jesus Christ.

As I scanned reports from the





The English translation reads, "Now Is the Time," the theme of the 52nd world congress of Seventh-day Adventists. This slogan was chosen to emphasize the immediate need for spreading to the world the gospel of Christ's return.

divisions I was struck by the emphasis on evangelism. Inter-America presented an especially dramatic growth record. B. L. Archbold reported the goal set five years ago. Division leaders pledged, with God's help, to baptize 200,000 before the next GC and to reach a membership of 400,000 by March 31, 1975. By the end of the third quarter of 1974—even before their deadline—they passed the 400,000 mark! If you were to transform raw statistics into an easy-to-grasp metaphor, that division produced on the average one 125-member church every 24 hours.

One program seems particularly innovative: Southern Tanzania has begun "Extra Lift," a funded concept of entering "dark counties." The mission has a waiting list of laymen eager to leave their homes and with a US\$500 grant from the mission re-settle in a new area. There they build a house and begin a garden; within a year they become self-supporting. Does it work? During the past five years 2,000 persons have been prepared for baptism by these agricultural missionaries, and 5,000 more

are studying Adventism.

Neal C. Wilson presented huge figures in his report on North America. Low-cost Spirit of Prophecy paperbacks are being distributed in quantities: *Steps to Christ*, at under US\$.10, has had a press run of nearly 5½ million; *The Great Controversy* and *The Desire of Ages* have both had more than a million copies printed at less than US\$1.00 each. Educational statistics caught my eye. In the last five years SDA colleges and universities in North America have graduated 3,298 students, and 1,182 of these—more than 1/3—have entered denominational employment somewhere in the world field! Ingathering funds in the quinquennium total US\$37,984,830. Mission offerings for the same period were US\$109,689,388.

And while we're talking money, let's dip into the report by the GC treasurer, Kenneth H. Emmerson. Comparing this session's nine-figure totals with those of a century ago is mind boggling. The total income for the General Conference for 1866 was US\$1,751. In 1974 the total for tithes and offerings was US\$347,979,373. Add together their totals for the other four years in the quinquennium and the figure is more than US\$1.3 billion.

Nominating Committee

Although reports and business meetings occupy the majority of the delegates, perhaps the most important work of a General Conference session is carried on behind closed doors. The 178-member nominating committee began working Friday morning (and finally completed their work after a marathon 54 hours). They presented their first report during the business session Friday afternoon, nominating the top three officers of the General Conference for reelection. Robert H. Pierson, Clyde O. Franz, and Kenneth H. Emmerson were quickly accepted by the delegates and gave short

acceptance speeches. Throughout the session the most interesting item in each business meeting was the partial report of that committee. The FED slate was one of the last to come before the delegates Thursday afternoon. (W. T. Clark had been elected president Tuesday morning.)

Music is always a GC attraction, but this session appears to have topped all previous records of excellence. Groups from Eastern Europe sang their way into the hearts of delegates and visitors. Two youth ensembles traveled to Vienna from the United States (and will also tour Poland before returning to New England and Washington, D.C.). In the afternoons several groups performed for the public in different outdoor locations around the city. Vienna heard Adventists, as well as Strauss, July 10-19.

Women Participate

This session acknowledged International Women's Year in more than one way. Officially the delegates passed a resolution honoring the contribution of Adventist women and looking for ways women can be more effective in the church. But perhaps



Everybody wants to take pictures at General Conference. "She can't learn any younger," says Mort Juberg, communication director of the North Pacific Union. This little miss may not know it, but she's getting some photo tips from one of the denomination's most prominent communication secretaries.



One of Vienna's efficient policewomen helps a puzzled tourist find his way around the city.

the more significant acknowledgment of women's role was their participation in the session itself. For the first time since the days of Ellen White, a woman, Hedwig Jemison, gave the devotional. Mrs. Jemison is an assistant secretary of the White Estate; for two years she has been the director of the White Estate Research Center at Andrews University, but for 25 years she has worked closely with the Estate. And this time two women served on the nominating committee. One of these was Maimu Vali, for 27 years secretary-treasurer of the Estonian Conference, and one of the delegates from the Soviet Union.

What makes this 52nd General Conference especially memorable? The setting of Vienna, a city of beauty, history, and culture, is doubtless one of the most obvious. But along with the special joys the European setting provided came certain difficulties. Except for the business sessions, which were conducted in English, other meetings were bi-lingual, with English and German sharing official status. Delegates were able to listen to simultaneous translation at the flick of a five-channel earphone.

And imagine the money problems! Stanley Folkenberg, undertreasurer of the Euro-Africa Division, organized the crew that counted the Sabbath

offerings. They sorted out and identified 59 different kinds of money the first Sunday, but four varieties stumped them completely! Fifteen people worked more than eight hours simply to take care of those offerings. An electric counting machine was supposed to help separate the coins by sizes, but someone pushed the wrong button and instead of separating the coins, it spewed the whole load all over the floor. Finally the human counters retrieved the money in dustpan-like scoops.

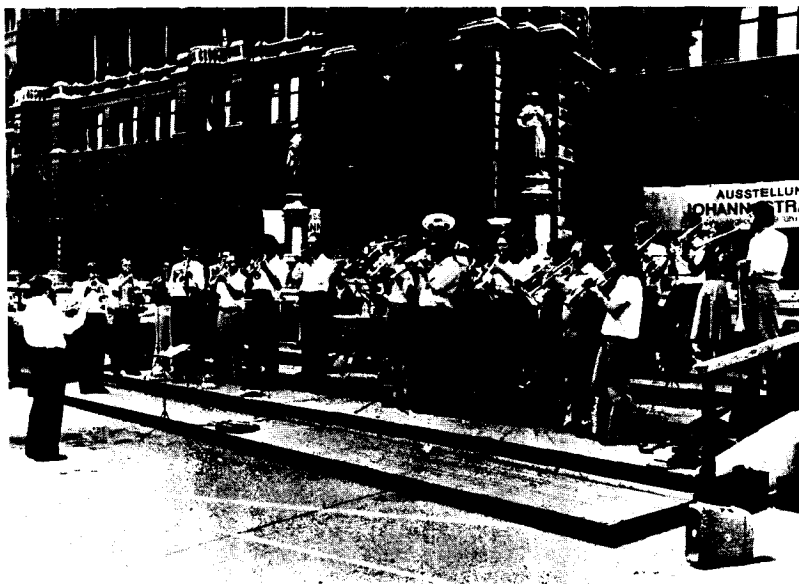
The difficulties of language, transportation, housing, and money were ultimately surmounted by the planners and delegates. But the dividends in this international investment are difficult to calculate. One pastor's family from Thessalonica saved from their slim salary to attend the ministerial pre-session and half of the GC. They were not delegates, so the

Author Pat Horning teaches English at Far Eastern Academy. During the summer vacation months she assisted with editorial work in the FED communication department.

whole family—father, mother, and four sons—slept on a church floor and picnicked on bread, butter, honey, and bananas. But to them it was worthwhile: for ten days they mingled and worshipped with this cross-section of God's family on earth.



Delegates found little time to stroll through the famous Vienna Woods.



Many of the musical groups performing at the world congress took their music to the plazas of Vienna for afternoon concerts. Pictured is a band from Poland. Other musical groups came from Czechoslovakia, Poland, Italy, France, Germany, Austria, and the United States. The U. S. musicians included two groups which are currently on concert tour in Poland, the New England Youth Ensemble and the Takoma Choral.

Modern Oil Paintings Convey Artist's Impressions of Jesus

By Carol Hetzell and Cordon Engen

How would Christ look if He were living today?

Artist Bill Read of Miami, Florida, conveyed on canvas his impression of what Jesus might have looked like in terms of today's generation. Thirteen of his contemporary impressionistic renditions in oil hung in the main lobby of the Vienna Stadthalle, setting the mood for the 52nd world congress of the Adventist church.

Abstract Artist

When he was commissioned early this year to portray Christ in contemporary form in human experiences, he accepted the assignment with misgivings. "Painting figures is new to me," he confided. "My first love is nonobjective, abstract art utilizing color, form, and balance."

But according to those who saw the exhibit, Read had no basis for

fear. His paintings proved to be a major attraction at the congress.

Starting in January, Read used every spare moment illustrating experiences in the life of Christ which parallel the work of the church today. His portrayal of Christ learning at His mother's knee corresponds with today's Christian home and Christian education. The impression of Christ healing the blind man parallels the Adventist medical work carried on in 80 percent of the countries in the world.

A dedicated Adventist layman, the artist prayed often for the proper inspiration for the scenes he was to place on canvas. His wife and children as well as members of his local church joined him in prayer for God's guidance in the project.

Read says he cannot remember a time when he was without a pencil

and sketch pad. His brothers and one sister are artists and musicians. "Parents who want their children to develop artistically should encourage them to draw everything they see," he advised.

Getting Started

While attending Southern Missionary College in Tennessee, Read was elected editor of the college yearbook. "That was the year I got serious about art," he says. "I didn't want to trust anyone else with the artwork and layout, so I did it myself."

Using oil as his medium, Read specialized in boat and harbor scenes. His paintings in art shows have a speedy sale, and his pictures have found their way around the world.

After the General Conference session the paintings will be hung at the world headquarters of the Adventist church in Washington, D.C.

Youth Distribute Temperance Paper

Two hundred youngsters from scores of countries took to the streets of Vienna on Sunday, July 13, giving out tips to the public on healthful living.

The children, mostly teenagers, donned engineers' caps labeled with the words "Der Gewinner" (The Winner) and handed out 10,000 copies of *Alert*, the International Temperance Association newspaper, while their parents attended the GC session.

The youngsters' tips for better living included:

1. If you smoke, quit. If you don't smoke, never take up the habit.
2. Alcohol, even in small amounts, is a dangerous drug—dangerous for the user as well as for the innocent bystander.
3. Drugs misused lead to sorrow, suffering and death.



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The Far Eastern Division exhibit.

Japan Featured in Far East Exhibit

A red and white banner above the Far Eastern Division exhibit at the 1975 General Conference session stated that "The Challenge of the Far East is People."

The exhibit, located in a 35-foot long coat closet in the Stadthalle of Vienna, featured the country of Japan, utilizing a tatami room at one end and a Japanese garden at the other. The Japanese motif was selected for the world conference in honor of former President and Mrs. Paul H. Eldridge, who served 19 years in Japan. The central area of the display featured large black and white photographs of Asian faces.

FAR EAST: KALEIDOSCOPE OF CONTRASTS is the name of the four-color brochure produced by the Far Eastern Division for distribution at the GC session. Printed in both English and German, the brochure covered the growth of the Adventist church in East Asia, medical, publishing, and educational outreach, and departmental advances. Pictures in the brochure represented every FED union and the detached mission.



Lynette Shankel, a student from Andrews University, served as coordinator of attendants at the FED booth. She is the daughter of Clinton and Mable Shankel of the division lay activities department.

USSR Delegates Given Standing Ovation

The seating of eight delegates from the countries of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was a high point in the opening meeting of the General Conference, July 10.

The USSR delegates were greeted with a standing ovation. It was the first time in 57 years that delegates from some eastern European countries were able to attend the church's world congress. Previously all of the General Conference sessions were held in the United States.

Church Reelects Top Officers

The three top world leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination were reelected for another five-year term by delegates of the GC session on Friday, July 11.

Thus Robert H. Pierson begins his third term of service as president of the church. It is also the third term for Kenneth H. Emmerson, GC treasurer, and second term for Clyde O. Franz, secretary.

Beginning his tenth year as chief administrator of the denomination, Pierson has been an officer of the church in India, Central America, and Africa. He was ordained to the ministry while serving in Poona, India. Of his 42 years as pastor, more than 25 have been outside North America.

Franz, who entered denominational work as an accountant at Southern Missionary College in 1932, served from 1945 to 1966 in the Inter-American Division. In 1966 he was elected associate secretary of the GC, and in 1970 was named to his first term as secretary of the denomination.

Emmerson had served as an assistant treasurer of the General Conference from 1960 to 1966 when he was elected treasurer. He has served as treasurer of the South American Division and assistant treasurer of the Inter-American Division.



This photo of Pierson, Emmerson, and Franz was taken in 1970. All three were reelected in 1975.

Far East Student Missionary Shares Experiences from Cannibal Valley

Student missionary to Cannibal Valley, New Guinea, John Cress participated in the GC session on his way back to the United States after one year of volunteer service.

A sophomore religion student from Walla Walla College, Cress spent the past year building air strips in the jungles of New Guinea. He was one of nearly 200 student missionaries from North America to volunteer for missionary service for the church.

Change of Mind

Cress had determined nothing would interrupt his education, but when the opportunity to go as a student missionary came, he accepted and persuaded a friend, Ron Gladden, to join him.

In a tropical downpour the two young missionaries got off the airliner in New Guinea and climbed aboard the small mission plane, a single-engine Cessna 185, bound for the jungles of Irian Jaya.

Their initiation was a two-day hike to a remote village of Wamariri, where they began to chew away at the jungle with chain saws. Cress recalled that the villagers were awed by this first encounter with chain saws. The boys felled the trees and cut them into short lengths. The natives working fast to keep up with them, chanted in their native language, "Hurry, hurry, hurry."

Unplanned Move

The district governor was so impressed with the airstrip that he decided to make the village his headquarters. Now Adventist workers fly in to conduct cooking classes using jungle foods. Teachers and medical workers also make scheduled visits.

Seeing the benefits of constructing an airstrip, the villagers branched

out and started work on two more strips in neighboring villages.

Cannibal Valley was the location of another airstrip they started. "This was such a primitive place," John stated, "that they did not use wheels. When a wheelborrow was given to them, they loaded it, then picked it up and carried it." They did most of their work with stone tools.

"I would not have traded these experiences for a year of college, even at the risk of postponing graduation till I have grey hair," John said. "Both Ron and I would do it all over again if we had the chance."

Vienna Delegates Honor Women

Five women from the Far East were honored at the world congress of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Vienna. Two additional women were honored posthumously.

The list includes Dr. Welda Jամandre Sevilla, a Filipina who has served as an obstetrician at the church's hospitals in Africa and Taiwan as well as her homeland in the Philippines; Phyllis Naude', for many years director of nurses at the Manila Adventist Hospital, in the Philippines; Elizabeth Redelstein, pioneer nurse in China; Fukazawa Ai, teacher and translator in Japan; and Thelma Smith, Bible instructor in China and presently a volunteer worker in retirement at Taiwan Adventist College near Sun Moon Lake in central Taiwan.

The deceased who were honored included Mimi Scharfenberg, teacher in Korea and Japan, and Ligaya Reyes, a nurse from the Philippines.

A total of 38 women from around the world were recognized for their outstanding achievements in the church.

Grandpa was a headhunter



A Buddhist temple was one of the sights of Singapore Nathan Rore visited during his stay at division headquarters. From Singapore he traveled to the Bible Lands and then to the General Conference session.

Malaita President Visits Singapore

"Much beautiful," was the way Nathan Rore of the Solomon Islands described Singapore's satellite town, Toa Payoh, as he briefly toured the city enroute to Vienna, Austria, to attend the General Conference.

The grandson of a famous South Pacific headhunter, Rore is president of the Malaita Mission in the Australasian Division, and was one of many visitors to the Far Eastern Division headquarters before and after the GC session.

The New Nation, one of Singapore's major daily newspapers, interviewed Rore and ran a 10-inch story on this colorful personality.

His father, Sasa Rore, attended General Conference 25 years ago in San Francisco.

Rore's traveling companions were G.A. Lee, president of the Western Pacific Union Mission, and T. Ioane, youth director of the Gilbert and Ellice Island Mission.

How Did the GC Elections Affect the FED?

With a General Conference session come many changes, and this year the Far East experienced its share of the fruitbasket upset. Seven individuals from the division changed positions after the recent session. The table below shows all division officers and departmental secretaries before the GC session started, and what their new posts are if they changed.

Name	Position Before GC	Position After GC
P. H. Eldridge	President	Retired
W. T. Clark	Secretary	President
G. O. Bruce	Treasurer	Treasurer
W. V. Clements*	Sabbath School	Lay Activities, Washington Conference
D. D. Dennis	Auditor	Associate Auditor, General Conference
O. C. Edwards	Education	Education
B. E. Jacobs	Youth	Secretary
B. G. Mary	Temperance	Retired
D. A. Roth	Assistant Secretary, and Communication	Associate Secretary, General Conference
C. L. Shankel	Lay Activities	Lay Activities
R. C. Williams	Ministerial Association	Ministerial Association

* Clements' permanent return was voted earlier, but he attended the session in Vienna. Others who left the division shortly before General Conference were G. C. Ekvall, M.D., health secretary; S. D. Pangborn, publishing secretary; and C. A. Williams, stewardship secretary. Dr. Ekvall is in private practice in California; Pangborn is publishing secretary of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, and Williams is stewardship secretary of the Canadian Union.

FOR BETTER LIVING

Your Posture

Posture is the characteristic position in which a person holds his body while sitting, standing, or moving. Correct posture conveys an impression of poise, vitality, and well-being. Its mechanics affect the function of

all parts of the body—the alignment of the bones, movement at the joints, the position of the suspended organs, and the tension on the nerves. Incorrect posture can cause stresses on body structures that may interfere with normal functions. If long continued, deformities in the bony framework occur that may shorten, lengthen, or injure muscles, ligaments, and joints.

Maximum efficiency of any machine depends on the free move-

ment of its various parts. This is true also of the human body. Correct posture permits the free range of motion of every part in the performance of its various processes. The pistonlike action of the diaphragm as it rises and falls in free breathing, the rhythmic contractions of the digestive tube, and all other body mechanics are performed at their best when good posture is maintained. How is your posture?

Mervyn G. Hardinge, M.D.

central philippines

Adventist Church Nears Completion

Now nearing completion, the new Bacolod Adventist Center is already in use, and has been the site of several large meetings in the past year, including an evangelistic crusade by B. E. Jacobs, former division youth director, and the Fifth Annual Convention of Inter-Church Commission on Medical Care.

With a seating capacity of 1,500, the new church is one of the largest in the Far Eastern Division. In addition to worship facilities, the church also houses two guest rooms, a fellowship hall, church school, class-

room for the Mountain View College school of nursing, and storage space.

A new piano and organ, communion table, six platform chairs, and a carved lectern are among the furnishings of the main sanctuary. The two musical instruments were a joint project of the church choir and the Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital Ladies' Auxiliary.

Future plans for the finishing of this church include the construction of a baptistry behind the pulpit, finishing the ceiling, painting the entire building, and landscaping the grounds.—*Marie E. Bingcang*

Expanded Membership Requires New Chapel

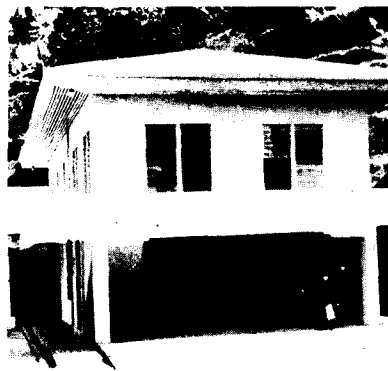
The mayor of Placer and several municipal officials were among the 300 who attended six weeks of evan-

gelistic meetings conducted by V. Bocala, evangelist of the Central Philippine Union Mission.

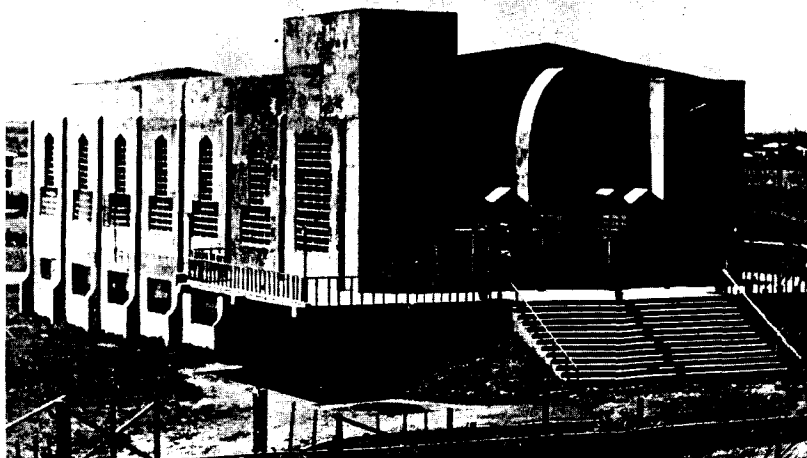
Although the exact number of baptisms was not reported, membership in this town has now swelled to 150, necessitating a chapel for worship services. One of the church members donated a plot of land for the new building, and construction was begun immediately.—*F. P. Penola*

east indonesia

Voice of Prophecy Building Dedicated



Dedication services for the Voice of Prophecy headquarters in the East Indonesia Union were attended by approximately 100 church members and government officials on May 29. In addition to providing much-needed space for the Bible correspondence school, the building will house the radio-TV, ministerial, stewardship and communication departments of the union. The second floor is a meeting place for worship, meditation and prayer.—*R. A. Weley*



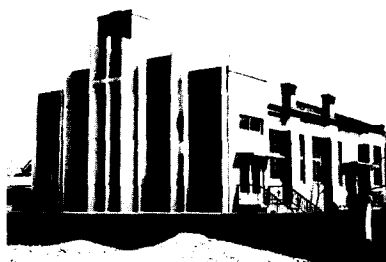
Bacolod Adventist Center

Children Attend VBS, Receive Diplomas

At the conclusion of a 10-day Vacation Bible School held in Kaima, North Minahasa Mission, 53 children received diplomas. Most of the children enrolled were non-Adventists.

Six teachers conducted the VBS at the local Adventist elementary school. A Pentecostal pastor in the village enrolled his two sons in the VBS and testified how he was proud of the SDA school.—*W. Lintuuran*

korea



Dong Bu Church Rebuilt

When the Dong Bu church of Eastern Seoul was destroyed by fire recently, the members were very discouraged as their place of worship was only a few years old. However, on the same day of the fire, one of the members pledged more than US\$6,000 to rebuild the church. Construction was begun immediately, and in two months the church was repaired and ready for services.

north philippines

Whole Barrio Attends Stop Smoking Clinic

Twenty smokers, hooked on the tobacco habit from five to 20 years received certificates of attendance and decided never to smoke again after attending the Five Day Plan held recently at Guyam, Indang, Cavite.

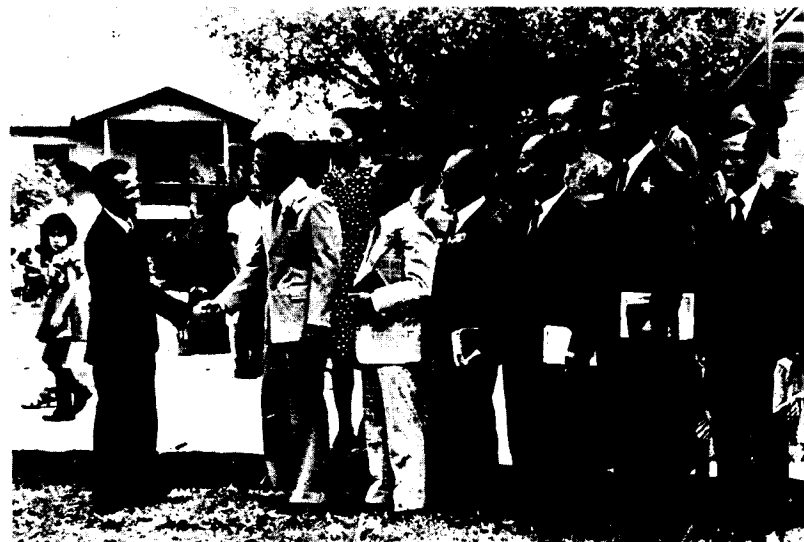
The session, which attracted the entire barrio with a nightly attendance of around 100, was held in

connection with the evangelistic crusade being conducted by Jose Carbungco, Upper Cavite district pastor. The writer led out by conducting the lectures both in the physiological and psychological aspects of smoking.

The decision "I choose not to smoke" became a by-word and a form of greeting to the barrio people. "Something has happened to us, especially our youth," remarked Nolita Rotauro, 16, newly-elected chairman of the Barangay Youth Council. "Our people not only learned how to stop the habit, but we were also warned of its evil effects. We are happy that you selected this barrio as the place where you conducted the Five Day Plan."

It was thrilling to conduct the Five Day Plan in a barrio like Guyam, where there were limited facilities and lack of sophisticated materials that usually go with the group therapy sessions. Yet we still had a successful clinic. Another Five Day Plan is being planned for Roosevelt College in Marikina at the request of Mayor Osmundo de Guzman.—*Alberto C. Regoso, Jr.*

Ordination



C. A. Galang of the North Philippine Union Mission shakes the hands of six pastors ordained at the first triennial session of the Northern Luzon Mission. They are (left to right) Juanito Afenir, Antonio Bulagsay, Mariano Paulino, Canuto Dumenden, Rogelio Bernal, and Eliseo Galutan. Afenir is principal of Northern Luzon Academy, and the others are district pastors.

"Fill Me Now" Theme Of Workers' Retreat

The entire working force of the Northern Luzon Mission was included in a workers' retreat held in Baguio City, the summer capital of the Philippines, June 18-21.

Spiritual, social, and planning sessions gave a balance to the retreat. Highlight of the gathering was the celebration of the ordinances, which were directed by three presidents: Florencio M. Arrogante, of the North Philippine Union; Alfonso P. Roda, of Philippine Union College; and M. Mayor, of the Northern Luzon Mission.

The theme of the retreat was "Fill Me Now." Lectures included such topics as "Christ, Our Righteousness," "ABCs of Prayer," and "Spirit-Filled Witnessing." Lecturers were Ernesto Gutierrez and Joselito Coe of the PUC Bible Department, and College President Roda. Salvador G. Miraflores, Philippine Publishing House editor, gave the midday meditation talks. Union President Arrogante preached Friday evening and Sabbath morning.

During the daily lecture periods, time was provided for questions and answers. Workers were encouraged to give personal suggestions and testimonies.

It was the first time that all mission workers had been invited to such a retreat. Future retreats are in planning, and the sentiment expressed by many of the workers was "Make it longer next time."—*Oseas I. Zamora*

Colporteur Leads Six To SDA Membership



Romeo Bordallo, a colporteur of South-Central Luzon Mission, prepared six persons who were baptized March 29. Bernardo M. Villarias, publishing secretary, performed the baptism. This nucleus of six members (one not pictured) has started a company in San Pedro, Laguna.—J. C. Medina

Northern Luzon Holds First Triennial Meet

Some 2,000 delegates turned out for the first triennial session of the Northern Luzon Mission, March 25-29, at Artacho, Sison, Pangasinan.

Highlighting the session was a report by A.D. Pimentel, mission president. He stated that the mission membership to date is 16,067, and 3,352 people were baptized in the past three years. Tithe totaled more than US\$250,214, and literature sales were US\$453,438.

Daniel Villosio was elected stewardship secretary, and Victor Arreola education secretary, while other departmental secretaries remained the same.—*Alfredo R. Reyno*

SCLM Staff Featured On Radio Interview

The South-Central Luzon Mission staff was recently featured over station DZSP in San Pablo City, Philippines, in the station's weekly "Program on Community Development."

Devinia Deveza, a popular radio personality in San Pablo City, is the moderator of this program. She commented after the interview, "It is amazing to know that you have such a church organization. All I thought was that you were a group of people who read their Bibles, went to church on Saturday, and did a lot of proselytizing. But your presence on this program tonight has changed that impression. The system you have in financing your church work is really wonderful and Biblical. Your health, medical, temperance, educational and welfare programs are very laudable."

Miss Deveza was especially interested in the National Council for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Dependency in the Philippines and the Adventists' Five-Day Plan. When she learned about these programs, she offered the station's facilities, including their movie projector, for use in public temperance rallies.

"How do you reach 420 million people? This is the challenge that faces the Far Eastern church today. . . . God has blessed in a thousand ways, and through His wisdom and mercy new avenues will open and His human hands will achieve even greater things for Him. . . . Since the last General Conference session, we have baptized just over 100,000 in the Far East. . . . But all around us are people—millions of men, women, and children—racing a deadline of destiny. How can we reach them all? This is the challenge of the Far East!" [From the report of the Far Eastern Division presented in Vienna, Austria, on July 15, 1975, by P. H. Eldridge.]

Miss Deveza concluded the program on the air by saying, "Featured in our program tonight were the leaders of the South-Central Luzon Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, the group of people who put into action what they believe and preach."

—*E. L. Dingoasen*

south philippines



Mrs. Wilbur Nelson helps load a sick girl from Jamalig into the aircraft for transport to Manila.

Pilots Help Girl On Small Island

An invitation to open a clinic on the island of Jamalig off the east coast of Luzon, has resulted following a medical relief flight by D. W. Christensen of Mountain View College.

"Mrs. Wilbur Nelson called me saying that the air force had received an urgent call to pick up a very sick girl from the island and get her to a hospital in Manila as soon as possible," reports Christensen.

Christensen and Mrs. Nelson, both pilots, left early the next morning in light rain. Upon finding the island and scaring some carabao off the runway, the pilots loaded the girl into the plane and took her safely to Manila.

"We have now been invited to open a clinic on the island" reports Christensen, "and I would presume the possibility for evangelistic endeavors are now good there."

southeast asia



Mission President Bruce Johnston leads out in evangelism in Sarawak. As a result, he helped baptize some of the 528 persons who joined the church the first half of 1975.

Sarawak Pushes Jungle Evangelism

Baptisms in the first six months of this year in the Sarawak Mission are at the level they usually are for one year. In that period, 528 persons were baptized.

Mission President Bruce Johnston has spearheaded an evangelistic crusade with a field school in Serian. Other evangelistic efforts were held by workers of various districts in Sarawak as well as by visiting evangelists such as J. W. Harvey and Elden and Clifton Walter.

The evangelistic program included the building of jungle chapels and the formation of new companies. In the two-week period from the middle to the end of June, 40 chapels were erected and dedicated. Robert Grady, Southeast Asia Union Sabbath school and lay activities director, and Johnston supervised and observed the building process. Thirty-five companies were organized, and many of these are meeting in the newly-built chapels.

VOP Clubs Gather Bible Course Students

Although missionaries cannot obtain visas to work in the small Moslem sultanate of Brunei on the northern coast of Borneo, more than 600 people there are enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School. Plans are now under way to gather these students into Voice of Prophecy clubs which can be registered with the government, thus allowing the members to meet for study and fellowship. A minimum of seven club members is required for registration. Even though the missionaries cannot go into Brunei, the quiet witness of the Bible is silently carried daily through the Bible correspondence lessons.

west indonesia

New Church Opens



Through the efforts of H. Hutabarat, layman, Adventists of Sibolga, Central Sumatra, have a new church. Hutabarat was instrumental in raising funds for the new building, opened April 11. Three new members have joined the church since its construction.

Mission Institute Held at Andrews



Among the 65 returning missionaries and new appointees who attended the 1975 Mission Institute at Andrews University this summer were the above, now on appointment to the Far Eastern Division. They are, back row (left to right): Ed Klein, Warren Hilliard, Larry Amundson, Robert Warren, Dean Maddock, Carole Butler, Harold Butler, Richard Cadavero, Joyce Engel, and Al Deininger. Middle row: Beverly Klein, Kathy Amundson, Jim Greene, Gwen Maddock, Bob Steele, and Marilyn Deininger. Front row: Silva Gryte, Joyce Greene, Emily Steele, Marie Kneller, and Ralph Kneller.



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