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WAIT FOR HIS LAW"

LITERATURE EVANGELISM
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PAGES of TRUTH

In the
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VIETNAMESE ★ ENGLISH ★ MALAY
PHILIPPINE ★ CHINESE ★ THAI ★ LANGUAGES

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Literature Evangelism— the Power of Truth

By George A. Huse, Secretary
Publishing Department
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Behind every successful movement there is a directive mind; behind the Seventh-day Adventist program there is God. This is especially true in the publishing ministry, for we read from the inspired pen, "Our publishing work was established by the direction of God and under special supervision." — **Test.** vol. 7, page 138. The Lord was so deeply concerned regarding this branch of His work that He gave it His personal attention. Is it any wonder then that we see advancement made in every part of the world in the soul-saving value of Adventist books and magazines?



George A. Huse

Again we read in **Colporteur Ministry**, page 148, "The press is a **powerful** instrumentality which God has ordained to be combined with the energies of the living preacher to bring the truth before all nations, kindreds, tongues, and peoples. Many minds can be reached in no other way." There is living **power** in the pages of truth as they go from our publishing houses into the hands of the literature evangelists, and are then placed in the hands of men and women who are looking for light,

as noted in the following experience:

"One of our colporteurs lived on the banks of a large river. Rains came and flooded the entire area. Our colporteur's stock of books was swept away. One of the books was floating on the water. A man saw it, but thought it to be a small piece of furniture, or some household object. He was the leader of a large and desperate gang of bandits. He rowed out and pulled the book out of the raging waters and carefully dried it. As he read the book something began to happen in his heart. He told other members of his gang about the things he had read in the book, about Jesus and His soon coming. This made a profound impression on their minds and hearts and as a result the entire number was baptized. Three churches were organized through the influence of this one book that was almost destroyed by water." This illustrates conclusively the **power** of God's literature, reaching those who would rarely be reached through ordinary methods.

This statement found in **Colporteur Ministry**, page 149, again shows the **power** to convict hearts that exists in the books and magazines sold by our consecrated literature evangelists: "I have been shown that the press is **powerful** for good or evil. This agency can reach and influence the public mind as no other means can." An experience coming to us from South America clearly illustrates this point:

"One of our faithful literature evangelists sold a book to a man some years ago. In time this man died. He had two sons who were heavy drinkers and spent most of their money for liquor. One day in a drunken stupor they needed more money for whiskey so they began rummaging through their father's possessions to see what they could find. They looked into an old trunk and on the bottom found this book that their father had bought years ago. As

they read the book the truth filled their hearts and their lives were changed and both were baptized into the message. They donated land on which to build a meeting place, and today we have a fine thriving church as a memorial to the book sold by an unknown, but faithful colporteur."

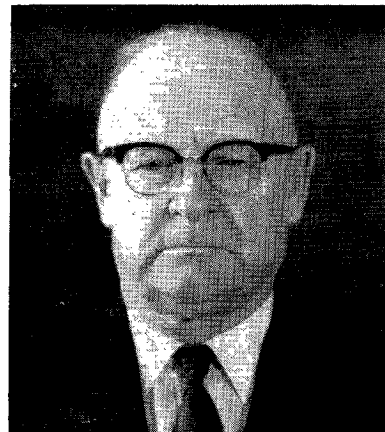
Today the world is troubled; confusion, suspicion, crime, and sin are found on every side. Only a very short time still remains for us to seek out lost humanity for God. Our only means of success in soul winning is to live so close to our Master that a wholesome influence for good shall flow from us to others. May God's richest blessing be upon every soldier of the literature battalion as he goes forth to witness for the Master. This promise from the pen of Mrs. White should permeate our thinking every waking hour: "The publishing branch of our cause has much to do with our **power**. I do desire that it shall accomplish all that the Lord designs it should. If our bookmen do their part faithfully, I know, from the light God has given me, that the knowledge of present truth will be doubled and trebled." — **Life Sketches**, pp. 446-47.

"And Great Was Their Number"

By Chris P. Sorensen, President
Far Eastern Division

It must be about eighty years ago when the idea came to this people that books could be sold from door to door by colporteurs. And what a glorious adventure it has been! From our earliest

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Chris P. Sorensen

Far Eastern Division

A Decade of Progress

By E. A. Brodeur,
Publishing Secretary

It was the February 1950 issue of the **Outlook** that was last designated as a Publishing Department Special. In checking over the records for the year 1950, I have found many interesting things.

1. It was in April, 1950, that Pastor George A. Campbell retired from the publishing department of the Far Eastern Division. Pastor Campbell served 14 years in the Division, building up a fine corps of literature evangelists. When he arrived in the Division in 1936, the literature sales totaled US\$127,225.23. The sales for 1949, his last year as the publishing department secretary, were US\$825,367.99.

2. In 1950 Pastor Bruce Wickwire was appointed by the General Conference to the publishing department of the Division, succeeding Pastor Campbell.

3. It was reported that Indonesia and Malaya had suffered a reduction in exchange rates through the Division, causing a large loss in their US dollar report.

As I read these reports I began to think of how through the years we have expanded our literature program throughout the Division, yet the US dollar report shows very little increase at the end of the ten-year period from 1950 to 1960.

During these ten years, 1950-1960, each union mission in this Division has experienced exchange losses in their dollar report to the Division and the General Conference. Moreover, some have experienced many changes in ex-

change rates. Indonesia, Korea and Japan have experienced a number of exchange rate losses during this ten-year period. Because of these conditions, the casual observing of the reports would lead a person to think that our literature program is not keeping pace with the growth in other phases of evangelism in the Division. This, of course, is not true as we shall point out with a few facts and figures.



E. A. Brodeur

In 1950 literature sales statistics for the Division were as follows: number of colporteurs, 625; working hours, 752,249; and sales, US\$670,526.46.

The year 1960 reveals that we had 1,029 colporteurs who worked 1,332,905 hours and their sales amounted to US\$836,694.31. Although the last sales figure represents a gain of US\$20,974.87 over that of 1959, it does not present a true picture of the work of our faithful colporteurs.

Comparing these figures of 1950 and 1960 reveals a 65 percent increase in colporteurs, a 56 percent increase in hours worked and only a 25 percent increase in literature delivered. This is where our present reporting system breaks down as it does not take into consideration, or make any provision for currency devaluations which result in exchange rate changes and eventual loss in the sales report.

An interesting observation can be made by taking the sales in local currency of each union mission in the Division for 1960 and converting these figures into US

dollars at the 1950 rate of exchange in the respective union missions. On this basis the sales in 1960 for the Division would have been the tremendous figure of US\$3,569,158.97. Thus we can see the disadvantage of reporting overseas sales in US dollars. The US dollar report for North America is a true picture of North America's sales for the US dollar rate never changes. On the other hand, the overseas field, where continual lowering of exchange rates occur, must convert to the US dollar figure at a disadvantage for the dollar figure in no way reflects the amount of literature delivered in overseas fields compared to literature delivered in North America.

We have started this year to report literature delivered in sales units as well as in US dollars. Our sales units are signatures, or 160 pages of literature. By the end of 1961 we will have a comparison of the number of sales units delivered by each union mission in 1960 and 1961. In the future we will be able to record in a more accurate way the work of our faithful literature evangelists, and the growth of the literature ministry in the Far Eastern Division. Regardless of currency devaluation in any or all the union missions, the sales unit value will remain constant and the report will give a true picture of the literature sold. The sales units are not affected by currency changes.

I trust that this explanation will help everyone to realize that our faithful literature evangelists are pressing the battle to the very ramparts of Satan's strongholds. From all parts of the Division come reports of outstanding soul-winning experiences, some of which are included in this issue of the **Outlook**. The records for the first part of the ten-year period of 1950 to 1960, as far as colporteurs' baptisms reported, are not too complete. However, we do have records of colporteur baptisms totaling 5,243. As this issue goes to press we have 435 baptisms reported for the first eight months of 1961.

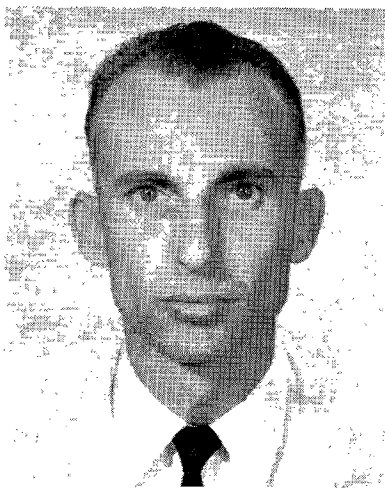
The invention of the printing press was the medium that insured the success of the Reformation. Just so today the press is a vital part in the promulgation of the third angel's message to "every nation, kindred, tongue and people." "To a large degree, through
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Indonesia

Indonesia's Advancing Literature Evangelists

By W. L. Wilcox,
Publishing Secretary

God has abundantly blessed the publishing work in Indonesia during the past few years. In souls won and literature sales the hand of God is very apparent. However, regardless of what the past has accomplished, never can we be satisfied with the progress of God's work until the words are heard, "It is finished," and probation's doors forever close.



W. L. Wilcox

Goals for 1961

With more than 10,500,000 rupias in sales for 1960 or about a 65 percent increase over 1959, it was proposed that with God's help we would reach Rp. 13,500,000 during 1961. Our hearts also rejoiced to see 128 baptisms from literature evangelists' contacts during 1960, but, praying that the Holy Spirit would work with more power than ever before during this new year, our goal for souls was placed at 200.

First Quarter—1961

What a thrill it was to total up our first quarter's reports for 1961 and find that in comparison to six baptisms during the first three

months of last year, there were 50 thus far his year—just one-fourth of this year's goal.

Also the sales were up 75 percent or Rp. 1,100,000 more than a year ago. The number of colporteurs reporting was some 80 above the first quarter of 1960, and the Voice of Prophecy enrollments for this same period were well over 4,000.

Program for 1961

The following plans have been formulated and by God's help we hope to reach these worthy objectives:

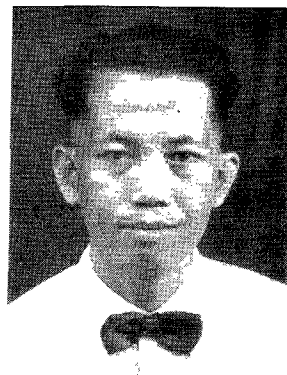
1. Big Week—January 29-February 4
2. Day of Fasting and Prayer—April 29
3. Big quarter—Selling small health book with one year's subscription to magazine. Goal: 20,000 new subscribers, May June and July.
4. Student Program—New book, June, July, August
5. Recruiting — a) Visiting churches, b) Presenting large four-color picture to all church members, workers and colporteurs recruiting new literature evangelists, c) New recruiting pamphlet

6. Big month—September
7. Magazine month—November
8. Yearly award—four silver shields: 1) for highest baptisms, 2) for highest sales, 3) for highest number of magazine subscriptions, 4) for highest total of VOP enrollments

To reach the 90,000,000 people of Indonesia with the gospel, the publishing workers of this union mission greatly need God's power. Please remember us in a very special way in your prayers.

From Police Officer to Literature Evangelist

One day Brother Sea, a colporteur in Malang, Central Java, sold some books and a magazine



M. H. Sea

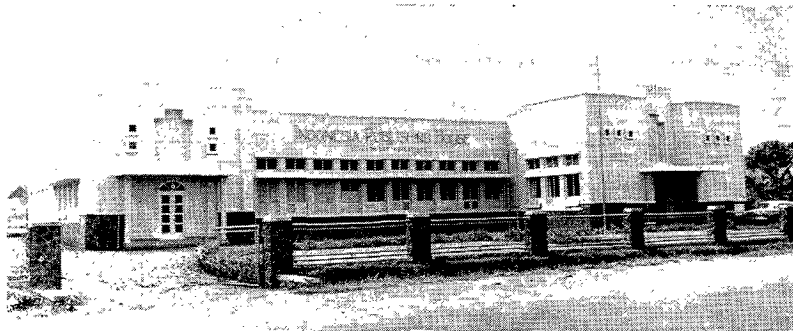
subscription to the second ranking officer in one department of the police office. This officer, Mujadi Surodiwirjo, was a Mohammedan but he read the books and, through an advertisement in the magazine, enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy Bible school. Upon the completion of the seventeenth lesson, he was convinced that this was the truth so along came his request for baptism. Pastor B. J. Dompas, the VOP director, asked Pastor Zebedeus in Malang to visit this man. Two weeks later, Mr. Surodiwirjo and his wife were baptized.

Not long after this, Brother Surodiwirjo came to Pastor Zebedeus. His superior officer was very unhappy about his accepting Christianity and he was doing all he could to make our brother's life miserable. He had been advised that it would be best for

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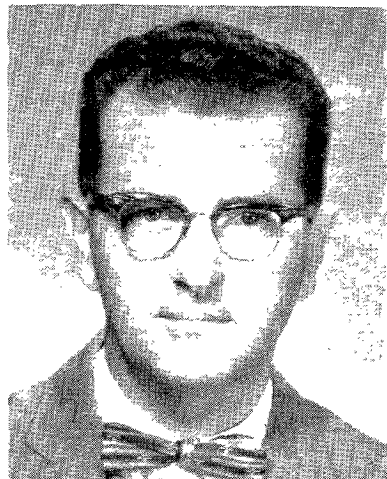


Mujadi Surodiwirjo



Indonesia Publishing House in Bandung, Java.

L. E. Barber (right), the manager of the publishing House.



Indonesia Publishing House High Lights

By L. E. Barber, Manager

It was not until January, 1956, that the Indonesia Publishing House was able to realize its dream of publishing books and magazines in its own plant. Up until that time printing for Indonesia was done in local printshops and some of our work was done by the Malayan Signs Press.

We have already outgrown our building in these few, short years. The thing that holds back the publishing work in Indonesia, however, is the lack of paper and other supplies. The people of Indonesia are hungry for good books and magazines.

Our first magazine was printed in 1956 and we ran about 7,000 copies. At this writing we are running about 30,000 copies. During May, June and July, our publishing secretary conducted a special drive to increase our magazine subscriptions. We are now printing 40,000 copies.

It is very seldom that we have the opportunity to place our finished books on our shelves, unless they are put there for safe keeping until the shipping department can catch up and send them out. We always have a lot of back orders for our books. When we have enough paper we run two shifts a day but still we cannot supply enough books for our colporteurs.

Upon my arrival in 1959, I could see that we needed more equipment. We have so much work for our one linotype machine that we do not have the time to set the type for new books. Our vertical cylinder press that prints all of our colored pictures and covers for our books needed replacing because of its worn-out condition. Our one paper cutter was not able to keep up with trimming all the books and cutting paper for our presses. Because of our steady increase in magazine subscriptions, there was need for a gathering and stitching machine. Our old diesel generator was broken down more than it was running. It was costing us too much money for repairs, besides

the fact that its generating capacity was too low.

We now have a new Heidelberg cylinder press, a new gang stitcher, a new generator and we hope that by year's end we will have a new linotype.

With the Lord's help we look forward to an even bigger publishing program in the future.

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our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory." —*Test.* vol. 7, p. 140.

The publishing family of the Far Eastern Division is convinced that this quotation from the Spirit of Prophecy constitutes a challenge to complete the unfinished task, and at the same time promises the power needed to meet the challenge.

Administrators and employees of the Indonesia Publishing House.



From Police Officer to Literature Evangelist

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him to seek a transfer. But Pastor Zebedeus and he prayed about it and then took several slips of paper, writing "move" on some and "stay" on others. They prayed that the sign of what the Lord wanted him to do would be to draw three slips in a row alike. After fasting and prayer, they mixed up the slips of paper and drew three times. All three slips said "stay." Brother Surodiwirjo followed this advice and in just a short time the superior officer was transferred, and our brother was promoted to his position.

During our recent East Java colporteur institute in Jogja, Brother Surodiwirjo, who has been canvassing part-time for several months, gave a stirring testimony. He has been in the police force for ten years but he finds greater satisfaction in leading souls to Christ. While speaking at the institute, he drew his police credentials and his literature evangelist credentials from his pocket. Holding them both up, he said: "I have determined to give up my police credentials and become a full-time literature evangelist." May the Lord inspire more faithful church members to make this same decision.

W. L. W.

Japan

Literature Evangelists Scatter the Printed Page Among Japan's 93,000,000 People

By V. L. Bretsch, Secretary
Publishing Department

It is always a pleasure to give to our friends in the Far Eastern Division a report of the activities of the publishing department in the Japan Union Mission. However, since I am rather new to these responsibilities, I will confine my report to our more recent endeavors. My family and I find it a real pleasure to work with the ded-

icated literature evangelists in this important field.

In this country with its 93,000,000 people living in an area about the size of the state of California, we have 205 full-and-part-time literature evangelists. During 1960 they delivered 51,702,013 yen (US\$143,589.00) worth of books and magazines to the people of this land. They gave away 194,151 pieces of literature and enrolled 7,676 in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Course. There were 2,948 people who attended church services at the invitation of our colporteurs and 387 former Adventists were contacted and encouraged to come back to the church and again give their hearts to Jesus. Prayers were offered in 24,328 homes and 6,654 individuals enjoyed Bible studies given by our workers. With the Lord's blessing added to all of these activities, 94 precious souls were added to the church.

Accompanying this story is a picture of Brother Yuda which was taken at our union mission institute last February. Michiya Yuda served his country during World War II and he was stationed

with the rest of his army buddies in Siberia. They were caught in a severe snowstorm one night while on maneuvers and as a result he lost the fingers on both of his hands. Later his hands had to be amputated. In 1946, at the age of 24, he was discharged from the army and began wandering in a dark and dismal world with no hope for the future.

While visiting a friend in a sanitarium one day, he met a young Adventist patient who noticed his loneliness and told him about the Saviour. Mr. Yuda was not interested in such topics as love and faith for he had just returned from the battlefield with all of its suffering and woe.

God performed a miracle of grace on Mr. Yuda's heart and he was baptized into the remnant church in 1949. Today he is a happy literature evangelist busy telling others, who are in the same condition as he was once, about Jesus and His power to rebuild torn and tattered lives and Who will one day replace the lost fingers, legs and lives of those who have suffered the consequences of sin.

May God help us, dear friends, who have our fingers, legs and good health to do His work willingly and cheerfully so that we can with Brother Yuda enjoy the reward of eternal life, health and happiness. Pray for our literature ministry in Japan. When we work and pray, pray and work, the Lord will work for us.



V. L. Bretsch



Michiya Yuda



The Japan Publishing House which is located about nine miles from Yokohama.

Japan Publishing House Now Well-Equipped

By V. L. Bretsch*

In order to provide for the growth of the publishing work in Japan, the Publishing House was moved to a new location about nine miles out of Yokohama on a beautifully located plot of ground. This move was made about eleven years ago and the work has been steadily growing ever since. Workers and equipment have been added to the plant as the need has arisen to keep up with the colporteurs in the field.

Fifty faithful and consecrated workers are employed by the Japan Publishing House and during 1960 they helped to produce approximately US\$150,000 worth of truth-filled literature which found its way into the homes and hearts of many. Last year twice as many tracts were printed as were printed in the previous five-year period. At the present time we are working on the book, **Desire of Ages** and also **The Impending Conflict**. We feel that these two books will be a great help in bringing the gospel to the 93,000,000 people of Japan.

In 1955 a 39" automatic offset press was placed in the plant and today about one-half of our production is printed on the offset



**Martin Bird
Manager,
Japan Pub-
lishing House.**

Fifty consecrated workers are employed by the Japan Publishing House and in 1960 they produced US\$150,000 worth of literature.



equipment. Also in 1955, in order to give our magazine program a new look, we doubled the size of our **Signs of the Times** and began to use a four-color cover on the **Signs** each month. We are now printing over 25,000 copies each month. Color printing is playing a big part in the printing field today and we want to have a magazine that compares favorably with other magazines being printed in Japan.

In 1960 a new Japanese automatic folding machine was added to our binding department to help keep production on a high level. The linotype is not adaptable to the Japanese and Chinese languages and so most of our type has been set by hand all through the years.

A photo composing machine has been developed to handle the Japanese characters and we have added this machine to our composing room. The machine gives a photograph copy that can be used to make either offset plates or letterpress plates.

We now have a well-rounded plant that is capable of turning out a good quality of work to keep our 205 colporteurs in the Japan Union Mission busy in the field week by week.

"The press is a powerful instrumentality which God has ordained to be combined with the energies of the living preacher to bring the truth before all nations, kindreds, tongues and people." — **Life Sketches**, p. 217. "The same min-

istry of angels attends the books that contain the truth, as attends the work of the minister." **Test.** vol. 6, p. 316. These words were written 61 years ago but they are just as meaningful and up to date today as they were then. Our workers in our publishing plant count it a privilege to be connected with the Lord's work in this very important department of His vineyard. Please pray that the seed of God's word will be scattered all over the land of Japan in preparation for the harvest that is so soon to come.

*This article was written V. L. Bretsch while Martin Bird, the manager, was on furlough in the States. Ed.

Korea

God's Spirit Doing Great Things Quickly in Korea

By R. C. Thomas, Secretary
Publishing Department

The literature work in Korea is moving forward. We have 90 literature evangelists and the leaders have set as their goal to double the number of workers. Our field is not an easy one in which to sell our literature so our colporteurs must be talented individuals who can make a success of their ministry and stay by the work.

We now have 16 secretaries and assistants in our four missions and God has given us good, capable leaders. Our sales goal for 1961 is 80,000,000 Hwan.

During the time when money was scarce in the city of Seoul, one of our literature evangelists decided to go to the country to canvass. He sold some small books

and magazines in a farm village. He stayed in the area for several days and on the Sabbath he came back to a certain home and had worship with them. One of our faithful laymen followed up the work. The village leader became interested in the truth. I was asked to visit the village on a Sabbath a few weeks later. What a thrill! The people seemed like 300 hungry sheep trying to get into a sheep fold or shed built for 50 to get food. It was a lovely day and so we met outside on a hillside. More than 300 were present. I asked how many had been baptized. The answer came, "None as yet." God's Spirit is doing great things quickly here in Korea. But He needs more workers who will go

Signs of the Times Publishing in Seoul, Korea.



R. C. Thomas

out seeking for these opportunities to give the message. Most of all we need laymen who will step in and follow up the interest.

The publishing department in Korea is optimistic about the future but we need your prayers.

Signs of the Times Publishing House, Korea

By Robert L. Sheldon, Manager

Since 1950 incoming armies have twice removed the equipment of the Signs of the Times Publishing House so that everything in the plant today has been placed there during the past ten years. We now have four presses, a stripcaster, typecaster, and power cutter. The 28 faithful employees are kept busy every minute of the day and many times far into the hours of the night.

The writings of Mrs. E. G. White are the main product of the Publishing House. **Great Controversy**, in two volumes, **Your Home and Health**, **Education and Steps to Christ** are currently available. Some of the other books being sold by the literature evangelists are: **Marked Bible**, **Judy Steps Out**, **Bedtime Stories** and **The Other Side of Death**. Since the Korean conflict thousands of small books and literally millions of tracts have been printed and distributed.

Employees of the Seoul, Korea, Signs of the Times Publishing House. Front row, l to r, E. Yul Kim, editor, Mrs. Theodora Wangerin, former editor and on a visit to Korea, Robert L. Sheldon, manager, and Tai Hyuk Chung, treasurer.



Plans for production this year include the following: **The Way To Christ**, **Christ's Object Lessons** and **Colporteur Ministry**. The Korean **Signs (Sijo)** was given a special boost this past spring and we are now printing almost 20,000 copies each month. This paper has a very good reputation and is well known all over Korea. **The Church Compass** is sent out each month to 4,700 church families and this helps to hold the church together.

For many years the city of Seoul has planned to widen the road in front of our Publishing House. Now final plans have been made and the front section of our building, which we were told would be cut off, has been spared. We are thankful for this for we need every inch of space. Conditions in the factory are very crowded but very soon ground will be broken for an extension that will about double the present floor space. This will make room for paper and book storage and also the installation of an offset department.

The work is growing by leaps and bounds in this small divided country. Each member, from the students to the older members, is actively engaged in lay activities. The literature evangelists are out on the front lines with our literature. We are now counting our baptisms by thousands each year. When the jewels are counted in heaven, the souls won here through the literature ministry will be many.

How and Why I Became a Colporteur

By Kum Sun You

I grew up on a farm and did not have the opportunity to receive a good education. At nineteen years of age I married an unbeliever. I lived in this world without Christ but during the Korean war I found the truth and began to attend church. My husband



Kum Sun You

opposed my religion and persecuted me so much that I finally left him. I then had freedom but to make a living was hard. I tried different kinds of business and sometimes worked in my sister's home. I felt very lonely and at times I was tired of life. My only hope was in God and I lived my life by faith in Him. I found my only comfort in Him.

One day I said to myself, "How can I help in God's work?" It seemed so vain to live such an empty and selfish life. I talked things over with my pastor and he suggested that I become a literature evangelist. So I began canvassing about three years ago.

Robert L. Sheldon



My heart was filled with the desire to bring this message to my family and relatives. I went to Om So Ree, my native village, and started work there. I rented my sister's house for a place in which to worship. The first night, very unexpectedly, 44 people came to hear the message and the next night the number doubled. Eighty-eight people gathered in the room. This gave me courage and my faith was stronger than ever before. I invited one of our pastors to come and teach the Bible to these hungry souls. Soon 120 people came and we organized a Sabbath school. Leaders from other churches were invited to come each Sabbath to speak to the people. At first the mission promised to pay the transportation expenses for one person but due to the lack of funds that promise was not always kept. For one year I paid the expenses for two

leaders and myself to go to this Sabbath school. I did this from the profits from my canvassing. If there was no money, we walked a distance of 34 miles. When I saw those hungry souls so anxious to learn the Bible truths, the pain and sacrifice were forgotten. The place where we met grew too small so we pitched a tent which was old and torn. When it rained we got wet. Even during the winter, we worshiped there though we trembled from the cold. This all made me feel very sad so I prayed to the Lord for a church building.

We received a little help from the headquarter's church but it was impossible to finish the building with such a small amount of money. We visited the church members personally and pleaded for funds for our building. Then Pastor Thomas visited our church and sympathized with us and he

gave us money enough to finish the building.

We now have 150 Sabbath school members and 20 of these have been baptized. We are also operating a church school.

The light from the torch of truth at Om So Ree has reached out to We Kok Lee where we now have a branch Sabbath school. At We Kok Lee the influential men of the village gave us a hall in which our folks could meet and they also gave us 10,800 square feet of land on which to build a church building. One of the rich men in the village said, "If the mission will send a worker to our village, I'll supply all of his needs." This Sabbath school has a membership of 60 adults and 50 children. The folks who have clung to superstition now see the true light and they are coming into our marvelous truth. We ask you to pray for us.

North Philippines

Three Hundred Literature Evangelists Sell More Than Half a Million Pesos' Worth of Literature

By R. A. VanArsdell,*
Publishing Secretary

God has greatly blessed our large army of literature evangelists here in the North Philippine Union Mission. Our deliveries for the last several years have increased each year. Our approximately 300 literature evangelists are divided into two groups—200 sell books and 100 sell our beautiful magazine. Our magazine deliveries account for a little more than 25 percent of our total deliveries. During 1960 our total deliveries amounted to P500,745.00. Our literature evangelists have reported 285 souls baptized during the past three years as a result of their work.

In our five missions, there are 17 publishing department secretaries and assistants who are constantly recruiting new literature evangelists and at the same time training the literature evangelists

under their direction. To help in the work of our Book and Periodical Agencies, there are nine B&PA managers and assistants. Our Publishing House is kept constantly busy printing literature for distribution throughout the Union Mission.

Here is a soul-winning experience two of our literature evangelists had recently:

Colporteurs Ricardo Alinsod and Jose Melgar from the South Central Luzon Mission were commissioned to go to Abra de Ilog, Occidental Mindoro. Their boat arrived there about dark. They knew there were some Adventists on the island but they did not know where they lived. They went to the police station and inquired the way to the residence of a Seventh-day Adventist. They were directed to the home of the local

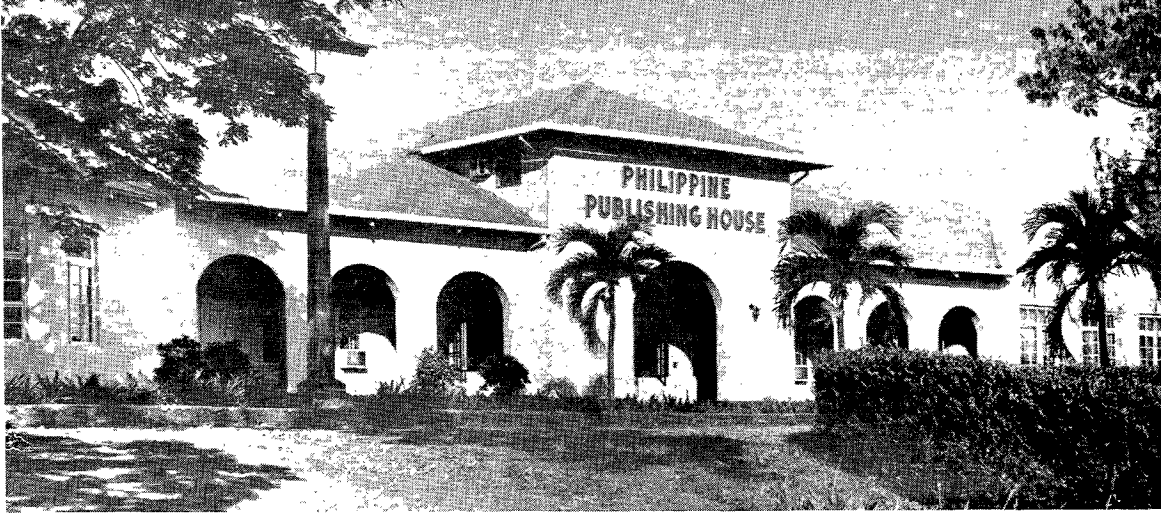
elder. This man runs a "sari-sari" (general) store. The local elder was most happy to see our colporteurs and freely granted them permission to live in his home. While they were eating supper, the elder told our colporteurs about the condition of the little group of Adventists—there were only eleven in Abra de Ilog.

A Protestant group known as "Christ Is the Answer" (Pentecostal) was trying to convince some of our members that they should not keep Saturday and that the death of Christ had abolished the Law. Because our members

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R. A. VanArsdell



The Philippine Publishing House serves both the North and South Philippines with representatives from both of the union missions on the board of directors. Here literature is published in more than 14 languages.

Philippine Publishing House

By H. W. Bedwell, Acting Manager

For the past decade an army of literature evangelists numbering 400 and more has been going into the highways and byways of the Philippines. The thousands of pages of literature thus distributed have kept a group of more than 40 publishing house workers busy printing health and religious literature. During the period from 1947 to 1960, the Philippine Publishing House has sold 1,355,178 colporteur books. Most of these have been printed and bound in the Philippines. A few have been imported as signatures and bound in



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the Philippines. This total does not include the finished books that have been imported and sold. The total net sales of the Philippine Publishing House from 1947 to 1960 is slightly over 8,000,000 pesos!

It will be of interest to notice that literature has been printed in as many as 15 languages and dialects. However, the major portion of the printing is done in English and four dialects, namely Tagalog, Ilocano, Cebuano and Panayan. In the mid-fifties a journal was started. Today it has grown into a monthly health journal of large size with thirty-six pages printed in English and a monthly printing of 25,000 copies.

The large corps of workers at the Philippine Publishing House who are responsible for the printing and publishing of literature in many languages. T. A. Davis, editor, is seated fifth from the right in the front row.



Early in the fifties, rehabilitation dollars ceased to flow so freely into the Philippines. Then there arose import and export regulations with increased taxes and duties on imported goods. With less money and higher prices the sale of literature slowed down somewhat. But still the faithful literature evangelists kept selling the gospel literature. Then printing equipment began to wear out and needed repairing.

Once again the Rehabilitation Committee of the publishing houses in America provided funds to help us modernize the printing equipment. E. A. Pender was called to Manila and he directed in this important phase of the improvement of the plant. With local publishing house funds added to what was granted from America, many needed improvements were made. The building was remodeled to provide additional space. A large storeroom was built for stock.

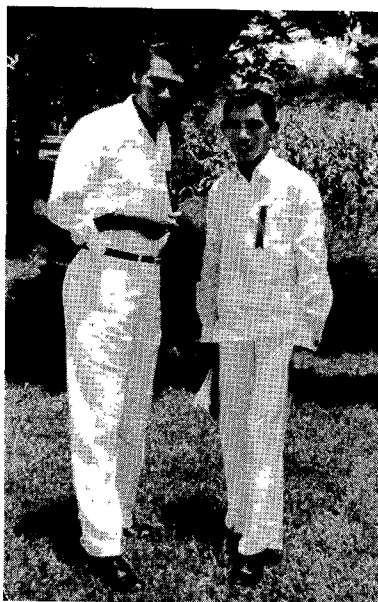
Two offset presses, new, fast and automatic, were obtained. All the necessary equipment for the photo, engraving, and plate-making departments was installed. Workers were given new and intensive instruction and training in the new offset procedures. Now all of these changes are manifest in the new appearance of our journal and books. About a year ago, T. A. Davis joined the publishing house as the editor-in-chief. With his experience and with the new equipment, we are looking forward to a busy and expanding program of work. The Philippine Publishing House and its staff of faithful workers have dedicated themselves to help finish the work by providing Christian literature for these last days.

Three Hundred Literature Evangelists Sell More Than Half a Million Pesos' Worth of Literature

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had no shepherd and had only recently been brought into the truth, some of them were about to believe the Pentecostal people and unite with them.

Upon hearing this, our colporteurs, together with the local elder, started out that night to visit our church members. They were asked many questions about the Ten Commandments. Our colporteurs decided that they ought to hold a series of revival meetings.



Jose Melgar (left) and Ricardo Alinsod

The next day they went to the mayor and obtained permission to hold public meetings in the town. Since they had no building in which to hold the meetings, they conducted them on the street in front of our brother's "sari-sari" store.

The Catholic church was just a few doors up the street and they, too, were conducting a series of revival meetings. The Pentecostal church was also only a few doors away in the other direction from the store and they were in the midst of a series of evangelistic meetings. Our colporteurs did not want to give offense to anyone so they set the time of their meeting after the other meetings had been dismissed. Even though this made the Adventist meeting start very late, the people from both the Catholic and the Pentecostal churches came to hear our colporteurs. So the attendance at our colporteur's meetings was greatly expanded over what it would have been if they had tried to hold their meeting at an earlier time.

Our colporteurs did not neglect their canvassing. Due to the fact that their meetings started late, they were able to get in long hours selling our books. Since this town was very small, they went to canvass eleven or more kilometers from their headquarters. A jeepney left the place where they were canvassing for their headquarters

about seven o'clock each night. If they missed this jeepney, they had to walk the eleven kilometers. Sometimes they had to do this.

The colporteurs began their meetings by speaking on the subject, "The Ten Commandments." Jose Melgar was the preacher and Ricardo Alinsod was the singing evangelist. At the conclusion of the three-week series of meetings, twenty people were convinced of the truth. In addition to these, all of our members were greatly strengthened in the message and remained faithful to the teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

On May 5 last year the president of the South-Central Luzon Mission went to this island and baptized nine from the Mangyan tribe and eleven from the Tagalog tribe. These were the fruits of the evangelistic meetings held by our two colporteurs. Colporteurs Alinsod and Melgar continued their work on the island of Occidental Mindoro for four months and sold more than P1,400.00 worth of our good books, **Light for Today**, **Steps to Christ** and **Guardian of Health**. These books are sold in sets, never separately.

Our colporteurs like to sow beside all waters. During our last union mission institute our home missionary department furnished them with 300 bundles of literature, each containing copies of the **Review and Herald**, **Youth's Instructor**, **Life and Health**, **Signs of the Times**, and **Junior Guides**. I wish our readers could have been on hand to see how eagerly our colporteurs reached for these precious packages. Three hundred bundles were not near enough but they were thankful to have that much literature to distribute as they canvassed in their territory.

We thank God for His continued blessings upon our faithful colporteurs. We are sure that as a result of their diligent efforts many will be saved in Christ's wonderful kingdom.

Note: Since this report was prepared, Pastor Van Arsdell has accepted a call to the South China Island Union Mission and Pastor John T. Mason has been appointed by the General Conference to serve as the publishing secretary of the North Philippine Union Mission. Ed.

South China Island

Literature Ministry in SCIUM

By E. L. Longway, President

The South China Island Union Mission has the distinction of being the smallest union mission in the Far Eastern Division and the latest to come under the loving ministration of the Division officers and departmental secretaries. It also has the distinction of having a Publishing House without a regular publishing plant. For some years it has struggled along with an Editorial and Translation Committee composed of one person, Pastor James K. Tsao, and his faithful work has done much to prove the truth of the statement that a one-man committee functions with more efficiency than one with many members with conflicting ideas and aims.

During the seven years that we have been an integral part of the Far Eastern Division, it has been only during the past two years that we have enjoyed the luxury of a regularly appointed secretary for the publishing department. Pastor R. M. Milne has faithfully served in this capacity the past two years. Prior to that, the writer of this article attempted to "carry" the work of the department along with the various other responsibilities. Now that Pastor and Mrs. Milne are being called back to Thailand, we welcome the appointment of Pastor and Mrs. R. A. VanArsdell to SCIUM to give their undivided attention to the development of the literature ministry.

Two small school presses, one at the South China Training Institute, and the other at the Taiwan Training Institute, while not recognized by the powers that be as worthy of the dignity of being labeled "Publishing Houses," have contributed greatly to what has been accomplished in the publishing of our literature in this union mission during the past few years. Each plant employs a full-time superintendent, a few full-time technicians, and provides student labor for from twelve to twenty students each year, as the volume of work may demand. With better facilities and larger physical plants

both of these small institutions could be of greater aid in forwarding the publishing work in this needy field. Aside from our own efforts to this end, we have greatly appreciated the generous help of the Far Eastern Division that made it possible to add new sets of type matrices and automatic typesetters so that in both of these plants all printing is done from new type.



E. L. Longway

Church literature published regularly on schedule includes our Chinese church paper, "The Last Day Shepherd's Call," which month by month reaches to Australia, France, the United States, Malaya, the Philippines and other parts of the Far East. Some years ago, under the enthusiastic leadership of Pastor Handel Luke and Mrs. D. M. Barnett, the monthly journals named "Little Friend" and "Youth's Companion" were launched and have continued their ministry to our children and youth up to this time. All of the Sabbath school literature, including several denominations of Sabbath school lessons, "The Worker," and the "Missions Quarterly" are printed at the Taiwan Training Institute Press. All have been a

source of blessing to the entire church.

During the past seven years the following Spirit of Prophecy books have been published in the South China Island Union Mission in the Chinese language: "Gospel Workers," "Desire of Ages," "Great Controversy," "Patriarchs and Prophets," "Christ Object Lessons," "Counsels on Sabbath School Work," "Sons and Daughters of God," "My Life Today," "The Faith I Live By," and a compilation of brief selections from Sister White's writings on the tithing question. Currently in process of publication are the following books: "With God at Dawn," "Messages to Young People," and "The Adventist Home." One small book, a selection of stories from "Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories," has run through three editions with a total of 30,000 copies. The new series of Bible Textbooks is also under process of translation and publication with books for grades 1-4 and 9-10 already in print, and grades 5-6 is to be published this year. The text for grades 7-8 has been translated and awaits editorial work.

Our editorial staff has expanded and now includes Pastor James K. Tsao, editor-in-chief, Pastor C. I. Meng, Brother C. H. Kao, Brother Edwin Lee, with Sister James Tsao as proof reader. Pastor Handel Luke and Mrs. D. M. Barnett assist with the Sabbath school and children's and youth publications, and the writer of this article serves as one of the contributing editors to our church paper, "The Last Day Shepherd's Call."

A small nucleus of experienced and faithful colporteurs has been trained in Taiwan and Hong Kong and with the arrival of Pastor VanArsdell we anticipate further and rapid growth in the field of the literature ministry in the South China Island Union Mission.

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Who will go forth now with our publications? The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will cooperate with divine power."

—Vol. 6, p. 332.

Southeast Asia

Literature Scattered - Souls Gathered

By John Bernet,
Publishing Secretary

This year, 1961, has seen the laying of some far-reaching publishing plans that will blossom into real progress in the Southeast Asia Union Mission.

At the year-end meetings last December, the delegates voted two very important items. The first was the Leadership Expansion Plan which will provide adequate leadership for any additional colporteurs throughout the entire

unparalleled opportunities for the sale of our literature. For a number of years this mission has not had a publishing secretary. We are happy to report that Pastor K. S. Wong has now been appointed to this office and he will give his full time to this work. Already he is leading out in a strong way.

The brethren in Vietnam will soon begin to publish a health and religious magazine. With this magazine they feel that they will be able to more quickly give the message to the multitudes in their field. One Vietnamese government official recently said, "Your press prints the best looking books in the whole Republic."

The Malayan Signs Press has just published a medical book in the Malay which is selling very well. In only four months' time one-half of the edition has been sold. A religious book containing our doctrines accompanies each book sold. The Minister of Health in Kuala Lumpur bought a copy for his personal use and gave Colporteur Walean a very fine recommendation.

At this writing, the records for the Union Mission show a US\$ 30,000.00 increase in sales for the first six months and 46 converts have been baptized. Our motto is: "The more literature going out, the more souls will come in."

Signs abound which show that we are living in a very late period of this world's history. Won't you join the growing bookmen's army and work for God while a little time still remains?

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All who consecrate themselves to God to work as canvassers are assisting to give the last message of warning to the world. . . . Were it not for the efforts of the canvasser, many would never hear the warning. —Colporteur Evangelist.

Malayan Signs Press

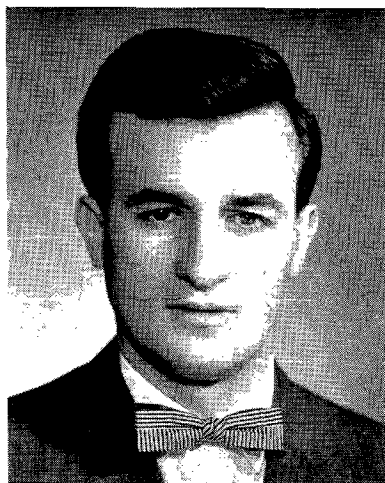
By S. H. Lim, Treasurer

Sited on the island of Singapore is our major publishing house in the Southeast Asia Union Mission. By virtue of its location, this island is favourably placed to serve the people of this region. We are placed in this part of the world to proclaim this everlasting gospel through our literature ministry.

Established in the year 1919, our publishing house has grown and prospered. The most opportune time to go into retrospect and to note the landmarks along the way is at the turn of the decade. This brief review will tell of our activities during the years 1951-1960. The yardstick of our progress is what we have accomplished and achieved. Going through our records, we find that the sales of our literature have steadily mounted with the years, and a comparison made at the end of 1960 reveals that they have trebled in value. We print in three main languages—English, Chinese and Malay. Where we do not print in the language of the people, we resort to direct importation. Hence we have recently imported great quantities of books from Poona, India, for the Indian-speaking section of the population. The Japan Publishing House, the Norwegian Publishing House and the French Publishing House have similarly received orders from us. We are the clearing house for the Southeast Union Mission through which a stream of literature has been channeled to all sections of the field and flooded the entire area—it will soon become a torrent!

Taking a look at the tools with which we have produced this literature, we find that we have lately added to our equipment a new intertype, a Heidelberg cylinder press, a Polar cutter, a book smasher and a back rounder. This addition to our plant and machinery has been made possible through the generosity of the General Conference Publishing and Rehabilitation Committee and through some of our own earnings. Choo Yau Fong, our manager, believes in an efficient staff working with efficient tools to turn out the best products in literature.

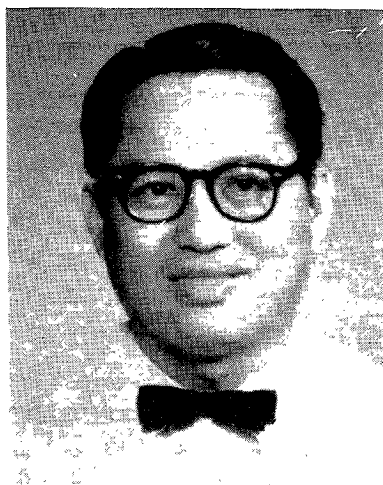
A survey of this nature is not complete without reference to our prime publication, the **Chinese Signs of the Times**. The Chinese



John Bernet

union mission. Two missions, Malaya and Vietnam, have already realized tremendous results from this plan. They will soon each have an assistant publishing secretary to help train the many new recruits.

The union mission committee also voted to use a part of the thirteenth Sabbath overflow offering which is coming to the Far Eastern Division the fourth quarter of this year to build a publishing house in Bangkok. The architect is now drawing up the plans for the same. Construction will begin about November 1. Thailand with its 25,000,000 people offers

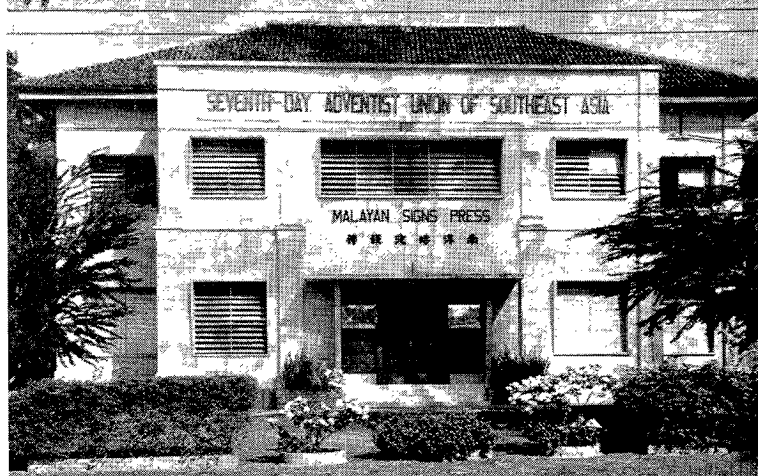


**Y. F. Choo, Manager of the
Malayan Signs Press**

Signs, as we fondly refer to this periodical, represents our sustained effort to win the hearts of our Chinese friends to the message for these times. A thirty-six-page journal, it preaches to each home into which it is accepted an average of five sermons each month, silently but powerfully. Many doors have been closed to it but notwithstanding these setbacks we have faith in its continuous publication. The Lord is with us. Gleaning through a yearbook surveying locally printed periodicals, we find that we are favourably placed and our circulation figure is at par with many other magazines that usually pander to popular mass appeal by exhibiting on the printed page the goods and wares that are found in the shop windows, the theatres, and the places of amusement along the broad road that leads to destruction.

You are rich and increased in goods and wealth, we hear you say, but what about the things of intrinsic and eternal value? We have no yardstick to go by but as we labour and toil we find comfort in the words taken from **Testimonies** vol. 7, page 144: "Our publishing houses are God's appointed centers and through them is to be accomplished a work the magnitude of which is yet unrealized."

We solicit your prayers that we may do an even greater work and hasten the coming of the Lord.

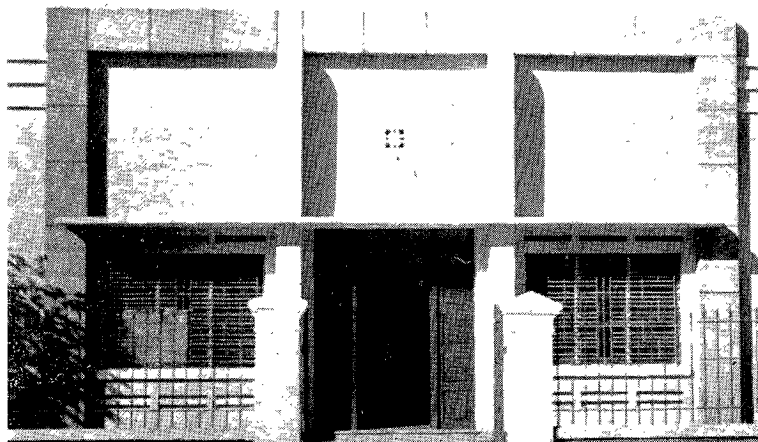


Southeast Asia Union Mission's largest publishing house, Malayan Signs Press, located in Singapore. Here literature is published in three languages, English, Chinese and Malay.



Malayan Signs Press employees. Seated in the center, 1 to r, S. H. Lim, treasurer, Y. F. Choo, manager, and Samuel Tsai, editor.

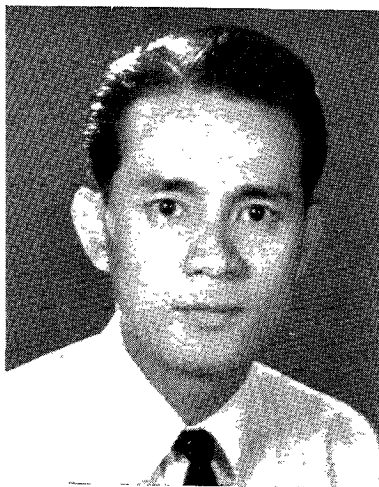
The Vietnam Signs Press located in Saigon, Vietnam, publishes literature for the millions of Vietnamese.



Vietnam Signs Press Produces "The Best Books"

By Le Cong Giao, Manager

The Vietnam Signs Press has just celebrated its 20th anniversary. As we look back on its history, we see many reasons for being thankful to our gracious Lord for His manifold blessings upon



Le Cong Giao

this publishing house. The Lord must have foreseen twenty years ago that in order to bring His message to the millions in Vietnam we must have the printed page for that would be the most effective means. So we started in a very small way with only a job press, a cutter and with two laborers. The Vietnam Signs Press has now grown to a full scale publishing house with modern machinery.

Our thanks to the General Conference and the Far Eastern Division for the liberal appropriations received which made it possible to equip the Vietnam Signs Press with better equipment and thus make it possible to meet the urgent needs for literature. Since 1955, we have installed one cylinder press, one Miehle vertical press, one new cutter, a gold stamping press, an automatic folding machine, a book sewing machine, galley cabinets and furniture cabinets, etc.

With this newly-added machinery, the press is now able to produce literature faster and of a better quality to meet the growing demand. The books printed and

published by the Vietnam Signs Press are considered the best in Vietnam. One government official said, "The Adventists are putting out the nicest books." Many of our customers often think that the books they are buying have come either from France or America. We are proud of the fact that our books are highly commended and well received by the people. This fine product is possible because we have good equipment.

Though the Vietnam Signs Press is still a small institution compared with sister publishing houses in the Far East, yet it has contributed effectively to the evangelizing of Vietnam. The time is short and we do not know how long it will be before probation will close. There are still millions in Vietnam who have not heard or read God's last message to this world. Let us pray that God will continue to bless this publishing house to the end that many souls may receive His warning before it is too late.

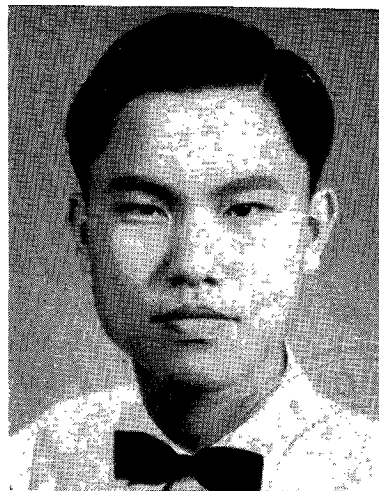
The Chinese "Signs" in a Catholic High School Library

Our magazines play a prominent part in winning souls to Christ and in preparing them for heaven. Ee Teck Ee, formerly a student in a Catholic high school in Singapore, received his first knowledge of our message through the **Chinese Signs of the Times**.

Some faithful colporteur sold a subscription to the school for the library. Every month, Brother Ee eagerly looked forward to the arrival of the friendly **Signs**. As he read its contents, the Holy Spirit brought conviction to his hungry soul. One day he noticed the Bible correspondence course advertisement on the back page and immediately he seized this another opportunity to learn more about God.

At the right moment, the folks in the VOP school sent someone to reap the good interest. A baptism resulted and a soul was born into God's kingdom.

After his conversion, Ee Teck Ee attended Southeast Asia Union College where he graduated with distinction. He had been such a good student that the Board asked him to join the faculty. At the present time, he is taking advanced training at Australasian Missionary College. He plans to return to



Ee Teck Ee

Singapore to help prepare his fellow young people for greater service in God's vineyard.

Brother Ee received his first knowledge of the truth from our literature. Every year many have this same experience. The Lord is calling others to share their faith by selling our **Chinese Signs of the Times** and other truth-filled literature. I wonder, could it be that He is also calling you?—J. B.

Cover Story

115,000,000 pages of gospel literature! What a tremendous amount of seed sowing this is!

You may ask How long did it take to deliver that much literature? Ten years, five years, or perhaps by hard work three years. We are happy to report to you that this outstanding accomplishment was achieved in one year, 1960, by our more than 1,200 faithful literature evangelists.

In the process of delivering these 115,000,000 pages of literature our literature evangelists preached over 4,330,000 sermonettes through their canvasses. To those who did not buy literature, 325,031 free tracts were given and 33,875 persons were enrolled in the Bible Correspondence course. During the course of these contacts, 13,581 Bible studies were given by our literature evangelists and 453 persons were baptized as a result of our literature evangelists' contacts.

The cover picture was taken in front of the Malayan Signs Press in Singapore where the **Far Eastern Division Outlook** is printed each month.

South Philippines

Our Literature Evangelists' Correspondence School

By A. N. Santiago, Secretary
Publishing Department

"... certainly this is the day that we looked for; we have found, we have seen it. The Lord hath done that which he had devised; he hath fulfilled his word that he had commanded in the days of old; . . ."—Lamentations 2:16, 17.

During the year 1960, our publishing work in the South Philippine Union Mission has shown a steady increase. The front lines composed of the following missions with their corresponding number of literature evangelists are as follows:



A. N. Santiago

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West Visayan	42
Southern Mindanao	54
Northern Mindanao	42
Western Mindanao	48

In each local mission the publishing work is cared for by our energetic local mission publishing secretaries and their assistants. As a result we last year placed in the homes of the people in this union mission P309,657.90 worth of books and magazines and 115 souls were baptized as a result of the literature ministry. This is a gain of P35,291.76 over sales in 1959 and a gain of 39 souls baptized. As this

article goes to press we have already worked eight months in 1961. We are glad to report that the literature work is going well throughout the field. As a whole the union mission from January to August has already sold books and magazines to the amount of a gain of P11,683.43 over that of last year. If things continue to run smoothly, every mission ought to show a big gain because of the student program this summer.

The most outstanding project carried on in our union mission to bolster the recruiting program is the literature evangelist correspondence school. This is the first year of its operation under the leadership of our local secretaries. All are writing of the good enrollments they have received from the city churches, academies and especially Mountain View College. Just recently we graduated 76 students from this correspondence school at Mountain View College, most of whom are ministerial students. As this is written they are all in the field canvassing. To facilitate close supervision and success, we have grouped them into five groups under a student leader, distributing them to our five missions. One group reports that in one week's time they have taken P8,000.00 worth of orders. At this rate we are confident that there is a bright future for our publishing work.

To foster strong leadership in the field, we have this year conducted a publishing secretaries' and B&PA managers' seminar in the City of Cebu under the leadership of Pastor E. A. Brodeur, our Division publishing secretary. All of the secretaries and B&PA managers and their assistants were greatly encouraged and returned to their respective fields with the inspiration to let the light of truth shine even more brightly. During the Sabbath worship hour at the close of the seminar, all of the

leaders in our publishing work pledged to enter into the tasks and opportunities of the new year with renewed dedication to our Saviour.

The Importance of the Canvassing Work

By T. R. Rojas,
Publishing Secretary
Northern Mindanao Mission

The servant of the Lord, Mrs. Ellen G. White, who wrote many books and also many articles in the various publications for the guidance of God's people, often commented on the various aspects of the work of God. In one of her writings she mentioned the publishing work and made this strong statement as found in volume seven of the **Testimonies**: "Our publishing work was established by the direction of God and under His special supervision."

The work which is directed by men may go into bankruptcy and may perish but the work which is directed by God, such as the publishing and canvassing work, will continue to grow until probation closes. People may oppose the work and persecute those engaged in it but we have the assurance of victory. The One who is behind this work has always been victorious in spiritual warfare, even to the gaining of the victory over sin for the entire world.

As we look into the records of our publishing work, we find tremendous accomplishments by our faithful canvassers through the means of truth-filled literature distributed to the homes of the people. Churches have been raised up in places where ministers could scarcely enter. Lives have been saved from committing suicide, and backsliders have been brought back into the fold because of the timely visit of one of our colporteurs. The messages of hope and comfort which they find in our books and magazines have influenced men and women to keep the law of God and to accept Christ as their Saviour. What would have happened to these precious souls had it not been for the humble efforts put forth by our literature evangelists? They would have been eternally lost. The Lord saw the importance of this work in bringing salvation to humanity. He knows that there are prejudiced people who can

only be won to the truth through the reading of our books and magazines. Mrs. White said that the living preacher and the silent messengers (our literature) are both required for the accomplishment of the great work before us.

While it is true that it is the work of the colporteur to prepare people for the coming kingdom, let us not forget the fact that he himself is being prepared to meet his God. He develops a character which will fit him for heaven. Yes, canvassing is the best training ground for our youth who want to serve God and humanity in this life and be prepared for the life to come. Angels of God are commissioned to go forth with those who take up this work in true humility. Sad to say, very few are engaged in this work now. Where are our young people working? Let us join the colporteur work now before it is forever too late. Listen to these words from the pen of Mrs. E. G. White: "God calls upon His people to act like living men, and not be indolent, sluggish, and indifferent. We must carry the publications to the people and urge them to accept."—**Southern Watchman**, April 25, 1905.

Soul-winning Adventures

By E. N. Dicen,
Publishing Secretary
Southern Mindanao Mission

"Our publications are now sowing the gospel seed and are instrumental in bringing as many souls to Christ as the preached word. Whole churches have been raised up as a result of their circulation."—**Review and Herald**, June 10, 1880.

After the general meeting held in Digos, Davao, in 1959, we conducted our colporteur institute because of the many new recruits during the general meeting. Following the institute, we assigned four of our new recruits to Compostela in the northern part of Davao. Arriving late in the evening and not knowing anyone in that place, they asked the townsfolk if there were any "Sabadistas" living there. They were told that there were no Sabbath keepers in that place but about seven kilometers away in the barrio of Bantakan was a group of people who went to church on Saturdays. Very early the next morning the colporteurs went to Bantakan only

to find that the people were not Seventh-day Adventists but Church of God members. Moreover they did not know of any Seventh-day Adventists. With a prayer in their hearts, our colporteurs began canvassing and at the same time they prayed that the Lord would lead them to a home where they could stay and feel at home. While canvassing in the outskirts of that barrio later in the day, they came to the home of an Adventist family. This family was very happy to see the colporteurs for they had not seen any of like faith since moving to this barrio. They were 20 kilometers from the nearest Adventist church. Although strangers, the colporteurs were received as if they had been long-lost brothers. That week they contacted nine Adventist families. These families had all come from different areas to acquire land and so did not know each other. On the first Sabbath these colporteurs spent in Bantakan a Sabbath school was organized. Meetings were held and later a church was built in the center of the barrio. This building was dedicated in December of 1959 and today there are 30 members worshiping there and waiting for Jesus to come.

In the early part of 1960 two of our lady colporteurs were assigned to the town of Isulan, Central Cotabato. As they canvassed in the barrio of Laguilayan, they found a group of people interested in our message because they had read the book **Great Controversy**. It was not possible to ascertain who had sold this book to them but without doubt it was one of our colporteurs working in that area in previous years. The colporteurs gave them Bible studies and encouraged them to attend our church in Kangkong, about five kilometers away. All attended that church the following Sabbath and the church elder was urged to follow up the interest. But because of the distance to go not much follow-up work was done. Then, too, these people were Ilocanos and could not understand the folks at Kangkong, so they lost interest in going to church. Our lady colporteurs became aware of this and returned to the barrio to continue giving Bible studies. To keep our colporteurs from leaving them, the people bought many books. The

work progressed and a church was built so that they could hold meetings regularly. Later our Ilocano minister, Pastor S. A. Ramel, went there to conduct a baptism. The 15 baptized and active members are now seeking to help others to find the truth.

In the early part of this year, a new recruit, Brother Bernardo Ebdao, canvassed in Macangao, a big barrio in the town of Lupon, in eastern Davao.

One day while canvassing in that barrio, he came to the home of a Iglesia ni Kristo family. Recognizing that they were religious people, he showed them the book **Great Controversy**. Objections were strong and arguments ensued which could have led to a hot debate. Our brother knew that he could not win the debate and at the same time sell the customer a book. He handled the situation wisely and showed them another book, **The Other Side of Death**. They parted as friends and a week later he met these folks again. Brother Ebdao was invited to their home to teach them our truths. The man became interested and Brother Ebdao invited him to attend our Sabbath services. He and his wife also attended the Wednesday night prayer meeting. Since then this family has attended the church services regularly. They are paying a faithful tithe and giving liberal offerings. They are preparing for baptism.

After working in Macangao, Brother Ebdao moved to Pantukan, the next town. He now lives in the barrio of Pintatagan with his family. It was here that he came in contact with several backslidden Adventists. This presented a great challenge to him so he used his time wisely. He canvassed during the day and held revival meetings at night. The Lord blessed him. The brethren were won back to the message and new interests were created. A Sabbath school was organized and the house in which they met soon became too small. A chapel was built. Ten souls were baptized and more are being prepared for baptism.

These are but a few of the many soul-winning adventures of our self-sacrificing colporteurs. Many in the Southern Mindanao Mission are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be garnered in. We must go to them and win them for the Master through the literature way.

Evangelism

Djakarta (Java) Evangelistic Center

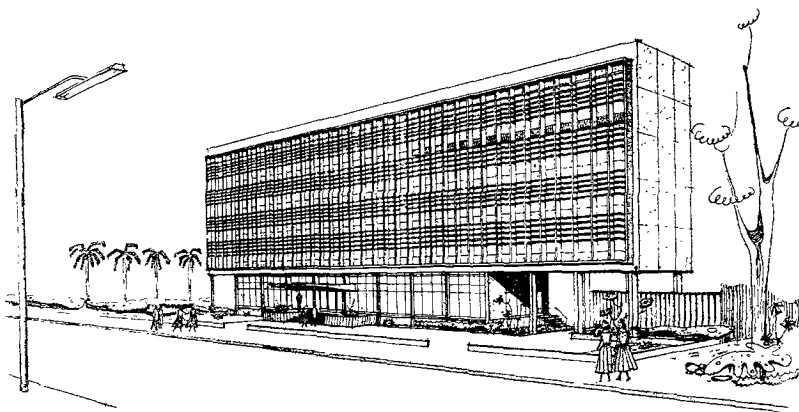
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During the past ten years we have been working toward developing a number of evangelistic centers, especially in the larger cities of the Orient. Thus far we have four centers operating. There are three others that we have been talking about, hoping and planning for.

One of these new centers is to be located in the populous city of Djakarta, Java, with somewhere between three and four million people. We have had one central church in the city for many years, and during more recent years a total of ten churches and one thousand Seventh-day Adventists have developed in Greater Djakarta. However, through the years we have been hampered in our evangelistic program in the city of Djakarta in that there are no large halls or auditoriums available for public meetings; and, secondly, we do not have a representative building in a good location of the city where we can attract others besides our own people.

Three years ago an overseas evangelist was called for Indonesia, with the intent that he would be located in Djakarta and give his time to large city evangelism. This call resulted in the coming of Paster C. L. Shankel and family to Indonesia just over two years ago. Since arriving much of his time has been spent searching for a suitable location in the city of Djakarta.

At the Division Council two years ago, when we were discussing the projects for the 1961 Sabbath School Overflow, this center was designated as the recipient of half of the overflow that would come to our Division. During the past two years a continuous search has been going on for land on which to construct such a center. It was utterly out of the question to find a building already built. Naturally, it was the desire of the brethren to find a central and appropriate location. Most of the



Proposed five-storey Djakarta Evangelistic Center with a main auditorium seating twelve hundred people.

land that has been available for purchase during these past two years has been land that would cost upwards of US\$50,000.00 for just the land, and that seemed to be a lot of money to pay for the land alone. Now for the past couple of years the Indonesia Government has been projecting a large suburb outside of the city, and between that suburb and the city proper they are constructing a large stadium and buildings for the Asian Games, which are to be held in 1962. Proceeding from the city out to the Asian Games area of this fashionable suburb is a dual-lane highway, with sidewalks and extra drives for bicycles and smaller passenger vehicles.

On this splendid highway are to be erected some of the finest buildings in Djakarta, including a fourteen storey hotel. Repeatedly the brethren tried to approach the Government Land Office in regard to the availability of government land. No less than five different times they tried to contact one certain individual in the Government Land Office, and were never able to make the contact. Then suddenly, early this year, when some of the brethren were in his office, the man came in, and they had an interview. Within a matter of an hour, other men who were vital to a decision on such a project walked in at just the right time, and it resulted in our receiving a cable at the Division Office:

**"AGREEMENT SIGNED
GOVERNMENT ASSIGNING
FINEST LOCATION EVAN-
GELISTIC CENTER"**

The government has offered to us three lots, with a total frontage of 240 ft. on this dual-lane highway, right in the midst of these other large important buildings. This land was offered at a very small yearly rental and on a long-term lease. Naturally, there are some building restrictions, but not impossible and not below what we would want to build as a suitable evangelistic center. There are other denominational interests and activities that will be brought into the center later on, but in the main it is to be an evangelistic center.

One of the stipulations is that this building must be partially constructed by August of next year, and hence we are anxious to get into a building program just as fast as possible. It took us ten years to realize one other evangelistic center that we have built in this Division, and there is no desire on our part to take as long to get this one under way. Plans have been approved by the Division and the General Conference, and the Indonesia Union brethren are working hard on a construction schedule, and they hope to have the required amount of building completed by the time the Asian Games begin next August.

Our leaders in the Indonesia Union Mission firmly believe that God has led in the securing of this fine location for the Center. We do earnestly plead for a liberal offering on the thirteenth Sabbath when our Division will benefit from the overflow so that we can build this evangelistic center in one of our largest cities of the Orient.

NEWS FROM HERE & THERE

● Miss Leeta Hemme has returned to Bandung, Java, following her furlough in the States, and entered upon her duties as elementary teacher. This is Miss Hemme's third term of service in the Far Eastern Division.

● Pastor and Mrs. Gilbert J. Bertocchini and their two children have returned to Hong Kong after enjoying their first furlough in the homeland. Pastor Bertocchini is the home missionary secretary in the South China Island Union Mission. While on furlough he studied at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

● Mr. and Mrs. Daniel H. Peckham and son of Enterprise, Kansas, have arrived in Seoul, Korea, and Brother Peckham has taken up his duties as treasurer of the Korean Union Mission.

● Pastor and Mrs. Cecil A. Williams and their three children are now "at home" again in Seoul, Korea, where Pastor Williams serves as home missionary and public relations secretary. The Williams have served for ten years in Korea. They furloughed in the States during 1960.

● Dr. and Mrs. Jess C. Holm and their two children have returned to Bandung, Java, after an absence of several years during which time Dr. Holm completed a residency in surgery. He has again joined the staff of the Bandung Mission Hospital as chief surgeon.

● Dr. and Mrs. Walter Bozak and daughter Barbara are now located in Agana, Guam, the Doctor having responded to a call for a second doctor for the Far Eastern Island Mission Clinic. The arrival of Dr. Bozak made it possible for Dr. and Mrs. Robert F. Gloor and family to take a well-deserved vacation. They are at present visiting a number of our Division medical centers.

● Miss Alta E. Philo, responding to a call for an elementary teacher for our school in Seoul, Korea, arrived in Korea early in August.

● Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bohner, Jr., and sons John and Mark have joined our overseas personnel in the Far Eastern Island Mission.

Brother Bohner is the treasurer of the mission, including the academy and medical clinic. Mrs. Bohner is a member of the faculty of the Far Eastern Island Academy. The Bohners are not new recruits for they served on the faculty of the Far Eastern Academy in Singapore for a term. More recently they have been on the faculty of the Cedar Lake Academy in Michigan.

● Pastor C. H. Davis recently sent the following report to our Division office: "There have been 2,100 baptisms to-date and we have three months' of baptizing weather yet to go. There has been an increase of 14,249 in our Sabbath school membership for the first six months of 1961. The Central Korean Mission has built and bought 42 churches. The other missions have built a total of 37 churches, making a total of 79 new churches to-date this year. That seems like a lot but to keep pace with our growth we should be building twice that many each year. In 1962 we should plan on building at least 100 new churches in Korea."

● A strong program of evangelism for the VOP students in the Singapore area is being launched at the new Youth Center at the Balestier Road church. There will be a planned program for each Sunday night consisting of vocational classes, such as electricity and sewing. Music appreciation will also be taught. This will be followed by a Bible study and then a supervised recreational period.

● At this writing we have two General Conference men visiting our Division. Pastors A. A. Esteb and D. A. McAdams, associate secretaries of the General Conference home missionary and publishing departments, respectively, in company with Pastors H. E. McClure and E. A. Brodeur are visiting the centers of our work prior to the pre-councils for the above-named departments which will be held in Hong Kong late in November.

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beginnings, we as a people have recognized our literature ministry as a definite part of our denominational endeavor.

We rejoice when we see what has been done and is now being done in publishing our literature. But with the millions of pages scattered like the leaves of autumn there are still countless millions in our Far Eastern Division who have not heard the Glad Tidings and "how shall they hear without the printed page?"

Our administrators are constantly bemoaning the lack of budgets and the consequent need for workers. In the colporteur ministry is a field of endeavor where we need not worry about budgets. There is no limitation to the number of workers we can take on. And surely there is no limitation to what a consecrated literature evangelist can do under the blessing of God.

We rejoice to hear that some of our presses are running night and day in order to keep pace with the needs of the colporteurs. We could wish that this were true of every publishing house. We appreciate the tireless efforts of our faithful literature workers and can only pray that God will impress others to "go work today in My vineyard." We have the people. The books are waiting. God is calling.

For some time we have anticipated the day when we might sell a million dollars' (US) worth of literature in one year in our Division. Help us realize this attainment. Will YOU? "There is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing: . . . Vol. 6, p. 331.

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