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NEW ARMENIAN CHURCHES DEDICATED IN BEIRUT, TEHERAN

Teheran Church Building Inspired By Layman

An Armenian church was dedicated January 2 at Teheran, partly the fruit of a \$10,000 gift by a Teheran business man, a member of a sister Seventh-day Adventist church in the city. "It was this gift," Elder Kenneth Harding, the Iran Section president, reports, "which helped spark the enthusiasm for getting a new church built." The donor, Brother John Hasso, also drew up the initial plans for the building. Now the thirty-year-old congregation has a real church building of its own, after meeting for years in the hall of the old mission building.

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Lay Institutes Spark Evangelism Revival

Reports from workers attending the first of a round of laymen's institutes planned to include the major Adventist centers in the Middle East reflect expectations for a new wave of lay missionary activity. The series, begun January 22 with the arrival in Turkey of Elder V. W. Schoen, associate secretary of the General Conference Home Missionary department, are to continue until March 9 when a short institute in Libya is scheduled to close. Elder Schoen is conducting the meetings assisted by Elder C. V. Brauer, the division Home Missionary department leader.

A training school in Bible evan-

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700 Fill New Church in Beirut For Ceremony

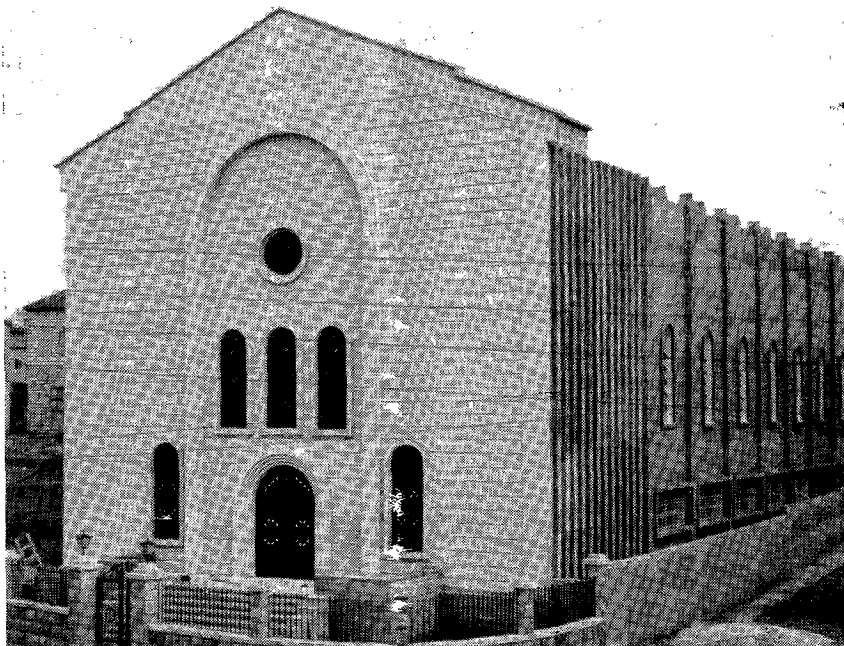
More than 700 Seventh-day Adventists and their friends, filling a new church at Bourj Hammoud in Beirut for its dedication January 9, heard Elder Figuhr, the General Conference president, urge that the building be made a center of compassion for the troubled, unfortunate, and lost of the world, then stood to perform the act of dedication in three languages.

The congregation was led in the act of dedication by Elder Wilcox, the division president, in English; by Elder George Khoury, Lebanon Section president, in Arabic; and in Armenian by Elder Manoug Nazirian, pastor of the church.

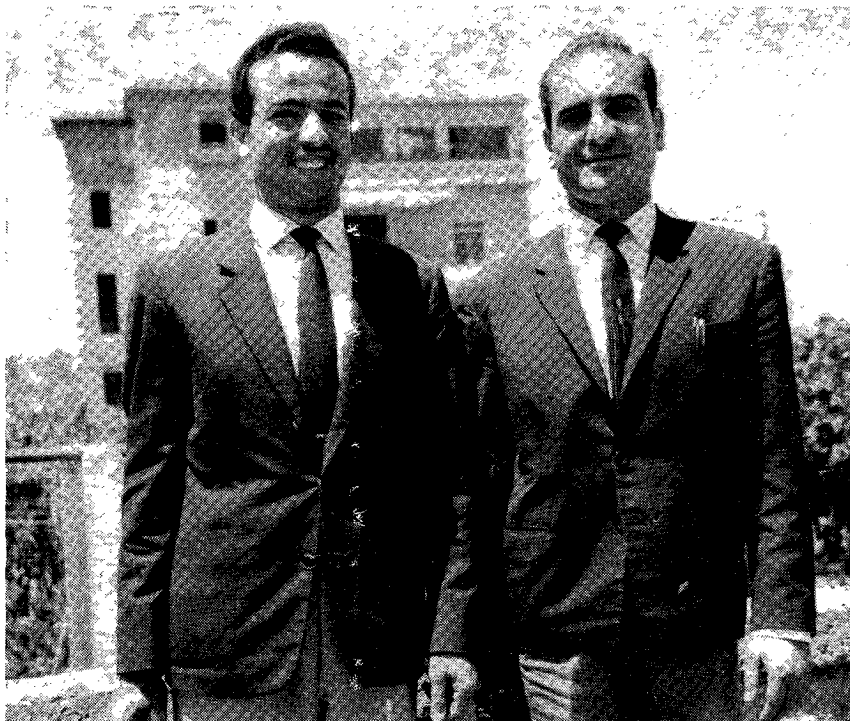
The building includes a large auditorium and balcony to seat 800 worshippers, a smaller hall downstairs to seat 300, a parsonage, and an 11-classroom school. Connected to the main auditorium is a mothers' room and a large reception room for receiving guests.

Among the guests from the community was Doctor Farid Awde, president of the Supreme Council of Evangelical Churches in Lebanon and Syria. In the dedicatory prayer he called on God to consecrate the building a holy place of prayer, a house of peace, and a place from which men may hear the invitation to heaven. Other guests were Pastor Abraham Jizmejian of the Bourj Hammoud Armenian Evangelical church, Doctor Philip Menassa of the Friends Society, and Pastor George Khoury of the Presbyterian Synod.

Already being operated in the building is a 300-pupil mission school. A series of evangelistic meetings was begun January 10 by the church pastor.



The new Armenian church at Bourj Hammoud in Beirut. For pictures of the dedication service see page three.



Milad Abdelkarim, newly appointed publishing secretary of the Lebanon Section, with Kamal Issa, Lebanon's top student literature evangelist in 1964.

Local Sections Add Publishing Leaders to Departmental Staffs

The local Sections have added two new names to the roster of publishing department secretaries appointed for the 1965-66 biennium: Milad Abdelkarim, in Lebanon and Basim Fargo, Iraq.

Brother Milad joins the department after several summers' experience while a student at Middle East College. His goal is to recruit and train regular literature evangelists and to continue to contact the homes with Adventist books and magazines. The Lebanon Section operates a book and periodical house with George Yared as manager and Minas Megurditchian assistant. Several part-time workers sell throughout the year and a regular work is being developed.

Brother Basim graduates from the business course at Middle East College in June and will join the Iraq Section as secretary of the publishing department and in charge of the book and periodical house. In recent years there has been no literature ministry in

Iraq, but the Section hopes to cultivate the program.

Some Sections such as Egypt, where Fuad Guirguis was re-elected publishing department secretary and Antar Yacoub reappointed book and periodical house manager, have already had strong leadership, but most have previously relied largely upon summer-time student trainers. In November, 1964, the Section presidents met with the division officers, Elder D. L. Chappell, the division publishing department secretary, and R. E. Anderson, the press manager, to discuss the problem of local Section leadership. At that time it was unanimously agreed that each Section would study specifically the question of providing local leadership.

In addition to the appointments by Lebanon and Iraq, the Jordan Section is seeking now to put a worker under appointment. In Libya where there is no organized Section or church departments, the hospital has set up a book depot for the convenience of its workers.

Lay Institutes

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gelism for lay instructors, the first of its kind in the Middle East Division, was attended by workers and church delegates from the Lebanon and Cyprus Sections, and by the Home Missionary department leaders from all the division Sections. Conducted January 25 through 30 at the Museitbeh church in Beirut, the classes featured subjects around the theme, "To Know Him — To Make Him Known." Instruction included among other courses of study: Denominational History, Bible Doctrines, Methods of Lay Evangelism, and Principles of Leadership.

Special events of the week in Beirut featured the showing of the new film, "Whatever Happened to Bob Brown?" at a fellowship supper gathering, the demonstration of the new Dorcas-Welfare uniforms, a commissioning service for the 120-club, and the training school graduation service. A Home Missionary Secretaries' council was held January 31.

Laymen's institutes are also planned for Baghdad, Teheran, Amman, and Cairo. Elder Schoen has for many years promoted lay evangelism. When he was Home Missionary secretary of the Inter-American Division he prepared a comprehensive training program which led to the growth of the lay movement there.

Attendance at the institutes is by delegation from the churches and Sections concerned and includes both workers and laymen. All delegates received leadership manuals in English or Arabic.

Teheran Church

The act of dedication led by Elder Harding especially set aside the 300-seat auditorium (including balcony) and entire building for the service of God. The building includes a parsonage, pastor's study, classrooms, and a basement assembly hall for 100 persons. Interior walls of face brick give beauty and dignity to the church auditorium.

Principal speaker for the occasion was Elder Figuhr, the General Conference president. Elder Wilcox offered the dedicatory prayer. Melcom Gasparian gave a history of the church and Vigen Marcarian presented the thanks of the congregation to those who contributed to the construction of the building. Half of the nearly \$66,000 required for the building and its furnishings was provided by the Middle East Division, the rest provided locally.

Dedication Service At Bourj Hammoud

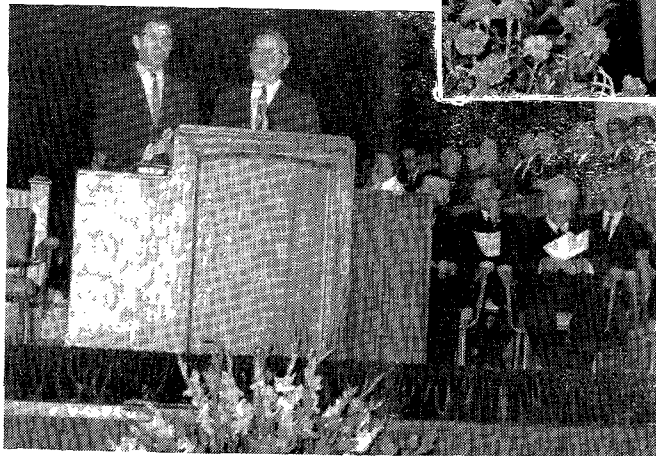


Below: Leaders gather in the reception room before beginning the service.

Above: Elder R. R. Figuhr, the General Conference president, gives the sermon as Elder Manong Nazirian, the church pastor, translates.

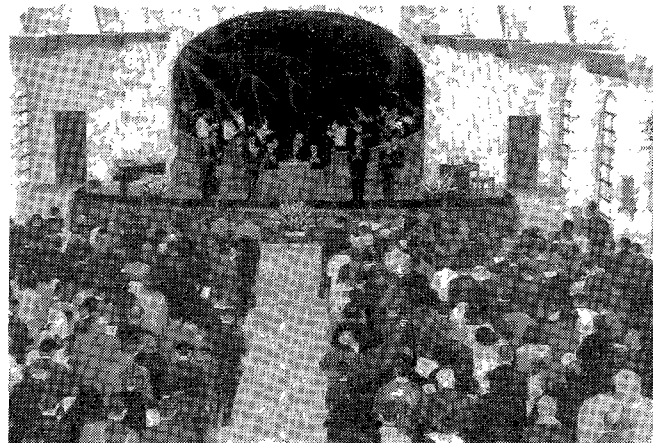


Below: Elder R. A. Wilcox, the division president, is joined at the pulpit by Elder A. A. Haddad, MV and Temperance secretary of the division.



Left corner: The congregation stands for the act of dedication.

Below: A view of the large audience filling the auditorium for the dedication service.



FROM HERE AND THERE

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

Little Miss Karen Winetta was born January 11 at the American University Hospital in Beirut to Marjorie and Harold Johnson. She joins her brother Stephen to even out the family at one boy and one girl. Mother and child are both well.

Baldur Pfeiffer, a graduate of Middle East College, currently studying toward a doctor's degree at Gutenberg University in Germany, has been placed under appointment to the history department of Middle East College. He is expected to complete his degree requirements and to join the staff of the college in time for the 1966-67 school year. Since leaving Middle East College, he has studied at Andrews University where he received an M. A. in history.

Elder Kenneth Vine, head of the department of religion on leave to complete a doctorate degree at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, reports that his dissertation is being presented to the appropriate committee and he will soon be given the examination. He expects soon to be able to be back on the Middle East College campus.

An Ingathering field day was held at the college December 10, during which LL 1,760 was raised.

B.L. Gilleroth has accepted a call to join the faculty of Middle East College. He was formerly under appointment for evangelistic work in Cyprus. He has a Master's degree with a major in Biblical Languages and will teach in the Bible department. His wife, Marlene, with a B. Mus. degree is helping in the Music department on a half-time basis.

Habib Bishara continues to make a good recovery after his serious automobile accident. He hopes soon to be able to return to work.

BENHAZI HOSPITAL

Dr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Ewert returned recently from a trip to Germany and Switzerland where they investigated equipment purchases. The Ewerts came to Benghazi October 30 from America joining the hospital staff to begin dental services. They have a two-year-old daughter, Julie Diane. The family is joined by his mother, Mrs. Elna Ewert.

Munir Masloub's knowledge of French was helpful when in late November he flew with a French patient to Paris. He has also special qualifica-

tions in mental nursing which was more particularly required. Dr. Oliverio also made a "mission flight" recently to accompany a patient to London who needed protracted burn care.

Food production efficiency has been raised since the installation last October of an institution-size stove in the kitchen.

MIDDLE EAST PRESS

Middle East Press has been authorized to operate a retail outlet at the publishing house to serve the needs of the college and division headquarters community. The Lebanese book and periodical house will continue to handle all sales to literature evangelists within the territory and to promote the sale of Adventist books and literature in the churches of the Lebanon Section.

EGYPT

Fuad Guirguis and William Gayed, publishing department and Sabbath School department secretary of the Egypt Section respectively, joined Elder D. L. Chappell, the division leader of the two departments, in a visit December 10 to 21 to the churches at Luxor, Sohag, Assiut, Minia, Fayoum, Tanta, Mansoura, Alexandria, and Cairo. Church meetings were conducted at all the places except Sohag where they visited the pastor and his assistant. The publishing department filmstrip, "Like a Mighty Army," was used in most of the churches to help promote the literature ministry. Many showed interest in the "I-Invited-Five Club." Members invite five persons to Sabbath School each week. On Sabbath the superintendent asks, "How many of you are members of the 'I-Invited-Five' this week?"

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Price List Released For Sabbath School Quarterlies

Middle East Press released this month its price list for 1965. Included are the prices for Sabbath School quarterly subscriptions to meet the needs of Arabic and Armenian church members living outside the division field. Prices for a year (four quarters), postage paid, are as follows:

Arabic Senior	\$ 1.75
Arabic Primary	1.50
Armenian Senior	1.75
Armenian Primary	2.00

Desire of Ages Chosen As 1965 Book of The Year

The Desire of Ages has been chosen as the missionary book of the year and a Spirit of Prophecy book of the year for 1965.

The selection as missionary book of the year calls for using the book as gifts and loans to relatives, neighbors, and friends. A special low-cost binding is being prepared for the Arabic edition and a subsidy appropriated to make the book available for missionary use at LL 3.00.

The promotion of the book as Spirit of Prophecy book of the year calls for its being read in the homes of church members. Non-Arabic speaking churches are using the English edition or making other selections for home reading.

Also planned for 1965 is a church reading fellowship, where the book selected for home reading is divided into weekly assignments announced each Sabbath. Some churches also plan prayer meeting night discussions on the assignment.

New Plan For Studying Lessons about Mrs. White

The Lebanon Section Voice of Prophecy correspondence school (Box 595, Beirut) reported recently that it now offers the Prophetic Guidance course under a simplified plan for those who do not wish to study by correspondence. Under the new plan, upon receiving the tuition fee, the school will send the student a package containing the textbook and complete set of lessons for study at his own convenience or for use as reference material.

The correspondence school will continue to offer the former service of correcting test papers and answering questions for those who study the lessons systematically by correspondence. There is no additional tuition charge and students generally profit more from the systematic study.

Tuition fees, which may be paid to the local Section treasurer, are as follows: Cyprus, CyL .750; Egypt, LEg .850; Iran, Rls 150; Iraq, ID .750; Jordan, JD .750; Libya, LiL .750; Lebanon, LL 6; Syria, SyL 7; and Turkey, TqL 18. Interested persons from other countries should send \$2.00 and order the lessons from the Radio department of the Middle East Division.

The Prophetic Guidance course is a series of lesson about Mrs. White and the gift of prophecy.

Jordan Section Holds Biennial Session

The Jordan Section biennial session, December 21-23, held in the new school auditorium at Amman, re-elected the departmental secretaries and elected the following to a new administrative committee: H. E. Robinson, Zaki Saliba, Hana Nasr, Mousa Azar, Richard Fenn, Rose Catreb, and W. A. Potter. The Radio-TV department was added to the Section organization and Elder Robinson named secretary. He also carries the education and Missionary Volunteer departments. Mousa Azar continues to carry the Home Missionary, temperance, and Sabbath School departments and Zaki Saliba the public relations work.

Named by the session as district leaders and church pastors are: H. E. Robinson, Jabal Amman; Mousa Azar, Amman district; Farid Sammour, el-Kerak; Richard Fenn, Palestine district; and Kameel Haddad, el-Husn district. School principals appointed for the 1965-66 school year are Rose Catreb, Amman; Towfic Midinat, el-Husn; and Laila Amareen, el-Kerak.

ANOTHER YEAR

As we stand upon the portal
Of another untried year,
Is it not with apprehension
And just a little fear?

As we contemplate the future
Of a year, as yet untried,
With our plans and resolutions,
Will we be self-satisfied?

As mortals ever hopeful
Of the days that lie ahead,
Will we travel in His footsteps
And by Christ alone be led?

Day by day, in meditation,
May we dwell upon God's word;
Hour by hour in humble silence,
May our prayers by Him be heard.

With resolve and dedication
Let us travel through this year
With God our Father, Christ our
Saviour
And the Holy Spirit near.

—E. W. Waring

HERE AND THERE

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The first copies of the *Desire of Ages* in Arabic were bound in December and are now available for sale in Egypt. The Egyptian binders have made it an attractive book.

IRAN

Aram Aghassian is proud to announce that his wife Lucia has given birth to a baby daughter at 9:30 a.m., December 1, 1964. The girl is named Irena, a modification of the name of the country in which she was born. Brother Aram reports that mother and baby are doing well and that the other children like their baby sister.

LEBANON

Pastor Manoug Nazirian is drawing what may be the largest evangelistic audiences for Adventists in the Middle East at his series of meetings begun January 10 in the new Bourj Hammoud church. Sunday night attendance ranges from 600 to 700 persons and week night attendance only slightly less. Interest is good and a fine class of people are being attracted to the meetings.

TURKEY

The Turkey Section held its biennial session January 17 at the church in Istanbul. The Section committee was enlarged by the addition of a layman, Brother Zihni Kaymaz. Manuk Benzatyan was named Secretary of the Home Missionary and Sabbath School departments, and Curtis Miller secretary of the Temperance and MV departments. Among the plans laid was the decision to print a series of health lessons and to open a health correspondence school.

The Turkey Section reports that its members have enthusiastically accepted the goal to increase Sabbath School offerings by 50 per cent. The Istanbul church has already improved its weekly offering to better than 50 per cent over the average offering being given a year ago.

D. L. Chappell visited Istanbul January 8 to 10 and spoke at Sabbath services in the church there. At the worship hour he spoke on "The Sabbath School is the Heart of the Church — Keep it Healthy." In the afternoon, it was reported, attendance was unusually good for a showing of the filmstrip "Like a Mighty Army," and the motion picture "Through These Doors." Elder Chappell introduced the "I-Invited-Five Club," a weekly honor roll of those who invite five to come to Sabbath School.

New Branch Sabbath Schools Launched; 1965 Goal is 100

Two new branch Sabbath Schools have been launched in 1965 to start the division on its way to reaching a goal of beginning one hundred new branch Sabbath Schools during the year. At the year end there were 37 branch Sabbath Schools being held within the division territory, 26 of them in Egypt.

Elder D. L. Chappell, recently appointed division Sabbath School department secretary, announced the first report of branch Sabbath School progress in the year, pointing out that the division biennial session voted a goal of one hundred new branch Sabbath Schools divided as follows: Cyprus 2, Egypt 35, Iran 13, Jordan 6, Lebanon 13, Libya 2, Syria 8, and Turkey 6.

Mrs. Herschel Lamp, assisted by Mrs. D. L. Chappell, began January 13, at the Beitut Armenian School, the first of a series of Wednesday morning flannelgraph story-hour programs. On the division headquarters compound at the church school building, Miss Izella Stuvenga, the school director, and Mrs. Herschel Lamp, began Sabbath, February 6, a weekly program for Lebanese boys and girls who understand English called "Your Story and Picture Hour."

Mr. Hanooh, in whose home one of the new branch Sabbath Schools is being conducted by students of Middle East College, has already begun to attend the church.

Literature Evangelists In Egypt Make Gain

Egypt Section literature evangelists pushed their 1964 sales record to the equivalent of \$6,236.76, a gain of \$1,240.92 over the preceding year. Sales averaged 74 cents an hour, D. L. Chappell, the division department secretary calculated, observing that this shows that "through faithfulness, proper training, and encouragement, men can make a living by selling books in Egypt."

Four regular literature evangelists are at work in Egypt, three of whom have credentials. The other is a licensed colporteur. Individual sales records list Fireh Rizk at the top with \$2,031.96, part of which was sold assisting students. Nathan Ratib and Youssif Samuel accounted for nearly identical amounts of retail sales, \$1,784.04 and \$1,768.68 respectively.

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New Day For Armenians

Certain years are remembered and gather around themselves whole eras. Thus when I want to remember the date of certain events in my life, I recall its relation to the date the Japanese forces attacked Pearl Harbour. Then I am able to calculate the date. Others remember an unusual feature of weather. Thus one says: "Now let's see. That was the second winter after the river froze, and the river froze in 1941. Must have been 1943."

The year 1965 is such a year for Armenian Seventh-day Adventists. Two major Armenian congregations, Teheran and Beirut, have marked the beginning of the year with the dedication of new, large, and modern churches, January 2 and 9 respectively. Appropriately, Elder R. R. Figuhr, the General Conference president was present to give the principal talks.

It is a new era for the Middle East Division as well as for the Armenians. Elder Manoug Nazirian, pastor of the Beirut church, began public meetings the day following the opening of the church and is now preaching the three angels messages to the largest audiences yet to be reached by Seventh-day Adventist preachers in the Middle East. Brother Hovik Sarrafian, pastor of the Teheran church, expects soon to begin his series of public meetings. These two capital cities, with their great national and international influence, have previously presented only limited opportunities for reaching the Armenian people, but now with these two great church buildings and consecrated pastors a new opportunity has been seized.

There may be but few who remember the early days of the work in the territory now comprising the Middle East Division, but those who do, remember scores of Armenian names, because it was among the Armenian people here that the truth first took root and flourished. God raised up great preachers in those days who traveled to all corners of the field, most of which was then under despotic sultans. They suffered persecution on every hand and sometimes paid with their lives. Their fellow countrymen despised them for "betraying" the religion of their fathers. The civil authorities suspected them of working on behalf of the great foreign powers. The general population, fed on the hysteria of the time, didn't know them or misunderstood them. They supported themselves by menial tasks so that they could live to preach the gospel. God blessed them. It is by their efforts that the foundation stones of the Adventist church in the Middle East were built.

It is appropriate, in this hour of rejoicing over the two new churches, that as a world division of the church, we recall with gratitude the debt all of us owe to our Armenian brethren and sisters of a generation ago. How they would rejoice to see these churches! They would count their sacrifices as little enough before this triumph.

The Armenian work has had its eras. There was the pioneer era of heroes and growth. Then came the wars. By massacre and flight was introduced an era of fear and inactivity. But slowly the work has been built again. New heroes of the gospel take their place in the Armenian ranks. In the new era of Armenian greatness, 1965 will be a year to remember.

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ADVENTIST WORLD

TREATMENT EVANGELISM

"Even Muslims attended," it was reported of an unusual series of evangelistic meetings conducted in Ipil, South Philippines, March 14 to May 8, 1964. In addition to the public talks given by B. C. Calahat, the evangelist, Dr. Teresita Aguilar made physical examinations, wrote prescriptions, and performed minor surgery free three times a week and Dr. Robert Arrogante gave free optical examinations and wrote prescriptions. The doctors also gave medical lectures at some of the meetings.

AIRFIELD AT ANDREWS

An airfield being prepared at Andrews University is to be named the Tom Dooley Memorial Field after the founder of the famous hospital in Laos. The airfield will be used to train pilots for mission service. The instructor in aviation is Robert Ferguson, an Adventist layman with 10,000 flying hours to his credit.

SMOKERS DIAL

The Porter Memorial Hospital is sponsoring a telephone service in Denver, Colorado, known as Smokers Dial. Smokers may telephone day or night to hear a 60-second message offering advice on how to break the habit. The message is changed three times a week.

NEW YORK FAIR EXHIBIT

The theme of a soon-coming Saviour, as presented through Illumidrama, the Adventist exhibit at the New York World's Fair, led 13,226 visitors to turn in their names for Bible correspondence lessons. A similar number, 13,926, requested more information about the church. Altogether 57,282 persons registered at the exhibit. Among the visitors who registered were 978 persons from 66 countries outside America. It is estimated that 750,000 people stopped to see the exhibit during the 1964 Fair season.

INTERNATIONAL WELFARE

An urgent request from Korea for 150,000 pounds of clothing and bedding was filled by the Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service in Washington, D. C. The request was cabled from Korea by W. E. Phillips, committee chairman, who is visiting on a Fact-Finding tour. At the same meeting the welfare committee voted \$9,000 for the purchase of CARE packages and designated Turkey, Colombia, Greece, Haiti, and Iran as recipients. Each country will receive

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Kasiamma pictured above as she grew up a gypsy girl carrying drinking water in brass pots. See story below.

Andhra Youth Seek Admission To Narsapur Training School

By V. P. Muthiah

(SS Secretary, Southern Asia Division)

There are seven unions in the Southern Asia Division. These unions consist of 15 local Sections representing various languages. Andhra Section in South India Union represents the Telugu speaking population. This section is the largest among all the other local sections in the Southern Asia Division field.

Over 40 years ago Dr. T. R. Flaiz, now the Medical Secretary of the General Conference, was among the early missionaries to the Telugu speaking people of Andhra state in South India. In 1921 he began a school with about 40 students at a place called Narsapur. As the constituency grew the demand for Christian education became great. In 1924 Pastor C. A. Schutt became the first full-time principal of this school. The attendance at this school has steadily increased until today it has had to turn down dozens of applications from Seventh-day Adventist students for lack of accommodation. Our workers and believers dare not promote Christian education in our churches or in public as they are not able to provide accommodation to the promising youth of Andhra who would like to gain entrance in our Narsapur school to gain Christian education. The school

administration had to slam the door and say NO to many ambitious youth who are anxiously seeking admission to earn an education and training that will help them become strong soul winning workers in the cause of God. This has been the sad and most agonizing picture for the last few years. Since our constituency is growing in number day by day, providing Christian education to our own Adventist children is becoming an acute problem. As a result these young people are compelled to approach public schools for admission where Sabbath keeping becomes very difficult. In spite of these existing conditions, our school at Narsapur, as all our other schools in the field, is evangelistic in nature. Those who had gone through training in Narsapur school are today stalwart workers and believers in the field. Many of these are shouldering heavy responsibilities in the churches as well as in the organization in the mission field. This school is doing its best in changing the outlook of our youth from raw heathenism to higher plane of Christian living.

Take the case of Kasiamma who hails from a gypsy community. Notice the great change that the power of the gospel has done on the life of this youth. She grew up in the company of gypsy

women carrying drinking water from a nearby lake in brass pots. This girl was fascinated by the singing and the interesting Bible stories she heard in the branch Sabbath School. Gradually the way was made possible for her to go to Narsapur school. Today she is in Spicer Memorial College, a student, preparing herself to become a worker for her own community in the mission field. Hundreds of children and youth like Kasiamma are very anxious to find entrance to our school at Narsapur. If the same privilege is offered to these youth of Andhra who are longing for Christian education what a great blessing it will bring not only to these young people but also to the church and to God's work as a whole in Southern Asia.

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2,000 packages except Iran, which will receive 1,000. In other actions the committee voted \$3,000 relief funds for flooded areas of Vietnam and \$2,100 to relief disaster areas struck by typhoons in Mindanao. Matching funds from the Far Eastern Division of the church brought this disaster relief fund to \$10,200. One ton of clothing was also authorized by the committee for a 50-bed outpost hospital located in primitive country near Wabag, New Guinea.

MV SOCIETY GIVES BUS

The MV Society of Morristown, New Jersey, in the United States, recently completed a stamp drive to purchase a small bus to provide transportation for retarded children. The community radio stations, newspapers, and churches from other denominations joined in the campaign. Dignitaries from the city including the mayor, attended the formal presentation of the bus to the Association for Retarded Children.

FIVE-DAY PLAN IN PENANG

The Five-day Plan to stop smoking was given a pilot run in Penang, Malaysia, August 30 to September 3, probably for the first time in a Muslim country, although scores of Adventist teams are conducting such stop-smoking clinics throughout the world. The program was led by Elder Daniel Guild, Ministerial Association secretary of the South-East Asia Union and Dr. Ralph Waddell, Medical department secretary of the Far East Division. Just under seventy per cent of those who followed the program were reported to have broken the smoking habit. The clinic attracted 60 persons.



Left to right: Nathan Ratib, Youssif Samuel, Nagi Ibrahim, Kamil Nasif, and Fireh Rizk, Egyptian literature workers. See story page five.



Laymen and workers attending the meetings of the Lay Instructor's Training School in Bible Evangelism, Beirut, January 25 to 30.



Hana Gad with some members of a branch Sabbath School in Luxor, U. A. R. At year end, 1964, there were 37 such schools in the division.

More Temperance Pledges

Readers of the *Call to Health* magazine, the Arabic language health education monthly published by Middle East Press, have since September, 1964, signed 47 temperance pledges and sent them to the editor, it was reported in a monthly newsletter by Jabbour S. Semaan, the magazine editor. Several readers have announced their victory over the smoking habit. Applications for the health course from magazine readers in the same period were 247.

Plans were approved at the year-end meeting of the Press Board of Trustees to build the *Call to Health* subscription list to 10,200, with goals for the various countries as follows: Egypt, 1,200 subscriptions; Iraq, 1,500; Jordan, 2,500; Lebanon, 2,500; Libya, 1,000; and Syria, 1,500.

Church Calendar

SPECIAL DAYS

- March 6 Bible Evangelism Crusade
- March 13 Sabbath School Rally Day
- March 20 Missionary Volunteer Day
- March 20-27 Missionary Volunteer Week
- March 27 13th Sabbath
- April 3 Doorbell Contacts
- April 3-24 *Call to Health* Campaign
- April 10-17 Health Emphasis Week

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

- March 6 Church Missionary
- March 13 Spring Mission Offering
- March 27 Southern Asia Division
- April 3 Church Missionary
- April 10 Benghazi Hospital
- April 24 *Call to Health* Subscriptions

Division Directory

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