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Reminiscence and Resolve

EVERY anniversary calls for celebration, and traditionally the fiftieth gets special consideration. It seems to indicate endurance, progress, and a kind of mellow maturity. It is also a good time for reminiscence.

Now, the Far Eastern Division has reached this symbolic fifty-year marker.

A golden wedding anniversary celebrates, not the whole lifetime, but specifically that period following the marriage ceremony. Likewise, this fiftieth year of the Far Eastern Division marks the time since the work of Seventh-day Adventists in the Orient was organized under that name.

It has been a half century of significant accomplishment. The record is studded with thousands of shining incidents which give a total picture of divine leading combined with dedicated and imaginative human effort. Like a moving picture film, the story of the Far Eastern Division unrolls with the sharp focus of the earlier years almost obscured by a darkened sequence that stands for World War II. Then the action picks up. The whole picture seems to come alive. It is as though both sound and technicolor have been added. One gets the feeling that now he is looking at the most exciting part of the picture.

In 1919 the Far Eastern Division, newly organized, had a membership of 5,919. In all the world that year there were 178,239 Seventh-day Adventist church members. Today there are more workers (7,197) in the Far Eastern Division than there were members fifty years ago! Our membership stands at 221,303. This means that more members have been added in the Far East during these fifty years than there were in all the world when the Division was organized!

In the Scriptures certain numbers such as seven and forty recur with such frequency that they seem almost to have some special significance. But since the number fifty is more elusive, one would expect that trying to find Biblical backing for celebrating a fiftieth anniversary would be somewhat frustrating.

How about the fifty days from Passover to Pentecost?

For the infant Christian Church, these were the critical days from its organization to the miraculous gift of its power. May it not be so of the Far Eastern Division's fifty years? Would not this be the time for the kind of humility, dedication, and resolve that took the disciples to the Upper Room? What will happen when this brings to the Far Eastern Division what Pentecost brought to the early church?

Cordially,

P. H. Eldridge

Paul H. Eldridge, President

Far Eastern Division Celebrates 50th Anniversary

By the Editor

WITH this issue of the Far Eastern Division OUTLOOK we note the 50th anniversary of the founding of this section of Adventist world work under its present name.

In text and pictures you will find the story of the work of God in East Asia as it has progressed over a half a century. For the benefit of younger workers and other readers of this paper, we will attempt to outline the story of organization as found in General Conference Yearbooks, the OUTLOOK, official minutes and records, and from the pages of the "Review and Herald."

The story of Adventist missions in the Far East begins, of course, in the year 1888 when Abram LaRue arrived in Hong Kong to become a self-supporting missionary. Because of his fervent appeals for additional workers, the General Conference in 1901 sent the first missionaries to the mainland of Asia, Pastor and Mrs. J. N. Anderson. Mrs. Anderson's sister, Ida Thompson, was also in the first group. A few days after their arrival seven persons were baptized by Pastor Anderson, the first results of LaRue's pioneer work in Asia.

Asiatic Division Formed

Soon other workers were sent to China by the Mission Board of the General Conference. One young missionary was Dr. Harry W. Miller, who

left Michigan in 1904 to become one of the first medical workers in China. Today, after 65 years of labor for the Orientals, Dr. Miller is still working.

The work spread to many parts of China. Then work was started in Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Southeast Asia, and what is now Indonesia.

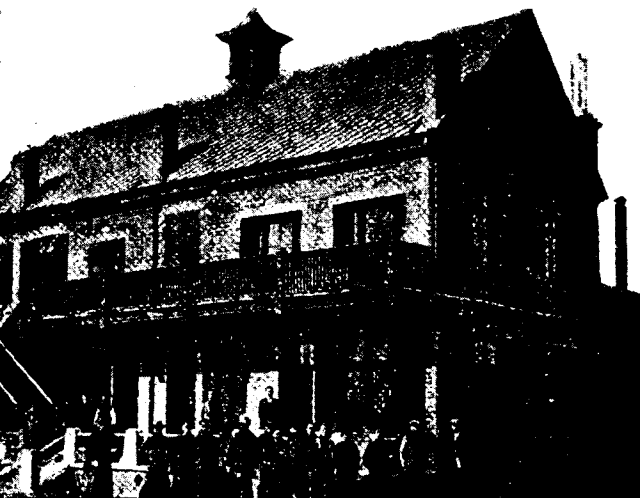
At the 1909 General Conference Session China was represented for the first time. It was at this same session that a separate Asiatic Division was formed and then it was successively re-organized in 1913, 1915, and 1917 to meet new developments. It included India, China, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, the Malay Peninsula, and the Straits Settlements. In 1913 the East Indies were added.

Reorganization in 1919

From 1916 to 1918 the Australian field was included in this Division. The headquarters was established at Shanghai, China and I. H. Evans was the first president, succeeded in 1913 by R. C. Porter and he in 1917 by J. E. Fulton.

Then in April, 1918 the General Conference Session convened at the Civic Auditorium in San Francisco, Calif. It was at this meeting that the first steps were taken which culminated the next year in the re-organization of the work in the eastern hemisphere and launched what was then known as the Far Eastern Division.

GROUP. The first publications for the Far Eastern Division were printed at the Shanghai Press, shown in this picture. It is taken from a 1919 issue of the "Review and Herald." At the right is the compound of the Adventist headquarters in Shanghai, China, which included the Division office, the Far Eastern Academy, and the press.





DEDICATION. Shown here are the Division Committee members with a group of other people who assembled in front of the new headquarters building in Singapore on the morning when the building was dedicated, January 30, 1938.

Two different committees worked on the problem of overseas direction of our work. The committee on organization submitted a report which brought sweeping general changes. Then the nominating committee brought in a report which was unanimously adopted on April 5. Taken from the April 11, 1918 "Review and Herald" is the following action:

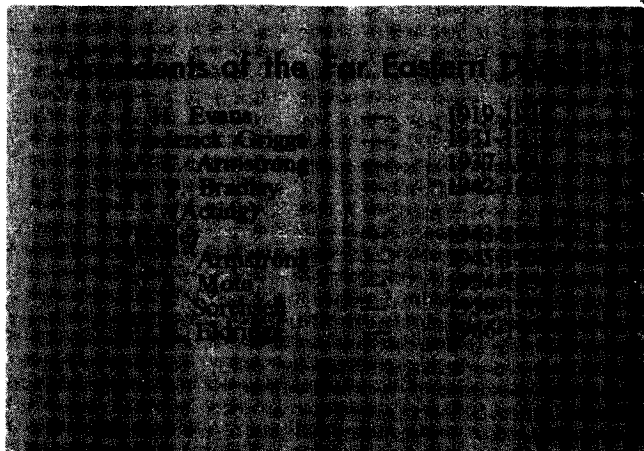
"We recommend that the India Union Mission and the Australasian Union Conference and Missions be separated from former Asiatic Division territory and be placed under supervision of a vice-president of the General Conference.

"Vice-president of Eastern Asia, I. H. Evans; vice-president for India and Australia, J. E. Fulton; vice-president for South America, O. Montgomery."

Division Accepted

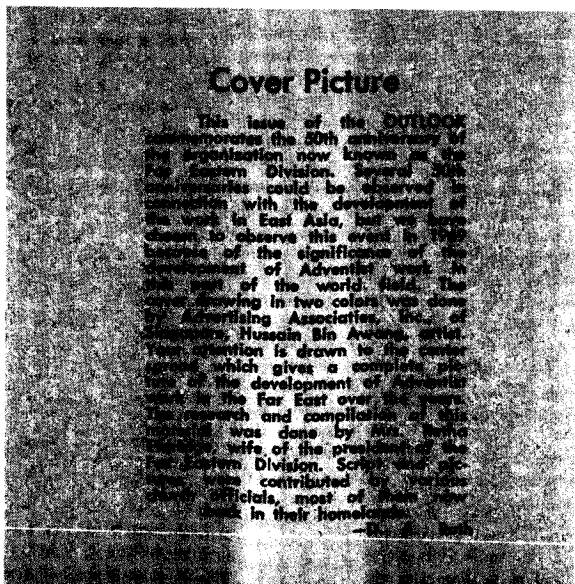
It was interesting to note that just a few days before, March 31, 1918, the full session of the General Conference voted to accept the Asiatic Division Conference into the sisterhood of denominational organizations. The Division had been organized since the previous session.

When J. E. Fulton, President of the Asiatic Division Conference, gave his report to the delegates on March 29, 1918, he said that when the Division



was organized after the 1915 Fall Council at Loma Linda, Calif. there were 212 churches and a membership of 8,276

PROTECTION. Because of the far-reaching influence of a world-wide influenza epidemic, missionaries from the interior of China had to return to Shanghai for medical assistance. These workers arrived with their baggage and cloth tied around their faces. Photo from a 1918 "Review and Herald."



Secretaries of the Far Eastern Division

C. C. Crisler	—	1919-1930
Eugene Woesner	—	1931-1933
W. P. Bradley	—	1934-1935
Eugene Woesner	—	1935-1936
C. L. Torrey	—	1936-1939
W. P. Bradley	—	1940-1942
(None listed)	—	1942-1944
W. P. Bradley	—	1944-1946
C. P. Sorensen	—	1946-1958
A. E. Gibb	—	1958-1966
H. W. Bedwell	—	1966-19—

The new Division consisted of Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Malaysia, and China with its dependencies. It is interesting to note that for the first year or less the Division functioned under the name "Eastern Asian Division" and then in the early part of 1920 it became known by the present name.

This organization continued until 1930 when China was set apart as the new China Division. However, from 1928 to 1938 for mission experience the Netherlands East Indies were placed under the care of the Central European Division of which Holland was a part. Thus the Far Eastern Division, in this first phase of existence, had about 12 years to develop.

This period was marked with advances. Many new schools, hospitals, and publishing houses developed.



YOUTH LEADERS. These men shown here all served at one time as youth leaders in the Far Eastern Division. From left to right, they are W. J. Hackett, 1952-1956, now a vice-president of the General Conference; W. P. Bradley, 1931-1939, now an Associate Secretary of the General Conference; L. E. Smart, 1956-1957, now Secretary of Education, Atlantic Union Conference; F. A. Mote, 1939-1941, now retired; Charles Martin, 1957-1966, now an Associate Secretary of the MV Department of the General Conference; and C. P. Sorensen, 1946-1952, now retired.

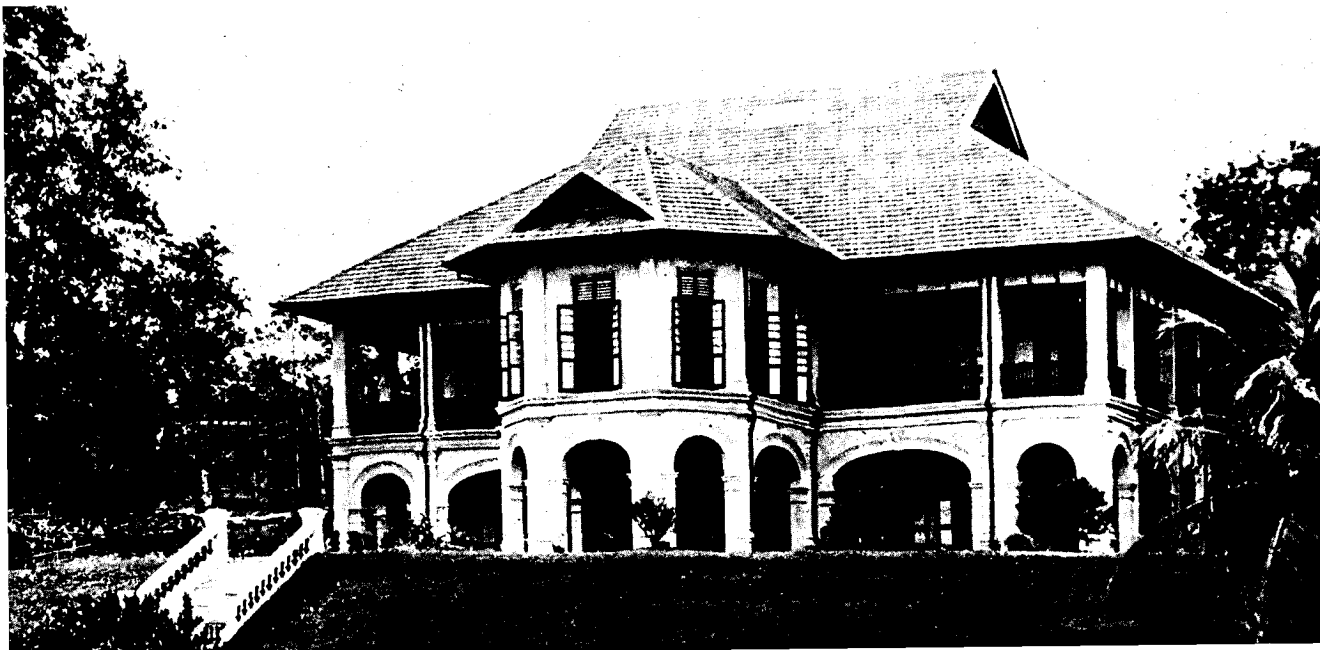
When the new Far Eastern Division was first organized the first headquarters was in Manila, but quickly was removed to Baguio, Philippines. Here the office remained for six years.

In 1937 land was purchased in Singapore for the Division headquarters and it has remained in that city since that time. The only interlude of Division direction from Singapore was during the war years when the Japanese controlled the island.

Thus it is that in November, 1969 we pause in our labors for the work of God to remember the beginnings of this organization. God has prospered His work in these countries. The Division membership now stands at 220,000 and it is expected that this year will be one of the best we have ever had in baptisms.

Yes, 50 years is a long time, but the future is before us! God has even better things in store for His people in the future.

HEADQUARTERS. This re-conditioned Chinese house at 800 Thomson Rd. was purchased in 1937 to serve as the headquarters of the Far Eastern Division.



Twenty Years of Our Lives in the Far Eastern Division

By Chris P. Sorensen, President,
Far Eastern Division, 1958-1966

GREETINGS. Pastor C. P. Sorensen, right, President of the Far Eastern Division in 1960, is received by President Syngman Rhee of Korea. In the Center are Dr. George Rue, then Medical Director of the Seoul Adventist Hospital, and Pastor R. R. Figuhr, then president of the General Conference.

LOOKING forward 20 years is always a long time, but looking back, that same period is always a short interval of time. Normally, 20 years is about half of an individual's gainfully working life.

The idea of going overseas to work came all of a sudden in 1946, at a time when we had given up all hopes of serving overseas. And it couldn't have been to a finer area of the world field in which to spend the remainder of our working days in the Cause of God.

On our way to the Far East we struggled with the Yearbook material, for a field entirely strange to us, names in reverse, a field entirely engulfed by war and occupation for several years, and now about to be reconstituted. Shortly after arriving in Singapore in 1947, we had the task of making up what we hoped was somewhat of an accurate statistical report. During the war years, entire churches had moved, or disappeared, and each field had a real task of reorganizing. Just prior to World War II, the latest complete membership figures for 1940, gave the membership as 33,602. The membership as reported for 1946 was 38,743. However, the year 1947 was a year in which every local church, local mission, and union mission endeavored to check carefully their memberships, and when the figures were finally reported for 1947, the membership showed a slight drop to 38,225. From then on the baptisms averaged just over 11 per cent year by year, of the membership the first of said year.

Upward Trend

Perhaps the growth of the Far Eastern Division in membership can be understood even better, when we recall, that at the end of 1946, the membership of the Division was 6.4 percent of our world membership, while at the end of 1966, it was 11.4 percent of the world membership. And we note with pleasure, that this upward trend has continued since we left the field.

We might for the sake of emphasis illustrate the growth of the Far Eastern Division in another way. In 1946, at the close of World War II, the membership of the entire Far Eastern Division was just over 85 percent of the church membership of the Pacific Union Conference. Today, the church membership of the Far Eastern Division is about double that of the Pacific Union. This becomes rather significant, when you realize that this increase in the Far Eastern Division has come from Catholic, Moslem, and ancestral worship backgrounds mainly.

You may wonder why I've spent so much time and space on the statistics of church growth in the Far Eastern Division, since World War II. However, we wish to call to your attention, that there is more to an increase in church membership, than just statistics. It takes organization, yes, but with that it takes ministers and evangelists, training schools, publishing houses, and medical institutions in a balanced program, all working together to accomplish one aim, one objective.

We might remind ourselves, that during the war years, most of our institutions were closed, and for a period of years prior to the war, there was a depression, with reduced budgets, that affected the advance of the work. Hence, we found few younger ministerial workers in 1946. Most of the men ordained during those first post-war years were older men, with years of experience.

JAPAN. Pastor C. P. Sorensen is shown addressing the delegates at the opening session of the 1962 Division Council in Tokyo, Japan. Two former Division presidents were in attendance and are shown at the left, Pastors V. T. Armstrong and F. A. Mote. The present president of the North Pacific Union, Pastor Elmer Walde, is at the far right. He was Radio-TV Secretary of the General Conference at that time.



November, 1969

From 1946 until 1966, there were well over 500 ordinations in the Far Eastern Division, the majority of whom were national workers, who today are the administrators and evangelists and leaders alongside the overseas workers. In the early fifties, the Ministerial Internship Plan was adopted by the Division, with budgetary provisions. Many outside of the Far East may not realize that the standards for an intern here are the same as they are in the United States, requiring in most cases full college training, and in some cases more. The number of intern allotments in the Far East is close to that of the North American Division, which has twice the membership.

New Territory Entered

At the close of the war, only one college in the Far East was a four-year college. Since then five other union training schools were upgraded to senior college status in at least the ministerial training department, and three others are in the process of being upgraded. In some countries of the Far East, the number of college students per one thousand population, is the same as for the States. With the impetus of nationalism, everyone wants an education, in order to compete with his fellow man.

There is always an inspiration in "New" territory entered and occupied. As the result of the war, we were projected into such places as Guam and Okinawa. With the situation in China, Taiwan was reentered and a strong work developed. With the turn of events in Indonesia, the time was apropos to enter West New Guinea (West Irian). Other unentered places were occupied, such as Toradjaland (South-Central Celebes), which have an appeal in mission giving.

Because of so many different countries in the Far Eastern complex, it became necessary to establish several publishing houses to supply needed literature for the church and its colporteur evangelists. The four existing houses had to be entirely rehabilitated after the war and four additional houses built.

With an ever-increasing membership, new and additional secondary schools have been established. Only nine such academies existed in 1946, in addition to the six college and union training schools. Now there are 39 as of 1968. This means an addition of 30 secondary schools added in just over 20 years.

Twenty Years

With the Adventist concept of medical missionary work, (a) to relieve human suffering, (b) to make man whole, and (c) to guide and train our young people in medical work, additional medical institutions were started during these post-war years, until now there are 20 hospitals, an additional number of clinics, and eight nurses' training schools, from aides to collegiate training. With this qualified training, it has made it possible to answer calls from both within and without the Far Eastern Division for missionary nurses as well as doctors to serve in several other of our world divisions.

We surely count it an honor and a privilege to have been associated with the Far Eastern Division for 20 years, and "at such a time as this." May the work continue to grow and prosper.



SNIP! During his years as president Pastor C. P. Sorensen performed many duties—speaking at many different kinds of ceremonies, attending committee meetings, and working with all kinds of groups within the Division territory. Here he snips the ribbon officially opening the new Thailand Mission office and publishing house in 1963. At the left is Pastor G. O. Bruce, Union Secretary-treasurer, and at the right is Pastor Wayne Martin, then Mission president and now assistant secretary of the Bureau of Public Relations of the General Conference.



DELEGATES. Pastor C. P. Sorensen, center, is shown with some of the national delegates from the Far Eastern Division at the 1954 General Conference session held at San Francisco, Calif.

RAFT. During some of Pastor Sorensen's many trips he was able to take his wife along. Here Mrs. Sorensen can be seen on a raft on a river in North Borneo as she took a trip with Mrs. Youngberg, wife of the mission president.

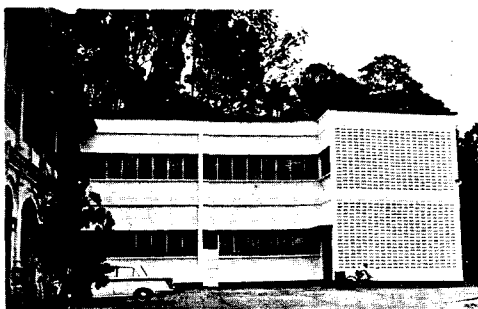




This is how the Far Eastern Division office looked when it was purchased in 1937. In the background can be seen the beginnings of the first house built on the Division compound for staff members.

Then . . .

Now . . .



This is a two-story addition of the Far Eastern Division office designed to accommodate the administrative offices, a canteen, and storage areas.

The Inside Story of 800 Thomson Road, Singapore

By V. T. Armstrong, President,
Far Eastern Division
1936-1941, 1945-1954

THE Far Eastern Division was organized in 1919 with headquarters in Shanghai, China. By 1931 the work had expanded to such an extent it was deemed advisable to divide the territory into two divisions, namely the China and Far Eastern Divisions.

The reorganized Far Eastern Division held its first annual council in Manila early in 1931. The four union fields and the presidents were as follows; Japan, V. T. Armstrong; Korea, H. A. Oberg; Malaya, J. G. Gjording; and Philippines, R. R. Figuhr. In 1938 the Netherlands East Indies Union (Indonesia) which had been under the direction of the Central European Division was reassigned to the Far Eastern Division. The president was P. Drinhaus.

One of the first items on the agenda at that first meeting was "Division Headquarters Location." After much discussion it was decided to occupy rented quarters in Manila until further study could be made. Before the next annual council the office was moved to Baguio. A rented dwelling housed the Division office and the staff was accommodated in the Philippine Union vacation cottages.

Each year at the Division Council a permanent location was discussed. Baguio was considered but it was not satisfactory due to transportation problems. Hong Kong was favorably mentioned but it was in the territory of another division and the vote for Hong Kong was negative. Japan was also suggested but due to international complications at that time it was decided unadvisable to locate the headquarters there.

Manila Considered

In 1935 Manila was again considered and the Division officers were empowered to look for land in the Manila area. Suitable locations were either too expensive or not available. The Division officers suggested a portion of the Philippine Union College campus be assigned for the headquarters. Due to the fact that the 1936 General Conference was only a few months in the future it was decided to wait until after the session before making a final decision.

At the General Conference session in San Francisco the writer was elected president and Pastor

C. L. Torrey as Secretary-Treasurer of the Division. The available members of the Division committee with representatives of the General Conference met in San Francisco. The first item on the agenda was "Headquarters Location." All felt the time had come to settle the location without further delay. Manila, Baguio, Hong Kong, and Japan were all reconsidered but there were serious objections to each place. Then Singapore was suggested. Within half an hour it was unanimously voted to locate the Division headquarters in Singapore.

Move to Singapore

The General Conference granted some additional funds and with what the Division had set aside we had \$32,000 (Singapore currency) with which to purchase land and buy or build a headquarters. Pastor Torrey, who had been treasurer in Poona, needed to return to Southern Asia for a short time and I had to stop in Japan and Korea on my way to Singapore. We met in Hong Kong and together proceeded to Baguio. Two office secretaries were the only members of the Division staff in Baguio when we arrived. We were booked on a boat to leave Manila within five days. Files were crated, two safes were sold, books packed and by diligent effort we made the appointment. Two weeks from the arrival in Baguio the Division office was opened for business in quarters rented from C. M. Lee on Orchard Road in Singapore.

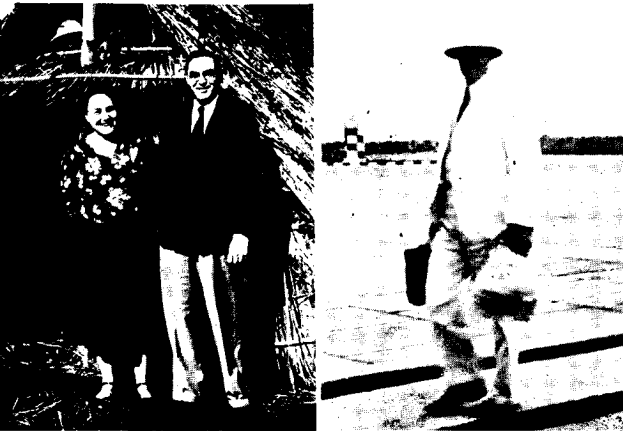
REPORT. Pastor V. T. Armstrong is shown giving his annual report at the 1954 Far Eastern Division Council in the assembly room of the Division headquarters office in Singapore. At the extreme left are Pastor W. J. Hackett, now a vice-president of the General Conference (now attending the annual Division Council in Bangkok) and Pastor Bruce Wickwire, now publishing secretary of the Northern European Division. Pastor C. P. Sorensen is to the right of Pastor Armstrong.



Pastor J. H. McEachern and family were in a rented apartment on Orchard Road. Pastor George Campbell and family were accommodated on the Malayan Union compound. Later Pastor W. P. Bradley and family arrived and secured a rented house. Pastor C. L. Torrey and I boarded with the McEachern family and slept in the office building until our families arrived some months later.

For two months we searched for a suitable location for the headquarters. We needed an office building and mission homes for the staff. Just how to secure such a property for S\$32,000 seemed almost impossible.

A property on Thomson Road was one of the many we considered. The building on the property had not been occupied for some years and needed a new roof and a new floor on the second story. The man who owned the property had met financial reverses and there was a mortgage and back taxes against the property, totaling \$36,000.



LEADER. Pastor V. T. Armstrong served longer as Far Eastern Division president than any other person. At the left he is shown with Mrs. Armstrong attending the first camp meeting ever held in the north Celebes. They are standing in front of a thatched hut in which they lived during the camp meeting. In the right panel Pastor Armstrong is shown walking toward the plane which took the very first Division worker on a business air trip starting from old Kallang Airport in Singapore.

The German Club of Singapore had bargained for the place but when they decided to buy Hitler refused to permit their money to be drawn out of the bank in Germany and they had to withdraw their offer. Our broker told us it was impossible to secure the property for less than \$36,000. We contacted another broker and he thought a firm offer somewhat less might be considered by the owner. A week before the first annual council in Singapore we secured a ten-day option for \$28,000 by paying down \$500 forfeit money.

When the committee met we showed them various properties and lastly the property at 800 Thomson Road. We wanted the committee to be free to decide for or against so had not told them of our option. After they had seen the place they voted that the purchase be made as soon as possible, even for \$36,000 if we could not get it for less. We then told them of the option.

The vote to locate in Singapore and to purchase the property at 800 Thomson Road had been unanimous and all felt the Lord had directed in these



PIONEERS. Here is a group of early workers in Japan, dated about 1923. Left to right, back row, A. N. Nelson, H. J. Perkins, A. N. Anderson, V. T. Armstrong, P. A. Webber, and E. J. Kraft. Third from left, seated, is Mrs. V. T. Armstrong and she is holding her young daughter, Beth, now Mrs. Galen Coffin, wife of a physician at the Youngberg Memorial Hospital in Singapore, and a member of the accounting staff of the Far Eastern Division office.

decisions. After paying for the property we had \$4,000 left with which to renovate the building and erect four mission homes. There was also grading and road work to do. With a little more help from the General Conference and some specials voted by the Division the project moved forward under the direction of E. C. Wood.

That was 33 years ago, January, 1970. The property at 800 Thomson Road has proven to be a desirable location. Much additional building and improvements have been made. I am sure all agree that the Lord guided the committee when Singapore was chosen headquarters for the fast-growing work in the Far East.

In 1936 the little church on Penang Road was the church home for the Chinese-speaking congregation who used the building in the morning and for the English speaking members who met there Sabbath afternoon. There was also a church at Malayan Seminary at 399 Upper Serangoon Road. The total church membership in Singapore then numbered around 200.

The medical work was launched in Singapore in 1946 under the direction of Dr. George Innocent. The services rendered by the Youngberg Memorial Hospital have been greatly appreciated by the people of Singapore. Its influence has greatly strengthened the work of the church in this center of influence in the Orient.

As we look back over the years we can see how God has guided and blessed. This is true in Singapore and every part of the intensely interesting Far Eastern Division.

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FIRST. This is the Dutch airline which took Pastor V. T. Armstrong on the very first business flight of any Far Eastern Division worker. At the time he was serving as president of the Far Eastern Division and the place was the Kallang Airport in Singapore.



and family, of Kansas, to Trinidad,

Mrs. Roy M. Cossentine, of Nebraska, to China.

G. G. Roth and two daughters, of Massachusetts, to Haiti.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Livingston, of California, to Cuba.

Elder L. E. Froom and family, of California, to China.

Mrs. J. T. Thompson, to South America (returning).

October

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Longway, of Massachusetts, to Siam.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn S. Luther, of Takoma Park, D. C., to China.

November

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Seal, of West Virginia, to Guatemala, Central America.

Elder and Mrs. W. S. Holbrook, of Nevada, to Trinidad, West Indies.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wellman and son, to India (returning).

Mr. R. H. Leech, to India (returning).

MISSIONARY. This is a section of the front page of the January 16, 1919 issue of the "Review and Herald" which lists the October sailing of Pastor and Mrs. E. L. Longway to Siam. Last year Pastor and Mrs. Longway, still active in the city of Hong Kong, celebrated their Golden Anniversary of overseas missions service.

"THEN" was 50 years ago. We sailed for the Orient from San Francisco on the old S. S. China, "we" being Mr. and Mrs. Glen Luther, and Mrs. Longway and the writer. Neither family knew that the other family was on shipboard, and, being inexperienced if not poor sailors, it was the second day at sea before we became acquainted with each other. Then it took just a little less than a month for the trip from San Francisco to Shanghai, via Honolulu, Manila, and Hong Kong.

"Now," in 1969, we make the trip from Hong Kong to San Francisco in just something like 14 hours flying time, with no such thing as travel or motion sickness, and with no such thing as time to become friends with fellow travelers.

Then, we left the shores of our native land with no thought that we would ever see our loved ones again, and with the one and only purpose of doing our little bit to get the work completed in the few years that would intervene before the second coming

of our Lord. The first term of service was eight years, and the second of like duration. Now, we get home every three or four years, and the great urgency that spurred us on to service has given way to a spirit of resignation, hoping that the current roster of national workers and the latecomers among the "foreign missionaries" will some way get the task completed.

Then, we were paid the princely salary of U.S. \$14 per week, and were charged \$25 month rent on the house provided for our shelter. Then, we counted it as a coveted privilege to be among the foreign mission band, selected by the Mission Board to open new work in Buddhist Thailand. Now, we see "foreign missionaries" come and go, with hardly any of them bothering to learn the language of the area where they labor. Then, we cooked our food over charcoal fires, slept on the floor when it seemed the thing to do, and never dreamed that the day would come when we could enjoy the ordinary comforts of life as lived in the homeland.

GROUP. Here are the delegates from the old Asiatic Division Conference who attended the 1918 General Conference session and recommended to the session that the name of the organization be "Far Eastern Division." Top row, left to right, E. H. Gates, C. E. Weeks, J. E. Fulton, J. S. James, W. W. Fletcher, B. P. Hoffman, O. J. Gibson, O. A. Hall, and C. P. Lillie. Center row, J. M. Conner, G. F. Enoch, C. H. Watson, R. T. Sisley, W. R. French, S. A. Wellman, and R. H. Leech. Lower row, Mrs. Conner, Mrs. Enoch, Miss May Scott, Miss Bertha Kurtz, Mrs. French, Mrs. Hall and daughter, Mrs. Leech, and F. O. Raymond. At the 39th meeting of the session on April 1, 1918, at 8:00 P.M. the Division Conference presented a Memorial to the General Conference which was later adopted.



THEN AND NOW

By E. L. Longway,
Veteran Missionary to the Orient
Field Secretary,
Far Eastern Division

Now, we are well provided for in the matter of a living wage, and comfortable homes, with all the modern conveniences and inconveniences, and think it a hardship if we must be away from home for more than a few weeks at a time. And, who is to say which program tends to better and more lasting results, the old or the new?

Then, the foreign mission ordained pastors outnumbered by far the national ministry. With no adequate training schools, and with the undue caution exercised in some instances, workers were in some instances well into their forties before being considered for ordination. Now, the national ministry far exceeds in number the ordained foreign missionary. Now, in nearly every union of the Division we have at least one training institute of college level, and with plans for a graduate school to serve the needs of the entire Division.

Then, the medical work of the Far Eastern Division was indeed conspicuous by its absence. National and foreign missionary alike were dependent on the meager and backward facilities provided by government or other mission body medical units. Now, with 19 medical units over the Far Eastern Division, and with several college-level nurses' training schools, the "strong right arm" is adequately doing its part in bringing the Gospel of Health to the nations of the Far East, and at the same time protecting the health of the church and the leadership.

Then, we had just a meager supply of denominational literature, with hardly a book of the Spirit of Prophecy literature in the vernacular. Now, we find most of the more important of these volumes available in the Korean, Japanese, and Chinese languages, with more volumes being added to the list year after year.

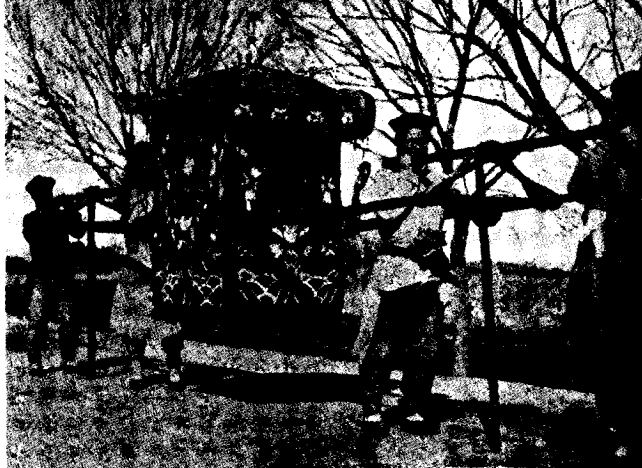
Looking back at the progress of the "cause" over the past 50 years, we have good cause to take courage, and face the future, and say with confidence and gratitude, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."



VETERAN. This is how Harry W. Miller, M.D. looked when he first went to China early in this century. The picture in the right column shows how he looks now.

Treasurers of the Far Eastern Division

H. W. Barrows	—	1919-1930
Eugene Woesner	—	1931-1935
C. L. Torrey	—	1936-1941
P. L. Williams	—	1942
(None listed)	—	1943-1945
P. L. Williams	—	1946-1954
W. L. Pascoe	—	1954-1962
H. D. Johnson	—	1962-19—



TRAVEL. For long trips ladies found that this type of transportation was best suited over the rough terrain of the China hinterland. Picture taken from a 1918 "Review and Herald."

CONGRATULATIONS!

OUR warm Christian regards and congratulations to each fellow Adventist in the Far East for this 50th anniversary. We salute the memory of courageous Abram LaRue, for he symbolizes Christ's modern apostles with a world-wide vision. Brother LaRue carried a wonderful strain of spiritual "virus" to Hong Kong. The Orient, too, was ready for the Advent hope.

Though Adventists were so few in number in 1888, the heaven of truth had raised up 800 workers and 5,000 members by 1919 when the Division was organized. Now the "virus" of Adventism spreads from 221,000 healthy faithful hearts. It is a life-giving blood transfusion to men dying without hope.

On this 50th Anniversary we say, "MORE POWER TO YOU!! More power for the finishing of God's work."

—Duane S. Johnson, Associate Secretary for Far Eastern Affairs, General Conference

ACTIVE. After more than a century of service between them, Pastor E. L. Longway and H. W. Miller, M.D. are still active in the work of the church. They are shown here, left and right in the photo, signing the deed for land purchased for the construction of a new hospital in Hong Kong. The pair have been raising money for the construction of the new building. It is now enclosed and should be ready for occupancy within the next year.





SITE. This is the first Seventh-day Adventist mission home in the city of Singapore.



STAFF. Here is the group who attended the 1948 Division Council in Singapore, one of the first held after the close of the war in the Orient. They are, left to right, Pastor and Mrs. Becker and Paula; Pastor and Mrs. C. A. Campbell, Pastor and Mrs. P. L. Williams, Pastor and Mrs. V. T. Armstrong, Pastor and Mrs. C. P. Sorensen, Pastor and Mrs. F. A. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Emerson, and Miss Signe Nelson.

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THIS portrayal of the growth and dev in the Far East is based on inform the S.D.A. Encyclopedia. (Yearbook to appear in any issue, the organization in the former year; thus the situation appears in this graph under the year

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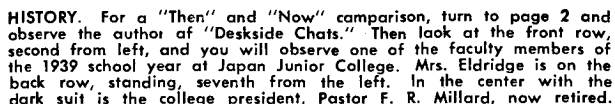
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Population: 486,000,000 Churches: 14 Members: 363		Population: 803,270,499 Churches: 21 Members: 601			
MISCELLANEOUS		ASIATIC DIVISION			
		Vice President for Asiatic Division: Headquarters: Shanghai, China		I. H. Evans	
Japan Mission Organ. 1896 Incl. Korea		Japan Mission			
		Korean Mission			
		Singapore Mission*			
		Trans. from Australasian Union (*It seems quaint today, but the address was listed as: Singapore, Malay Archipelago, Pacific Ocean!)			
		Philippine Islands Mission Organ. 1906 Trans. from Australasian Union			
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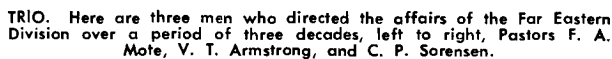
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—Mrs. P. H. Eldridge



1913	1914	1916
ASIATIC	DIVISION	ASIATIC DIVISION CONFERENCE
<p>Pres. R. C. Porter</p> <p>NORTHEASTERN UNION MISSION</p> <p>Japan Mission</p> <p>Korean Mission</p> <p>Manchurian Mission</p> <p>EAST INDIA UNION MISSION</p> <p>Malaysian Mission</p> <p>Straits Settlements, Federated Malay States</p> <p>British North Borneo, Siam, Dutch East Indies</p> <p>Philippine Mission</p> <p>Central-Southern Luzon Conference</p> <p>NORTH CHINA UNION MISSION</p> <p>SOUTH " " "</p> <p>1915 AUSTRALASIAN UNION CONFERENCE</p> <p>Also, Tibet, Mongolia, Chinese Turkestan</p> <p>1915 INDIA UNION MISSION</p>	<p>Pres. R. C. Porter</p> <p>NORTHEASTERN UNION MISSION</p> <p>Japan Mission</p> <p>Korean Mission</p> <p>Manchurian Mission</p> <p>EAST INDIA UNION MISSION</p> <p>Malaysian Mission</p> <p>Straits Settlements, Federated Malay States</p> <p>British North Borneo, Siam, Dutch East Indies</p> <p>Philippine Mission</p> <p>Central-Southern Luzon Conference</p> <p>NORTH CHINA UNION MISSION</p> <p>SOUTH " " "</p> <p>1915 AUSTRALASIAN UNION CONFERENCE</p> <p>Also, Tibet, Mongolia, Chinese Turkestan</p> <p>1915 INDIA UNION MISSION</p>	<p>Pres. R. C. Porter</p> <p>HQ: Shanghai, China</p> <p>NORTHEASTERN UNION MISSION</p> <p>Japan Mission</p> <p>Korean Mission</p> <p>Manchurian Mission</p> <p>EAST INDIA UNION MISSION</p> <p>Malaysian Mission</p> <p>Straits Settlements, Federated Malay States</p> <p>British North Borneo, Siam, Dutch East Indies</p> <p>Philippine Mission</p> <p>Central-Southern Luzon Conference</p> <p>NORTH CHINA UNION MISSION</p> <p>SOUTH " " "</p> <p>1915 AUSTRALASIAN UNION CONFERENCE</p> <p>Also, Tibet, Mongolia, Chinese Turkestan</p> <p>1915 INDIA UNION MISSION</p>



Pastor R. R. Figuhr, former superintendent of the work in the Philippines, later General Conference President, now retired.

Veteran Leader Notes Progress Over Half A Century

By R. R. Figuhr,
Former President of General Conference

IT was in the year 1923, just 46 years ago, that we first saw the Orient. Our destination was the Philippine Islands, but the ship stopped enroute at Japan, Singapore, and Hong Kong. At this last port, after a wait of ten days, we transferred to another boat bound for the islands. These brief stops gave us an introduction to the great field known as the Far Eastern Division.

This Division at that time included the present Far East and also what came later to be known as the China Division. The total Division membership then was 12,245. By the end of 1930, the membership had grown to 27,082, of which some 18,000 were in the present Far Eastern Division territory. In 1931 the separation of the field into two separate divisions was effected.

QUARTET. Here are the four union presidents of the Far Eastern Division in the year 1937. Left to right, Pastors V. T. Armstrong, R. R. Figuhr, H. A. Oberg, and J. G. Gjording.



The Philippine Islands, which was to engage our chief attention for the next 18 years, had in 1923 a baptized membership of 4,491. The institutions consisted of a publishing house and an academy, somewhat deficient in facilities. But the watchword, born of faith, was "Courage and Onward." The work grew with due emphasis on three important activities: Christian education, literature work, and evangelism. Those early pioneers are to be commended for their clear vision of the essentials as are those who followed. These, added to the medical work, have proved to be a most valuable adjunct of our work.

Today as we look over the field and see in the Philippine Islands alone the multiplied institutions and facilities and a membership of close to 120,000 with a dedicated army of loyal workers of every class, we are led to reverently exclaim, "What Hath God Wrought!"

The procession moves on. Obstacles that at a distance appear insurmountable give way before the steady progress of God's Cause. Its final triumph is certain. May we all be in that great victorious host who with glad hearts welcome the Lord when He appears in glory.

1917	1918	1919	1920
			Population: 457,132 Churches: 6 Members: 6
ASIATIC DIVISION CONFERENCE			
President: J. E. Fulton	Chairman, Executive Board: I. H. Evans HQ: Shanghai, China	Chairman, Executive Board: I. H. Evans HQ: Shanghai, China	
EAST ASIAN UNION CONFERENCE Japan, Korea, Manchuria, Formosa	JAPAN-CHOSEN-MANCHURIAN UNION CONFERENCE Formosa included	CHOSEN UNION MISSION	
Malaysian Union Conference British Malaysia (Singapore Mission, Malay States Mission, Borneo Mission), Dutch East Indies, Siam	MALAYSIAN UNION CONFERENCE British Malaysia, Dutch East Indies, Siam	JAPAN UNION MISSION	
PHILIPPINE UNION CONFERENCE	Also, Annam	MALAYSIAN UNION MISSION British Malaysia, Dutch East Indies, Siam	
	NORTH CHINA UNION CONFERENCE	PHILIPPINE UNION MISSION Also, Annam	
	SOUTH CHINA UNION CONFERENCE	CENTRAL CHINA UNION MISSION	
	Also, Peking Mission; Mongolia, Tibet, Chinese Turkestan	EAST CHINA UNION MISSION	
		MANCHURIAN UNION MISSION	1921
		NORTH CHINA UNION MISSION	EA
		SOUTH CHINA UNION MISSION	UN
		WEST CHINA UNION MISSION	
		Also, Mongolia, Tibet, Chinese Turkestan	

With the growing complexity of organization, it becomes necessary from this point forward to identify only main units. For more detailed information regarding mission structure, please refer to the S.D.A. Yearbook.

A high-contrast, black and white portrait of a middle-aged man with receding hair, wearing thick-rimmed glasses, a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a dark tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a mottled, light gray.

It is a joy to turn back the pages of history and see what great things have been accomplished in the Far Eastern Division. I joined the Division staff in October, 1936.

The church membership at the close of 1936 stood at 25,033.

Now the church membership stands at 221,303 in the Far Eastern Division or a gain of 196,270. The baptisms in 1968 were 15,372. The Sabbath School membership has risen to 248,094.

shall see what we have long hoped and prayed for, so we can all rejoice and praise God for His goodness and love and the glorious hope we have in our hearts—the hope of the coming of Jesus to take us home

1930	
Population:	128,002,119
Churches:	272
Members:	17,125

1931	
	F A R E A S
	HQ: Baguio, Philippines

1936
DIVISION
President: V. T. Armstrong
HQ: 106 Orchard Road,
Singapore*

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*Second-floor office space provided by C. M. Lee, while search went on for permanent location of FED HQ.



EVENT. One of most outstanding events in the history of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital was the day of the official opening of the School of Nursing. Queen Sirikit is shown entering the hospital grounds with Dr. R. F. Waddell, Medical Director, on the day of the dedication and formal opening of the building. Following along in back of her husband is Mrs. Waddell in the nurse uniform.



UNUSUAL. One of the unusual baptisms in the Far Eastern Division is this one performed in a Philippine provincial jail, using a drum of water.

The Story of 800 Thomson Road

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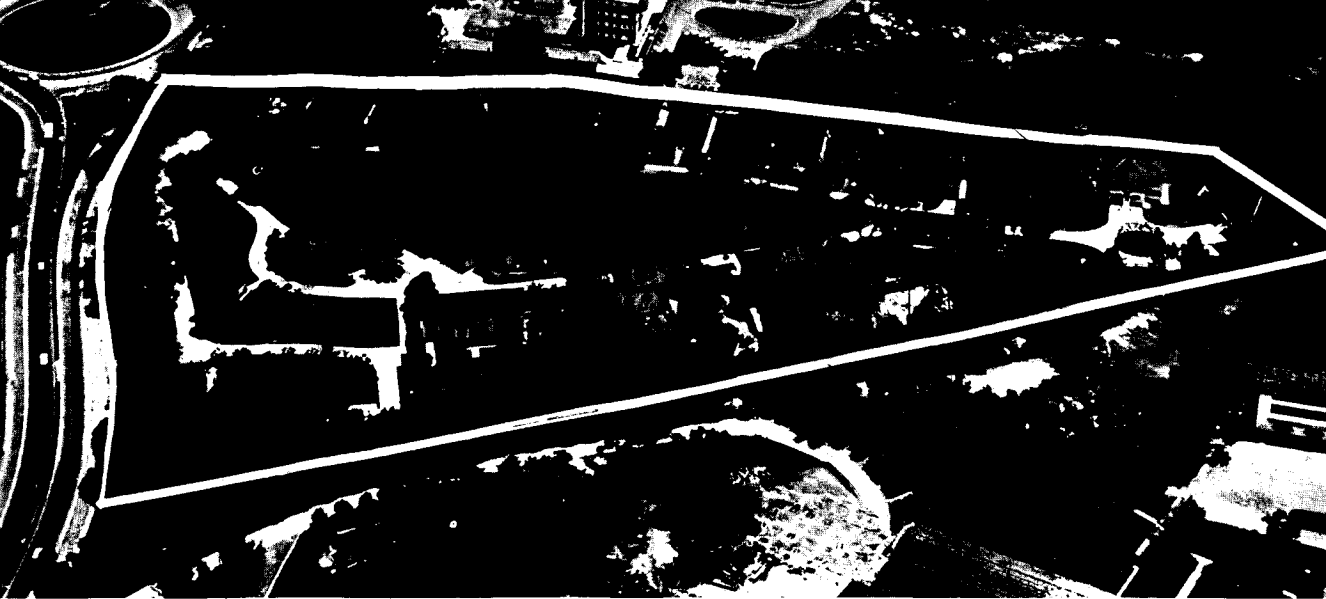
My call to serve as a missionary came in 1920. It was to connect with the work in Canton, China. Since I had already made plans to attend Walla Walla College for the school year 1920-1921 I requested the call be held until 1921. Three days before we were to board the ship in San Francisco for China a letter from the General Conference informed us our destination was to be Japan instead of China.

After 15 years in Japan and 18 years as Division president in Singapore I thank God for giving me the privilege of serving in the Orient. We experienced the earthquake in Japan in 1923, the depression in 1930, World War II, 1941-1945, the Korean War in 1950, all of which at the time seemed would destroy or greatly retard the work of God, but through it all God has cared for His work. Each catastrophe has opened doors and shaped circumstances and made them blessings in disguise. As a result the work has only been strengthened and enlarged. "We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us." Test. to Min., Page 31.



EVENT. Another outstanding event in the Division was the visit of Prince Takamatsu of Japan to Japan Missionary College. In the picture are seen, left to right, Dr. and Mrs. Neal Woods, Princess Takamatsu, Prince Takamatsu, Dr. Raymond Moore, Miss Margaret Lyncy, and Pastor F. R. Millard. This event took place on May 6, 1952.

1937	1940	1941	1942	1944	1950	1951
	Population: 217,425,292 Churches: 728 Members: 32,818				Population: 245,053,234 Churches: 873 Members: 50,018	
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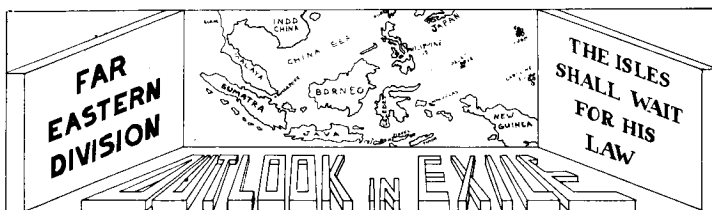


VIEW. This is an aerial view of the Far Eastern Division compound in Singapore taken in 1965. The main Division headquarters building is at the left and the Far Eastern Academy is at the far right. Two new buildings have been constructed and additions have been made to several other buildings since this picture was taken.



NOW FIRST LADY. Mrs. Paul H. Eldridge worked in the "Voice of Prophecy" office in Japan for many years. Now she is the "First Lady" of the Far Eastern Division. Mrs. Eldridge did the research for the six-page chart outlining the history of Adventist work in the Orient. The photo shows her at work in the Japan Union office.

MASTHEAD. During the Second World War there was no active Far Eastern Division office in Singapore. Also there were no issues of the OUTLOOK printed during that period. However, during the latter part of the war years an OUTLOOK IN EXILE was printed in Washington, D.C. This is a reproduction of the masthead for several issues of the OUTLOOK issued by Pastors V. T. Armstrong and W. P. Bradley.



V. T. ARMSTRONG, PRESIDENT

W. P. BRADLEY, SECRETARY

1958				1960				1966				1969			
				Population: 301,565,966								Population: 379,278,971			
				Churches: 1,413								Churches: 2,177			
				Members: 111,785								Members: 221,301			
FAR EASTERN DIVISION				FAR EASTERN DIVISION				FAR EASTERN DIVISION				FAR EASTERN DIVISION			
F. A. Mote				President: C. P. Sorensen				President: P. H. Eldridge							
												Japan 7,111			
												Korea 32,600			
1956				1954											
SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION MISSION				EAST INDONESIA UNION MISSION								SE Asia 13,300			
Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Malaya, Sabah, Sarawak, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam				WEST INDONESIA UNION MISSION								E. Indonesia 16,900			
(1953 Detached Mission)				1966 West Irian Mission (Part of WIUM)								W. Indonesia 23,300			
				(Name changed to West Irian Mission)											
				SOUTH PHILIPPINE UNION MISSION								N. Philippines 42,400			
				CENTRAL PHILIPPINE UNION MISSION								S. Philippines 43,900			
												C. Philippines 32,500			
												Far Eastern 7,800			
NA ISLAND UNION MISSION												S. China Island 7,800			
Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan (Formosa), and the Philippines												Island Mission —			
Macao, Taiwan (Formosa), and the Philippines												Total 221,301			

At the close of 1967 the membership of the Japan Union Mission (smallest union in the FED) was 6,699—the total Division membership in 1920.



Remember...

By V. T. Armstrong, President
Far Eastern Division, 1937-1941, 1945-1954

FIRST. The very first worker to come to the Orient was Abram LaRue, a layman. His labors were first carried on in Hong Kong. He is buried in a wind-swept cemetery high on a hill overlooking Hong Kong harbor.

(Editor's Note: The following article appeared in the December 29, 1938 issue of the "Review and Herald," the 75th anniversary number of the general church paper. Pastor V. T. Armstrong was at that time serving as president of the Far Eastern Division.)

THE landing of W. C. Grainger and T. H. Okohira at Yokohama, Japan, on November 28, 1896, marks the opening of the work of Seventh-day Adventists in the present territory of the Far Eastern Division. The history of our work is therefore forty-two years old at this time. Gleaning from the records of those early days we find that the first church in our territory was organized in Tokyo, in 1897, with a membership of thirteen.

In 1899 the young mission began the publication of literature in the form of small tracts and a monthly paper.

This small magazine, **Owari No Fukuin**, which in English is known as **The Gospel for the Last Days**, was no doubt the first literature published in the Far Eastern Division by our denomination.

TRAVEL. This is how the early China missionaries travelled from place to place—no jet airplanes, no sleek trains, and not even bicycles. This pioneer worker has his face covered for protection against influenza. Picture taken from the 1919 "Review and Herald."

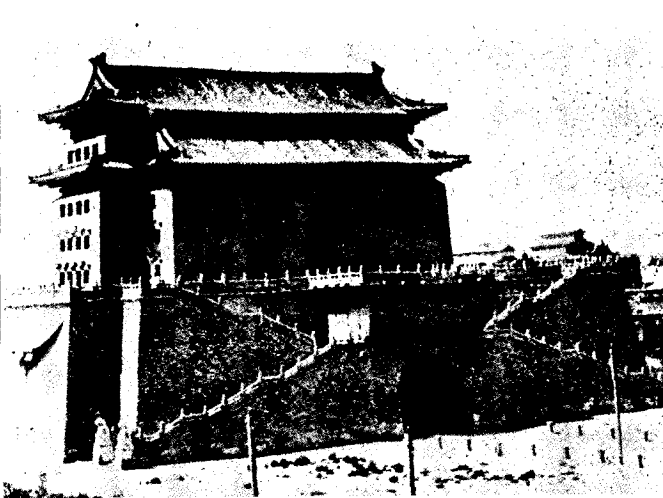


After a church was organized, the publishing work started in a small way, two Bible schools began operation, and the work began to grow and expand. Later, other workers joined the small staff, and with courageous hearts our first missionaries in this interesting and expansive field pressed on with their work. It was not long, however, before a severe loss came to our young mission. Pastor Grainger became ill after three years of strenuous labor, and before the close of 1899, passed to his rest. This was a sad hour for the mission. Brother Grainger was buried in the Aoyama Cemetery in Tokyo, where he sleeps awaiting the resurrection morning. His is the first Seventh-day Adventist missionary grave in the territory of our field.

Early Workers

In 1901 F. W. Field and his family arrived in Japan, and assumed the responsibility of leadership in that territory. From Japan the light of truth was next carried to Korea. One day Hide Kuniya, who had studied the message at the little Bible school in Tokyo, and who was engaged in the work, noticed

GATE. Early China missionaries went through this huge gate when they entered Peking, China. Picture taken from a 1919 "Review and Herald."



a Korean man reading the sign which was written in Chinese characters in front of the little meeting hall in Kobe. Brother Kuniya invited the man into the meeting place, and there they conversed together, by writing Chinese characters. This Korean was a Christian, and before long he and a friend, who was also a Christian, became regular attendants at the little gospel hall. Later they were baptized, one going to Honolulu, and the other returning to his native land.

On the journey back to Korea, this brother had the privilege of passing on the new-found truth to a man by the name of Lim K. Pao, another Korean, who readily accepted the message and began to teach it to his friends. Some months later, thirty persons were calling for further studies and baptism, and earnestly requesting Pastor Kuniya to visit them.

Korea Entered

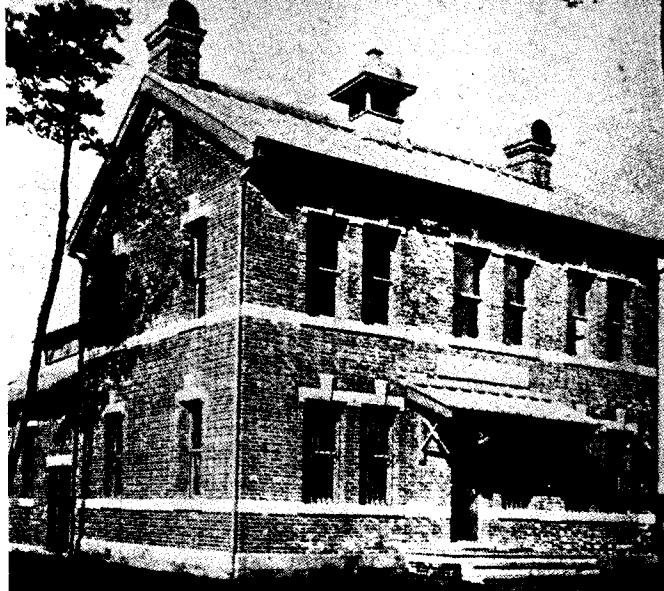
During the first visit of Pastor Kuniya to Korea, meetings were held, and new interests developed. Pastor Field later joined Pastor Kuniya, and before their visit terminated, four small churches were organized. In 1905 W. R. Smith responded to a call from the General Conference and sailed for Korea. The light that shone in those two needy fields was soon to be multiplied in the southern territory of the Far Eastern Division; for the same year that Brother Smith went to Korea, R. A. Caldwell visited the Philippine Islands, and devoted his time to the colporteur work. He was successful, and sold considerable literature in English and Spanish. The same year G. A. Irwin visited the Philippine Islands on his way from Australia to America, and was very much impressed with the needs and opportunities in these islands.

In 1907 Pastor and Mrs. J. L. McElhany were sent to the Philippine Islands as our first missionaries to that promising territory. Later, Pastor and Mrs. L. V. Finster accepted a call to mission service in that field, and arrived in the Philippine Islands in 1908.

While the Lord's Spirit was working upon the hearts of the people in the regions already mentioned, and was opening doors for this work to enter, light began to shine in the islands to the south. R. W. Munson, at that time a missionary of another denomination, working in Sumatra, returned to America on furlough, and it was while he was a patient at the Battle Creek Sanitarium that he first heard the message. A little later on he identified himself with our people. Upon his return to Sumatra he began to preach our message in Padang, Sumatra. Thus our work began in the Netherlands East Indies in 1898.

Growth in the Work

In 1904 G. F. Jones opened work in the city of Singapore; and two years later George Teasdale and Miss Petra Tunheim opened the work in Java. Reports show that in 1914 the membership of what is now the Netherlands East Indies and the Malayan Union combined, had reached 114, with a staff of nine foreign missionaries.



HOUSE. This was the original headquarters of Japan Adventist work. Picture taken from a 1919 "Review and Herald."



KOREA. Here are some early workers in the Korean Union office in Seoul, Korea.

FIRST. Here are the very first workers and members in the Far East. This picture was taken in Hong Kong, China in March, 1902 and shows a group of sailors who were the first persons baptized as a result of the work of LaRue. The pioneer missionary to the Orient was Pastor J. N. Anderson, extreme left on the back row and standing beside him with the round hat is Abram LaRue.





COLLEGE. Here are the faculty members and students of the Japan Missionary College, 1923-1924, taken on the Ogikuba compound where the school was then located. Shortly after this the school was relocated at Naraha across the bay from Yokohama.



NATIVE WORK. Pastor G. Oosterwal, a pioneer missionary in New Guinea, is shown with a group of spear-holding natives deep in the jungles where he worked for a number of years. Dr. Oosterwal is now teaching in the missions department of Andrews University.

It was not long before literature had been carried to various parts of the field and new interests had been created. Calls for help came from the Celebes in 1920, as the result of the literature ministry. A native who had procured some of our literature, and accepted the truth, immediately ordered more, and began to do colporteur work in the northern part of the Celebes. That work which the colporteur started eighteen years ago has grown until today there are fifty-seven churches, with a membership of about two thousand. The jets of gospel light which began to shine in Japan in 1896, and which then spread to Korea and the Philippine Islands, Sumatra, Singapore, and Java, were later to shine also in Siam, Borneo, and French Indo-China, as well as in other sections of our territory.

Years of Progress

Beginning in one place, where a little church of thirteen members was organized, the work has grown in a wonderful way. Latest reports show that at the present time there are 1,057 Sabbath schools and 661 organized churches with a total membership of 30,678. Literature is being published in twenty-one languages within our territory, and is being distributed by 436 colporteur evangelists and a host of laymen. The report for the year ending December 31, 1937, gives our list of workers, including colporteurs, as 1,086. Tithes and foreign mission offerings received for 1937 in the present territory of our Far Eastern Division amounted to \$185,131.72 (U.S. currency), including Big Week and the Harvest Ingathering funds. This is equal to the total receipts in tithes and offerings for the whole denomination for the year 1886.

It is encouraging to observe that for the year 1937, just forty-two years since the landing of the first missionary in the territory of the Far Eastern Division, where a large proportion of the population is non-Christian, our work has made a record equivalent to that of the world field for one year, after the first forty-two years of our church history (1844-1886; and 1896-1938).

Gospel Given Indoors, Outdoors in Every Country

THAI MEETING. Branch Sabbath school work in Thailand produced interesting and successful results. Here Pastor H. M. Baldwin, Manager of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital in 1959, holds up a picture roll to a group of boys and girls.



HELPI Here is an early Indo-China Adventist activity, helping the sick and preaching the gospel. The couple shown are the first missionaries to Cambodia, Pastor and Mrs. F. L. Pickett.



Departmental Progress

Literature sales in 1937 reached \$112,962.23 (U.S. currency) in the Far Eastern Division; and four publishing houses are printing tracts, magazines, and books in the twenty-one languages in which we are publishing the gospel in this division.

Schools for the training of the youth are yearly furnishing the field with native teachers and other workers, who are uniting to help finish the task in the territory of our division. The only accredited senior college being conducted by Seventh-day Adventists outside North America, namely, the Philippine Union College, is located a short distance from Manila. It is doing a good work, and, with a total enrollment of 336 students, is wielding a mighty influence for good among the young people of that great island mission field. In the Philippine Union there are also a number of church schools and three well-organized academies. We have a training school in Japan, another in Korea, one in Singapore, and still another in Bandung. These institutions are assisting greatly in saving and training our youth for service.

We have four well-patronized sanitarium-hospitals that are accomplishing much in relieving the suffering and in fostering medical missionary work. Three of these institutions are also conducting three-year nurses' training schools, and are thus affording many of our young people an opportunity to train for service in medical lines. Eleven young people, who have completed nurses' training, are now giving their entire time to field visitation in the villages and countryside. We also have six clinics in which medical aid is given daily to hundreds of sufferers, and thus the way is opened for the entrance of truth into many honest hearts.

A brief survey of the growth and expansion of the work in this division is most encouraging, for

BUSY. This is the same intersection in 1969. It is now one of the busiest corners in all of Saigon.

Now

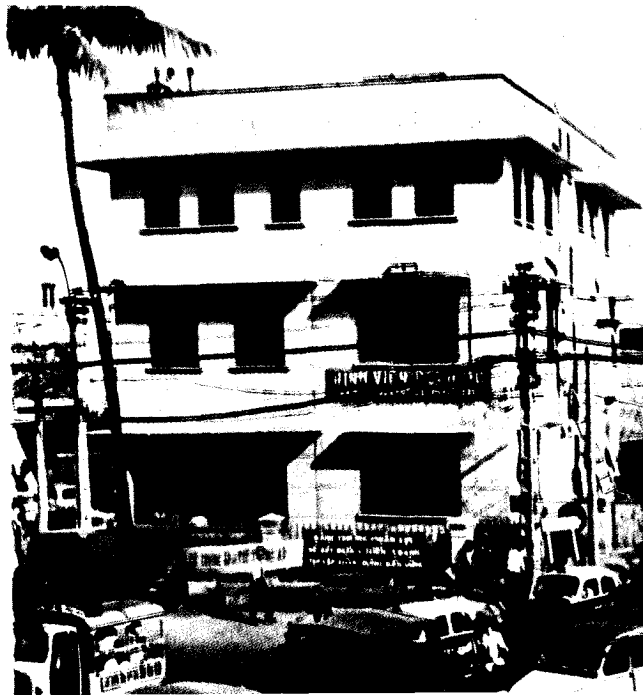
Then

OLD. Shown here is the Saigon Adventist Hospital as it appeared in 1956. Traffic was peaceful and quiet, and the same palm tree now in front of the building waved in the breeze.



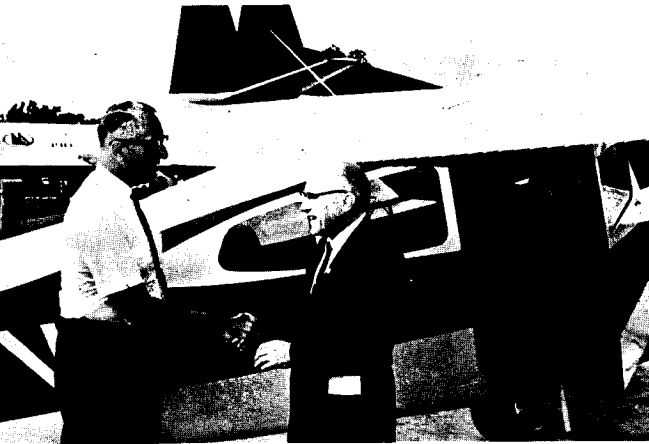
SPEAKER. A Singapore highlight in 1950 was the visit of Pastor H. M. S. Richards, Speaker and Director of the "Voice of Prophecy." He is shown standing by the sign in front the "Voice of Prophecy" office for Singapore.

in the progress that has been made we are assured again that this message which means so much to our own hearts is truly God's great message for these last days. And yet our hearts are greatly burdened as we think of the unfinished task, and of the sections of the field that are still waiting for the message of salvation.





EVANGELIST. Pastor Paul Eldridge is shown preaching to a 1954 opening night audience of a Tokyo evangelistic crusade in Japan. The site is the Tokyo Center. He served at that time as Radio-TV and Ministerial Secretary of the Japan Union.



PROGRESS. Further evidence of the progress of the message of God in the Far East is the presence of mission aircraft, now numbering three in the Division. Here Pastor Paul Eldridge, left, President of the Far Eastern Division, bids goodbye to Dr. Robert Pierson, President of the General Conference, as he is about to board Pastor Richard Hall's airplane for a flight to Mountain View College in the Philippines.

EVANGELISM. In the early 1950's Pastors H. Turner and F. Detamore conducted major evangelistic campaigns in the Orient. They are shown here with their "Flight of Time" auditorium in the Philippines.



Pioneer Worker Recalls Beginnings of Work in the Philippines

By L. V. Finster,
Pioneer Missionary in the Philippine Islands

KIPLING may have written, "East is East and West is West and never the twain shall meet," but he could never know that in God's work they do meet.

As one who experienced the filling of that gap some 61 years ago I can say that once the twain do meet there is a large part of one's heart left in the East when one is forced to return West.

Years have brought many changes in all countries of the world but pictures upon memory's walls are forever precious. Turn back the calendar from my 96th birthday on October 12 to the many years I was privileged to serve in the Far Eastern Division and I can see not one Filipino believer in the Philippines. Then read the statistics today! "What hath God wrought!" The work is going forward in a mighty, triumphant way. It will be climaxed under the Latter Rain.

I am now 96 years old and, God willing, I hope to live to see the Lord finish His work. It is near, very near! The shaking time is beginning; the Latter Rain is in evidence; God's people are almost home. May His spirit lead the Far Eastern Division to a magnificent harvest of souls.

It makes me so happy to send greetings to the Far Eastern Division on your fiftieth anniversary. I wish I could be with you. To the young who have taken up the torch of the Great Second Advent Movement and to the faithful older members of God's chosen people, I would urge—

"O, brothers, be faithful, soon Jesus will come
For whom we have waited so long.

O, soon we shall enter our glorious home
And join in the conqueror's song."

ADVANCE. One of the advances taken in the Philippines was the construction of the Manila Evangelistic Center, shown above. It is still used as an active center for soul-winning in the greater Manila area.

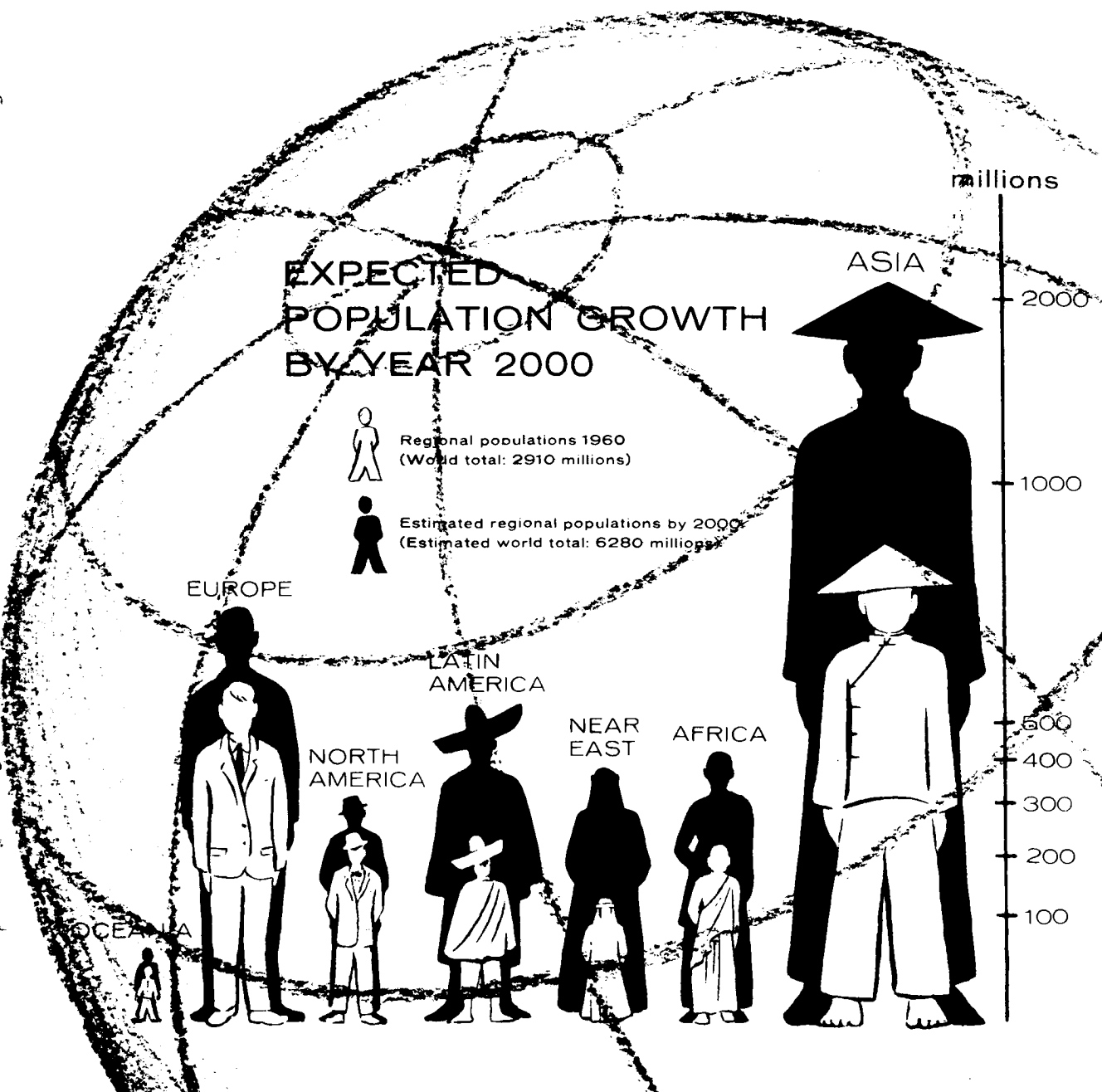


THE CHALLENGE OF THE FUTURE

IN EAST ASIA

FOR the past 22 pages you have noted the early beginnings and growth of the work of Seventh-day Adventist in Asia. Before the formal organization of what we know now as the Far Eastern Division, the territory included all of the eastern hemisphere, including Australia, India, and China. But what of the future? The challenge of giving the gospel message is still great. Note the population growth chart as illustrated below. Note the tremendous challenge which confronts the church with the present population in Asia of nearly 1,000 million. By the year 2,000 it is expected to reach more than 2,000 million, far more than any other part of the world. We ask all readers of the OUTLOOK to pray for the success of the work of God as we face the future.

—D. A. Roth





Robert H. Pierson
President, General Conference

THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS

"GO . . . and tell . . . how great things the Lord hath done for thee." And surely the Lord has done great things for the Far Eastern Division, and the story is one of advancement in the cause of God. Records show that in 1918 there were five unions in the division, with 128 churches and 6,082 members. There were 8,867 in the Sabbath School, and 823 denominational workers cared for various phases of the work in that wonderful place, called aptly by many, the "Fabulous Far East."

Today there are nine unions, with 2,061 churches, and 213,991 members. The Sabbath school has a membership of 248,094. We have 7,013 devoted workers in the Far Eastern Division.

Yes, 50 years have brought many changes, and great advancement, and I want to send my earnest best wishes and congratulations on the occasion of your 50th Anniversary. As I look at the list of educational and medical institutions, and the publishing houses scattered from Japan to Java, and notice the active radio work being carried on, I cannot help but say, "What hath God wrought!"

But let us not lose sight of the fact that there is still work to be done, for Jesus is soon coming. Our purpose must still be "Go . . . and tell." Millions are waiting to hear the good news, and the devoted members and workers in the Far Eastern Division will use the accomplishments of the past fifty years as stepping stones to even greater exploits for God.

God bless each of you as you look forward to making the coming months the best yet in the history of the Far East.

By R. H. Pierson
President, General Conference

