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Harvest Time is Now

IN any drama it's the last act that packs the biggest thrill.

That's what harvest time is for the farmer. His real-life drama, starting when he breaks the ground, moves on across the season's stage through seeding, weeding, watering, and waiting. Then the curtain rises on the final act—harvest.

Very literally, excitement mounts. "Stars," "supporting actors," and "bit players"—the farmer, his hired help, and all the members of the family get into the act.

There's suspense aplenty. Harvest must be at the peak point of the crop. Will the good weather hold? And will the harvested grain meet quality and quantity expectations?

Then a final burst of jubilation marks the last sheaf in the shed. As the season's curtain falls, the farmer and his family settle back to enjoy the rewards of their work.

This is a preview in miniature of what is happening now in the Far Eastern Division.

The curtain has risen on FAR EAST HARVEST. We find ourselves in the center of the stage. For a long time we have been moving toward this climax. Now, it's harvest time.

As in any harvest, there is plenty of hard work. But it is interesting work! Detailed plans call for involvement of every department of the church. Every step of the program has been carefully tested in actual field experience. We know that it will work. And there is a specific task for every worker and every church member.

A wise farmer makes sure his tools are ready; he wants his machinery in perfect condition as he moves into the harvest. We have taken these precautions for FAR EAST HARVEST. Our churches, local missions, union missions, and the Division have been working for many months on preparation of materials and plans. Special funds have been allotted to the program. We have the tools for the task.

FAR EAST HARVEST also has its share of suspense. As the farmer can only pray that it will not rain, so we must pray that God will hold in check some of the outside forces that could seriously hamper our program. International political crises, government control of worship, rising opposition from other religions, and a contagion of nationalism are some of the dangers that threaten, and these are largely beyond our ability to control.

But it was Christ Himself who said: "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." Since this is His program, it cannot fail.

So, assured of success, let's step up the action. Let's capture the work-together, soon-it-will-be-finished harvest spirit. This will put us center stage for the final climax.

Harvest time is NOW.

Cordially,

P. H. Eldridge

Paul H. Eldridge, President

This Issue Features Laymen of the Far East

THE handsome man at the right is typical of thousands of laymen who are winning souls to Christ in East Asia. He represents the many thousands of Far East laymen who attended a series of Laymen's Congresses held in the past few months. This issue features these laymen and tell the story of what was accomplished at these sessions.

Thirty thousand Adventists were inspired and motivated to greater service for the Master during the 14 Laymen's Congresses held in the Far Eastern Division. In spite of "Typhoon Huaning" which lashed Manila and northern Luzon, the first Laymen's Congress was successfully launched.

On the opening night we were disappointed because our outstanding lay preacher, Urbano O. Castillo, was not at the Laymen's Congress. We looked for him the second day but still he did not come. It was on the third day that he came. We inquired as to the reason for his delay. He said, "I was just completing my 23rd church and after the Congress I would like Pastor Schoen and you to come and ded-



SOUL-WINNER. S. Suzuki, a former Kamikaze (suicide) pilot of the Japanese Air Force during World War II, held a candle along with the rest of the delegates. He found a Bible one day during the war on the chest of an American pilot who died because of the heavy fighting in that particular area. He took the Bible with him and then started reading it after the war was over. He is now an active layman in Japan.

icate my 23rd church and baptize my 1,073rd convert." As we saw the dedication of this lay preacher our hearts were filled with gratitude to God and we prayed that many more would be inspired to do the same work as Brother Castillo ere all our congresses were finished. Of the 2,700 laymen who signed the "Send Me" preacher's scroll Bro. Urbano Castillo was the first. Eight thousand lay preachers in the Far East have dedicated themselves to conduct 8,315 lay efforts in 1969.

God's people in the Far East are becoming "millions minded." The congresses served as a launching pad for a great forward thrust in our penetration pamphlet program. One of the highlights of these laymen's congresses was "Walking for God" on Sabbath afternoons. By the thousands God's people walked for Him delivering penetration pamphlets. Many times in spite of rain the delegates went forth with their umbrellas scattering the seeds of truth. The laymen are determined to leave this truth-filled pamphlet in every home in the Far East.

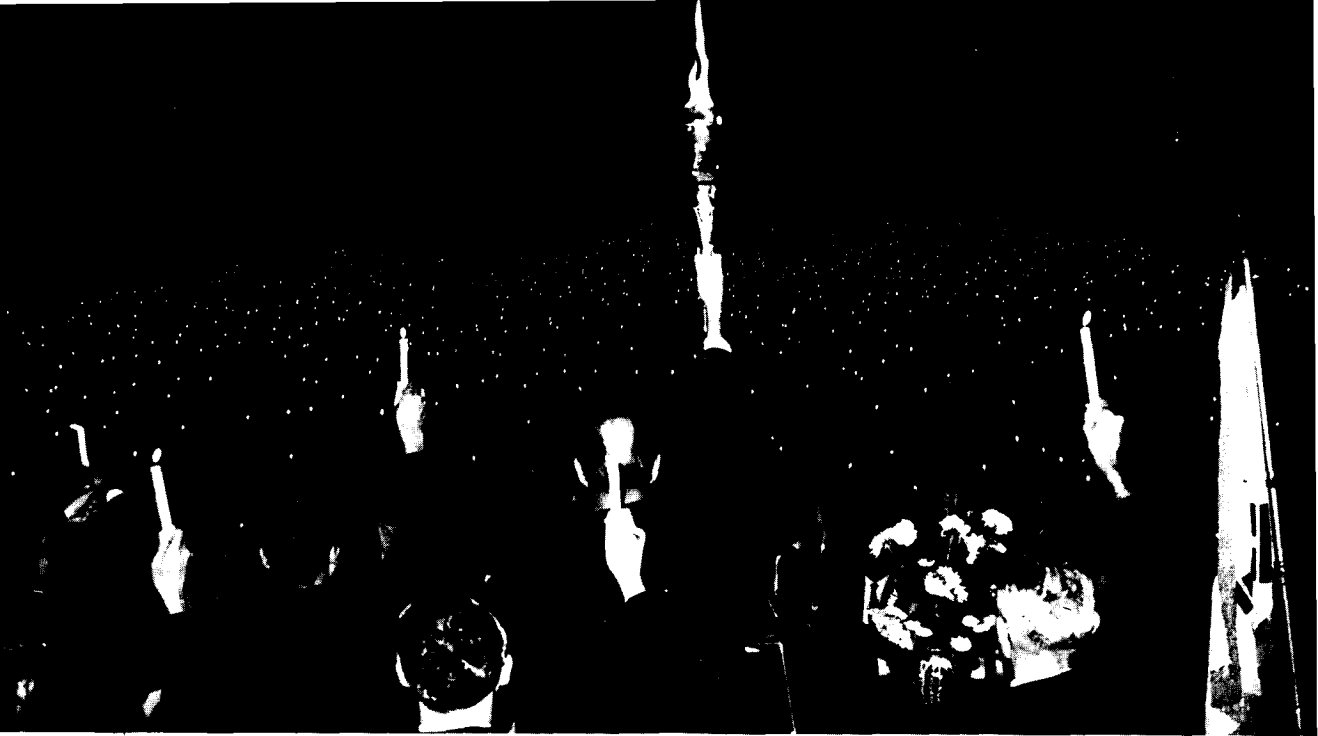
During the congresses great emphasis was given to "Far East Harvest" with the main emphasis on Gift Bible Evangelism. This new divine plan captured the imagination of our laymen for a finished work. Throughout the Division some 200,000 gift Bibles will be used. One dedicated laymen has given sufficient funds for 3,000 Bibles from Japan and Korea in the North to Indonesia in the South—from Thailand in the West to the Philippines in the East, by the thousands our consecrated and Spirit-motivated laymen will carry the Word of God to every man's door.

—**L. A. Shipowick, Secretary,
Lay Activities Department,
Far Eastern Division**

Presenting the Executive Committee of the Far Eastern Division

COMMITTEE. This is the executive committee of the Far Eastern Division. The photo was taken by Richard Roderick, of Korea, at the 1968 meeting of the committee at Samudra Beach Hotel, Indonesia.





LIGHTS. Here is the view from the platform during the closing meeting of the Laymen's Congress in Korea. Everyone is holding up a lighted candle symbolizing that the gospel will be carried to every part of the country. Pastor V. W. Schoen is seen holding the lighted torch from which all the candles were ignited.

Korean Union Laymen Challenged at Congress

THE Korean Union Laymen's Congress was held in Seoul from September 17-21. Pastors V. W. Schoen, Lay Activities Secretary of the General Conference; L. A. Shipowick, of the Far Eastern Division; and Lyu Hyung Whan, of the Korean Union, led out in this wonderful soul-stirring event. Approximately 1,000 laymen and workers from throughout the Korean Union territory were in attendance. It had first been arranged that the meetings would be held in the headquarters church, which could seat around 500 people. However, a few days before the Congress began, it was evident that a much larger hall was required. The meeting place was changed to the large auditorium located at the Seoul Academy.

Registration totaled 700 delegates including 125 workers. These leaders received a new vision of what the laymen can do. They returned home with a determination to challenge the church members to become involved in direct soul-winning activities.



TORCH. Pastor V. W. Schoen is shown receiving the torch brought to the front of the auditorium by Bak Chong Kyu, a laymen from the Southwest Mission of Korea.

The auditorium was well-filled all through the Congress, with 1,200 to 1,500 attending the evening meetings. The week-end found many unable to find seats or even to get into the meeting place.

Thursday afternoon Pastor Schoen called forward all the laymen who wanted to dedicate their lives to lay evangelism. How inspiring it was to see hundreds of laymen respond and dedicate their lives to this wonderful program. Pastor Schoen had these laymen sign their names to a special Lay Evangelism

CONGRESS. Looking from the rear of the Seoul Academy auditorium to the front during the Laymens Congress held for the Korean Union by Pastors V. W. Schaen and L. A. Shipowick.



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Scroll, and 269 responded to this challenge.

Some of the subjects dwelt on were: "Reaching the Soul," "Preaching to the Soul," "Reaping the Soul," and "Teaching the Soul." Thus the laymen were brought face to face with the fact that God had called them to search out souls who were longing for eternal life.

Time was also given to laymen who had done outstanding work for God to give their testimony. These were thrilling stories of how God is using dedicated church members to lead others to Jesus.

The last message of the Congress was given Saturday night by Pastor Schoen. It was a mighty challenge that stirred the hearts of all. At it's close an old layman, Bak Chong Kyu, from the Southwest Mission, came up the aisle carrying a lighted torch. This was presented to the night's speaker. Pastor Schoen then requested all present to take back to their churches a new vision of the work of the layman, and set their churches on fire for God. He went on to say that the spark started at this Lay Congress should result in the spreading of the Gospel throughout this land. To symbolize what is to be done, the Union Pres-



MUSIC. Five nurses from the Seoul Sanitarium and Hospital School of Nursing provided special music one day during the Korean Laymen's Congress.

ident lighted a candle from the torch, passing the flame on to the mission leaders and they in turn to the laymen, until in a few moments the entire hall was illuminated by hundreds of candles. Thus challenged, the laymen returned to their home churches determined that they would become mighty soul winners for God.

—W. L. Wilcox, President,
Korean Union

Candlelight Service Inspiring

On the last night of the Congress a very inspiring candlelight service took place. An elderly layman, Bak Chong Kyu, from the Southwest Mission, came down the aisle carrying a lighted candle. The Union president, Pastor Wendell Wilcox, took the flame from Pastor Schoen and passed it to the mission leaders. In turn they passed it to laymen until after a few minutes the entire hall was illuminated by the light of hundreds of candles.



LEADER. Director of the Korean Union Laymen's Congress was Pastor Lyu, shown above with his wife.

LADY. Pastor P. W. Im, Secretary of the Korean Union, presents Mrs. Yang, from the island of Cheju Do, with a special pin for her layman's activities.

FLAG. Mrs. Kim Boo Cho, an outstanding lay woman from the Southwest Mission, presents the Lay Activities flag at the Korean Union Laymen's Congress.



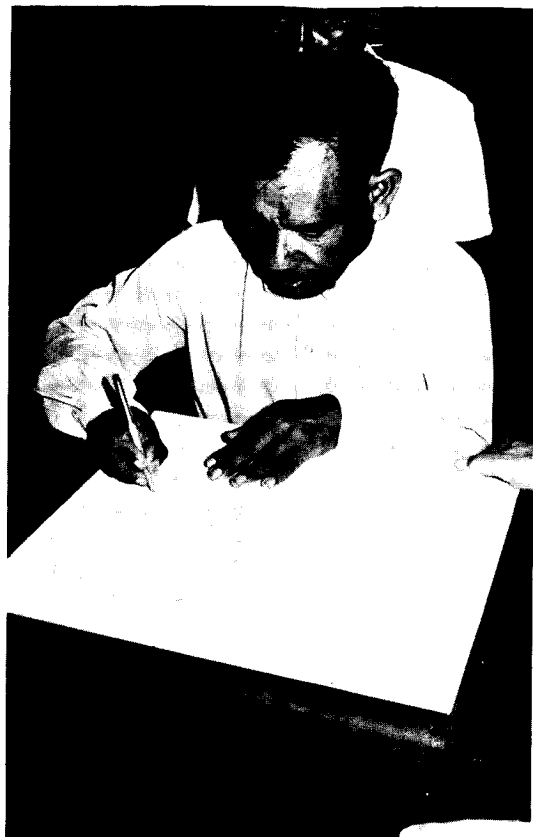
Southeast Asia Laymen



THAILAND. A Buddhist priest in Thailand shows Pastor Schoen one of the items used in temple worship. The priest attended the Congress and is studying the Bible.



BANNERS. Two zealous lay workers bear the Sabah flag and the Lay Activities banner. On the opening night of the Congress they led the parade of other laymen who bore the banners of their respective churches and companies.



MOUNTAINEER. A Vietnam tribal laymen from rugged mountain country joins the lay preachers group by signing his name on the scroll.

LAYMEN. Laymen of the year happily display their certificates signifying that each one was the outstanding lay worker in his home church.

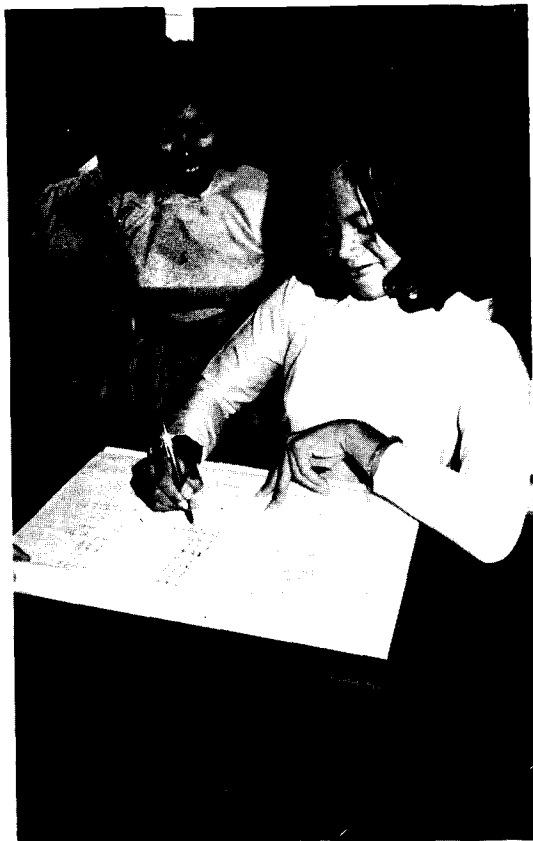


STAR LAYMEN. One of the most outstanding meetings of the Mission Laymen's Congress was the night when these lay workers touched the hearts of listeners with their soul-winning experiences. They are shown above talking with Pastor Doyle Barnett, center, Secretary of the Department of Lay Activities of the Southeast Asia Union.



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the March for God



SCROLL. A young lady signs the lay preacher's scroll as her friends look on with admiration.



PLATFORM. Eager laymen seeking inspiration and guidance listened attentively all day Sabbath and Sunday as Pastors Schoen and Shipowick illustrated their instruction with stories and experiences. Pastor Schoen is shown in this picture at the Malaya Mission session held in the new auditorium of the Southeast Asia Union College.



PAVILION. Sabah laymen came from all over the country to attend Sabbath services at Tamparuli, near Kota Kinabalu. The attendance at Sabah Mission headquarters church broke all previous records.

UP. Delegates who attended all meetings of the Vietnam Congress.



TRIBES. The gospel has penetrated the Kodazan, Rungus, and other tribes in the jungles of Sabah. Lay workers are shown here demonstrating various tribal customs.





PAGEANT. A colorful presentation of the missions pageant is shown in this picture taken during the Thailand Mission Laymen's Congress.

Laymen's Congress Attracts 500 in Thailand

THE Thailand Mission held its Laymen's Congress on October 4 to 6 at the Ekamai School Church. Laymen from all corners of Thailand and from two places in Laos converged for the three-day event. The largest delegation, 30 persons, came in a chartered bus from Phuket under the enthusiastic leadership of Pastors Jerrold Aitken and Suthin Plainetr. This is the first time in the history of the Thailand Mission that a congress of this kind was held. Also, this is the biggest gathering of believers in Thailand so far, reaching the peak of about 500 at the Sabbath morning services.

During the opening night program, the Ekamai School Glee Club, directed by Mr. Roy Lee, provided musical numbers. Rev. Chan Y. Choi, Executive Secretary of the Bible Societies of Thailand and Laos gave a short, timely message. He praised the Seventh-day Adventists, saying that they are the ones who buy and use the largest number of Bibles in Thailand. Pastor V. W. Schoen, Associate Secretary, Lay Activities Department of the General Conference, rendered the stirring keynote address. Directing the congress with Pastor Schoen were Pastor L. A. Shipowick, Pastor D. M. Barnett, and Pastor A. V. Pangan, Far Eastern Division, Southeast Asia Union, and Thailand Mission Lay Activities Secretaries respectively.

Seventy-two laymen signed the "Send Me" scroll as an acceptance to the challenge of being active spokesmen for God to "carry the word of God to every man's door." Pastor Schoen stressed the fact that



SPEAKER. Pastor V. W. Schoen is presenting his keynote address with Komol Tan translating.

"every individual is a candidate for heaven." He illustrated his points with his effective use of a flannel board which added color to the meetings.

Pastor P. G. Wick, President, Thailand Mission, expressed words of appreciation for Pastor Schoen's services at the close of the congress.

—A. V. Pangan,
Lay Activities Secretary

Seventeen Graduate at SAUC

SEVENTEEN young graduates marched triumphantly down the carpeted aisle, flanked by 40 smartly-dressed Juniors, to receive their hard-earned diplomas at the 17th graduating exercise of Southeast Asia Union College.

Flag bearers added pomp and color to the occasion as they marched in slow dignity with the Singapore flag, the school flag, and the class colors of gold and green.

Speakers for the graduation exercises were Fred Long, Consecration; Chester Damron, Baccalaureate; and Garth Thompson, Commencement.

Southeast Asia Union College honored the K. T. Kongs on Commencement night by presenting them with the 1968 "Flame of the Forest," the school's yearbook which was dedicated to these veteran workers. The editor, Steven Yap, read the dedicatory message before presenting the annual to the couple.

Two students graduated with honors—Steven Yap and Amy Tan. Steven plans to further his education in the United States. Amy has received a call to teach science and mathematics at Sabah Training School.

Of the 17 who have graduated, seven have already received calls to work in various institutions of Southeast Asia Union. The rest are planning to go abroad for further studies.

—Maggie Tan



WITCH DOCTOR. Pastor L. A. Shipowick examines the black magic charms of a former witch doctor who is also dressed in her tribal costume. Costume and jewelry were taken off immediately after the picture was taken. She is now a dedicated lay woman working for Christ in the villages of Sabah.



CEREMONY. Pastors V. W. Schoen and L. A. Shipowick were "adopted" into the Batak Tribe during a special ceremony held during the North Sumatra Laymen's Congress. The Batoks of North Sumatra pledged to win 5,000 persons into the church by the time of the General Conference session of 1970.



MUSIC. A son and two daughters of Dr. Lie of Medan, North Sumatra, provided special music at the Laymen's Congress in North Sumatra.

**5,000 Attend
Session at Medan**

North Sumatra Laymen Inspired at Congress

GROUP. This large group of Indonesians attended the Laymen's Congress from North Sumatra.





WITCH DOCTOR. Narciso Burlaza, a witch doctor of southern Leyte, shows some of his amulets. He was with a total of 30 persons who were baptized on May 20, 1968 as the result of the lay preaching of Generoso Munda.

The Era of the Laymen

THE new era has come—the era of the laymen. The laymen in Central Philippines are restless, restless for God. The church is stirred. The work must be finished and the Lord must come. What man cannot do, God can. “For He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.” Romans 9:28.

Seven hundred and fifty laymen, mission administrators, departmental secretaries, and district leaders from the territory of Central Philippines came to attend the first laymen’s congress ever held in this Union at the Adventists’ Capitol Center in Cebu City.

Advertized long months ahead of time the Congress caught the interest of the brethren from the farthest end of Samar in East Visayan Mis-

sion and far down from Romblon in West Visayan Mission.

Many who came from isolated islands arrived as much as one week early.

The opening night was an exceptionally inspiring night when every delegate marched forward, waving high their banners and pennants marked with their names, their churches and the Missions they represent. The honored guests from the General Conference and the Far Eastern Division Lay Activities department, Pastors V. W. Schoen and L. A. Shipowick, were themselves thrilled to see the impressive scene—the volunteer soldiers of the cross marching to please their Lord. “I am greatly excited by your contagious enthusiasm,” said Pastor Schoen as he opened his keynote address.

The visual aids were exceptionally helpful. The instructions were very interesting and were followed intently. The lessons were indelibly printed in the minds and hearts of everyone. Every part of the whole proceedings was indicative of satisfac-



LEADERS. Pastors F. M. Arrogante and E. A. Capabres hold the Union banner at the start of the Laymen’s Congress in Cebu City for the delegates attending from the Central Philippine Union.



COUPLE. Here is Urbano Castillo, the leading layman of the North Philippine Union and the Far Eastern Division, with his wife.



SOUL-WINNER. A. D. Suica, the outstanding layman of the Central Philippines, heads the 350 signatures on the “Send Me” scroll. He has already won 427 persons to Christ in his area of the Philippines.

DELEGATES. These men and women were anxious to learn more about witnessing far Christ.



tory preparation on the part of the leaders and guests.

The champion soul winners from different missions were presented. Their testimonies excited others to do greater things for God. The Sabbath service was the climax of the great Congress. God's people must not be ashamed of their God and of their religion. They must witness for both. "Unashamed Witness" was the key thought of the morning sermon.

In the afternoon everyone participated in "walking for God," distributing from house to house 40,000 tracts entitled "You May Enjoy Life At Its Best." The "Telling the Story" hour was indeed very rewarding as the thrilling and unusual experiences were told. Everyone seemed very eager to tell his own story of victories for God.

Now our workers and our laymen are at their posts of duty. We wait for the corresponding results of their mighty exploits for God. We thank God and praise Him we have the ministry and the laity dedicated and united to finish the work. May God bless the zealous efforts of His people.

—F. M. Arrogante

● **T**HE constituency of the Central Philippine Union is very thankful to God, to the General Conference, and to the Far Eastern Division for the extra-ordinary leadership, counsel, and encouragement given through the ministry of Pastors V. W. Schoen and L. A. Shipowick during the recent Laymen's Congress held at the Capitol Center in Cebu on August 27-31, 1968. This congress was the first of its kind in the Union.

● 575 lay evangelists and 80 workers were present to drink deep from the cistern of instruction.

● It was thrilling to observe the prompt and faithful attendance, the attentive and enthusiastic note-taking and discussion participation of the delegates during all sessions. The opening night keyed by Pastor Schoen was attended by more than 1,500 delegates and visitors. Each delegate, waving a pennant representing his church and mission, added much life to the evening program.

● The final Sabbath sermon of Pastor Schoen attracted nearly 2,500 believers, including those from the churches in the city of Cebu and suburbs.



BANNERS. Laymen and their Union leader, Pastor F. M. Arrogante, hold banners at the Central Philippine Union Laymen's Congress. The laymen represented various sections of the Central Philippines.



PREACHER. Another lad, Tenny A. Doble, of Negros Mission, gave an oration on the subject of the "Second Coming of Christ" during the Laymen's Congress.



BOY. Boy Toledanes, of Su-ay, Himamaylan, Occidental Negros, relates an unusual experience during the afternoon "Telling the Story" hour after the "Walking for God" program at the Central Philippine Union Laymen's Congress. Yes, even children took part in the program.

● At the night of champions Rey Fiesta and Isaias Pallasa of Negros Mission, Bonifacio Fadri of West Visayas, Jose Manatad of Central Visayas, and Generoso Munda of East Visayan Mission gave their experiences of victories for God as they labored for Him in winning a total of 1,190 precious souls for the Master. Brother A. D. Suico of Cebu City, Central Visayas, was awarded the honor as the Central Philippine Union Mission's outstanding layman, having won 427 persons since his conversion in 1931.

● At the end of the Congress the whole delegation pledged themselves anew to the task of reaping the harvest of the gospel seed sown in past years.

—F. M. Arrogante,
Public Relations Secretary,
Central Philippine Union

TRACTS. A total of 40,000 Penetration tracts have been distributed in the Central Philippine Union territory. Pastor E. A. Capobres, President, comments on the objectives of the tract program before they are distributed to delegates.





KUM. This large group attended the Laymen's Congress in Seoul, Korea.

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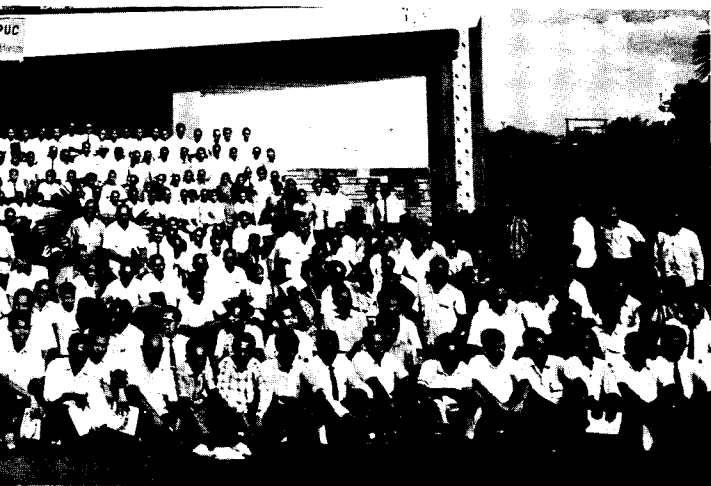
NPUM. Here are the delegates and guests

CPUM. The provincial capitol building looms large in the background of this group





SPUM. More than 700 delegates registered for the South Philippine Union Laymen's Congress at Davao City.



North Philippine Union Laymen's Congress.

Record Crowds attend Laymen's Congresses

no attended the Central Philippine Union Laymen's Congress at Cebu City, Philippines.



Eighty-five Preachers for SCIUM as Result of Laymen's Congresses



CHALLENGE. The Laymen's Congress on Taiwan was held in the shadow of the largest image of Buddha in the Far East. Shown above is the Black Buddha of Chung Hwa.



CLASS. Pastor L. A. Shipowick teaches one of the classes at the Congress on Taiwan.



TEACHER. Pastor Schoen is shown at the display board during one of his classes on Taiwan.

THE Lay Activities department of the South China Island Union, under the direction of Pastor Warren Shultz, LA director, recently completed two Laymen's Congresses. The first congress was held September 23-25 in Taichung, a large city in the central part of Taiwan. The second was held September 27-29 in the large metropolis of Hong Kong.

Pastors V. W. Schoen, General Conference Lay Activities Secretary, and L. A. Shipowick, Far Eastern Division Lay Activities Secretary, led the laymen through a series of classes that helped each one to understand better the methods used in winning souls to Christ.

One of the lay workers attending the Taiwan congress shared a report that thrilled and challenged the heart of each one present. Mr. Kao, an enthusiastic lay worker

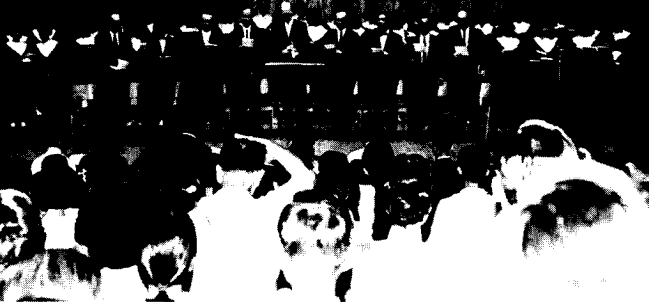
who has not yet been baptized himself, told how he had enrolled 103 people in the Signs Bible Correspondence course. He also had enrolled 286 middle school students in the Way of Life Bible course. Thirty of those that have enrolled have already completed the course.

Over 420 lay workers attended the two congresses. During the training classes over 42,500 penetration tracts and 2,500 Signs Bible course enrollment blanks were distributed to the homes of the people living near the meeting places.

At the conclusion of each congress a special call was given by Pastor V. W. Schoen for those who wished to become preaching laymen. Eighty-five responded to the call to active service. To make evident their covenant with God to share their faith, each one signed

WITNESS. Delegates from Taiwan accept the challenge of giving the Penetration tract to the homes on the island. The laymen of Taiwan and Hong Kong distributed 36,000 tracts during the two congresses of the South China Island Union.





DEDICATION. These two scenes at the South China Island Union Laymen's Congress showed how laymen came forward to dedicate their time and talents to the Lord.

his name to a scroll. These names were added to the long list of other laymen throughout the Far East who have also dedicated themselves to the work of preaching the gospel.

With such a well-trained army of workers, surely the gospel story can be taken to many unentered cities and hamlets throughout this union.

—L. R. Colburn,
Public Relation's Secretary,
South China Island Union



Appreciation

All were very grateful for the inspiring and challenging messages and instruction of Pastor V. W. Schoen, Associate Lay Activities Secretary of the General Conference. The laymen of the Far East are 'ablaze' for God. They WILL go and they WILL carry the torch of truth to the darkest and most remote corners of the field that the light of the Sun of Righteousness may shine forth.

It's Harvest Time

THE God of heaven has placed us here
To work in this great field,
Where we've begun to sow much seed
And then expect a yield.

The harvest time is on us now—
This is our greatest hour,
To work and pray and preach the Word,
Be filled with heaven's power!

Our fields are white with ripened grain,
The sun has blessed them sure.
And soon our God will send success
To those who can endure.

So many souls look heavenward,
They need help from above,
They seek most earnestly the face
Of God, revealed in love.

As workers, it's our privilege
To witness now for Him,
God wants us to go to the fields
And take His Word to them.

Thank God, the harvest time is now
And not some distant day—
This is the time to cleanse our souls,
The time to work and pray!

Then when we rise from off our knees,
Our faces wet with tears,
The Saviour gladly uses us,
Removes all of our fears.

As men of God, this is our task,
Let's go into the fray,
It's harvest time—and soon our God
Will bring eternal day!

God bless the great Far Eastern field,
Direct us as we reap
A host of precious souls to Christ
Who'll His commandments keep.

The harvest power lies with God,
But He will share with men
Whose lives are loving and sincere,
Who do not play with sin.

It's harvest time—what will you do?
The sowers go out, two by two,
Their faith will bring the heavenly dew—
I wonder, can Christ count on you?

—Ted Jones, Ministerial Secretary,
West Indonesia Union.
Written November 23, 1968, during
FED Annual Committee Meeting,
Samudra Beach, Indonesia



BOY. Youngest lay preacher in attendance at the South Philippine Union Laymen's Congress was Bernabe Dahunan, 7, an active boy preacher. He has held many meetings in the past three years. At one meeting an old man came forward when a call was made and gave his heart to Christ. With tears in his eyes the old man kissed the young lad and thanked God for allowing a child to help him with his decision.

First Laymen's Congress for Mindanao

A commitment to give 2,953 Bible studies each week and to win 3,816 persons to the church in the next 12 months demonstrates the determination of the laymen of the South Philippine Union to do great things for God.

This commitment was one of the events at the first lay congress for

Mindanao and Sulu, held September 3 to 7 at Adams Center, a new Adventist church building in Davao City and the temporary headquarters of the South Philippine Union.

Guest speakers from the General Conference and from the Far Eastern Division addressed 610 registered church delegates and 93 workers.

Other features were lectures, interviews, and clinics; a pledge to place 1,488 Bibles in homes through Gift Bible Evangelism; and laymen demonstrating their preaching abilities. One such lay preacher was but eight years old.

V. W. Schoen, Associate Lay Activities Secretary of the General



FLAG. Anita Leopoldo, a lady delegate from the Western Mindanao Mission, marches with the mission flag during the opening night's program in Davao City.

PREACHER. Ricardo Tagiobm, left, laymen of the year for the Western Mindanao Mission, introduces one of his converts, a former gang leader. The layman won 62 persons during the first seven months of 1968. Right: Nemesio Ellacer, active layman from Ozamis City, Mindanao, signs the "Send Me" scroll. He has a radio program in his home city which is entirely supported by his church and non-Adventist listeners. The program is on the air five times a week.



Conference, and L. A. Shipowick, Lay Activities Secretary of the Far Eastern Division, gave a series of illustrated lectures on "Reaching the Soul," "Teaching the Soul," "Preaching to the Soul," "Reaping the Soul," and "Holding the Soul." The personal experiences of Pastor Schoen to prove that "every individual is a candidate for heaven" stirred the delegates. On several occasions they wept. Workers and laymen testified that they were never in a meeting that so challenged them to work for God.

"In Tune With God" was the general topic for the morning devotions. The sermons during the three periods were given by C. S. Rosco, Ministerial and Radio secretary of the union: A. A. Villarin, President of Davao Mission; and D. A. Roth, Assistant Secretary of the Far Eastern Division. Prayer bands followed these devotionals, and earnest petitions ascended on high that with vast issues at stake in all the world we may rise to greatness of vision and soul, and together go forth in the Spirit's power to set up banners for God.

V. M. Montalban, the union president, preached at the consecration service Friday night. His appeal for a complete commitment to Christ and His call brought a sincere response from the congregation.

Two evenings featured "Champions for God." One evening P. M. Diaz interviewed four top laymen from four of the five missions in the South Philippine Union. Pablo Tubera, from the Northeastern Mindanao Mission, reported three series of public meetings since the beginning of this year that resulted in a baptism of 40. Teotimo Montejo, from Northern Mindanao Mission, reported two series this year and a baptism of 36. From Southern Mindanao Mission's layman of the year, Gregorio Pedrena, came the report of 32 won in 1968 during his meetings, which he carried on amid intense opposition. Ricardo Tagibon, layman of the year from Western Mindanao, reported a baptism of 62 during the first seven months of 1968 and about 20 more people being prepared for baptism. He presented to the audience a former gang leader who is now an active layman. He also presented his father, who bitterly persecuted him for several years but is now preparing for baptism.

Another evening Elder Shipowick showed pictures of other laymen around the world who are actively engaged in the work of God and gave a powerful challenge, calling the laymen of Mindanao to match vast needs with mighty deeds. Dionisio Generalao, Davao Mission's layman of the year, reported 83 brought to the Lord from January to August of this year. On the basis of people won, he was chosen union layman of the year.

The Sabbath meetings were held



LEADER. Layman Dionisio Generalao, left, from the Davao Mission, as he was introduced Layman of the Year for the South Philippine Union by Pastor Diaz, Lay Activities Secretary of the Union. The layman reported 83 persons baptized from his efforts in a nine-month period in 1968. Recently the Davao Mission called him to become a full-time district leader in charge of Samal Island.

in a downtown university auditorium. Attendance and Sabbath school offerings exceeded greatly those of all other Sabbath gatherings held in that auditorium, such as the union biennial session and the division council last year. Pastor Schoen spoke on Joel 2:26-28 during the hour of worship.

Special music was provided by the choirs of Southern Mindanao Academy, Digos and Davao City churches, and by the Voice of Hope quartet of the laymen's association in Bukidnon Province. Graduates of Mountain View College who are now evangelists also formed a male chorus under the leadership of B. U. Donato, former dean of men in



WELCOME. Pastor P. M. Diaz, Lay Activities Secretary of the South Philippine Union, welcomes Pastor V. W. Schoen, of the General Conference, to the Davao congress.

MVC and now educational secretary of the union. He was chairman of the music committee during the congress.

The laymen of the South Philippine Union and their leaders dedicated themselves to be builders of bridges across all the chasms that mar this sundered earth. They pledged to work as sons and not as hirelings in the cause of God.

—**P. M. Diaz, Lay Activities Secretary, South Philippine Union**

High Goals Set at Congress

Five laymen won a total of 253 persons to Christ during the first seven months of 1968. The five were all "layman of the year" for local missions. The 610 registered delegates committed themselves to give 6,952 Bible studies each week and to win 3,816 persons to Christ in the next 12 months. In the South Philippine Union there are 1,184 lay preachers who are faithfully witnessing and preaching for God.



SIGN-UP. A lieutenant far his country, Indonesia, signs up to be a lay preacher far God at the Laymen's Congress in the Celebes.



BANGSAL CROWD. Delegates to the Laymen's Congress of the East Indonesia Union are shown beside the bangsal where they met during the time of the meetings.

Celebes Laymen Jam Bangsal



PANEL. Laymen discuss ways and means of winning more souls to Christ during a session of the East Indonesia Laymen's Congress.

Congress for EIUM

The Laymen's Congress for the East Indonesia Union was held at Menado, Celebes. The program was directed by Pastor J. D. Mausea, Lay Activities Secretary of the Union, assisted by Pastor Alvin Bartlett, President. Pictures from this session are shown on this page.



SPEAKER. Opening remarks at the East Indonesia Union Laymen's Congress were made by the Division Lay Activities Secretary, Pastor L. A. Shipowick. Translating for him is Pastor Mausea, Lay Activities Secretary of the Union.



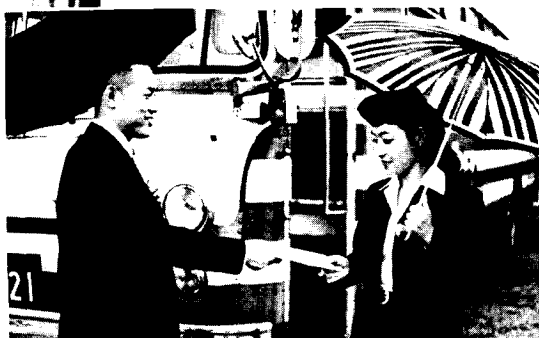
BAMBOO. Special music was provided by a bamboo orchestra at the East Indonesia Union Laymen's Congress. The instruments were made by the church members who served as delegates to the meeting.

MUSIC. Home-made marimbas provided special music at the Laymen's Congress in the Celebes.





WITNESS. Despite a heavy down-pour of rain, delegates attending the Japan Laymen's Congress went out on Sabbath afternoon "Walking for God." Here Pastor Yonezo Okofuji, Lay Activities Secretary, gives a pamphlet to the bus hostess.



RAIN. Even though it was raining very hard more than 200 active laymen of the Japan Union distributed 10,000 pamphlets in Kisaryu City, six miles from the college.



KIMONOS. Two Japanese girls, beautifully dressed in the traditional kimono, welcomed delegates to the congress held on the campus of Japan Missionary College.



STUDY. Delegates at the Japan Union Laymen's Congress are deep in study during a workshop session. Meetings were held in the auditorium of the college administration building.

DELEGATION. Here is the large delegation of laymen who attended the Congress on the campus of Japan Missionary College.





SIGN-UP. Urbano Castillo, the most outstanding layman of the Far Eastern Division, was the first one to sign the "Send Me" scroll after the challenge given to the delegates by Pastor V. W. Schoen.

Union-wide Laymen's Congress Held in Manila

PRACTICALLY every seat of the Philippine Union College auditorium was occupied on August 20, the opening night of the Laymen's Congress, despite the threat of Typhoon "Juanin."

Pastor V. W. Schoen, in his keynote address, gave all a foretaste of what to expect so that everyone eagerly took his place promptly at each meeting to get every word of his instructions during the workshop. With Pastor Shipowick he showed the different steps, enriched by fascinating and thrilling personal experiences, in reaching, teaching, preaching, reaping, and holding the soul for the kingdom of God.



TRACT. Pastor J. O. Bautista, former Lay Activities Secretary of the North Philippine Union, demonstrates how to give out the Penetration tract. Five busloads of laymen went out in the Manila area to give out the tracts.



LAYMEN. Five layman of the year, one from each mission of the North Philippine Union, are shown here. Left to right, Calion Zarate, Mountain Province; Elpidio Arzadon, Northern Luzon Mission; Vidal Jabola, South Central Luzon Mission; Canuto B. Domacmat, Central Luzon Mission; and David Hanapin, Southern Luzon Mission.

January, 1969

Each day began with a devotional hour followed by prayer bands. The first hour in the afternoon was devoted to panel discussions on important phases of missionary work. The first was headed by Pastor P. R. Diaz of the Pasay English Church, on the subject, "The Ministry of the Printed Page," followed by Pastor T. B. Frias, Assistant Chaplain of the Manila Sanitarium & Hospital, on "Proper Procedures in Visiting the Sick." The last one was presented by Pastor Gil de Guzman, a worker with long experience, on "The Art of Obtaining Decisions."

Special features included the selection of, and giving of awards for the first time to, the "Champions for God" or "Laymen of the Year" for each of the five missions. The choice of these men was based not only on the number of persons they have won, but also on leadership, aside from holding public meetings themselves. Chosen for the year 1968 are the following:

Canuto B. Domocmat, Central Luzon Mission.

Calion P. Zarate, Mountain Provinces Mission.

Elpidio M. Arzadon, Northern Luzon Mission.

Vidal L. Jabola, South-Central Luzon Mission.

David O. Hanapin, Southern Luzon Mission.

Before the Divine Worship service on Sabbath morning, the evangelistic program of the Union was presented. An ambitious plan of giving away 100,000 Bibles during 1969 and 1970 will be launched in connection with what is called Gift Bible Evangelism. This is in conjunction with the "Far East Harvest" plan throughout the Division.

Pastor Schoen in his message appealed for the participation of all in this great evangelistic crusade of the church. On Sabbath afternoon, four busloads of laymen went out working for God by distributing penetration pamphlets in as many districts in various parts of Manila and suburbs. Upon returning at 4:00 in the afternoon, eight selected laymen took turns in telling their experiences. Then came the grand finale after the stirring and challenging message of Pastor Schoen in the evening. Those who were determined to engage in lay preaching work were called to the front to



CROWD. The huge auditorium of Philippine Union College was jammed for the Laymen's Congress Sabbath program.



SHARE. Conchita Angles, of the Central Luzon Mission in the Philippines, shares some of her experiences with delegates attending the Laymen's Congress in Manila.

sign the roll "Send Me" with Urbano Castillo leading out. Close to 300 laymen signed their names on the roll. Bro. Castillo, who is considered the outstanding layman for the world field, was given time to make an appeal to all in attendance.

When the delegates returned home they took with them the inspiration of the congress to be imparted to the other members in their respective churches. We are sure that the implementation of the evangelistic program from henceforth will mark a new day as we see carried forward the greatest evangelistic crusade ever conducted in this field.

—**J. O. Bautista,**
Lay Activities Secretary,
North Philippine Union



COUPLE. Here Urbano Castillo, the leading layman of the North Philippine Union and the Far Eastern Division, with his wife.

Congress Held Despite Typhoon

In spite of Typhoon "Huaning" which lashed Manila and Northern Luzon, the first Union-wide Laymen's Congress was successfully held at the Philippine Union College auditorium. It is estimated that a total of 5,000 or more attended. One of the delegates to the Congress was Urbano Castillo, the world "Layman of the Year." He was delayed by two days because he was busy completing his 23rd church and preparing his 1,073rd convert for baptism. On January 15, 1969 a total of 600 lay efforts will start in the North Philippine Union.



OPENING. The new Center for Servicemen has been opened in Seoul, Korea. At the left in the panel above, servi

Korean Union Servicemen's Center Dedicated

THE Korean Union Servicemen's Center in Seoul, Korea, was officially dedicated September 28. Forty-two servicemen witnessed the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Participating officials were Pastor C. H. Martin, of the National Service Organization from Washington, D.C.; Pastor G. J. Bertochini, of the National Service Organization of the Far Eastern Division; Chaplain (Col) R. M. Reardon, Eighth Army Chaplain; and Pastor T. V. Zytoskee, Director of the Korean Union Servicemen's Center.

The dedication of the Center was the climax of the weekend retreat which consisted of counseling, films, guest speakers, good food, and fellowship together. The ribbon-cutting ceremony began with a trumpet call of the American and Korean national anthems. Pastor W. L. Wilcox, President of the Korean Union, gave the history and background of the work of Seventh-day Adventists in Korea. Chaplain Reardon gave a challenge, and the speech and dedicatory prayer were given by Pastor Martin.

The new Center has four rooms for sleeping quarters and will accommodate twenty-two men overnight. The recreation room with ping pong and other table games can also be used as an overflow room for sleeping. There is a large kitchen and lounge facility for eating and relaxation. A chapel in the same building will accommodate 200 and is very nicely furnished. It is being used now for Sabbath services.

The Servicemen's Center was built for the Seventh-day Adventist men stationed in Korea as a place



TALK. Pastor C. D. Martin, former Far Eastern Division youth leader and now with the General Conference, talks to Sgt. John Clark, Sgt. David Lovenguth, and Pfc. Robert Moskiman about some of the problems they must face while serving in the Army.



RELAX. Servicemen relax while dinner is being prepared in the spacious lounge of the new Center.

for relaxation, Christian fellowship, and Sabbath worship. We encourage the men that are in this area to use this newly-built facility. The full-time Chaplain and Director of the Center is here to help the Servicemen with their problems. If you know a G.I. stationed in Korea please send his name and address to T. V. Zytoskee, Director, Korean Union Servicemen's Center, I. P. O. Box 1243, Seoul, Korea.

—Harold Kehney,
Public Relations Secretary,
Korean Union Mission

Formosan Pathfinders are Active

UNDER the capable leadership of Mrs. Robert Burgess, Director, and Mrs. Delbert Curry, Deputy Director, the Formosan Pathfinder Club presented a very interesting program in the Sung Shan Church, located in Taipei. This very active club demonstrated its accomplishments by presenting selected sections from the progressive class work requirements.

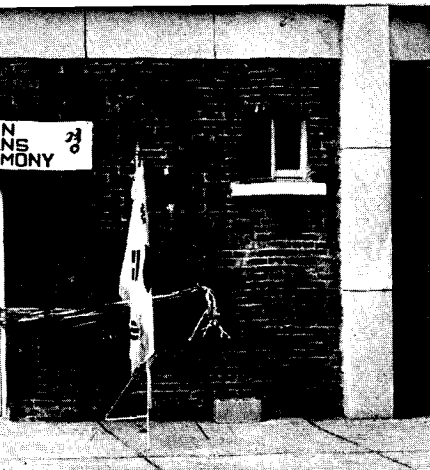
This club was organized less than two years ago, but the Pathfinders have already completed requirements for Cats and Butterflies honors. At this time they are working on Morse Code, Wood Handicraft, Cooking, Dogs, and Swimming.

—L. R. Colburn,
Assistant Secretary,
Public Relations Department

First Parent-Home Graduation in East Indonesia

STUDENTS of Mount Klabat College in North Celebes do more than study for their required classes. Recently they completed study of the first portion of the "Adventist Home." More than 60 students received certificates in graduation services held at the college. These young people, under the leadership of Mrs. Robert Kalangi, Dean of Women, studied the foundation principles for establishing Christian homes and are now better prepared to establish homes of their own.

—LeVerne Bissell,
Educational Secretary,
East Indonesia Union



Guests watch as the officials, right, lead out in the program. In the center is the main entrance of the center.

● **PASTOR** Alfrits Pasuhuk, for 40 years a minister and leader in Indonesia, has retired from active service. His last post was that of president of the South Celebes Mission in the East Indonesia Union.

● **I. S. Lyu** is the new Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of the Korean Union, taking the place of Lee Ki Ung who has left for new work in South America. Lyu formerly served as business manager of the Pusan Sanitarium and Hospital.

● **Kim Tong Ki** has been appointed acting Secretary of the Educational Department of the Korean Union, replacing P. H. Shin.

● Word has been received of the death of the mother of Pastor Milton Lee, Mrs. Minnie Iverson Lee, 79, of Lakeport, California. A major share of her active life was spent in China where her husband, Pastor Frederick Lee, did pioneer missionary work. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, her son in Taipei, Taiwan, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She was buried on Loma Linda, Calif.

● Another death of interest to readers of the **OUTLOOK** is Pastor J. Wilson Rowland, a pioneer missionary in Singapore and Borneo and also served for a time at Philippine Union College as a teacher. He died in the Pacific Northwest at the age of 82, after having served the denomination for more than 50 years.

● **Pastor M. M. Claveria**, of Manila, has been appointed new president of the South Philippine Union, and was scheduled to take over his new post the first of 1969. He replaces Pastor V. M. Mon-



M. M. Claveria

talban who has been elected a Field Secretary of the General Conference.

Pastor Claveria was selected for his post by the annual session of the Far Eastern Division committee held in Indonesia. At the time of his selection Pastor Claveria was Assistant Auditor of the Far Eastern Division with headquarters in Manila. He has served as a treas-

urer, administrator, and auditor during his years of service in the Philippines.

● **Pastor C. C. Kott**, Sabbath School Secretary of the Pacific Union Conference, will be in the territory of the Far Eastern Division from February 25 until May 3. He will meet appointments in every union in the Far East during his trip with Pastor Ralph S. Watts, Sabbath School Secretary of the Far Eastern Division. This is Pastor Kott's first overseas trip.

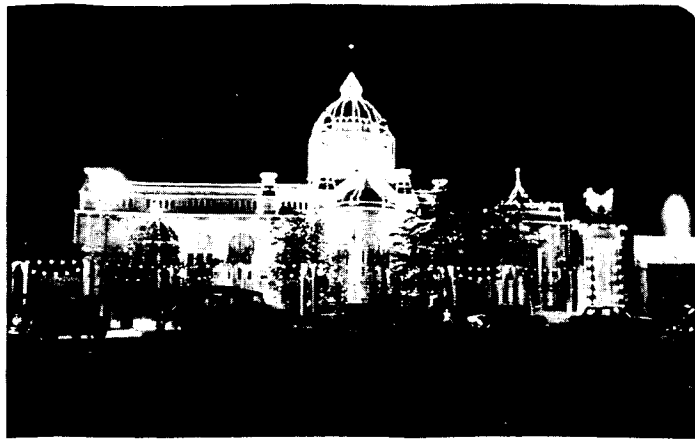
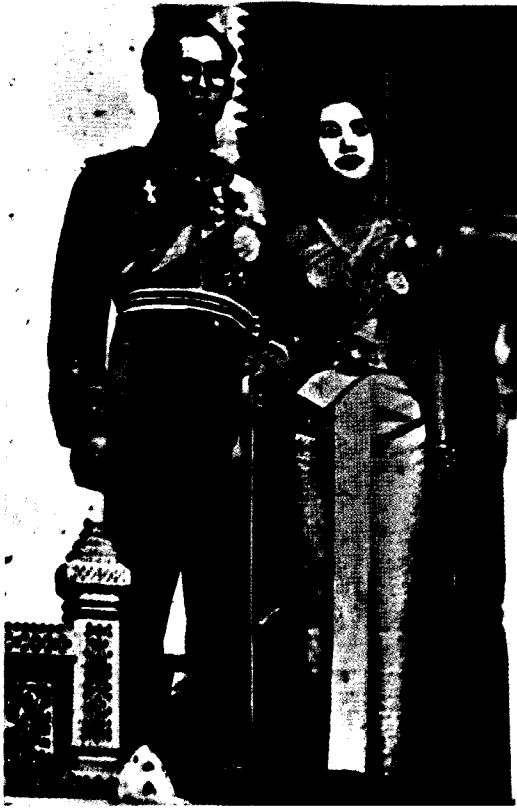
● Another East Asia visitor early in 1969 is Dr. E. W. Tarr, Secretary, Public Relations Department of the General Conference, who will itinerate in the Division with Pastor D. A. Roth, Secretary of the Public Relations Department of the Far Eastern Division. They will conduct Seminars at Japan Missionary College, Mountain View College, and Indonesia Union College. They are scheduled to begin their travels in Japan late in January and end late in March in Singapore.

Dr. E. W. Tarr



C. C. Kott





Gift Bible Presented to King of Siam

ALONG with 18 staff members from the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital I stood in the presence of His Majesty, the King of Thailand (Siam).

On December 5, 1968, we came to honor the King on his 41st birthday. What gift could we present to him that would ensure him of a long and happy life—yes, eternal life and happiness?

I bowed before His Majesty and took a few paces toward him, then I presented the gift to him and said, "With great joy we present to His Majesty the best gift—the Word of God." Graciously His Majesty accepted God's Word. As he looked upon the beautiful leather-bound Bible with his name inscribed in gold, he smiled. My heart was strangely warmed as the king looked at me and smiled approvingly. He seemed especially pleased to receive the Word of God.

The presentation of a Gift Bible to His Majesty King of Thailand officially marked the beginning of Gift Bible Evangelism for the Far Eastern Division.

During 1969 plans are being laid for the distribution of 200,000 Gift Bibles in the Far East.

—Lewis A. Shipowick,
Lay Activities Secretary,
Far Eastern Division



Harvest Time is *NOW!*