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Appeal for Cambodia

By NEAL C. WILSON
General Conference President

A few days ago U.S. President Jimmy Carter called on all Americans to help alleviate a human tragedy of almost unbelievable proportions. He asked that between now and Thanksgiving, churches and religious organizations in the United States match a \$70 million Government gift in a massive "outreach" to relieve the sick and the dying in the country of Cambodia.

Most of this relief will be channeled through voluntary agencies, such as the Seventh-day Adventist World Service. Therefore, we are asking our people throughout North

America and the world field, wherever possible, to support the SAWS program. Plans for SAWS to cooperate with the United Nations, International Red Cross, USAID, and other voluntary agencies in entering into this all-out relief effort were laid on October 26, 1979, here at the General Conference. The Far Eastern Division SAWS team will go to Cambodia and Phnom Penh to carry out this operation.

SAWS will need to pay salaries, as well as purchase additional food, food handling equipment, trucks, spare parts, and other equipment and supplies for this massive operation. This is why we are asking our people who feel so impressed, to mark an envelope "SAWS Cambodia-Indochina Relief" and drop it in the offering plate in their local churches or to send funds directly to Seventh-day Adventist World Service, Inc., 6840 Eastern Avenue NW., Washington, D.C. 20012. Many already have called the General Conference and local conferences inquiring as to what they could do.

Surely the Lord Himself, if He were here, would be helping to relieve the suffering, malnourished people in this poverty stricken country. The accompanying picture speaks for itself. I certainly need not add more to what you have already seen and heard in the news media. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40).



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On the facing page appears ADVENTIST REVIEW associate editor Leo R. Van Dolson's report of the 1979 Annual Council, which met in Takoma Park, October 9 to 17. Many items of significance were discussed at the session. Readers will not want to miss Dr. Van Dolson's report.

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Effective kneeling

Re "Knee-high View" (Aug. 30).

The statement "It seems that there has to be a kneeling of the heart and will before there can be an effective kneeling of the knees" is a significant one.

I find my prayer life more meaningful when I'm daily gaining new spiritual insights. I think our hearts and minds have to be tuned in with God through daily study before our prayers will rise higher than the ceiling.

BARBARA PATT
Okotoks, Alberta, Canada

Through the REVIEW

Daily I thank God for the provision that He has made for revealing Himself to His people in these last days and for bringing heaven a little closer to earth. This He often does for me through the pages of the ADVENTIST REVIEW.

In the series of seven articles by Arthur White giving many of the details of the way in which Ellen White prepared such books as *The Great Controversy* and *The Desire of Ages*, the Lord was frequently very near. That also is true of the series *Our Wonderful Jesus*, by G. E. Garne.

Often a series of articles is 2 (1202)

The actions voted will be published in later issues, as will Kay Dower's story on women's meetings held during the session.

In his concluding article in the series *You Can Master Your Time* (p. 10), Joe L. Wheeler gives some suggestions designed to save time in ways we may not have thought of before.

The lead story in our Newsfront section (p. 18) tells how Bremerton, Washington, church members' alertness to the possible needs of those from whom they were soliciting money saved Mary Sutherland and her children from a miserable Christmas. As she wrote in her Thank-you note, "It seems silly to say that

all of it or any one event was a miracle. . . . Yet, I get this feeling down to my toes that it was more than a coincidence. His hand had to be in there somewhere. Right?"

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necessary to give us the fuller and clearer understanding we need. But at times a single article is particularly effective in showing us that God is near to His people. That was true of the article "God Was Ready the Day the Banks Closed," by Emma Cooper.

I was a missionary stationed in China at the time of crisis in 1933 and thank God that He spoke to the General Conference undertreasurer, W. H. Williams, at just the right hour to take steps so that His work throughout the world would not be curtailed. May God continue to come close to His people through the REVIEW.

EDWIN R. THIELE
Porterville, California

Miracle potatoes

"God 'Poisoned' His Potatoes" (Sept. 13) reminded me of a similar experience I had in 1937.

After we were married my wife and I spent six years in mission service in the Dutch East Indies (now Indonesia). We returned to the United States in the middle of the depression. I could not get a job teaching in any academy. After working a year and a half at various jobs for about 25 cents an hour, I was offered the job of teaching in the new church school at Ellensburg, Washington. I began work for \$40 a month and received a \$10 per month raise at Christmas.

The next spring I planted a patch of potatoes. They grew well and were blooming when I noticed scores of grasshoppers flying all over the patch. To my surprise I saw that they had rid-

dled all the leaves on the potato row next to the edge of the patch, but not a plant in the other rows had been touched. I decided that God had let the grasshoppers devour that one row to show what would have happened to the whole field if He had not protected them.

Another day, while walking through the patch, I found a small handful of potato bugs on one plant in the middle of the patch and two or three on a plant next to it. I killed them all. I never saw another potato bug on any other plant. Again, I realized what probably would have been the fate of the whole crop without God's protecting hand. I gave the glory to Him.

JOHN STUIVENGA
Forest Grove, Oregon

Changed life style

"Are Vegetarians Healthier?" (Sept. 27) had a dramatic effect on my physician husband, who has always dismissed the church's dietary counsel as "unscientific." Now, after much prayer, our family is on the road to a better diet and better health together.

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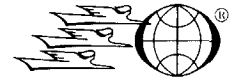
Unions

"Union Ruling Provides for Adventists" (Aug. 30) raises several perplexing questions.

It is difficult to understand why a worker who objects to labor unions on religious grounds would insist on remaining on a union job. Working daily with union co-workers, being bound by union work rules, and receiving union wages and benefits

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In spite of the difficulties facing the church during the coming year, its leaders look forward to unprecedented progress.

By LEO R. VAN DOLSON

While gigantic preparations were being made in Washington, D.C., for the impending historic visit of Pope John Paul II, the world leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church were gathering to take part in a most significant Annual Council, which began the evening of October 9. Although this conference went virtually unnoticed by the media, undoubtedly the actions taken will contribute more to the finishing of God's work on earth than will those events recently given so much prime media time.

In some respects Annual Councils held just prior to the General Conference sessions are not thought to be as significant as midterm ones, even though they do handle matters that are being prepared for the General Conference session, but this year's Annual Council was a notable exception in that some issues of great importance to the remnant church were considered.

Such significant items as the reorgan-

ization of the church in Africa, the relationship of the North American Division to the General Conference, the recommendation to maintain only two publishing houses in North America—one in the West, and the other in the East—a restatement of Adventist fundamental beliefs, reconsideration of the site for the 1985 General Conference session, and the formation of a new conference in North America were on the agenda for discussion.

But we are getting ahead of our story. Let us go back to the beginning of the first meeting. While the congregation was being led in singing "Lead On, O King Eternal" by C. L. Brooks, associate director of the Sabbath School Department, an impressive array of General Conference officers filed onto the Takoma Park church platform, led by Francis Wernick, a general vice-president. He was followed by vice-presidents W. D. Eva, C. D. Henri, Richard Hammill, and G. R. Thompson. Next in

line came C. O. Franz, the General Conference secretary, Neal C. Wilson, the General Conference president, and K. H. Emmerson, the General Conference treasurer. Vice-presidents Alf Lohne, C. E. Bradford, W. J. Hackett, and M. S. Nigri entered, followed by Charles B. Hirsch, associate director of the Department of Education, who welcomed the delegates, and D. A. Roth, associate secretary, who was responsible for the announcements.

When as many ministers are brought together as those that filled the church auditorium that evening, a rousing rendition of the opening hymn is to be expected. We were not disappointed. As the workers and their spouses joined in singing "The Coming King Is at the Door," it was evident that they really meant it. After Dr. Hirsch's welcome, the theme song "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" was introduced.

As Elder Franz presented a call to the Annual Council, he mentioned that the

General Conference vice-president Alf Lohne introduces Michael Kulakov and Nicholas Zhukaluk, guests from the U.S.S.R. attending Annual Council.



constitution calls for a quorum of 15 members. Interestingly, there were exactly that many members of the General Conference Committee on the rostrum. After declaring the 1979 Annual Council open for the consideration of business, Elder Thompson presided over the distribution of the program and agenda notebooks and urged the members and invitees to fill out registration cards. Next the council approved the daily program, the standing committees, and the agenda.

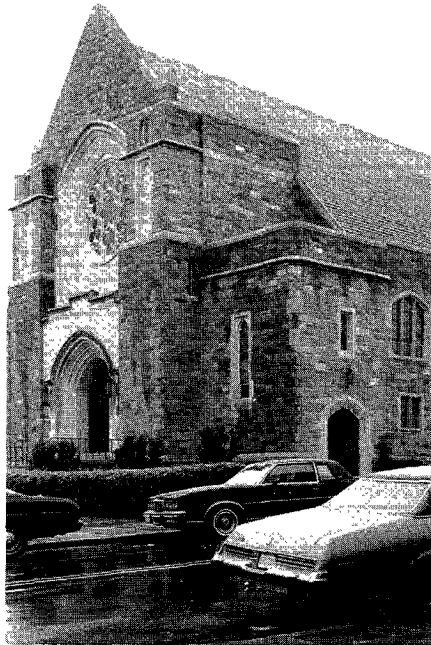
In his introduction to Elder Wilson's opening night address, Elder Thompson explained that in the time that had expired since the new General Conference president had been elected at the last session, Elder Wilson had visited all the world divisions.

President addresses council

As he began his address, Elder Wilson indicated that the business of the session actually had been under way for several days, as some 30 to 40 subcommittees had already met. He had spent a day and a half consulting with the Adventist leaders from Europe on a number of critical matters, two days had been spent in a righteousness by faith study committee that included participants from the world field, and there had been extended consultations on the future of the work in Africa. Altogether the subcommittees had covered some 120 items. He mentioned that two unique features of this Annual Council included the welcoming of two representatives from the U.S.S.R. and the fact that for the first time a representative group of union presidents from the world divisions were included. The auditors from the world divisions had also been invited to this Annual Council.

Using as his text the story of Deborah and Barak and the wonderful deliverance from Sisera, recorded in Judges 4 and 5, Elder Wilson pointed out that a curse was pronounced on Meroz because its inhabitants did nothing to help in the time of crisis. In the crisis that now confronts us, God is calling His people to action in these terms: "It is important that all now come up to the work and act as though they are living men, laboring for the salvation of souls who are perishing. If all in the church would come up to the help of the Lord, we would see such a revival of His work as we have not hitherto witnessed."—*Testimonies*, vol. 2, pp. 165, 166.

Ours is a world mission with its focus on clearing up the misinterpretation of God's character that exists today. All who accept Christ are expected to witness for Him, and time is running out. In closing, Elder Wilson said, "The enemy is seeking to change some of the signposts along the way. Our doctrines cannot be changed without changing the nature of the church. Let the word go out from this Annual Council that any attempt to tear down the pillars of the faith will be resisted. Seventh-day Adventists are on the march, moving intelligently, constantly, rapidly, coura-



Record early snow falls on October 10.

geously, toward the Promised Land."

It was snowing on Wednesday morning as the committee members assembled for the first full day of the council. This was the second-earliest snowfall since records have been kept for the Washington, D.C., area. In spite of the snow outside, a warm spirit of fellowship was evident inside as E. H. J. Steed, director of the General Conference Temperance Department, presented the morning devotional on "The Third Angel's Message." Elder Steed quickly arrested the attention of those present by having Mrs. Betty O'Ffill, whose husband, Richard, is assistant executive director of the Seventh-day Adventist World Service (SAWS), present a reading entitled "The Church Walking With the World."

Elder Steed pointed out that God is calling His people out of Babylon now. If we are to be prepared for the coming of Jesus, we cannot compromise with the world. It is time to stand up, speak up, and demonstrate a holy boldness for the Lord.

As the morning session got under way at nine-fifteen, the first order of business was the secretary's report, presented by Elder Franz. Pointing out that there are those who believe that the Adventist mission program is winding down or being phased out, Elder Franz stated that the statistics for 1978 disprove this. Counting new workers, returning missionaries, student missionaries, Adventist Volunteer Service Corps (now called Inter-division Service), sustentation overseas service, special service, and nationals returning, 1,191 missionaries were sent out in 1978. Although North America is the largest sending division, together the other world divisions provided more new missionary workers in 1978 than did North America. As of September 6, 1979, there were 203 calls for missionaries that had

not yet been filled. Sixty-nine of these were for physicians.

A complete treasurer's report was not presented, as the treasurers will be doing so at the General Conference session in Dallas. However, Treasurer Kenneth H. Emmerson stated that he was much encouraged as to the world support of the church and the increasing amount of self-support on the part of the world divisions in spite of the fact that there will have to be some severe cutbacks in the 1980 budget because of unfavorable economic conditions. Losses from devaluation of currencies and a subsequent increase in needs in fields outside North America have created a shortage of \$9 million. This has led to much more careful physical planning for 1980, plus much more dependence on the guidance of the Holy Spirit in using what God's stewards have given to the church to carry on its work.

The statistical report presented by Church Statistician Donald Yost demonstrates that the Lord can bless His work in spite of the growing shortage of funds. The 1978 world growth rate of 5.81 per 100 members is one of the three highest figures in this decade. It appears that these figures will be exceeded in 1979. The leading division in growth in 1978 was the Inter-American Division, with a growth rate of 8.03 percent. In recent years North America has experienced a steady decline in growth rate, which in 1978 was down to 2.64 percent. For the 12 months ending last June 30 the rate has turned upward to 3.02 percent. The 3 million mark in world membership was reached in the second quarter of 1978, and on June 30, 1979, stood at 3,201,592. Almost 50 percent of the church's membership is located in the three leading world divisions—Inter-American, South American, and Far Eastern divisions.

Missionary policies considered

The rest of the morning was devoted to regular council business. In less than two hours 22 agenda items were covered. Many of these had to do with missionaries on furlough and policies concerning various kinds of missionary workers and student missionaries. A casual observer might feel that some significant items were passed over quite quickly, but all of them had been given careful attention by a series of committees over a period of time before they were brought to the floor at Annual Council.

Those in charge of the session are never sure as to which item may catch the attention and interest of the delegates and lead to lengthy discussion. The agenda item that rated the most discussion on Wednesday morning was that which authorized the holding of the 1980 Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee at the time of the regular Thursday morning meeting, with the available members present. Because this will take place about ten days before the General Conference

session in Dallas, it was thought wise not to go to the expense of bringing in the large number of people that ordinarily attend the Spring Meeting.

At this Annual Council, departmental reports were interspersed with agenda business. J. E. Chase, director of the Department of Communication, presented his report during the morning session. He stated that the average American spends 21.2 hours per week listening to the radio, 4.2 hours reading the newspaper, and 26.5 hours watching television.

All the various media are formidable weapons in the battle for the human mind to which as a church we are committed. Speaking of new opportunities for radio and television outreach, Elder Chase, in an obvious reference to the location of the Communication Department offices in the General Conference North Building said, "The sky's the limit and we're only on the ninth floor."

The whole of Wednesday afternoon was devoted to committee meetings, some of them beginning immediately after the morning session was ended. Under the direction of Mrs. N. R. Dower, special meetings for women were held in the new Church Center across the street from the Takoma Park church.*

Second Coming stressed

The Washington weather was still cold, but it was not raining or snowing, as the council members and General Conference staff members assembled for the morning devotional on October 11. W. C. Scales, associate secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association, presented the topic of the second coming of Christ. Elder Scales was in the midst of an evangelistic series in Georgetown, Guyana, when the Jonestown massacre took place. God blessed their work there. In spite of that tragic incident, 226 people were baptized.

Elder Scales pointed out that the Bible clearly indicates there ought to be striking parallels between the days of Noah and the last days. He mentioned parallels in a spiritual crisis of immorality, a probationary crisis that limits the time people have to accept God's message, a crisis produced by advanced scientific and technological calamities, and a crisis of crime and violence. An awareness that Christ will come at any moment should do the following for the church: (1) lead to a renewal of personal commitment; (2) make us aware of our need for the direction, guidance, and outpouring of the Holy Spirit; and (3) inspire us to serve as effective witnesses in spreading the message to the world.

Two major items were discussed in the morning session. The first dealt with the North American Division's relationship to the General Conference and other divisions. This item has been studied in response to the feeling that a number of changes could be made that

would enhance the ability of the North American Division to operate successfully within the general framework of the "unique relationship" that presently exists with the General Conference. The discussion that followed mainly concerned the suggestion that the General Conference departmental workers elected to serve in the North American Division should have a line relationship to the General Conference.

Several General Conference department heads expressed uneasiness over this arrangement, feeling that there should be some clarification as to how this might work out. It was voted to retain "in general" the present relationship between the General Conference and the North American Division, while continuing to study changes in the relationship that will allow greater flexibility, responsibility, and accountability in the administration of the work in North America.

E. H. J. Steed, director of the Temperance Department, introduced his associate directors, each of whom gave a short report. *Listen* magazine is now read in 95 countries. And a new plan of follow-up for those who have taken the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking has been initiated.

Most of the rest of the morning and all of the afternoon session was taken up in the discussion of a recommendation regarding the future of the North American Division publishing houses. The plan suggested was to reduce the number of publishing houses in North America to two, one on the West Coast and one in the East, designating the Pacific Press Publishing Association as the publishing house in the West and the Review and Herald Publishing Association as the publishing house in the East.

No one was happy about having to consider closing down operations at one of our publishing houses. Several

speakers pleaded that Southern Publishing Association be given an opportunity to demonstrate that it could work out some solution to its financial problems and be authorized to continue to function. General Conference Treasurer K. H. Emmerson responded that it is true, as some had expressed it, that the church can do anything it wants to do. However, those taking this position are not the ones who have to meet the bank payments. There comes a time when someone has to take a situation in hand and do something about it. He reported that our three publishing houses have accumulated a current debt that amounts to about \$8 million. The interest on this amount being close to \$400,000 per year has to be passed on in higher cost of products.

As the discussion continued past the usual 5:30 p.m. time for adjournment, the chairman decided to take a straw vote by secret ballot to discover what the thinking of the body might be on the issue. The meeting was adjourned before the votes could be tallied.

When the council reconvened on Friday morning, October 12, Vice-President Alf Lohne introduced Michael Kulakov from Tula and Nicholas Zhukaluk from Lvov in the Ukraine. The guests from the U.S.S.R. brought greetings from the church in Russia. Pastor Zhukaluk stated that he was thrilled to be able to meet with church leaders. He added that it was the fulfillment of a dream for him. Pastor Kulakov stated that he brought a "big, Russian-sized embrace of love."

In introducing his devotional topic entitled "Binding Claims and Significance of the Seventh-day Sabbath," M. S. Nigri, vice-president of the General Conference, told a story about a family in Brazil. The mother, a loyal Catholic, had been married to a non-Christian man from Lebanon who kept the sev-



N. C. Wilson, General Conference president, presents a plaque to R. R. Bietz commending him for 50 years of denominational service, the last six (after his retirement) as director of the Christian Leadership Seminars. The plaque was prepared by D. W. Holbrook, left, for the CLS.

* A report will appear in the November 22 issue.



Left, among the international General Conference Committee members and guests at the council from the Euro-Africa Division were (left to right): Albert Jordan, auditor; Edwin Ludescher, president; and Jean Zurcher, secretary. Center, from the Southern Asia Division Advisory Council: B. J. Williams, auditor and financial advisor; and Roscoe S. Lowry, chairman. Right, from the Far Eastern Division: H. H. Lyu, Korean Union Mission president; D. F. Gilbert, treasurer; Winston T. Clark, president; R. E. Green, auditor; and P. M. Diaz, South Philippine Union Mission president.

enth-day Sabbath. Knowing little about her husband's religion, she did not keep the Sabbath. After some time the couple separated. From literature that a colporteur had sold her, the mother learned that there were Christians who kept the seventh-day Sabbath. The keeping of the seventh day was presented in such a convincing manner that she finally said to her son, "I believe we should keep the Sabbath." He agreed, and they have kept the Sabbath ever since. Elder Nigri was that son, and he was baptized in 1932.

There is a great need in our church for Sabbath reform, Elder Nigri concluded. The Sabbath as a seal does not save, but we do need to be saved to accept the seal—the mark of distinction.

By the time the council session was called to order at nine-fifteen, many of the delegates had already learned through the grapevine that the straw vote concerning the publishing houses taken the evening before had shown a decisive majority of 170 favoring the motion to operate just two publishing houses, with 70 opposed to it. After announcing the vote, Elder Wilson expressed the conviction that this straw vote indicated clearly the way the church should go in this matter. After further discussion, it was voted to accept the proposed motion, which urges adoption of this plan by the publishing houses and their constituencies.

A large number of agenda items were considered during the morning, including the adoption of the statement on gambling and chance issues. Following the morning recess the editor of the ADVENTIST REVIEW introduced an audio-visual presentation depicting the life of Christ, entitled "Emmanuel, God With Us." The script for this program was adapted from the Gift Issue of the REVIEW.

John Hancock, director of the Youth Department, pointed out in his report that the Adventist Church is fast becoming a youth church. More than one half of its membership is under 30 years of age. This means, he said, that we not

only have a church with a great future, but we also have a church with a dynamic present.

This being Friday, the preparation day, there was no afternoon business session, but seven committees did meet during the early hours of the afternoon.

Twenty-three Washington-area churches scheduled visiting speakers from the General Conference, the North American Division, and overseas divisions on Sabbath morning. B. L. Archbold, president of the Inter-American Division, filled the pulpit at the Beltsville church, where I am a member, presenting a dynamic, forthright message on the soon coming of Christ, and challenging the congregation "to hold fast that no man take thy crown."

Summit afterglow

On Sabbath afternoon at 3:00 P.M. all in attendance at the Annual Council were invited to join the North American Division leadership in what was termed a "summit afterglow." This was a follow-up meeting to the "summit" conference on North American evangelism held in Colorado earlier in the year. At the Sabbath-afternoon meeting Neal Wilson warned against church leaders becoming so involved in the pursuit of administrative duties that they neglect those dying for the want of the gospel. "North America," he stated, "needs to be brought together in a great evangelistic thrust."

N. R. Dower, secretary of the Ministerial Association, pointed out that at the rate it is going, there is no way that the work in North America could be finished in our lifetime. It is time to involve every member in the total mission of the church and in a new commitment to the finishing of the work. Under the chairmanship of the North American Division president, C. E. Bradford, the union presidents from North America presented exciting reports on how their respective fields are responding to the North American evangelistic challenge.

Sunday morning, October 14, Richard Hammill, a vice-president of the

General Conference, presented a devotional message on the ministry of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary. Seventh-day Adventists have always believed and taught that there is a real sanctuary in heaven, he stated. Ellen White, of course, tells us that the heavenly sanctuary is beyond our understanding in size and splendor.

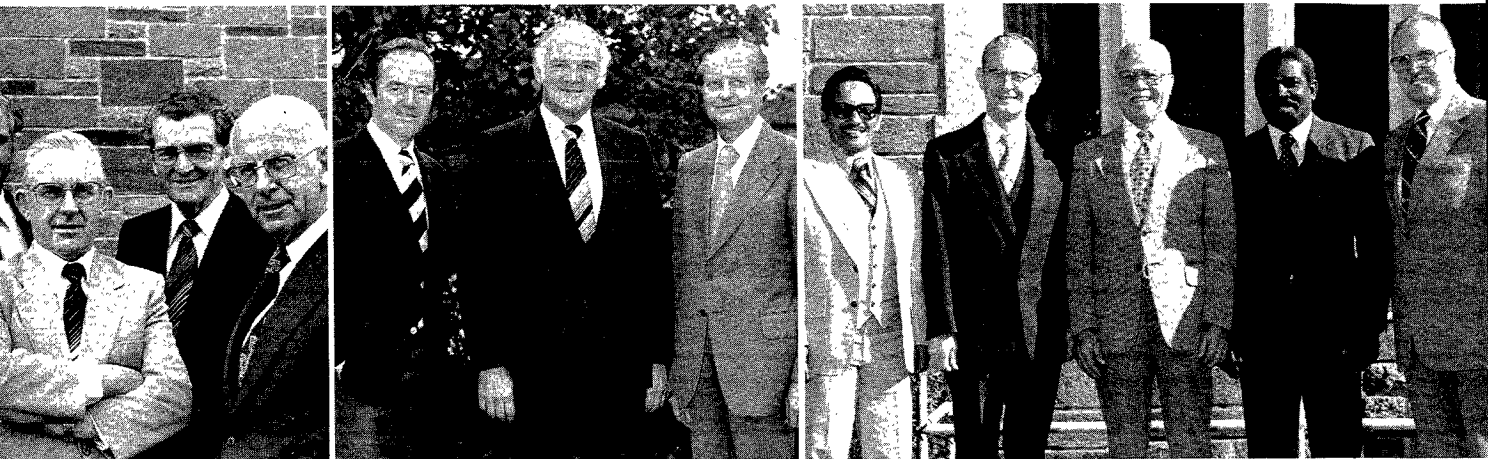
In His first-apartment ministry in the heavenly sanctuary, Christ, who came to earth to be our sacrifice, appears in the presence of God on our behalf. His ministry there includes all that He does to bring people to the place where they fully accept the benefits of His atonement wrought out on the cross.

Christ's second-apartment ministry began in 1844. It involves all that is connected with removing the records of sin from heaven and the removal of rebellion from the earth. If only judgment were involved, the work there would not have taken as long as it has. But Christ's work includes more than investigative judgment—it includes all that needs to be done to prepare heaven and earth for the final consummation. We should be appreciative of the fact that God has provided for us exactly the kind of Priest we need.

The sixth business session of the Annual Council was called to order at 9:20 A.M. by C. E. Bradford, as most of the items being considered during the day were North American Division agenda items. The Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department and the Philanthropic Service for Institutions presented reports during the morning session.

In his Philanthropic Service report, the director, Milton J. Murray, indicated that there are many opportunities for funding from philanthropic organizations that we as a church are not taking advantage of.

Probably one of the most important matters addressed at the morning session was the proposal to divide the South Atlantic Conference into two conferences. R. L. Woodfork, president of the South Atlantic Conference, sec-



Left, from the Australasian Division: L. L. Butler, treasurer; S. H. Macfarlane, auditor; C. D. Judd, Trans-Australian Union president; K. S. Parmenter, president. Center, from the Northern Europe-West Africa Division: Jens Madsen, West Nordic Union president; W. R. L. Scragg, president; and R. Unnersten, treasurer. (Not pictured: T. J. Karkkainen, B. B. Beach.) Right, from Inter-America: R. H. Maury, Colombia Venezuela Union president; T. G. Sample, auditor; B. L. Archbold, president; N. S. Fraser, West Indies Union president; R. R. Drachenberg, treasurer.

onded the motion, explaining that this is not a recent development but has been a concern for ten or 11 years. The present territory of the conference covers North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. Currently this regional conference contains 125 churches. The proposal is to divide it approximately across the middle of Georgia. The names of the proposed conferences have not yet been determined, but will be left for the constituents to name. It was voted to approve organizing the South Atlantic Conference into two separate conferences beginning January 1, 1981.

Sunday was a full working day. As usual, a large number of subcommittees met during the early part of the afternoon, with the plenary session of the council reconvening at 4:00 P.M. A long, and sometimes hot and heavy, discussion took place on the question of scholarship grants to children of workers attending the Association of Privately Owned Seventh-day Adventist Services and Industries (A.S.I.) schools. President Neal C. Wilson stated that not only did the opposition to this good proposal baffle him but that the delegates seemed to be largely missing a basic philosophy given in the counsels to the church that we ought to develop a partnership relationship with this kind of institution. He expressed his feeling that the church is big enough to include and not exclude. In spite of his remarks, those present voted down the proposal. The afternoon concluded with a report from the Stewardship Department. Stewardship Director Paul G. Smith pointed out that practical benevolence brings spiritual life to thousands, transforming them from selfish, covetous worshippers of mammon to earnest, faithful co-workers with Christ.

Arriving on the scene shortly before the devotional on Monday morning, October 15, I overheard D. W. Holbrook, who, among other offices that he holds, is president of the Home Study Institute, observing that this is a fascinating Annual Council to watch. He feels that both the substance and style of

dealing with church affairs are being set for the future. The tone is healthy, open, and decisive. There is a very real sense of God's continued leading and guidance.

In his devotional message, Jens Madsen, president of the West Nordic Union, spoke about the nonimmortality of the soul. Before he launched into his subject, he brought greetings from the 9,300 Seventh-day Adventists in Norway, Denmark, and Greenland, mentioning that they had already raised their Ingathering goal of \$1 million, which is the most ever raised in that field. Commenting on 1 Corinthians 15:22-26, he stated that one of the best-known facts is that all will die. Thousands would be dying during this devotional hour. Why is it that we live in a dying world? It is the result of Adam's sin. However, the second Adam has brought life—eternal life. The gift of life is not something received out of the body, but an act of creation that brings the whole person back to life.

The first hour of the morning session was devoted to the legal meetings of the following organizations: (1) International Temperance Association, (2) the American Temperance Society, and (3) International Insurance Company. Following these, the session began to consider North American Division items.

Retirement plan restudied

Most of the time was spent in studying and adopting the new North American Division retirement plan. In between agenda items, Dr. Samuel DeShay of the General Conference Health Department reported that there are 508 Adventist health-related institutions in the world, 60 of them in the United States. One of the major interests of the department is medical education. The first group of 25 physicians has graduated from the medical school at Montemorelos, and a charter has been granted to open another medical school in the Philippines.

One interesting sidelight announced

in the afternoon session was that a member of the Takoma Park church, incensed by the fact that many of the delegates had been given parking tickets in the area around the church on Sabbath morning, took the matter up with the mayor of Takoma Park, who agreed that it was not a very cordial public-relations gesture and that the 40 tickets given out would be canceled if brought to the police office.

W. J. Brown, director of the General Conference Education Department, reported on the progress and development of Adventist colleges and seminaries around the world. He mentioned that a new South Pacific College is under consideration.

As Violet Wilcox's trumpet rang out with the glorious message "How Great Thou Art," the hearts of those assembled in the Takoma Park church on Tuesday morning, October 16, responded, "Yes, Lord, how great Thou art." One evidence of our great God's goodness to His remnant church is the gift that we call the Spirit of Prophecy.

General Conference vice-president W. Duncan Eva presented the devotional message on the topic of the Spirit of Prophecy. He limited his presentation to three aspects: (1) the relationship of the Bible to a latter-day gift of prophecy, (2) the relationship of this gift to the old landmarks, and (3) the Spirit of Prophecy's emphasis on practical godliness.

"Sometimes," he stated, "we become a little too sensitive about this gift because we are afraid that we may be identified with those on the fringes of the Christian movement. We need not worry, however. The presence of the gift of prophecy is to be expected today, because it was promised to the remnant church in the Scriptures. There is no way that our church would be a complete whole if it did not have the Spirit of Prophecy," Elder Eva concluded. This gift focuses precious light on the Scriptures, helping us understand them better, enlarging, giving new breadth to our interpretation, yet enabling us



Left, from the Afro-Mideast Division (rear): D. K. Bazarra, East African Union president; F. N. Pottle, auditor; Bekele Heye, Ethiopian Union president; (front) C. D. Watson, president; E. J. Gregg, treasurer; F. G. Thomas, secretary. Center, from Trans-Africa: E. A. Korff, auditor; M. B. Musgrave, treasurer; M. L. Mills, president; H. C. Currie, Zambian Union president; and F. E. Wilson, South-East Africa Union president. Right, from South America: D. M. Borba, East Brazil Union president; Roy Brooks, division treasurer; Paul Sanchez, auditor. (President was not present.)

firmly to hold fast but not be *stuck* fast to the old landmarks.

Following the devotional message, Elder Wilson shared the electrifying news just received from Enoch Oliveira, president of the South American Division, who had been prevented from attending by being involved in an auto accident, that in one day 10,134 young people were baptized during the spring baptism in that division.

Most of the agenda items taken up during the morning session had to do with revising statements for the *Church Manual*. Such significant items as revised statements on the fundamental beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists (to be published in a future issue of the *REVIEW* for consideration by the world church membership), doctrinal instruction for baptismal candidates, and the section entitled "Baptismal vows and baptism" were discussed. Annual Council actions on these items are not final but are recommendations that will be acted upon at the General Conference session in Dallas. Only the General Conference in session can change the *Church Manual*.

At one point in the morning session, the delegates paused to honor R. R. Bietz for 50 years of service to this denomination. It was noted that Elder Bietz was about to retire for the second time sometime next spring. He has been concentrating his service in the past few years on leadership seminars that have proved to be a great blessing to the work.

Two brief reports were given during the morning hours—one by the Sabbath School Department, and the other by two men from the Ministerial Association. Howard F. Rampton, director of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, stated that 233,000 Sabbath school members were baptized last year. There are 854,000 children under the age of 10 currently in our world Sabbath schools. He expressed the thought that it would be a wonderful blessing if we could hold all of these for the church.

J. R. Spangler and W. B. Quigley presented an update on the PREACH project that is designed to contact non-Adventist clergymen in North America every other month with complimentary subscriptions to *Ministry* magazine. To date, there have been more than 6,500 positive responses from clergy readers, 1,300 of whom have attended the 36 one-day seminars that have been held since January 8 of this year. Plans for expansion of these seminars led those in charge to expect that by the end of 1980 they will have fellowshipped with 4,000 religious thought leaders through this means of contact. They are finding that a great deal of confusion about Seventh-day Adventists and their doctrines is being cleared up through this program and that much of the suspicion once exhibited by ministers of other faiths toward Adventists has been changed to that of a friendly and accepting relationship.

Two major items discussed

The Tuesday-afternoon business session was advanced to 3:30 P.M. from 4:00 P.M. in order to be able to complete the work of the council by Wednesday noon. Two major items of business were discussed in the afternoon session. The first of these dealt with the reorganization of African Affairs. Since early in the 1970's the viewpoint has been expressed by many in Africa that our present division organization is not viewed favorably by many Adventist Africans, nor by some of the African governments, as it gives the appearance, at least in some aspects, of holdover colonialism. Some African Adventist leaders and constituents also felt that the location of the division headquarters in Europe and the Middle East prevented adequate opportunity for Africans to participate in leadership roles in the strongly developing African work.

From April 29 to May 2 of this year, a consultation with the officers of the divisions and representative leaders from various parts of Africa was conducted in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. It has been the

aim to divide Africa into two divisions, but political conditions at present are not conducive to this step. As a temporary solution it is being recommended to the General Conference session in Dallas that one new division be created, mostly from the French-speaking countries, and that, on a temporary basis, the Afro-Mideast Division be maintained as presently constituted, with temporary headquarters in Cyprus. The Trans-Africa Division will also be maintained on a temporary basis approximately as presently constituted.

This recommendation involves the restructuring of the Northern Europe-West Africa Division, and the Euro-Africa Division. The Northern Europe-West Africa Division will consist of the European territories presently within the division, and the Euro-Africa Division will consist of the European territories presently within the division plus the Israel Mission and the North African Mission.

Although New Orleans has been scheduled as the site for the 1985 General Conference, an action was taken at this Annual Council to reconsider the location, possibly moving the 1985 site to Manila in the Philippines. Because more and more of the church's membership is comprised of peoples from the Third World nations and no General Conference session has ever been held in a Third World country, it was felt that there was a real need for the General Conference to demonstrate to the rest of the world that the leadership's interest is with them rather than being centered mainly on North America.

Upon entering the sanctuary of the Takoma Park church on Wednesday morning, October 17, the delegates were pleasantly surprised to see a large group of maroon-robed young people standing in the choir loft singing majestically. Upon inquiry we learned that this group was the Takoma Academy Chorale, led by John Gilbertson. Earl W. Amundson, president of the Atlantic Union Conference, presented the theme "Revival, Reformation, and Rejoicing"

for the morning devotional, basing his remarks on the necessary tie-in with the Laodicean message.

Before the church can accomplish its task of giving the final warning to the world, it must come to Christ for His instruction and receive His revivifying power. We do this by carefully heeding the Laodicean message. The promise of the message is that some day soon the church will finish its work in a blaze of glory and power. It is our privilege to do this now if we will take Christ's message seriously in a time when the devil has substituted familiar spirits for the Holy Spirit.

The last session of the Annual Council is always the best-attended one, because at this time the budget report that affects so much of the Adventist world in the coming year is to be considered. However, before the budget was brought in, there were other items to be taken care of, many of them of great significance.

Elder Wilson had asked R. W. Olson, secretary of the Ellen G. White Estate, to discuss briefly some of the questions being raised currently among Adventists about Ellen G. White's use of historical sources. Elder Olson reported that Ellen White did use writings of others in compiling the materials for the Conflict of the Ages Series. In using these sources without always giving credit, she followed the common practice of her day. Two Adventist scholars in California have been asked to survey *The Desire of Ages* to discover the extent of literary borrowing. Only one of these reports had come back as of October 17. It stated that there is not one word or phrase in *The Desire of Ages* that would raise any copyright questions. Eleven chapters were selected at random from that portion of *The Desire of Ages* being investigated by the scholar who sent in this report. Even giving credence to tenuous relationships as being dependent material, he found that on the average, only 2.6 percent of what appeared in *The Desire of Ages* was dependent on *Hanna's Life of Christ*.

Elder Olson emphasized that we must not confuse originality with inspiration. When Bible writers under inspiration used other authors, as some did, they did so selectively. But this in no way affected the basic inspiration of the Scriptures.

Reports and budget presented

Elder Olson's presentation was followed by an Education Department report from Associate Director Charles Taylor. He brought an update on developments in the production of Bible textbooks for the world field, showing colorful samples of these textbooks, which are now being produced in 48 languages.

Next, several agenda items were voted in rapid order, following which Richard Leshar presented a summary of what happened at the Righteousness by Faith Committee meetings held on October 3 and 4. Approximately 150 peo-

ple attended the committee, taking opportunity to reexamine and reaffirm the Adventist understanding of justification, sanctification, and glorification. Dr. Leshar reported that not only was it "a good meeting" but that a notable spirit of charity and brotherly love was evident.

Following approval of some of the Annual Council minutes, W. J. Hackett presented two study documents on "Revelation and Inspiration of the Bible," and "Creation and Re-creation as Understood by Seventh-day Adventists." These statements, which set forth as clearly as possible what the church teaches, are to be published soon in the REVIEW.

In his Seventh-day Adventist World Service report, Director Howard D. Burbank mentioned that the worst world disaster of the past two years is that taking place in Cambodia. Three million have died out of a population of 7 million. It is feared that if relief agencies do not get food into the country soon, another 1.5 million will die. This is one of the many projects in which SAWS is representing Adventists to the world as a church of brotherly love.

Elder Wilson then presented an update on China. A committee has been set up to discuss the future of our work there and what the response of the church should be organizationally to the opportunities now being presented. Whatever is done must be done in a supportive way, keeping in mind the "three-self movement" set up by the Chinese Government to guide the evangelical church movement in that land. This includes (1) self-government, (2) self-propagation, and (3) self-support. The world church will probably organize advisory bodies at the General Conference session that can be responsive to whatever needs arise in that part of the world.

As General Conference treasurer K. H. Emmerson introduced the 1980 budget, he explained that he would personally enjoy giving a much larger appropriation but felt that perhaps the Lord has some lessons for His people in the fact that we have less money to dis-

tribute this year. Undertreasurer Martin E. Kemmerer explained that whereas more than \$138 million in appropriations had been requested for 1980, there was only \$125 million listed in the available column. In the past 25 years there have been just three occasions when the budget was less than it had been for the previous year. But that is the situation for 1980. He pointed out that when we say we vote a "world budget," it is really a misnomer. It represents only a small fraction of total denominational expenditures. In 1977 the amount voted by the General Conference was approximately \$85 million, but the total expended in denominational work around the world field for that year was \$1,563,245,281. Although there were some present who were disappointed because many of the essential projects they hoped to see funded were not funded this year, C. D. Watson, president of the Afro-Mideast Division, on behalf of the presidents of the world divisions, expressed appreciation for what the Lord has made possible for the work in 1980.

Concluding remarks by Wilson

Elder Wilson had the last word at the 1979 Annual Council, stating that in the development of our church budget we do not intend that anything will die or be cut off. The officers do have plans for "artificial respiration" for any cause that seems about to expire! He felt that this has been an outstanding Annual Council, with the blessing of God being especially evident. He was saddened to think that there were many individuals present who would not be present in the same capacity at the next Annual Council because of the changes that will be made at General Conference time. Especially addressing them, he expressed appreciation for all that they had done and for what they have meant to this church.

Expressing his deep gratitude to the Lord for His blessing, he quoted the following from *Prophets and Kings*, pages 241-243: "It is the grace of God on the small portion that makes it all-sufficient. God's hand can multiply it a hundredfold. . . . A fuller sense of God's relationship to those whom He has purchased with the gift of His Son, a greater faith in the onward progress of His cause in the earth—this is the great need of the church today. Let none waste time in deploring the scantiness of their visible resources. The outward appearance may be unpromising, but energy and trust in God will develop resources. The gift brought to Him with thanksgiving and with prayer for His blessing, He will multiply as He multiplied the food given to the sons of the prophets and to the weary multitude."

Citing many thrilling evidences of blessings of God around the world Elder Wilson challenged, "Let us go forth courageous, rejoicing, recognizing that our victory will be even greater during this coming year in spite of the odds that are against us." □



Old friends J. H. Hancock and Theodore Carcich greet each other during Annual Council.

How to save time

The right use of time is essential to developing fully and utilizing most efficiently the greatest talent God has given us.

By JOE L. WHEELER

In concluding this series let us look at some suggestions designed to save time in ways we may not have thought of before.

Develop an effective filing system. Without a filing system of some kind the materials you wish to keep for future use are almost as good as lost. You need to work up a system that is consistent, logical, and easy to understand. Also you need to review your files periodically, weeding out file fodder and relegating it to the waste basket. It is surprising how little of what you keep will ever be looked at again.

Prior to filing materials you might want to keep them in a preliminary limbo system. Carefully tag all the articles, pictures, memos, and other items you plan to file, then slide them into appropriate slots so that when you are ready to file them you will save time because you will not need to stop and re-identify the materials.

Make lists. One of the best ways of establishing priorities is to make up daily lists that include the things you need to accomplish—goals are essential to success. If you fail to clarify your objectives, then chances are you will get little done. Some people start over with a new list each day; others carry over those items not yet accomplished, including their original numbering. This last procedure has one great advantage: it singles out areas of maximum procrastination. Let's say that most of your goals for today begin with numbers 172, 174, or 182, and at the head of the list are numbers 6, 14, and 33; obviously, these are items you need to grapple with right away.

James T. McCay advocates another method of working with lists. He suggests using a list that includes two basic categories. On the top of one write "Have to do" and on the other "Should do." On the "Have to do" list

include only those items that must be taken care of during the day. Include in this list everything that results in "Yes" to this question: "Will my work, my co-workers, my family, suffer in any significant way if I fail to do this today?" When these items are checked off, then proceed to the "Should do" list.

Budget your time as carefully and methodically as if you were budgeting money. Record how you actually spend your time. Look over unfinished items of business each day and analyze how you can be more effective the next day.

Put it in writing. Three out of my last six years have been spent writing a biography. I was fortunate enough to secure copies, or access to the originals, of some 2,000 personal letters and 1,000-plus pages of diaries. From all this I believe I now know more about the subject of my research than does any other person on earth. But the thought hit me one day: the only reason your biography is reasonably definitive is that so much of the subject's correspondence has been preserved. How is a twenty-first-century biographer going to arrive at a realistic appraisal of the inner workings of a person who wrote down very little and communicated, in most cases, by telephone? In such cases there would be little in the way of records to draw from.

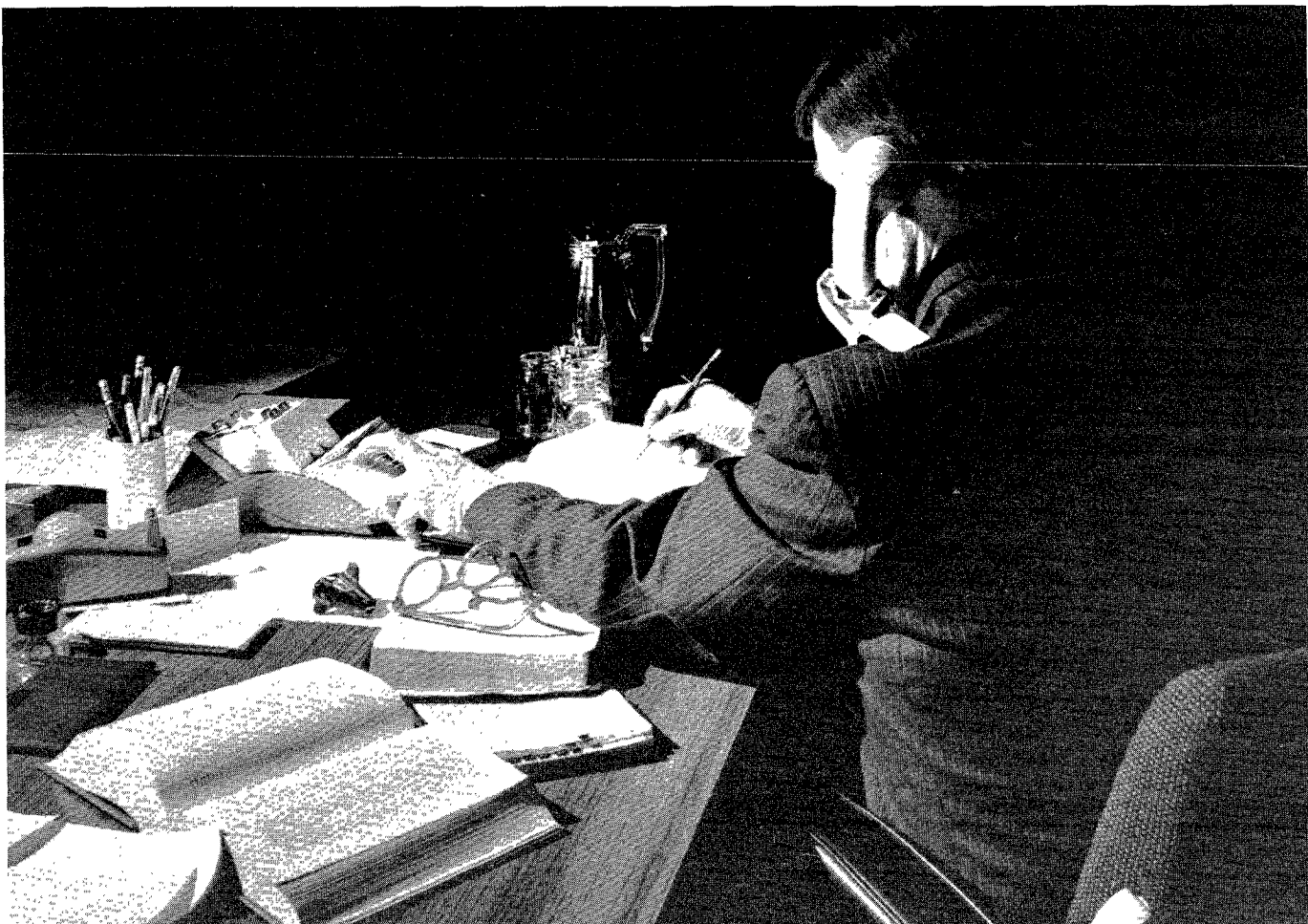
A follow-up system

Nevertheless, because this is the age of the telephone, we should certainly use it for all it is worth; it can be a great timesaver. However, you need to establish a written follow-up system to your telephone calling. Most of us have a memory with considerably less than total recall power; what seems perfectly clear to us today becomes a wispy cloud of confusion three weeks hence—or, if you are like me, by tomorrow morning.

Recently I discovered that books are available in which you can log all incoming and outgoing telephone calls, complete with time, date, telephone number, person calling, and gist of the call. I've been amazed at how helpful these logs are in terms of follow-up procedures to these calls. Our conscious minds seem to retain so little that we can get to with ease, that it is imperative for us to keep accurate written notes. It is an excellent idea to follow up almost all telephone conversations with letters restating the ideas discussed by telephone or, for that matter, in person (keeping, of course, a carbon of your letters for your files); only in this way will you avoid wasting large amounts of time trying desperately to recall exactly what was said in previous discussions.

When not to put it in writing. Letters can and do result in great trauma when they are misunderstood. Consequently, it is wise—if the letter deals with a controversial or touchy subject—for you to wait a few days before you mail it. Chances are that later you will discover needed alterations, or perhaps you will discover that it ought not to be sent at all. I frequently write letters in white heat, then, because my wife tells me to sit on the scorched stationery for a while, later I bless her because the delay

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No matter what a person's age, the right use of time is essential to his developing fully and utilizing most effectively the greatest talent—time.

kept me from alienating or hurting someone. As any lover can testify, it is very easy to be misunderstood when you express yourself in black and white on paper—and the statements you make on paper are there forever, for better or for worse, to bless or blast your memory.

Some things are better said face to face so that your inflections and facial expressions can more effectively complete the meaning of what you have to say; much is lost in type.

Don't overstructure. Always leave yourself room to innovate, change course, or vary the procedures. If you let your life be dominated by an abstract system of procedures you are draining your vitality and curtailing your effectiveness. If you become bored you may rest assured that your effectiveness will be the first to suffer.

Check up on yourself. You should allow yourself only a short rein. Check up on yourself often; once an hour is none too frequent. By consciously evaluating your minute-by-minute performance you not only increase productivity but also keep your energy supply high. When you delay this checkup several hours you will usually find your dynamo running erratically and out of balance.

Divide and conquer. Sometimes a task may appear awesome merely because you are looking at all of it at

once. In cases like this it would be wise to split it into manageable parts, then tackle and complete each segment before going on to the rest.

It is essential that you complete jobs, no matter how small, for completion of tasks results in a certain amount of euphoria, and euphoria brings new rivers of energy flooding in upon you; conversely, nothing is more debilitating than unfinished jobs that are always there, blocking your sense of achievement.

Playing games with yourself is often helpful. Since most of us are naturally indolent, a system of self-agreed-upon rewards works rather well to get us motivated. It is also a good idea to set goals for yourself: challenge yourself to finish a job in "x" minutes, for instance. Treat each day as a unit of time independent from yesterday and tomorrow. Don't go to sleep until you are able to look back and see something worthwhile accomplished.

Don't get spread too thin. Each of us, as we become more successful, is going to be pressured to take on more responsibilities. It's somewhat like "easy payments"; singly they do indeed look easy, but cumulatively they break one's back. You can do only so much well. No one but yourself knows where the line of demarcation between effectiveness and noneffectiveness lies. If you fail

to be selective in what you accept, then you will begin to produce ever more inferior work in all facets of your life. Contribute? Yes! But do not accept more than you can do well.

Remember, too, that God will hold you accountable for the time you owe your family. If you bring a child into the world it is your divinely ordained, sacred obligation to give of yourself and your time to that child as long as he needs your help. Even "good" church work should not preempt this serious obligation. Many is the leader whose marriage has been shattered because he or she began taking for granted the partner's devotion and love. Love must be constantly nurtured if it is to survive.

Delegate it. Huge portions of time can be wasted if you are unwilling to share responsibility with others. It becomes a kind of ego trip for us to moan about the heavy loads we bear; loudly complaining while all around us are many people who would welcome becoming involved in the projects. I know of one man who consistently worked 16-hour days, yet failed to succeed. Why? Because he failed to delegate authority. When he

left, the whole operation practically ground to a halt. This kind of person is usually insecure and unwilling that anyone else should be entrusted with enough responsibility to become a threat to his supremacy; he continually lops off the heads that stick out above the crowd. The price paid is heavy: (1) myopic, one-man thinking; (2) loss of employee morale and motivation; (3) stagnation; and (4) the falling apart of the whole operation when he leaves since no one is trained to carry on.

Be sure to require completed work from your subordinates; it is not beneficial either to you or to them if you permit them to keep procrastinating. Have stated deadlines, remind employees of them as needed, and expect work to be ready on dates assigned.

In my work, when I need something done I always choose the busiest person I know. Because such a person knows the value of time, he will do your work with maximum intensity; if he needs help he will, in turn, delegate effectively—in order to get the work done on time.

The person who has lots of time on his hands probably

ESPECIALLY FOR MEN By W. R. L. SCRAGG

Pavement perspective

On a day that seduced me to pump the tires on my cycle and pedal off to the office, I found myself sprawled on the road and looking up at an irate motorist.

"You!" he pointed. "You deliberately rammed my car!"

I didn't quite see it that way from the pavement perspective. I had been well into my turn when he had tried to cut in front of me. How could I have missed him? And besides, who ever heard of a 28-pound cycle purposely assaulting a 3500-pound automobile?

At that moment a police car arrived and settled what was becoming an interesting discussion. "Have you ever heard," said the officer, "of a cycle running into a motor car on purpose?"

Which radically changed the attitude of my accuser. I felt rather good about it all as I pedaled off to office worship.

When you're in the wrong, shout a little, argue a lot, and blame the other

fellow. That's been the human pattern since Adam said, "The woman you gave me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." And, blamed by Adam, Eve shed the accusation easily, sliding it off in another direction, "The serpent beguiled me, and I ate." Faced with ultimate truth, neither of our parents would accept their own guilt.

Blame-shedding blights the most intimate of human relations. Most of us are seldom, if ever, in the wrong. We may have done something wrong, but self finds its justifying reasons, and all too often someone else is one of those reasons.

How many family scenarios include scenes of blaming and self-justification!

As we analyze such situations it is clear that our self-esteem frequently obscures our view of our own blameworthy acts. We want ourselves to be perfect in our own view. Is it some racial memory come to us from the Edenic glory that

makes us protect our egos from the nibblings of guilt?

What would it be like if we felt so complete in our Lord that we could admit our failings and rest our insecurities in Him? "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love" (1 John 4:18, N.A.S.B.).

The child who looks at the broken plate and blames "it" for slipping out of his hand is the father of the adult who fills an argument with the accusing "you." The marriage has gone wrong because of "you." If "you" hadn't changed, if "you" had done this or that, if "you" had only listened, we assert.

Of course, when things descend to that level the "you" barrage is usually answered from the other side by its own armory of "yous."

The way to finish the war lies open to us all. God is love, and when we rest in Him, our guilt and blameworthiness find their healing, and we are complete. The place to discover our own blame, our own need, is at the foot of the cross. Then the fear of punishment and the fears guilt creates are taken away and we can come to one another

with the openness God's love provides.

There are psychological devices to diffuse tense situations. I have in my library a little volume called *The Angry Book*, which proposes that unburdening our frustrations, tensions, and suspicions on a loved one offers a solution.

Group therapies of different kinds also have their promoters. Listening to others tell you how human you are or pointing out another's faults apparently helps some people.

However useful techniques of this type may be, the Christian has a different basis for self-awareness, self-evaluation. Only as we see our own guilt and sin and give it to our Lord can we be complete enough in ourselves to accept ourselves as we are and avoid boosting self at the expense of others.

Reflecting on that pavement perspective, I wonder whether I braked soon enough or had been a mite too assertive in expecting right of way.

We are in our human condition together, husband and wife, parent and child, friend and friend. Our best hope of being together in love remains today, as ever, in Jesus Christ, the One who takes all the blame.

will not get the job done at all, for he has never learned to organize himself.

Prepare adequately for meetings. Plan well for the committees and other meetings that you call into session. If possible, circulate an agenda in advance, so that those attending may know ahead of time what they are supposed to discuss. If it should develop that there is little reason for calling the meeting, by all means cancel it before you waste everyone's time. When you do meet make sure everyone knows what the objectives are, then try to cover all the items on the agenda. Have a definite starting and stopping time, and trespass on either end as little as possible.

Noise inhibits creative thinking

Turn off the radio. It is not television alone that robs us daily of the irreplaceable bullion of time. The radio must bear its share of blame. When you are surrounded by noise your ability to meditate and do creative thinking is inhibited greatly. How much time is lost, for instance, in driving your automobile? I have found that if I leave the car radio on—even if it is easy listening or classical music—my mind goes into neutral. I reflect, rather than think. For that reason I frequently turn the radio off so that my mind can create or review. One of my colleagues takes along his dictating machine, catching up on his correspondence while driving. Some listen to tapes on various subjects as they drive.

Always keep paper handy so that, as flashes of inspiration come to you, you can write them down before you forget them.

You need these quiet, radioless and TV-less plateaus so that you can candidly and seriously evaluate your performance, goals, and actions. As you back off and look at yourself without using rose-tinted glasses you will gain insights that will bring greater power and effectiveness to what you do.

Don't fight your body clock. For some strange reason we are not all programmed alike. I begin the day slowly, not hitting my peak until 10:00-12:00 A.M. Others burn rubber at 5:00 A.M. I am reminded of my college roommate, who would begin to nod about 8:00 P.M.; by 9:30 he was sound asleep. I would crawl into bed about 1:30 A.M. and he'd get up about 3:00 A.M. to study. But then, instead of studying, he would call "CQ, CQ!" on his ham radio for the rest of the night. Amazingly, this strange and wonderful relationship lasted for two insomniacal years! Don't fight your body clock; if you are a night person take advantage of it by working late into the night. If you are a day person rise early in the morning. Utilize your peak energy periods to accomplish your most demanding tasks and save your least demanding ones for your body's lowest ebb.

Whether you are young, middle-aged, or in the golden years, the right use of time is essential to your developing fully and utilizing most effectively the greatest talent God has given you—time. □

Concluded

FOR THE YOUNGER SET

Cicada's song

By KATHERINE HAUBRICH

Deep in the forest one morning an unusual humming pierced the silence. Then came a little longer and louder singing hum. Finally there was a steady roar. No, the singing did not come from birds. It was caused by insects called cicadas.

Thousands of insects sang and flew from one tree to another in the morning sunlight. Their song seemed to be everywhere. From the ground, from the trees, from the air itself, its roar was heard. After sleeping deep in the earth for 17 years, the cicadas burst forth from their shells and rejoiced in the sunshine.

Only the male insect "sings." He does this by vibrating his skin over sound chambers in his body. Because he lives only a few weeks, he seems intent on letting everyone know that he has arrived on the scene of action.

When Mrs. Cicada deposits her eggs in the branches of the trees Mr. Cicada stops singing for several days. As soon as the eggs hatch, the little ant-sized nymphs that come from the eggs feed on the sap of the tree. After a few weeks they drop to the ground to burrow down beneath it to the tree roots. Here they stay for 17 years. When the 17-year cycle is

completed they work their way above ground, burst out of their shells, stretch their wings, and climb toward the sun on their parent tree.

When the 17 years are up there will be thousands of cicadas everywhere, covering trees, fence posts, telephone poles, and mailboxes. Their transparent wings show the rainbow colors of the sunlight. The insects can be identified by their dark bodies, yellow legs, and ruby-colored eyes.

The insect's common name is periodical cicada. He is also known as the 17-year locust. Sometimes people become frightened because there seem to be so many cicadas. But, because cicadas do not eat green plants, there is nothing to fear.

It is interesting to see the "shell" Mr. Cicada leaves behind when he first emerges from the ground. Shaped just like his body, the little shell keeps its shape even after he leaves it.

In some parts of the world, such as Japan, the children catch the cicadas as they come out of the ground, place them in little bamboo cages, and watch them shed their shells.

The cicada is another of the fascinating creatures God has made to add interest and variety to our world.



READER TO READER

An exchange of views on a topic of current interest

THE QUESTION

Our church congregation consists of both blacks and whites. I would like to extend the hand of fellowship to our black brethren and visitors by inviting them to our home for Sabbath dinner or for other occasions, but I have a problem—the one time we invited black guests to our home the neighbors in the all-white community where we live became irate. We get along well with our neighbors and we do not want to create hard feelings, but at the same time we would like to cultivate the friendship of our black brethren. How should we handle this situation?

■ Are we still expecting a white side and a black side of heaven? Should we allow an overconcern with the neighbors' biases to prevent our following the example of Christ? Consider the incident of Jesus and the Samaritan woman. Consider also Jesus' dinner in Zacchaeus' house. Christ not only associated with a member of a group socially undesirable by Jewish standards. He had the audacity to invite Himself to Zacchaeus' home. He ignored those prejudices that strengthened, instigated, and perpetuated basic disregard and disrespect for the brotherhood of man. We Adventists should seek to become Christlike.

JUDI HAWKINS

Tallahassee, Florida

■ With whom were your neighbors irate, you or the black guests? Although on the one hand your neighbors should come to understand that you don't share their racial prejudices and are free to invite to your home whomever you wish, on the other hand if you have been working to win them to Christ, perhaps it would be better to avoid aggravating the situation for a time. There are a number of alternate ways of cultivating friendship with the black members while working toward getting your neighbors to understand your feelings and, most important, getting them to know the love of Jesus Christ, which will replace racial hatred in their minds if they give it a chance.

L. DE WITT DUNN

Douglassville, Pennsylvania

■ What a superb opportunity to do something concrete toward understanding and integration at the grass-roots level!

It is altogether Christian to live in peace with neighbors, but they do not have the right to dictate to you in matters of conscience. Patiently and lovingly explain that God is no respecter of persons and loves everyone alike. Skin color is not a valid ground for prejudice. Explain to your neighbors your feelings about your fellow church members and tell them that you hope to enrich your life, as well as theirs, by extending the hand of fellowship. Explain this in such a way that your neighbors cannot but feel your love for all people—for them, as well as for your fellow members. Bravely follow through by inviting your church brethren into your home. Jesus would not hesitate to show this sort of love.

DORIS JOAN PETERSEN

Seattle, Washington

■ Perhaps the act of inviting your black brothers and sisters to your home is a chance to witness orally and demonstrably to your neighbors that you belong to Christ. Remember what He said: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35).

In actuality you would be accomplishing two things: (1) You would be educating your neighbors and ultimately inviting them to meet your friend Jesus, who has given you complete victory over prejudice; and (2) you would be getting acquainted with

the family with whom you'll spend eternity, indeed with whom you'll share in the rich relationships of the family of God.

VERONICA MORRISH

Weimar, California

■ If your neighbors had an unreasonable dislike for a relative, would you stop inviting that relative to your home? Aren't fellow Christians family members too?

The only way we can witness to the world is to stop trying to court the world's favor and show the difference Christ makes in our lives.

MARTIN SWIFT

Indianapolis, Indiana

■ I would encourage you to continue the friendship with your neighbors and to try to use your influence to break down prejudice. In the meantime, you could still fellowship with your black friends by inviting them on picnics or other outings away from your home.

The world needs more people like you who are willing to reach out the hand of friendship to our black brothers.

JUANITA MAUK

Wilbur City, Oregon

**Questions
for this
feature
are welcome.**

■ It's a matter of priorities. Which is more important to you?

To me it seems that if you are genuine about forming friendships with blacks you'll do it regardless of what the neighbors will say.

PATRICIA L. HUMPHREY

Huntsville, Alabama

■ May the Lord bless you for wanting to invite the black brethren to your home and fellowship with them. We are all God's children, and the people of the world often do not understand the love we have for one another.

I am the only black Adventist in my church, but I do not feel out of place. I am a child of the King. I love the other members, and they love me. We need to get color out of our eyes and see as Jesus sees us.

LIZZIE TAYLOR

Key West, Florida

■ We may desire to ignore the prejudice, but we cannot do it. I feel that acting as if the prejudice

did not exist would hinder your witness to your neighbors.

I believe we would be wise to avoid entering into contention over the racial problem.

VIVIAN EVANS

Vicksburg, Mississippi

■ I suggest you do not offend your neighbors. You may be the only Bible some of them will ever read.

At the same time be friendly with your black brothers and sisters at church. Perhaps you could visit in their homes on Sabbath afternoons or during the week?

LUCILE DAILY JOHNSON

Hillsboro, Ohio

■ Continue to invite your black brethren to your home. As dear as your neighbors may be to you, they are still capable of being wrong. Pray that your neighbors will understand, and don't flaunt the fact that you're doing things differently from the way they would. If they bring the subject up, calmly and tactfully explain to them that you feel you are doing the right thing and that you must make such decisions yourself.

LINDA J. WERMAN

Ashland, Ohio

■ It is wonderful to have good neighbors, and a tactful Adventist considers their feelings. However, neighbors cannot be your guide in matters of conscience. If you feel you should cultivate the friendship of your black brethren by inviting them to your home, and you feel that we are all God's children and are one in the faith, do as your conscience dictates, and invite your brethren.

If you have a strong conviction stick to it. People dislike those who vacillate. Consider the occasion when the apostle Paul reprimanded Peter in a similar circumstance (see Gal. 2:11).

VIOLET HALL

Oshawa, Ontario

QUESTION FOR JANUARY

Response deadline December 7

Is it proper for an Adventist to donate his body to medical science so that after his death others may benefit from it? What reasons have been cited for or against such a use of one's body?

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As a little child

As the United Nations-declared "International Year of the Child" is drawing to a close, it may be well for us to engage in some retrospective thinking to see whether we have permitted this year to slip by without having made a conscious effort to understand children better, our own and others'.

The rapid changes, especially in the past 20 years, have affected both parents and children. Such changes call for periodic reassessments and readjustments. The International Year should have served as a reminder that reassessment may be due.

One author has analyzed the current situation this way: "In the past two decades the institution of childhood in the Western world has been changing at such a snowballing pace that adults in general and parents in particular are becoming more and more bewildered about it. To put it in the vernacular, nobody seems to understand kids anymore. Perhaps adults never did understand them very well, but in times past, most parents at least managed to raise their own offspring to the satisfaction of both parties. Today, however, the lives and attitudes of children are so beset with complexity that the efficacy of traditional methods of child rearing has been thrown into serious doubt."—The Royal Bank of Canada Monthly Letter, May, 1979.

The same author declares that the watchword of our society, which has spawned the new rebelliousness, has become "Why not?" and he says that "if 'why-notism' has caused disorientation among adults, it has left children at sea in a storm of contradictions and inchoate ideas."

There are no easy answers to today's problems. Seventh-day Adventists are caught up in the same changing society others are caught up in, but Seventh-day Adventists have an advantage, at least over certain other groups. They are not adrift as are many people, for they have the Bible as an anchor to their souls. To them, the Bible is the authoritative rule of faith and practice. In the Bible, God defines the responsibilities of both parents and children. Since He is the One who created the human family, He should know best what to prescribe to ensure congenial family relationships. In fact, so important in His mind are parent-child relationships that He devoted one of the Ten Commandments to the topic. Numerous other passages also deal with this subject.

Seventh-day Adventists also have the counsels of Ellen White, many of which deal in detail with the respective roles and responsibilities of parents and children. Some of these counsels have been collected into books, such as *Child Guidance* and *The Adventist Home*.

For example, she makes the following interesting observation, on which parents would do well to meditate in this Year of the Child: "The best way to educate children to respect their father and mother is to give them the opportunity of seeing the father offering kindly attentions to the mother and the mother rendering respect and reverence to the father. It is by beholding love in their parents that children are to be led to obey the fifth commandment."—*The Adventist Home*, pp. 198, 199.

The principles in these counsels do not change. But, as societal mores and circumstances change, the unchangeable principles need to be reapplied and adapted to new circumstances. For this the Holy Spirit's guidance is needed, plus a thorough study of all the information that God has revealed. However, it must be borne in mind that at no time do moral standards change. These are based on the character of God, not on shifting societal mores. Contrary to what many today believe, there are absolutes. There's a boundary beyond which situation ethics must not be permitted to leap.

Children's rights

The Bible presents God as defending staunchly the rights of children. On one occasion, when the disciples objected to parents' bringing their children to Jesus, He rebuked the disciples, saying, "'Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven'" (Matt. 19:14, R.S.V.). He could hardly have paid the children a higher compliment. On another occasion Jesus set up a child as a model for those to emulate who wished to enter the kingdom: "And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (chap. 18:2-4).

If Jesus treated children with dignity and respect, so must we. Throughout history they have not always been treated in this way. Children have been exploited and have often been made the butt of adult gibes. Those who abuse children, whether verbally or physically, should remember Jesus' words, "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven" (verse 10). It is true that the term "little ones" may refer to anyone with little self-esteem or honor; however, certainly, children are included. Likewise in verse 6: "But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea."

These are strong words. Children, the oppressed, and the timid have a strong defender in Jesus. They should have a strong defender in us, as well. We should not let the International Year of the Child go by without making certain that our attitude toward children, our own and others', is the same as that of Jesus.

D. F. N.

would make the worker a de facto union person whether or not there were formal membership and dues paying. Many problems would be avoided if the conscientious objector to unionism would leave the union job and work elsewhere in a nonunion work environment.

Where in Scripture or in the writings of Ellen White is the principle taught that a worker should give to a charity what is financially due the labor union after the worker's receipt of union work, benefits, and services? Such a practice seems unethical and it is hardly paying a debt.

It is unfortunate that a Seventh-day Adventist would sue a labor union (which is tantamount to suing one's co-workers), especially after the union got him reinstated twice after the company fired him for not working on Sabbath. For a Christian to sue to settle real or imagined damages seems contrary to New Testament principles (see Matt. 5:38-42; Rom. 12:17-21; 1 Peter 3:9).

STEPHEN J. REIHLE
Santa Maria, California

In *Selected Messages*, book 2, page 142, Jesus Christ, through Ellen White, tells us, "The trade unions and confederacies of the world are a snare. Keep out of them, and away from them, brethren. Have nothing to do with them." Then on page 144 we read, "Those who claim to be the children of God are in no case to bind up with the labor unions that are formed or that shall be formed. This the Lord forbids."

Seventh-day Adventists should stop seeking ways to bend the counsel the Lord has given us to fit our own needs. We must avoid the traps Satan has placed in our paths.

To be in the union is to be a member, whether it be as a paying or nonpaying member. After all, do we consider Adventists who don't pay tithe non-Adventists?

FRED W. GEIGER, SR.
Wilmington, Delaware

More on changes needed

Re "Changes Needed" (Letters, Aug. 30).

According to the instruction that God has given to the remnant church, it is His will that ministers, who are supported by tithe, should go into cities and

towns where there are no churches and labor there. The elders, deacons, other church officers, and lay members should carry on the church work at home.

We are often told that lay members should move into places where there is no church and labor for souls. While this is good, it is the ministers that should especially labor in new territory to raise up new churches.

"Instead of keeping the ministers at work for the churches that already know the truth, let the members of the church say to these laborers: 'Go work for souls that are perishing in darkness. We ourselves will carry forward the services of the church.'"—*Evangelism*, p. 382.

Wherever Paul and his helpers went, they organized churches, then chose converted, dedicated officers to carry on the work while they went on to new territory. This is the method that God wants His ministers to follow today.

TED MARTSCH
Payette, Idaho

I agree that we have a "severe shortage of dedicated pastors." But, while it is nice to have a pastor for each church, it is not indispensable. In many places where the gospel is going like wildfire and there is the greatest harvest of souls, there is only one pastor for several churches.

When the members unite in labor, the Lord will work with great power.

LOIDA SCHMIDT
Loma Linda, California

Vegetarians

I have noted with interest the present discussion on vitamin B12. Perhaps my observations may be of interest to some.

In more than 20 years of practice of pathology and internal medicine, my wife and I are still looking for our first case of documented vitamin-B12 deficiency among total vegetarians, although we have seen and treated many cases of vitamin-B12 deficiency (pernicious anemia) among meat eaters.

Although we are justifiably happy for the statistics showing that Seventh-day Adventists are less afflicted by some cancers than the general population, scarcely a day goes by without our receiving several calls from

anguished Adventists who have a family member with cancer. Often these people tell us that they have been "vegetarians" for years, but invariably they have consumed milk and eggs freely.

We have never seen a malignancy (other than skin) in a total vegetarian.

Cholesterol and other lipid levels are essentially the same among vegetarians who partake freely of eggs and milk products as among meat eaters, and they suffer from cardio-vascular diseases almost as frequently.

Ellen White wrote in 1898 that "in a short time the milk of the cows will also be excluded from the diet of God's command-keeping people. In a short time it will not be safe to use anything that comes from the animal creation."—*Counsels on Diet and Foods*, p. 411.

Adventists are suffering far more than they should from disease, including cancer. Perhaps we would do well to reconsider these cautions and reevaluate our priorities.

CALVIN THRASH, M.D.
Seale, Alabama

Coloring books

In a recent letter a writer explored all use of coloring books by small children during the worship service. I believe that, in deep concern for these little ones who aren't receiving any benefit from the adult geared sermons, we should note that there are coloring books with pictures that clearly illustrate the ways our Maker-Saviour wants His children to behave.

For instance, part of the Adventist-produced Come-Unto-Me library materials, although intended for Sabbath afternoon activities, could be used. The American Bible Society offers some Bible-story coloring books, in addition to other kinds of materials for children.

L. JUDY
Middletown, Pennsylvania

Thank you, parents

I have been reading Miriam Wood's articles and columns since I was in academy, and not only have they advised and inspired me throughout the years, but they also have aroused me to analyze and establish my set of values.

Her column "Thank You, Parents" (Sept. 6) caused me to reflect upon the way I have been treating my parents lately and made me see that I have been taking their love for granted. Deeper thought on the matter led me to perceive the reason why: I

had regarded the provision for my well-being as an ingrained duty of my parents since they brought me into the world. The moment I realized I had felt this way, I knew I was wrong, because fathers and mothers, like everyone else, have freedom of choice and do not have to make the countless sacrifices they do for their children.

Because of love, parents do the deeds they do. One cannot contemplate love such as this and not be overwhelmed by its glory and unfathomableness. The beauty of a parent's love far surpasses that of a delicate rose or that of the glowing colors of the sunset, but it has been appreciated far less by people such as I. Because of the article, I have been awakened to this realization and have resolved to do something about it.

EULY LANGGA
Loma Linda University
Riverside, California

Best seller

As I read "Why Isn't There an Adventist Best Seller?" (Speaking Out, Sept. 6), two thoughts came to my mind.

1. If a person would review the worldwide religious literature sold down through the years, I am certain that he or she would find two of our publications among the leaders in sales, *The Desire of Ages* and *Steps to Christ*. Millions of copies of these books have been sold, but more important, countless hundreds of persons have been drawn to know Jesus through them. This, after all, is the main purpose of our publications, not hitting the best-seller list.

2. I doubt very much that anything written by Seventh-day Adventist authors would alter the thought processes or thinking of the "dedicated men, students of history, modern culture, and the Bible." The following statement from Ellen White lends credence to this: "Many a portion of Scripture which learned men pronounce a mystery, or pass over as unimportant, is full of comfort and instruction to him who has been taught in the school of Christ. One reason why many theologians have no clearer understanding of God's Word is, they close their eyes to truths which they do not wish to practice. An understanding of Bible truth depends not so much on the power of intellect brought to the search as on the singleness of purpose, the earnest longing after righteousness."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 599.

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“Dear Pastor Dasher and congregation . . .”

By JIM CAMPBELL

“I have decided it unnecessary to recount the how or why we found ourselves on December 6, 1976, in a cold, empty house in Westpark.”

This is Mary Sutherland's Christmas story, as written in her thank-you note to those who helped it happen.

“We had lost everything except for two blankets, a TV, and the clothes on our backs.”

Mary Sutherland also had lost her job as aide in a nursing home. On her \$300-per-month salary, she had supported herself and Mike, 5; Annie, 7; and Bonnie, 9.

“For a week, I put my children to bed on one blanket on the cold floor fully clothed and covered them with the other.

“They still shivered, but did sleep somewhat.”

During the week, nighttime temperatures dipped to 32 degrees.

“I could sleep only a few hours a night, for after they fell asleep I would think of what we were going through and cry for hours that my children were suffering this way.

“I had no blanket, and when I did sleep I would awake in uncontrollable shakes. I would watch my children sleep; they would grab each other for more warmth.

“I lay down and put my youngest on top of me and grabbed the other two to my sides and covered us with the blanket. We all were warmed but as usual when they fell asleep I would lie there and cry, the air so cold I could see it coming out of our mouths . . .”

The family subsisted on cereal, milk, bread, peanut butter, and some hamburger.

Jim Campbell is staff writer for the Bremerton, Washington, Sun. His article is reprinted here with the Sun's permission.

Mary Sutherland asked God not to let her turn resentful toward those who had wronged her.

“I began to pray, ‘Oh, God, I know this is happen-

ing—nothing will change that—but please don't let me hold bitterness or hate in my heart for them.’ I prayed for their well-being, and I cried.”

Then something happened. To Mary Sutherland, it was, “If not a miracle, then very close to one.”

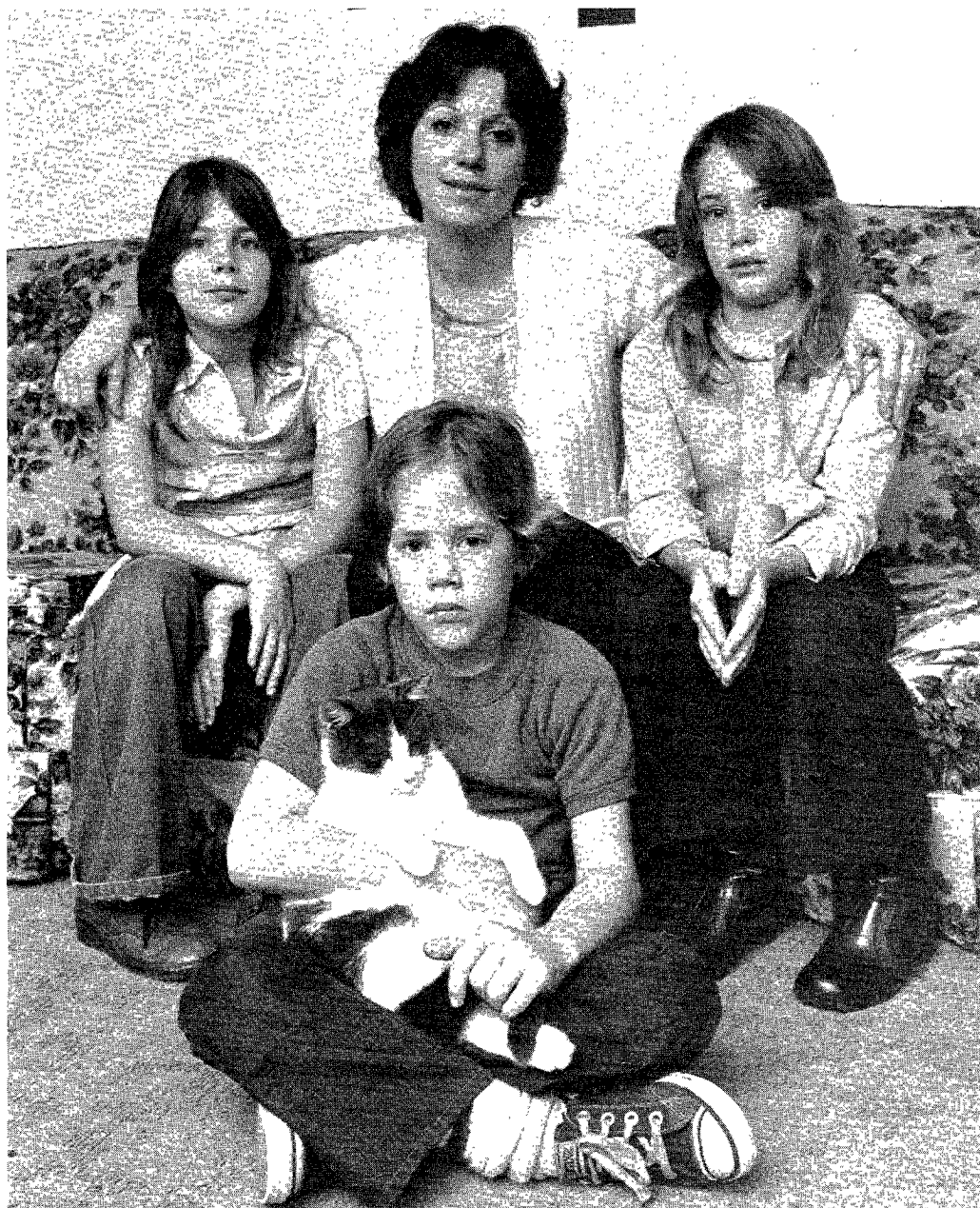
“A knock on our door. I dried my tears; it was one of your young men out caroling with a group from your

church—requesting money for the poor.

“I said, ‘I'm sorry. Right now I don't have it.’

“He looked past me and saw our empty house that I was trying to hide as well as keep out the cold night air. I shut the door.”

The young man, Jeffrey Buis, was part of a caroling group from the Bremerton Seventh-day Adventist church Community Services



Ingathering brought Adventists to the aid of Mary Sutherland and her three children, Annie, Bonnie, and Mike.

program. Another group member was his mother, Peggy Buis.

"We are always very alert to the people we talk with," said Mrs. Buis.

"We ask whether they'd like to help the poor, but we also watch for people who could possibly use some help themselves."

Jeffrey told his mother about the woman who "started to cry and closed the door." Mrs. Buis and another woman returned to the door to talk with Mary Sutherland.

"She just said she couldn't give anything, and we asked, 'Can we help you?' She started to cry and said No and closed the door."

Mrs. Buis, Pastor Larry Dasher (since moved to Guam), and another woman returned to the home the following day, and Ms. Sutherland agreed to accept their aid. Church members provided furniture, food, and enough other household goods to establish the family in their Westpark home. The church also paid for \$100 worth of toys, clothing, bedding, and other children's supplies, and donated Christmas presents to the family.

Something missing

That Christmas Eve, Mary Sutherland and her children sat in their home "in the midst of all the things we received from you people, from your hearts of love for your fellow persons, the basic things in life one must have to survive and so much more."

Around her were a household of furniture, a Christmas tree, and brightly wrapped gifts, all given by a group of Christ's followers.

But something was missing.

She began weeping silently. Bonnie, her 9-year-old, turned away from the TV and put her arm around her mother.

"I said, 'Bonnie, we have everything anyone could want or need; all our cares and concerns have been fulfilled in a way I did not expect and beyond our wildest dreams, and so quickly, but, Bonnie—we don't have a manger

set! You know we always have one under or near the tree with a light in it; it's just not Christmas without it . . ."

"There was a knock at the door.

"I dried my face and answered the door. There stood a neighbor whom I had spoken to only a couple of times. She said, 'Hey, I've got 25 people at my house, could you do me a favor?'"

"Dishes or something like that went through my mind, and I said, 'Well, I'll try.'"

"Then she said, 'With all those people there, I have no room for my manger set. Would you like to borrow it?'"

"I remember everything that happened during those weeks, but this is the moment. This is the event that stands out of all of it."

Soon, Mary Sutherland and her children sat in a room illuminated only by a single light in the Nativity set at the base of their tree.

"My children sat clustered about me, and we laughed

and sang songs and then just sat in total silence."

From time to time, she and Bonnie would look at one another, pondering the weeks' events, capped by the Nativity set's almost-miraculous appearance just after she'd mentioned it.

It was for Mary Sutherland a very special experience, one that still mystifies her and that, while she was sitting in the *Sun's* newsroom recently, brought unashamed tears to her cheeks.

The family has moved elsewhere in Bremerton, and their fortunes are improved. She is now in a trainee program for a State agency. But they still remember that Christmas of two years ago.

"It seems silly to say that all of it or any one event was a miracle, one happening to me. Yet, I get this feeling down to my toes that it was more than a coincidence," she wrote.

"His hand had to be in there somewhere. Right?"

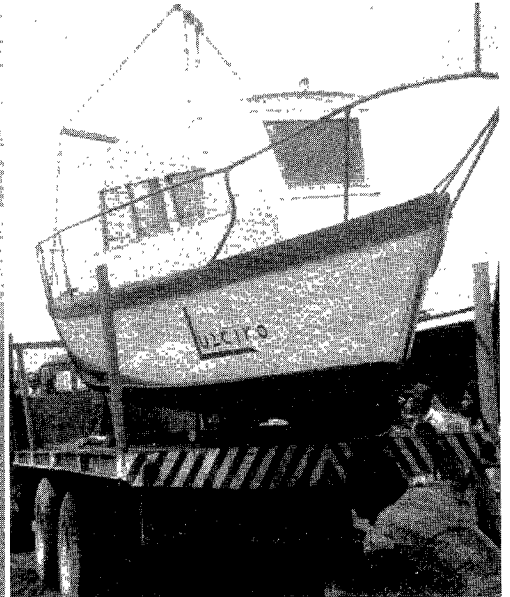
ENGLAND

Food company is under new management

The Sanitarium Health Food Company of the Australasian Division assumed ownership and control of Granose Foods, Limited, of England on October 1 as a result of a request from the British Union.

K. H. Adair, production manager of the Sanitarium Health Food Company, Australia, is the new general manager of Granose Foods. Associated with him is A. G. Beecroft, advertising and marketing manager. Taking the place of Mr. Adair at the food company's main office in Sydney, Australia, is D. C. Myers, who has been the manager of the Auckland, New Zealand, factory since 1973.

GORDON A. LEE
Review Correspondent



Dutch Luzeiro is launched in Surinam

A missionary boat, the Dutch *Luzeiro*, was launched on the Marowijne River in Surinam, on August 17. The Marowijne is one of eight navigable rivers in Surinam, with dozens of villages and thousands of inhabitants who have never heard the good news of salvation.

Two volunteer workers, Reinier Roseval and Lesley Koorndijk, are running the craft.

Roseval, a mechanical engineer, built the launch and fitted it with an engine he designed from Volkswagen engine parts. Lesley Koorndijk is a trained teacher. They hauled the boat by truck more than 172 kilometers from Uitkijk to the Marowijne River.

CHARLES WILLIAMS
President, Surinam Field

INDIA

School trains many workers

A recent Central India Union survey shows that 70 percent of the ministers presently working in the Andhra Section received their high school education at the Flaiz Memorial High School, Narsapur, a boarding academy serving this rapidly growing conference field. Half of these workers' wives also attended the school.

Perhaps the most exciting and rewarding challenge facing the church in Andhra today is that of rapid growth: from 5,000 to 20,000 members in less than 15 years. The Andhra Section has the largest membership of any unit in the Southern Asia Division. However, it is still possible to find villages as close as ten miles from Adventist

churches where the name of Christ has hardly been heard. There are 35,000 villages and towns in Andhra. Adventists, who have established church work in 300 of them, constantly are faced with the awesome challenge of an unfinished work. One definite need is for many more well-educated, loyal, committed men and women like those who in the past have graduated from the school in Narsapur. These graduates have proved their worth time and again. One of the most important evangelistic projects of the Andhra field today is the upgrading and expansion of this school.

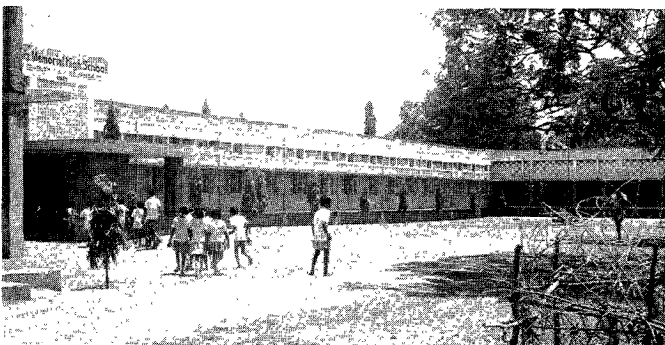
Previously called Narsapur High School, the school has only recently been renamed in memory of the late T. R. Flaiz, pioneer missionary to Andhra, who started the school in 1921. At that time the handful of students

enrolled lived in thatched huts. And the staff fared little better!

The school has come a long way since then. A 1972 Thirteenth Sabbath Offering provided funds for a new boys' dormitory. A new administration and classroom block was opened in 1973. The girls' dormitory, however, has hardly changed since those early days. Fifty years old, the building has hopelessly inadequate toilet and washing facilities. Two hand pumps in the outside courtyard provide the only water for the entire building. The rooms are poorly ventilated. One hundred and eighty girls live in space originally intended for 30. There are at least 10,000 Adventist girls of school age in the Andhra Section. The school has room for only 180.

School administrators plan to build a new dormitory large enough to hold at least 300 girls, from funds given for the Thirteenth Sabbath Special Projects Offering the third quarter of this year. Plans call for a central water system, a free flow of air, and space between the beds.

R. D. RICHES
President
Central India Union



Seventy percent of the workers in India's Andhra Section received their education at Flaiz Memorial High School, above. Below, girls use the washing facilities at their hostel, which need to be replaced.

ists are holding public meetings in a number of places. With the Lord's blessings on these combined efforts of laymen and preachers, union leaders expect to achieve their goal of 4,250 baptisms this year. In 1978, 3,016 persons were baptized in Chile.

Elder Mayr describes his members in this way: "More than ever before, our Chilean Adventists are eager to broaden their work of reaching lost souls, wanting to do their utmost to share in the worldwide task of evangelism, so that it soon can be finished and Christ can come in glory."

ARTHUR VALLE
Review Correspondent

BERMUDA

Youth assist with crusade

The Bermuda Mission conducted its first Festival of the Word August 8-26. Gerald Mattenson, mission youth director, followed the General Conference guidelines for the Festival of the Word by having the youth delegates and leaders for the various churches participate in workshops in the morning. After lunch they practiced what they had learned.

The evening meetings for the festival were held under a tent pitched on a soccer field on Frog Lane. The tent was later to be used for the evangelistic series that followed the weekend activities.

H. M. S. Richards, Sr., Voice of Prophecy speaker emeritus, was the weekend speaker, and Richard E. Barron, General Conference associate youth director, conducted the two-week evangelistic crusade in connection with the festival. Capacity crowds were in attendance each night, with more than 100 people requesting Bible studies. Thirty to 40 persons responded to the public altar calls for baptism.

In Bermuda, where one out of every 35 citizens is a Seventh-day Adventist, youth are being used by the Lord to help finish the work.

RICHARD E. BARRON

CHILE

Union in "state of evangelism"

Werner Mayr, president of the Chile Union, is actively promoting the idea of maintaining the church in Chile in a "state of constant evangelism." The 32,600 members in Chile are being rallied to carry on an intensive evangelistic outreach through the distribution of missionary literature and by means of personal contacts. The goal is for each member to have a personal contact with at least one non-Adventist a day in telling who Adventists are and what they are doing by posing a question something like this: "Are you acquainted with Adventists?"

Besides this individual commitment on the part of every lay member, evangel-

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Trust Services personnel gathered at Loma Linda University this past summer for an advanced training course in trust development and management.

CALIFORNIA

Trust Services hosted by LLU

One hundred and sixty-nine Trust Services personnel, treasurers, and auditors met at Loma Linda University in California, July 22 to August 9, for an advanced training course in trust development and management. This seminar was sponsored by the General Conference Trust Services, planned by the North American Trust Services Advisory, and conducted on the La Sierra campus of Loma Linda University. Graduate credit was given to those who met the requirements and completed the course satisfactorily.

Seminar faculty included attorneys, certified public accountants, and tax experts. At the same time the spiritual emphasis of Trust Services was constantly emphasized in both the morning devotions and other presentations.

The assets in trust with denominational entities in North America are now valued in excess of \$700 million. To manage and service these trusts properly presents a real challenge and responsibility. The Loma Linda seminar was

an important step in the program of continuing education and training for a more efficient and productive program for denominational Trust Services.

Maturities in the Trust Services area in North America during the period from 1969 through 1978 have exceeded \$60 million, with more than one half of this amount being received by church entities during the last three years. Although deferred giving should never be used as a substitute for current giving, proper planning makes it possible for a person to be sure his accumulated assets are distributed in the proper manner to provide for the needs of his family while at the same time fulfilling his special partnership with the Lord and His work.

KUWAIT

First church is organized

The weekend of September 8 and 9 marked the official organizing of the first Adventist church in Kuwait. It was a weekend of rejoicing for the Adventist community of Kuwait City, capital of the

world's richest nation, even though the 41 members, with a few invited friends, filled every corner of the meeting-place, and the children met in the pastor's study.

C. D. Watson, Afro-Mideast Division president; Manoug Nazirian, Middle East Union president; Hilal Dose, Iraq Field president; and two workers from Iraq, Basim Aziz and Basim Abadir, had flown in for the occasion. The visitors spoke at the Friday-night and Sabbath services. Two local elders were ordained on Sabbath afternoon.

Owing to Kuwait's policy of recruiting skilled labor from other countries, the church membership is mostly from the Philippines, India, and Egypt. There are difficulties in planning for an increase in membership, which some contend could be doubled in a short period if there were adequate accommodations. Nevertheless, this vibrant group, with the encouragement of their pastor, Mokhtar Malluka, is moving ahead with plans, knowing that in His own time God will open a way for growth.

JEAN THOMAS
Office Editor
Afro-Mideast Division

TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION

Baptismal groups are organized

A four-day witness-training seminar was conducted recently for 55 pastors and members of the main town church in Kamina, Zaire, about 50 miles from Songa Hospital.

After preparing brief personal testimonies and learning a simple gospel presentation, the participants were divided into 17 bands for community visits. During the last two afternoons of the seminar the members secured 205 decisions for Christ. Paul Mwema, North Shaba Field president, and his associates were joyful at this accomplishment. The enthusiastic local pastor is organizing the Sabbath school classes into action bands to visit these people and enroll as many as possible in baptismal classes. It may be necessary for the pastor to hold a second worship service on Sabbaths in order to accommodate the group.

A former Seventh-day Adventist teacher was contacted by one of the pastors, an old friend who had taught him 40 years ago at Gitwe Mission.

Somehow the teacher had lost his way. After an earnest visit with his pastor friend, he came into the church and gave his testimony of re-consecration, which brought bright smiles of joy to the group, and resulted in many hearty amens.

The next day this teacher, Mwenzi Kabulo, asked to lead a witnessing team. After learning the brief presentation, he and his group found 19 persons who wished to enroll in the baptismal class.

On a recent visit to the Ndirande church, in Blantyre, Malawi, I counted six baptismal classes, each with an average enrollment of 20. By harmonious cooperation, lay activities and Sabbath school departments are seeing converts come to Christ week by week throughout the year, and as one class is filled, another is organized. There are now 97,000 persons enrolled in baptismal classes throughout the Trans-Africa Division.

NORMAN L. DOSS
Lay Activities
and Sabbath School
Director
Trans-Africa Division

personal faith and are capable of winning others to that faith.

2. *Inactive Christians*, people who are culturally within the Christian tradition but who are not committed Christians.

3. *Culturally-near non-Christians*, whose cultural tradition and social sphere have already been penetrated by the Christian faith.

4. *Culturally-distant non-Christians*, individuals and groups of people who, whether geographically near or far from Christian outreach, are sufficiently different linguistically, socially, economically, or culturally so that they would not be com-

fortable in existing Christian churches. These "hidden peoples" total 2.5 billion, and are comprised of Hindus, Muslims, Chinese, and tribal peoples that can be further broken down into 16,750 different subcultures.

Speaking of the people in this last group, Dr. Winter said that those involved in mission outreach must recognize that the church cannot normally grow into these areas by ordinary evangelistic growth programs. The need is for missionaries who will take the time to penetrate these languages and cultures in order to plant a new church in each of the 16,750 subcultures that still have no church.

Dr. Winter then outlined a specific program to meet the challenge.

I came away from this congress with a deeper conviction that the task of planting churches for the first time among the "hidden peoples" must be the highest priority of the Advent Movement around the world. Only when the worldwide church determinedly penetrates these "last frontiers" by sending missionaries to each of them will we be able to say confidently that "every nation, kindred, tongue, and people" has heard the gospel.

ROLAND LEHNHOFF
Evangelist
Euro-Africa Division

GREECE

Hidden peoples are a concern

"Penetrating the last frontiers to reach the hidden peoples" was the theme of the World Congress on Missions held in Athens, Greece, from August 21 to 23.

Charles D. Watson, president of the Afro-Mideast Division, and I were asked to represent the Seventh-day Adventist Church as observers at this congress.

Ralph D. Winter, director of the U. S. Center for World Missions, was the chairman and principal speaker for the congress. In his presentations he pointed out that the conventional approach of mission outreach penetrates less than one half of the world population. Dr. Winter further explained that the world inhabitants can be categorized into the following four groups:

1. *Active Christians*, people who possess a genuine



New buildings on Loma Linda campus

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Del E. Webb Memorial Library and ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the new Loma Linda Faculty Practice Offices took place August 27 at Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, California.

Francis Wernick, chairman of the LLU Board of Trustees; V. Norskov Olsen, president of LLU; Grover Starr, a representative from the architectural firm of Neptune and Thomas Associates; A. Guizot, senior vice-president of the Del E. Webb Corporation; Dwight Randall, son of Harriett Randall Campbell; and George Summers, director of the university libraries, participated in the morning library ceremonies.

The new 52,000-square-foot library addition was made possible by a \$3,850,000 grant from the Del E. Webb Foundation, of Phoenix. A gift of an apartment complex from the late Harriett Randall Campbell, M.D., which the university sold for approximately \$650,000; and two other gifts totaling more than \$300,000 from other friends of the uni-

versity, are making possible the \$1,050,000 Visitor Center.

The 7,500-square-foot Visitor Center will house eight exhibit areas depicting the whole man, the Holy Scriptures and spiritual man, and the heritage of Loma Linda University. It is expected that the center will be open seven days a week.

Adjacent to the Visitor Center will be a 320-seat amphitheater, which can be divided into two 160-seat auditoriums.

The entire library complex is expected to be completed in a year and a half, and will increase total library square footage to 81,959.

Later in the day a ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the completion of the new Loma Linda Faculty Practice Offices, across Barton Road from the Loma Linda University Medical Center.

The new 83,000-square-foot building was opened to the public September 4. It serves as an outpatient center for faculty based at the Medical Center. SCOTT ROSKELLEY



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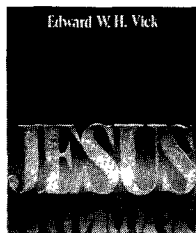
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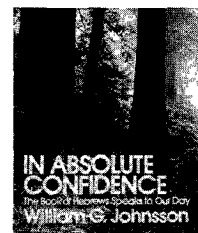
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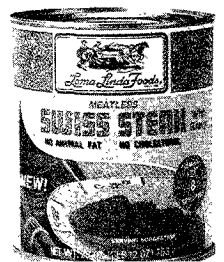
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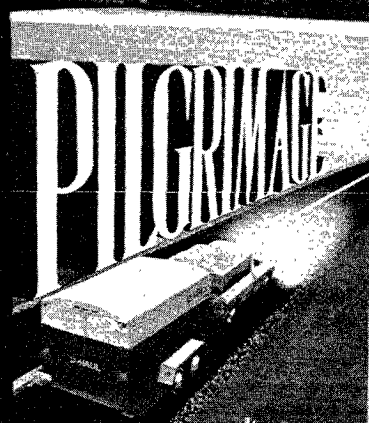
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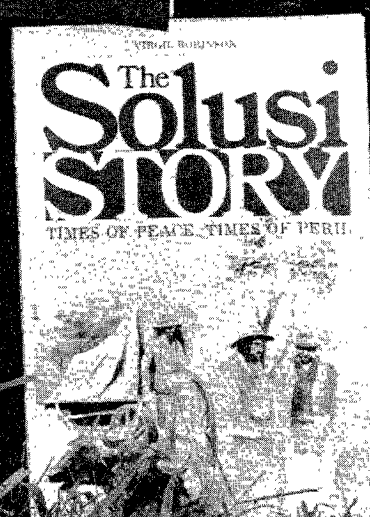
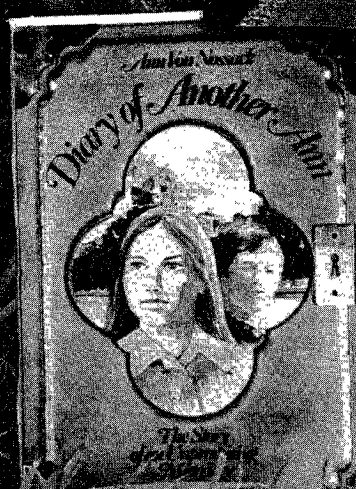


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Afro-Mideast

● The 82 literature evangelists now working in the Middle East Union are a record number working together at one time in the Middle East. Youssif Farag and Milad Karim have been instrumental in clearing the large stockpile of backdated Arabic magazines, *Hope and Health*, which had accumulated during the disruptive period of war in Lebanon. Now, with the arrival of the new circulation manager for Middle East Press, Howard Scoggins, it is hoped to keep the literature flowing into the homes of many who live in the Middle East.

● A number of young men who have completed automotive-technology studies under the direction of Keith Moses at Ethiopian Adventist College have been given responsible positions in Ethiopia. Several are continuing with degree work at the University of Addis Ababa and are on the honor roll. This industrial-arts program at the college has earned the reputation of being the best in the area.

● Pastor and Mrs. Alfred Brandt, who retired in Denmark after 25 years of service in Africa and the Middle East, have arrived back on African soil and will be spending about three months in Kampala, Uganda, on a volunteer basis. They will work in an advisory capacity coordinating the distribution of funds, donated mainly from Scandinavian sources, for the rehabilitation of Adventist work in the more severely damaged areas of Uganda.

● August was camp-meeting season in the Tanzania Union. Large gatherings were reported in Tabora in central Tanzania, Heri in the west, and Mwanza in the north-west. Each camp meeting ended with the baptism of converts who had completed their Bible studies. Sixty-nine persons have been baptized at these three camp meetings.

● "We've had a 1 million shilling (US\$135,000) gain

for the eight-month period January to August over the same period last year," reported R. C. Thomas, division publishing director, when talking about the outstanding growth of the literature work in the Afro-Mideast Division during the past year.

● Just 15 days before his scheduled baptism into a church whose doctrines he had been studying for some months, Bekele Gebre, a 20-year-old Ethiopian, fell off his horse, broke a leg, and was taken to a hospital. An Adventist evangelist, Atrife Fereja, visited him while he was recuperating. The two men spent many hours searching the Bible. Bekele has accepted Bible truth and now rejoices in the assurance of eternal life, one teaching that was missing from his earlier beliefs. Four of his friends are following him in his decision to join the church.

Euro-Africa

● A pastoral convention for Swiss ministers was held in Torre Pellice in Italy's Waldensian Valley on September 3 and 4.

● Sylvain Lazarus, a physician of Mulhouse, France, will be serving in the Koza hospital, Cameroon, for a two-year period as an alternative to military service.

● Radio Gabon will be broadcasting daily for a half-hour under the auspices of Adventist World Radio, sending programs in French, Spanish, and Portuguese.

● Marienhoehe Seminary and Secondary School in Germany are again full to capacity. A total of 550 students are enrolled.

● The French Adventist Seminary has a total of 483 students on the campus, distributed as follows: primary school, 92; secondary school, 156; commerce department, 17; music, 18; French for foreigners, 53; and theology, 157.

● More than 120 faculty and staff members of the French

Adventist Seminary participated in a two-day retreat in early September, immediately prior to the fall registration. Pietro Copiz, new education director of the Euro-Africa Division, was among those who led out during the meetings.

● The English-language secondary school in Greece, known as the Athens International Academy, opened with 28 students. The school is housed in the basement of the church, and its former building, which also included the mission office, is being demolished to make way for a new multistory building.

Far Eastern

● A major evangelistic campaign was conducted in Koror, Palau, western Caroline Islands, during the month of July, resulting in the baptism of 66 persons. As far as the record shows, this was the largest number ever baptized in one campaign in the history of the Guam-Micronesia Mission since its organization in 1950. It was the climax of a laymen's territorial assignment plan in the Koror and Airai churches.

● Of the 379 Voice of Prophecy students in attendance at recent VOP rallies in eight locations of West Malaysia, 168 made decisions to follow Christ.

● Japan's *Signs of the Times*, with a monthly circulation of 50,000, is becoming a popular religious magazine in Japan. In Okinawa, there is one subscriber for every 240 of the population.

Northern Europe-West Africa

● One hundred and twenty-five students from Newbold College, England, recently sold 2,200 copies of the new Stanborough Press magazine *Family Life*. The Missions Extension project, a new dormitory for the Adventist Seminary of West Africa, will benefit by \$850 from this

day's work. Total sales of the new magazine are 23,000 to date, with an anticipated return to missions of \$15,400 when the 40,000 for Britain have been sold.

● Newbold College in England has so many students this year that two staff flats have had to be used to accommodate some of them. With the highest-ever enrollment, 265 students, both dormitories and married students' flats are full.

● The development of a European seminary at Newbold College in England is on target. For the past five years, five quarters of the M.Div. program, offered in conjunction with Andrews University, have been offered. As planned, the sixth quarter is being added. Beginning in 1982, the full M.Div. program will be offered at the European seminary on the Newbold campus.

North American

Canadian Union

● D. E. Crane, recently appointed Canadian Union stewardship director, and his family have arrived in Oshawa, Ontario, where they will reside.

● Approximately 70 juniors and teens gathered at the Quebec Camp Adventiste Coureur de Bois in the Laurentian Mountains, July 1-15.

● Five new members have been baptized and have joined the North Bay or South River church in Ontario as a result of the It Is Written Prophecy Crusade conducted by Dale Pollett.

● Five new members were added to the Chilliwack, British Columbia, church through baptism on September 22. The membership is now so large that thought is being given to establishing a second church in Chilliwack.

● Lori Crook and Lorry Hutt were baptized at the Tantalion, Nova Scotia, church on September 1. Lori's father officiated at the service.

Columbia Union

- The Arlington and Fairfax, Virginia, churches had two health-emphasis booths at the Arlington County Fair. The pastor and his wife, Elder and Mrs. Gerard Damsteegt, along with many church members, took blood pressures, counseled people in healthful living, and discussed Bible studies with interested fairgoers.
- Hackettstown Community Hospital in New Jersey has taken over the radio program *The Doctor Is In* from the originator, Beecher Zollinger. The program, now moderated by Reger Smith, public-relations assistant, features hospital departments and activities, as well as local doctors and other medical personnel.
- Robert Johnson, Potomac Conference lay activities director, emphasized soul winning at a recent one-day workers' meeting in New Market, Virginia.
- Trudy Cermak has been appointed to implement the new patient-relations program at Washington Adventist Hospital, Takoma Park, Maryland. The program provides a means of interpreting policies and procedures and taking care of grievances before they become major issues.
- The Reading Rehabilitation Hospital in Reading, Pennsylvania, has received a \$3,200 grant from the National Library of Medicine. The money will be used to expand its resource materials through the purchasing of books, journals, and audio-visual programs.
- A record 641 youth attended Ohio's Camp Mohaven this year.

Lake Union

- Two persons were baptized recently by George Terrian, pastor of the Martinsville, Indiana, church.
- Approximately 80 hospital administrators from throughout the North American Division

attended the Seventh-day Adventist Hospital Association's annual meeting, August 24 to 26, at Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital, Hinsdale, Illinois.

- Thirty practical nurses graduated from Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital's School of Practical Nursing on August 30.
- Thirty-nine people have been baptized and others are preparing for baptism as a result of a series of evangelistic meetings held in a tent in the Pullman area of Chicago recently. Three Chicago-area churches and their pastors united for this series: Charles Drake, pastor of the Straford Memorial church, and Tyrone Boyd, pastor of the Beacon of Joy and Morgan Park churches.

- Fifteen people were baptized and have joined the Ottawa and Sheridan, Illinois, churches as the result of an evangelistic crusade conducted by Douglas Higgins. This is Pastor Higgins' first year in the ministry.
- The Glendale, Indiana, church recently conducted a nine-hour training course in basic life-support techniques for members of the church and community.

North Pacific Union

- Dedication services have been held for the Beaverton, Oregon, church. The week-end program climaxed eight years of construction activity, with members donating more than 23,000 hours of volunteer labor. Sunny Liu is the pastor.
- Twenty-one persons have been baptized in the Forks, Washington, church as the result of an intensive program of personal Bible studies.
- Construction has begun on a new church in Federal Way, Washington. The congregation was organized in 1959 and five years later moved into the first phase of their building program, a two-story structure housing an auditorium on the top floor and Sabbath school rooms on the lower level.

- Caldwell, Idaho, members have completed a refurbishing of their church. The main auditorium and hallways and the youth chapel have been recarpeted. Additional pews have been installed in the sanctuary, and new pews provide seating for 100 in the youth chapel.
- A new addition to the Walla Walla General Hospital in Washington houses an ultrasound unit. The addition was built and financed by the Blalock Foundation, a non-profit organization of Adventist physicians and dentists. The new unit adds to the hospital's conventional radiology by the use of a different process of disease detection.

Pacific Union

- Shigenobu Arakaki has arrived in Hawaii from Japan to become the Hawaiian Mission's fourteenth president. Born in Hawaii, Elder Arakaki has pastored and administered schools on the mainland, in Hawaii, and in Japan.
- Enrollment in Southern California Conference schools is up by 62 students over last year. The highest increase was recorded by the Lynwood Adventist High School.
- Members "swarming" from both the Redding and Anderson, California, churches, and new members have organized the Palo Cedro company of 114 charter members. Palo Cedro is 15 miles east of Redding. The group, expected to become a church soon, is in the district pastored by Charles Mellor.
- The Southeastern California Conference's Festival of the Family at the Anaheim Convention Center in mid-October drew 10,000 to hear H. M. S. Richards and Richard Nies.

Southern Union

- Members in Manning, South Carolina, met in their new church for the first time on September 1. Most of the construction of the new building, which seats approx-

imately 100 persons, was accomplished by the Carolina Chapter of Maranatha Flights International.

- For the first six months of 1979, Albert Neilsen, communication secretary of the Savannah, Tennessee, church, has reported 452 films, tapes, or interviews aired on local radio stations.
- Eighty-six new members were added to the church in the Louisville, Kentucky, area during Evangelist Dale Brusett's September-October crusade.
- S. E. Gooden, South Atlantic Conference superintendent of education, reports the opening of four new schools on August 20: New Bern, Lillington, and Gastonia, North Carolina, and Florence, South Carolina.
- Forty persons were baptized in the Louisville, Kentucky, Magazine Street church by James R. Bell, associate pastor, at the close of a five-week tent meeting in July.
- Members of the Eustis, Florida, Community Services Center, under the leadership of Edna Cowan, raised more than \$3,000 during a Bargain Bazaar. The Community Services council voted unanimously to use the money to reach others with the gospel of Christ, equally dividing the money between the Voice of Prophecy, Faith for Today, and It Is Written.

Southwestern Union

- As a result of an exhibit at the Guadalupe County Fair in Seguin, Texas, the local radio station requested an interview regarding the Adventists and the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking that was advertised at the booth.
- One of the non-Adventist churches in Hope, Arkansas, announced an Adventist Vacation Bible School at their church, which is a "first." Prejudice in the community is slowly dying, and progress is being made because of VBS, Five-Day Plans to Stop Smoking, and various community services.

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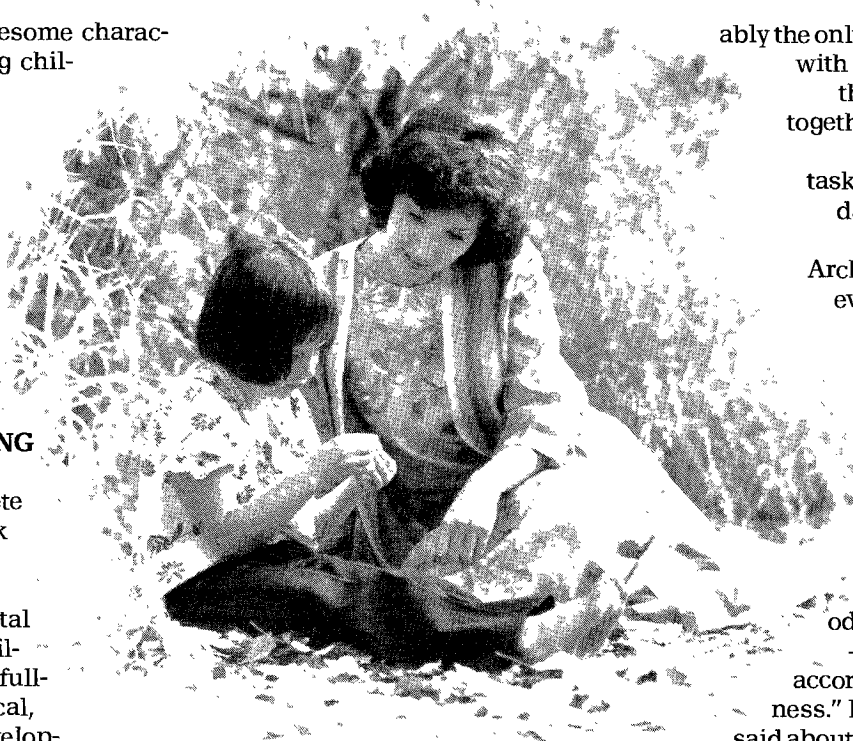
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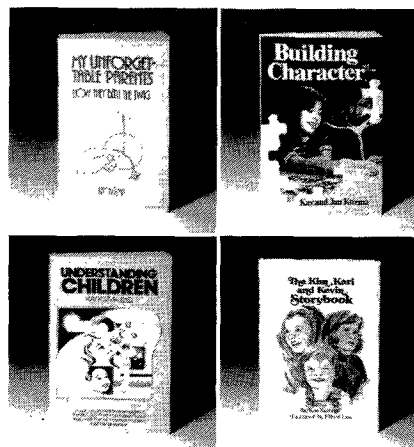
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Notice

Corrections

H. Eugene Haas, Florida Conference superintendent of education, formerly was Atlantic Union Conference education director. The information was reversed in the August 2 REVIEW.

David Hack's name was misspelled Hauck in the September 27 issue.

To New Posts

Worker transfers within union conferences are not listed here. Such transfers ordinarily are included in News Notes.

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

J. W. Bassham, pastor, Prescott, Arizona, church; formerly pastor, Colorado Conference.

Selma Bird, principal, Or-

lando Junior Academy, Orlando, Florida; formerly assistant principal, John Nevins Andrews School, Takoma Park, Maryland.

Gladys V. Duran, assistant administrator for professional services, Porter Memorial Hospital, Denver, Colorado; formerly from Kettering Medical Center.

Godfrey Duran, head nurse, emergency-outpatient services, Porter Memorial Hospital, Denver, Colorado; formerly from Kettering Medical Center.

John M. Fox, pastor, Pioneer Valley Academy church; formerly pastor, Danville-Martinsville district, Virginia.

James R. Gallagher, director of public relations, It Is Written, Thousand Oaks, California; formerly assistant director of the Communication Department, General Conference, Washington, D.C.

Dale Kongorski, publishing, youth activities, health, and temperance department director, Alaska Mission; formerly a missionary in Peru, South America.

Harry Mayden, associate superintendent of education, Florida Conference; formerly principal of Orlando Junior Academy, Orlando, Florida.

Regular Missionary Service

Villardo L. Almonte (AU '79), returning to serve as administrator, Songa Adventist Hospital and Songa Adventist Secondary School, Kamina, Zaire, **Aldine T. (Capobres) Almonte** (Southwestern U. '63), and three children left New York City, September 5, 1979.

P. Jerry Austin (LLU '71), to serve as director, clinical laboratory, Malamulo Hospital and Leprosarium, Makwasa, Malawi, and **Margaret Lee M. Austin**, of Loma Linda, California, left New York City, September 8, 1979.

Billy Jess Beckworth, returning to serve as publishing department secretary, Southern Union, Trans-Africa Division, Johannesburg, South Africa, left New York City, August 6, 1979. **Constance Sue (Metzinger) Beckworth** (Pittsburg, Kansas, St. Col.), and three children left New York City, August 27, 1979.

Robert Charles Bird (AU '68), returning to serve as pastor, South China Island Union Mis-

sion, Taipei, Taiwan, **Diana Lee (Rickards) Bird** (Fresno St. Col. '67), and two children left Los Angeles, August 26, 1979.

Victor James Chant (AUC '68), returning to serve as mathematics teacher, Bulawayo Adventist Secondary School, Bulawayo, Rhodesia, **Ruth Anne (Currie) Chant** (AUC '66), and three children left Boston, September 1, 1979.

Gerry D. Christman (LLU '76), to serve as youth and temperance departments director, Santa Catarina Mission, Florianopolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil, **Ellen Marie (Clark) Christman** (SMC '75), and one child, of Gray, Louisiana, left Los Angeles, August 13, 1979.

Josephine Elizabeth Clayburn (AU '59), returning to serve as sister-tutor and director of nursing school, Kanye Hospital, Kanye, Botswana, left New York City, September 3, 1979.

David Melvin Crabtree (LLU '75), returning to serve as chairman, biology department, Antillian College, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, **Prisca Elizabeth (Madedo) Crabtree**, and three children left Miami, August 7, 1979.

Robert Elden Ford (PUC '69), returning to serve as principal, Adventist Vocational College, Belize, Central America, and **Venessa (Standish) Ford** (PUC '69) left Nogales, Arizona, September 3, 1979.

Thomas Eugene Gibson, Jr. (LLU '62), returning to serve as physician, Guam Seventh-day Adventist Clinic, Tamuning, Guam, **Emily Delores (Wade) Gibson** (LLU '59), and two children left Los Angeles, August 31, 1979.

Leeta Evelyn Hemme (Stafford U. '61), returning to serve as elementary teacher, Philippine Union College, Manila, Philippines, left San Francisco, August 19, 1979.

Dale Marshall Ingersoll (CUC '45), returning to serve as lay activities and youth director, Zambesi Union, Bulawayo, Rhodesia, and **Flossie Lorene (Carter) Ingersoll** left New York City, August 27, 1979.

Robert Allen Jamison (LLU '75), returning to serve as theology teacher, Montemorelos University, Montemorelos, Mexico, **Judith May (Verlo) Jamison** (LLU '75), and one child left Dallas, September 2, 1979.

Margaret Elaine Longacre, returning to serve as office secretary, Afro-Mideast Division, Nicosia, Cyprus, left Philadelphia, August 21, 1979.

David Benjamin Meyer (CUC '69), returning to serve as teacher, University College of Eastern Africa Overseas School, Eldoret, Kenya, and **Ethel Romaine (Leppo) Meyer** left Washington, D.C., August 30, 1979.

Allen John Olsen, returning to serve as technical advisor, Indonesia Publishing House, Jakarta, Java, **Barbara Annette (Keele) Olsen**, and two children left San Francisco, August 20, 1979.

Jon Edward Pitts (LLU '69), returning to serve as dentist, Adventist Dental Clinic, Dacca, Bangladesh, **Gloria Frances (Patchen) Pitts** (LLU '70), and two children left Seattle, August 30, 1979.

Ruby Faye Ratzlaff (AU '66), returning to serve as director, teacher training, Kama-gambo High School and Teachers College, Kisii, Kenya, left Chicago, August 2, 1979.

Edward Earl Richards (Med. Col. of Ga., Sch. of Dent. '76), returning to serve as dentist, Nairobi Clinic, Nairobi, Kenya, **Ann Celestine (Smart) Richards**, and three children left New York City, September 2, 1979.

Thomas Richard Shepherd (LLU '76), to serve as director, health education, South-East Africa Union, Blantyre, Malawi, and **Sherry Marie (Bom) Shepherd** (LLU '76), of Bolingbrook, Illinois, left New York City, September 2, 1979.

Richard Olen Taggart (LLU '62), returning to serve as dentist, Seventh-day Adventist Medical Center, Nairobi, Kenya, **Margaret Louise (Ackerman) Taggart**, and three children left Los Angeles, August 30, 1979.

John Benton Taylor, Jr. (AU '72), to serve as teacher-pastor, Ecuador Academy, Santo Domingo de los Colorados, Pichincha, Ecuador, **Barbara Sue (Day) Taylor** (SMC '71), and two children of Louisville, Kentucky, left Miami, August 16, 1979.

Ethel Louise (Hall) Twing (WW Com. Col. '73), returning to serve as nurse, Heri Mission Hospital, Kigoma, Tanzania, left Boston, September 4, 1979.

James Dale Unger (U. of Port Elizabeth '76), returning to serve as head, music department, Antillian College, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, **Delina (Olivier) Unger**, and one child left Miami, September 5, 1979.

Martin John Ward (AU '79), returning to serve as English teacher, Kamagambo High School and Teacher's College, Kisii, Kenya, **Olga Rosalind Yvette Ward**, and three children, of Australasian Division, left Washington, D.C., August 29, 1979. A fourth child left San Francisco, August 27, 1979, to attend Avondale College in Australia.

Nationals Returning

Osei Kwasi Kumah (AU '79), to serve as worker, Central Ghana Conference, Kumasi, Ghana, left New York City, July 1, 1979.

Guillermo Mercado (Antillian Col. '77), to serve as accountant, East Puerto Rico Conference, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, and **Juanita Millan Velez Mercado** (U. of Puerto Rico '69), left Miami, August 5, 1979.

Joseph Ola (AU '79), to serve as pastor, West Nigerian Mission, Ibadan, Nigeria, West Africa, left Chicago, August 20, 1979.

Johnny Ramirez (AU '79), to serve as secondary-level Bible teacher, Central American Union College, Alajuela, Costa Rica, **Clara M. (Jorge) Ramirez** (Antillian Col. '78), and one child left Miami, August 29, 1979.

Volunteer Service

Anthony Case (PUC '77) (Special Service), to serve as physical education teacher, St. Croix School, North Caribbean Conference, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, of Carmichael, California, left Miami, August 7, 1979.

Daina Marcelle Cox (Special Service), to serve as teacher, Seventh-day Adventist Language Institutes, Seoul, Korea, of Silver Spring, Maryland, left Los Angeles, August 24, 1979.

Alfred de la Torre (Medical Elective Service), to serve as physician, Bella Vista Hospital, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, of Loma Linda, California, left Los Angeles, September 3, 1979.

Huldah Marjorie (Peterson) Fritz (Special Service), to serve

as assistant dean-teacher, Taiwan Adventist Hospital, Taipei, Taiwan, of Post Falls, Idaho, left San Francisco, August 28, 1979.

Loris B. Galbraith (U. of Oreg. '45) (Special Service) to serve as dentist, Gwelo Dental Clinic, Gwelo, Rhodesia, and **Effie Elizabeth (Van Dyke) Galbraith**, of Merlin, Oregon, left New York City, September 10, 1979.

Ethelyn Wilma Goode (PUC '72) (SOS), to serve as elementary teacher, Kaohsiung Elementary School, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, of Lakeport, California, left San Francisco, August 22, 1979.

Mina Lucille Gravatt (Special Service), to serve as teacher, Guam-Micronesia Mission, Island of Koror, of Loma Linda, California, left Los Angeles, September 7, 1979.

Roscoe Isaac McFadden (LLU '40) (Special Service), to serve as physician, Kaohsiung Clinic, South China Island Union, Taipei, Taiwan, and **Elizabeth (Spalding) McFadden**, of Leesburg, Florida, left San Francisco, September 12, 1979.

Janet Miller (Denver U. '58) (Special Service), to serve as librarian, Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Manila, Philippines, of Spokane, Washington, left San Francisco, August 28, 1979.

Leonard L. Nelson (U. of Nebr. '47) (SOS), to serve as teacher, University College of Eastern Africa, Eldoret, Kenya, of Bellflower, California, left Los Angeles, September 11, 1979.

Richard LaMont Parker (LLU '68) (Special Service), to serve as dentist, Saipan Dental Clinic, Saipan, Marianas Islands, **Bonnie Rae (Miles) Parker**, and one child, of Loma Linda, California, left Los Angeles, July 20, 1979.

Nobleza Garcia Pilar (Ind. U. '72) (Special Service), to serve as voice teacher, Montemorelos University, Montemorelos, Mexico, of Hickory, North Carolina, left Dallas, Texas, August 30, 1979.

David Harold Reynolds (PUC '68) (Special Service), to serve as teacher and principal, Guam-Micronesia Mission, Majuro Island, **Barbara Rae (Cramer) Reynolds** (Calif. Humboldt St. U. '74), and two children, of Yuba City, Califor-

nia, left Los Angeles, August 26, 1979.

Hazel M. (Weber) Rippey (PUC '56) (SOS), to serve as food-service director, Montemorelos University, Montemorelos, Mexico, of Berrien Springs, Michigan, left Los Angeles, May 23, 1979.

Thomas Wayne Sanders (So. Cal. Col. of Optometry '73) (Special Service), to serve as optometrist, through Guam Seventh-day Adventist Clinic on Palau, and **Linda Ladean (Lawler) Sanders**, of Yuba City, California, left Los Angeles, July 19, 1979.

John Stephen Shank (LLU '70) (Special Service), to serve as physician, Guam Seventh-day Adventist Clinic, Tamuning, Guam, of Summersville, West Virginia, left San Francisco, July 1, 1979.

Scott William Sweet (AUC '79) and **Beverly Jean (Richards) Sweet** (AUC '77) (Special Service), to serve as teachers, Seventh-day Adventist English Language Schools, Yokohama, Japan, of South Lancaster, Massachusetts, left San Francisco, July 10, 1979.

Edna (Michel) Thompson (SOS), to serve as overseas church school teacher, Taiwan Adventist College, Taipei, Taiwan, and **Carl LeVere Thompson**, of LaVerkin, Utah, left San Francisco, August 21, 1979.

Mary Elizabeth Thorn (Special Service), to serve as elementary teacher for missionary children, Philippine Union College, Manila, Philippines, of Sedro Woolley, Washington, left Los Angeles, August 26, 1979.

Student Missionaries

Janice Ruth Broussen (CaUC), of Victoria, British Columbia, to serve as Bible-English teacher, Hiroshima, Japan, left Vancouver, British Columbia, August 6, 1979.

Larry Dale Burton (AU), of Malvern, Arkansas, to serve as Bible instructor and Pathfinder leader, Guam-Micronesia Mission, Agana, Guam, left Los Angeles, August 26, 1979.

Debra Jean Dyer (UC), of Rapid City, South Dakota, to serve as secondary teacher, Greek Mission, Athens, Greece, left New York City, September 6, 1979.

Robert Flournoy Edwards

(OC), of Huntsville, Alabama, to serve as English language teacher, Seventh-day Adventist Language Institutes, Seoul, Korea, left Los Angeles, August 20, 1979.

DeWit St. Claire Goulbourne (PUC), of Los Angeles, to serve as accountant, Iran Field, Tehran, Iran, left New York City, September 4, 1979.

Bruce Wayne Higgins and **Ellen Jean (Weaver) Higgins** (AU), of Berrien Springs, Michigan, to serve as English-Bible teachers, Ujung Pandang English Language School, Ujung Pandang, Indonesia, left Chicago, August 29, 1979.

Donna Janece Hottal (SAC), of Corrales, New Mexico, to serve as English-Bible teacher, Seventh-day Adventist Language Institutes, Seoul, Korea, left Los Angeles, August 19, 1979.

David Alan Lay (AUC), of Union Springs, New York, to serve in maintenance, Matandani Training School, Blantyre, Malawi, left Boston, August 4, 1979.

Paul Benjamin Moore (PUC), of Santa Isabel, California, to serve as pastoral assistant, Seventh-day Adventist church, West Bolivia Mission, La Paz, Bolivia, left Miami, August 7, 1979.

Tracy Lynn Ortega (WVC), of Sumner, Washington, to serve in pastoral-evangelistic work, Cairo, Egypt, left New York City, August 27, 1979.

Pamelyn Anita Page (SMC), of Bozeman, Montana, to serve as secondary teacher, Nyabola Girls' School, Oyugis, Kenya, left Chicago, August 28, 1979.

Shirley Ann Parker (PUC), of Yucaipa, California, to serve as teacher, Ranen Secondary School, Kisii, Kenya, left Chicago, August 28, 1979.

Daniel William Schiffbauer, Jr. (AU), of Aurora, Illinois, to serve in the jungle areas of East Bolivia Mission, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, left Chicago, August 28, 1979.

Lydia Emma Schosnig (PUC), of Boring, Oregon, to serve as teacher, Ranen Secondary School, Kisii, Kenya, left Chicago, August 26, 1979.

Betty Louise Schwisow (WVC), of Goldendale, Washington, to serve as teacher, Nyabola Girls' School, Oyugis, Kenya, left Chicago, August 28, 1979.

New material on education for marriage

A talented task force of specialists has finished its work, and the General Conference Home and Family Service has produced and stockpiled a tested collection of materials designed to aid pastors and couples preparing for marriage. A loose-leaf notebook for each couple, with a complete series of studies and cassettes, as well as a special edition for the pastor, is a product of almost two years of work. "It is soundly Adventist in every respect and solidly based on the Spirit of Prophecy," states Ron Flowers, the pastor who chaired the task force.

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BETTY HOLBROOK

USAID helps SDA hospitals

Because Seventh-day Adventist World Service (SAWS) is a registered volunteer agency with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), USAID has given \$1,785,000 for the denomination's health-care facilities in developing countries.

One million dollars will be received by Kanye Hospital, in Botswana, \$550,000 by Malamulo Hospital and Leprosarium, Malawi, and \$235,000 by Adventist Hospital of Haiti. We are pleased that the United States Gov-

ernment is willing to help the medical outreach of the church in these countries by providing important funding for these institutions. The United States Senate has voted this money, which is an indication that people outside of the Adventist Church appreciate Seventh-day Adventist health-care facilities enough to give these sums.

This is not the first time that USAID has helped Adventist hospitals. The first hospital to receive such help was Bangkok Adventist Hospital in Thailand, which has been the recipient of more than \$450,000. Bandung Adventist Hospital in Indonesia has received \$300,000. We thank God for this extra help for our nonsectarian outreach in helping to heal broken bodies in these health-care institutions. SAWS is happy to be the vehicle that is used to bring these funds to help people in need in this area of the world field.

H. D. BURBANK

Largest camporee: Jere D. Patzer, North Pacific Union youth director, and his associates led the largest camporee ever in the SDA Church and second largest gathering of Pathfinders—2,500 of them—at Tygh Valley, Oregon, September 20-23. (In 1975 the Pacific Union conducted a combination youth congress and camporee for 4,000 Pathfinders.) At the close of the weekend the Pathfinders, who came from Montana, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, released thousands of balloons containing invitations to those who find them to enroll in a Bible correspondence course. The camporee was marred by the death of two young people, Dale Unruh and Bradley Fisher, who were involved in a car accident on their way to Tygh Valley.

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RICHARD HAMMILL
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For the record

Amman series: After five weeks of meetings, approximately 250 people are attending the nightly meetings held in the Seventh-day Adventist school auditorium in Amman, Jordan, reports Arturo Schmidt, associate secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association. The series began with health subjects, moved into social topics, then into spiritual truths. The evangelistic team, which has seen the interest grow daily, is visiting 100 families.

Crowds in Helsinki: The opening meeting of the evangelistic series by David E. Lawson, Northern Europe-West Africa Division evangelist, drew 3,000 listeners in Helsinki, capital of Finland. The meeting was presented four times to accommodate the crowd. The series is continuing to draw large audiences to the Finlandia House lecture hall, according to Tauno A. Luukkanen, Finland Union communication director.

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