



MED Elects Two New Section Presidents

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Gray Leads Iran Camp Meeting; 4 Baptized

Newly-installed Iran Section President Harold Gray joined Secretary-Treasurer Vigain Marcarian in leading members and workers as the church convened in mid-August for its camp meeting and biennial business session.

Four converts joined the church in a baptismal service August 19.

The biennial session produced some shifts in the Iran Section departmental line up. M. H. Morovati takes over education. Pastor Gray holds lay activities and Sabbath school. Pastor Johnny Minassian keeps MV, but hands publishing to Ahmad Farnoody, 1967 graduate of MEC. Pastor Hovig Sarrafian, who already held temperance, adds radio-tv.

MED President Webster, who attended the Iran meetings with Secretary Jacobs and College Park Church Pastor James S. Russell, announced that Iranian-American Physician Arlen Arzoo will return to Iran shortly to practice medicine. A graduate of Loma Linda University, Dr. Arzoo formerly served at the old Arak Adventist Hospital.

BULLETIN

President Webster has announced that the new Adventist Hospital in Benghazi, Libya, will receive patients beginning in mid-December. Special ceremonies will be conducted by General Conference, Division, and hospital personnel to mark the opening of the new medical facility, the president said.

GC Men To Visit MED During Fall Months

The MED Executive Committee will hold its annual fall plenary session in November, President Webster has announced.

Official representatives from Washington will be General Conference Treasurer Kenneth H. Emmerson (November 7-28) and GC Associate Secretary Donald W. Hunter (November 1-28). In addition to attending the committee meeting, both churchmen will travel extensively throughout MED territory.

President Webster said that GC Radio-TV Secretary James Aitken will visit the Middle East from September 24 to October 11. Pastor Aitken, former president of the South American Division, is searching the world field for possible Adventist broadcasting outlets.

Jordan Orphanage OKd; Magazine Subs Boosted

Presidential vacancies in the Lebanon and Turkey sections were filled in late July as the Middle East Division Executive Committee, holding its mid-summer plenary session, elected Pastors Chafic Srour and Manuk Benzatyan.

Pastor Srour's most recent post had been MED evangelist. He once served as president of the Jordan Section. Pastor Benzatyan, the only Adventist minister in Turkey, had been acting president there for some months.

The July 26-28 parley approved in principle the establishment of an orphanage on church-owned land near Amman. As soon as the Jordanian government authorizes the project, definite plans and budgets will be presented to the MED Committee for approval.

Delegates also voted to boost the monthly press run of *Call to Health* and *Hope* magazines to 15,000 copies each for free distribution in Arabic-language fields.

Representing church headquarters in Washington were Vice President Theodore Carcich and Ministerial Association Associate Secretary Andrew Fearing.

GC Vice President Carcich Arrives

Pictured above (left to right) at Beirut International Airport: MED Evangelist Salim Japas, Benghazi Adventist Hospital Medical Director Clifford Ludington, Ras Beirut Evangelist Armour Potter, MED Lay Activities Secretary Manoug Nazirian, Government Relations Coordinator Nehme, Cyprus Section President Sherwood Jones, MED Medical Secretary Herschel C. Lamp, MED Secretary Ray L. Jacobs, GC Ministerial Association Associate Secretary Andrew Fearing, MED President Frederick C. Webster, GC Vice President Theodore Carcich, MED Treasurer Robert C. Mills, Lebanon Section President Chafic Srour, (then MED evangelist), Center Church Pastor Salam Aboujauda, MED Cashier Richard Wilnot, and Middle East Press Manager Robert E. Anderson. Photo by Charles Mills



TALKING TOGETHER

Myopia is a condition that we usually refer to as "near-sightedness." A person thus affected experiences almost no difficulty in focusing his eyes on things near him, but when he looks at objects afar his eyes see only a blur of indistinct landscape or action. Of course, this problem can quite easily be corrected by especially ground lenses to augment his natural seeing processes.

Quite often mankind seems to be affected by a myopia that affects his spiritual and social life. He sees himself quite well — his own needs or wishes and that which might be good for his own career, but he wholly disregards that which might be for the good or development of his fellow workers, or the advancement of the cause of God which he claims to cherish dearly. If such a tendency should be called to his attention he is apt to quite readily reply, "Well, one must look after himself; if he doesn't no one else will," or "Well, I don't have anyone on the committee pulling for me, so I have to look out for myself."

Perhaps we could conceive of an attitude such as this in a worldly vocation where business is carried on from wholly selfish motives, but even there astute business men are learning that their financial ventures fare better when one takes an interest in the welfare of his associates.

The Christian worker must be wholly motivated by the spirit of selflessness, by giving of himself so that others may know the way to eternal life, by the submerging of personal interests so that others may move toward the Kingdom. "In honor, preferring one another." "He must increase and I must decrease."

Even though you may be working out on the fringes far from Division or Section headquarters or in an isolated institution, your brethren are observing your work and looking forward with eager anticipation toward your well-being and advancement. Administrators and committee members are always seeking for the good of "the work" and of the workers that work in "the work". Actually, that which is good for "the work" is usually good for the workers who work in "the work."

Let us not allow our ministry to be dwarfed by spiritual myopia. Looking beyond ourselves to all those for whom Christ died, let us join hands with our fellow workers and with God, through the Holy Spirit, so that all there is of us may flow forth in unselfish sacrifice for others.



'Soak' Tripoli with 'Dry' Message

Personnel of the Benghazi Adventist Hospital report tremendous success with their temperance booth at the Tripoli (Libya) International Fair—one of the largest trade fairs in all of North Africa.

During the three-week run of the fair, Benghazi's booth was visited by some 13,000 people who viewed temperance films. Over 48,350 pieces of temperance literature were distributed.

Although warned that the hospital was too late to apply, Drs. Clifford Ludington and Mike Oliverio and Hospital Manager Cleo Johnson persisted. Libya's popular Prince Abdullah Abed Senoussi gave invaluable support to the project which succeeded, hospital friends say, in "soaking" Tripoli and its suburbs with the Seventh-day Adventist Church's temperance message.

AU Extension School Set in '69

Upper division college and seminary courses will be offered to Middle East Division ministerial personnel during the summer of 1969 through a six-week extension school sponsored by Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

AU Theological Seminary Dean W. G. C. Murdoch will direct the school, states Division President Webster.

"In all probability there will be courses given on the Spirit of Prophecy, Islam, certain phases of the history of antiquity, evangelism, and systematic theology," Pastor Webster noted.

The AU Extension School session is expected to begin July 8, 1969. It will conclude August 19.



Charles Mills' photos above show what resulted when a gas bottle with a faulty valve ignited in the kitchen of the Schwantes-Nolin house above the MEC campus one Sunday morning in July.

Quick action by Dean of Men Ernest Waring prevented further damage, but he suffered second-degree burns on his arms and neck as he moved the fiercely burning bottle to a safer location outdoors.

Dr. and Mrs. Siegfried Schwantes went ahead with their transfer to Loma Linda House, and the Lloyd Nolins, back from furlough, have since returned to their newly-repaired, freshly-painted home.

The sudden fire served to warn the Adventist community on Paradise Hill. Though most houses are relatively fire-resistant, interior blazes can break out in a flash. Besides constant carefulness, another need: a community emergency alarm system for fires and accidents and a crew of men familiar with the basics of handling emergencies ready to respond to the alarm.

Seminarians, See This:

Under the constitution of the Andrews University Alumni Association, all students and professors of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary since the Advanced Bible School was founded in 1934 are now alumni of Andrews University and entitled to receive *Focus* magazine and participate in alumni affairs.

Former students and professors not now receiving *Focus* are urged to communicate with the AUAA, Berrien Springs, Michigan 49104, U. S. A.

Division Ordains Five Men to Ministry



The ordination of Pastors Johnny Minassian and Hovig Sarrafian at Iran's August camp meeting brought to five the number of ministers invested in the Middle East Division this summer.



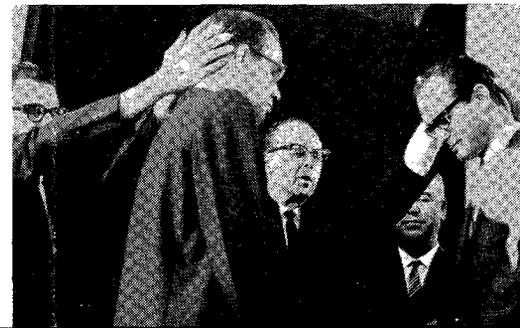
Pastors Minassian and Sarrafian are both alumni of Middle East College.

General Conference Representatives Theodore Carcich and Andrew Fearing participated in the ordination rite for Pastor Salam Aboujauda Sabbath, July 29, in The Adventist Center, Beirut.

Also an MEC graduate, Pastor Aloujauda leads The Center Church.

Dr. Herschel C. Lamp, Division medical secretary, and Pastor Manuk Benzatyán (still another MEC alumnus), acting president of the Turkey Section, were ordained in Sabbath ceremonies in Istanbul, June 10, at the time when many overseas workers had been evacuated to the Turkish metropolis.

Participating pastors renewed their own dedication to the gospel ministry during the solemn services.





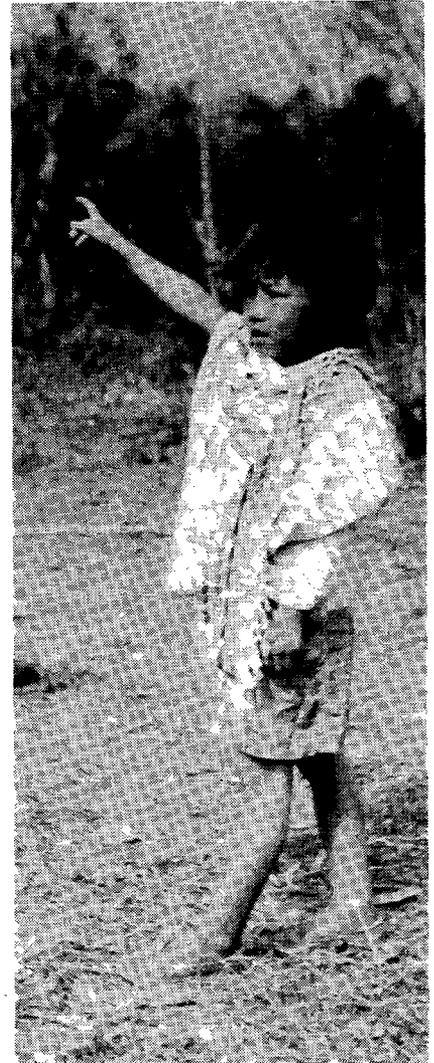
EMPHASIS . . . SOUTHERN ASIA

Better Schools for Youth

Originally built from war surplus materials, India's Assam Training School is now crying for space. Classrooms, science laboratory, and administrative offices are far too small to

meet present needs. Lack of accommodations make mandatory limited admissions to this the only Seventh-day Adventist School in the Assam Section.

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me?"**

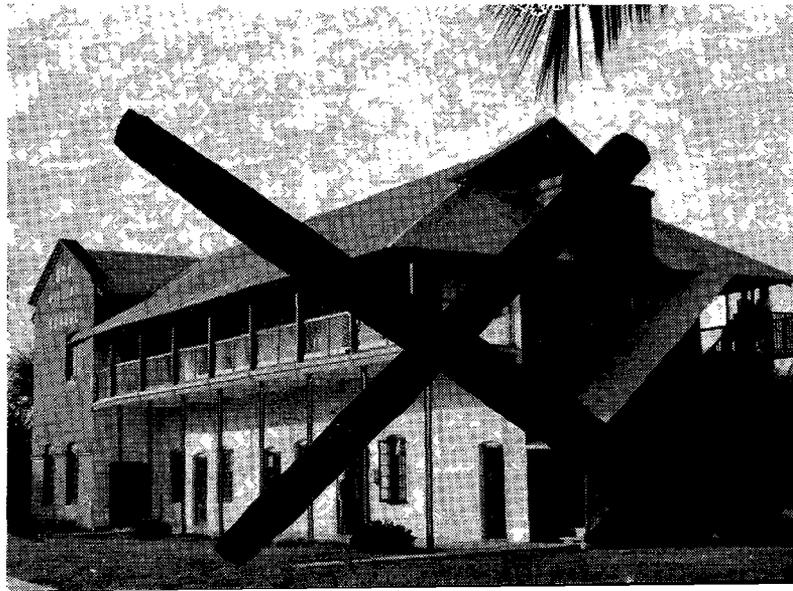


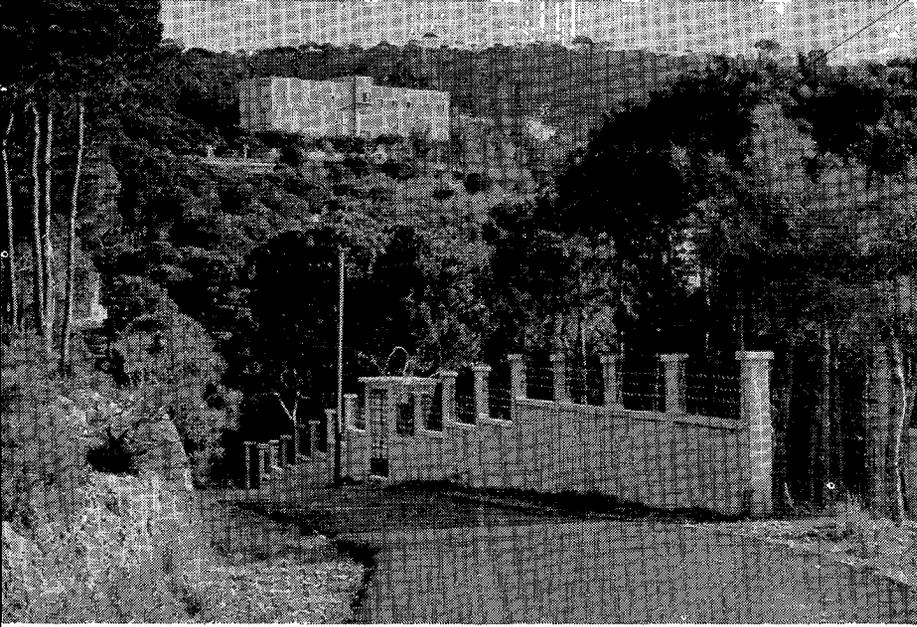
**"We
MUST
Move!"**

- * TO ESCAPE FLOOD DANGER:
Our new location is not subject to the disastrous annual floods!
- * TO ELIMINATE HAZARDOUS TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS:
Our new location is on the main road to Dacca, capital of East Pakistan!
- * TO OFFER STUDENTS BETTER HEALTH AND WELFARE:
Our new location is much closer to food, supplies, and medical facilities!
- * TO BUILD SCHOOL INDUSTRIES ON DRY GROUND:
Our new location means profitable markets for student-made products!

"HELP US MOVE!"

13th Sabbath, September 30, 1967





rainy spring produced an extra growth of flowers and grass on the campus of Middle East College. Here is a view of the Administration Building as seen through the talented handiwork of Charles Mills.

ON THE CAMPUS...

* Successful summer session . . . 34 students . . . (just 36 last year with no "trouble"! . . . classes in Arabic, education, health, history, intensive English, science, religion.

* Prospects for 1967-68: good. . . 114 already accepted. . . more applications pending.

* New faculty. . . MEC-alumnus Baldur Pfeiffer. . . equipped with Ph.D. from Gutenberg U. . . to teach history . . . James R. Stephan. . . enthusiastic musician. . . succeeds June Soper Russell. . . George Khoury. . . another MEC grad. . . back to make The College Service Center live up to its name.

* On leave for study at Washington's Georgetown U. . . Henry Melki and family.

College Construction Program Includes New Faculty Apartment, Student Rec Area

As the 1966-67 school year wound up at Middle East College, parts of the campus acquired the somewhat disordered appearance that always accompanies major construction projects. And MEC had several such projects going on simultaneously!

* Continuously directed and inspected by Acting Maintenance Supervisor Ernest W. Waring, well-diggers bored some 500 feet into the side of Paradise Hill to bring in a new source of water supply. The heavy rains of the past winter had rendered the old well useless. During the water crisis, tank trucks carted 18 to 20 loads of water daily from the college's lower farm to the reservoir at President's Point.

* An extensive sewer line has been installed to connect the campus to the municipality's system.

* Progress was slowed on the basket-

ball-tennis court area, but this recreational area project ought to be completed this summer.

* Up the hill just east of the girls' dormitory workmen have finished the government-required basement bomb shelter portion of the new faculty apartment unit.

Members of Middle East College's organized class of 1968 (juniors this year) are (front row) Raouf Audeh (Lebanon), president; Esther Hamed (Egypt), secretary-treasurer; George Issa (Lebanon), chaplain; (back row) Assistant Professor of Arabic Henry Melki, advisor; Hassan Mehran (Iran), Nasir Swaidan (Lebanon), Naji Hazzouk (Lebanon), and Division President Webster who addressed the formal presentation of the class.



These and additional members of the MEC Class of 1967 not pictured received Bachelor of Arts degrees in June. Formal commencement ceremonies were suspended, however, because of the Middle East crisis. Senior Class President George Terzibashian (Jerusalem) (left, front row) has already begun his ministerial internship in the Lebanon Section as pastor of the Bourj Hammoud Church. Other class officers are Diran Keushgerian (Lebanon), vice president; Nahida Hamza (Palestine), secretary-treasurer; and Daniel Minassian (Iran), chaplain, now in Iran to serve on the faculty of Iran Adventist Academy. In the back row are Dean Ignatius Yacoub, class advisor; Ghassan Deeb (Syria), to teach at the big Musseitbeh Adventist School in Beirut; Ahmad Farnoody (Iran), now publishing secretary of the Iran Section; Selma Antar (Iraq); Hayat Daher (Lebanon); Najeeb Ayoub (Jordan), already working in the Jordan Section office; George Dandan (Lebanon); and Anthony Nyakoni (Kenya). Other graduates were Samir Dagher (Lebanon) who plans to do graduate work at Andrews University; and Wahib Ghazal (Lebanon).





A half-ton of cheese for Jordan! Loading up: Anwar Ayoub, Pastor Manoug Nazirian, Raymond Kiraz, and Pastor Salim Japas.

ITEM

- Blankets**
- Family-size tents**
- Clothing (bales)**
- New shoes (pairs)**

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A NEW

The story of Adventist a

By CHA

Somewhere on the high seas be of desperately needed war-relief sup

Consigned to the Seventh-day SAWS President W. E. Phillips in blankets, 400 family-size tents, and weight clothing.

For whom?

For thousands of refugees who Israeli conflict.

How will this relief cargo be d

The answer is obvious when personnel have already done with o

Workers representing the Division and Middle East Press have made si ing in compact cars, the churchmen nevertheless managed to distribute of shoes—and over a half-ton of ch

In Amman, Jordan, the Hashem Lay Activities Secretary Manoug Na Lebanon Section President Chafic S Seventh-day Adventists were doing

When the government official plans to erect near Amman, he pro

The governor of the Amman D to the report of the visiting minister

On two of their welfare trips, Jordan's royal family who themselves Four princesses with whom the Adv pressed with the plans for the new h their support in its establishment.

The proposed Adventist orphan from Amman on a fine piece of pro building a school for boys there. Th and the property, rich in soil, vineyard

Now, existing building on The others are built. Says Pastor Srou Acting President Mousa Azar: "The happier we will be!"

Middle East newspapers have gi efforts to aid war refugees. Pastor Division, says he's already counted various papers.

The men who've made these trip the people's desire for more than food is much to be done," they say. "With

check list for



Pastor Manoug Nazirian shows MED President his cargo of new shoes.



In Damascus, Pastor Maurice Katrib distributes 200 blankets.

The Farm, site of a projected new Adventist orphanage near Amman, Jordan.



AMOUNT

- 2,432**
- 405**
- 600**
- 100**

cheese

MANAGE

Middle East War refugees

at New York there's a cargo of cargo is worth \$103,500. Welfare Service (Middle East) by ton, the shipment includes 2,000 red 125-pound bales of medium-

homes during June's third Arab-

ders what Middle East Division ed supply of materials.

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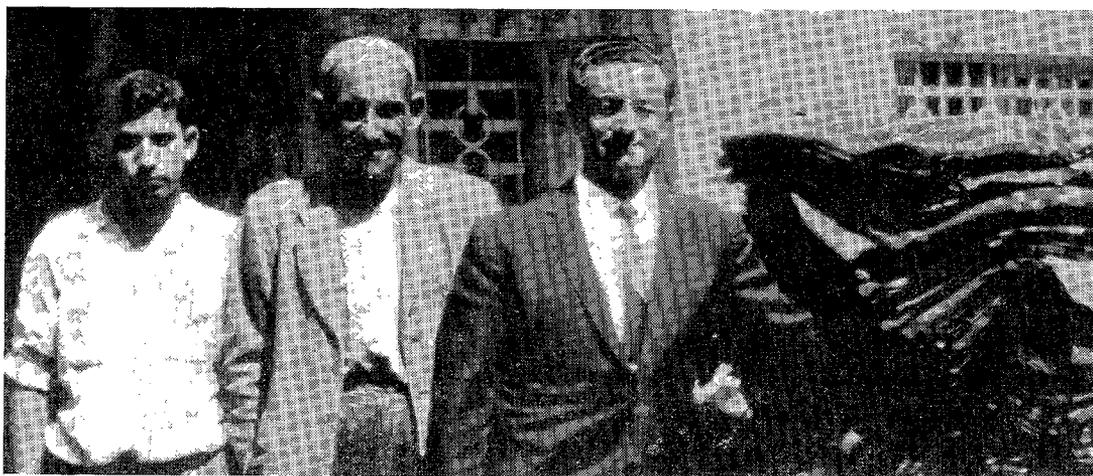
coverage to Seventh-day Adventist ow coordinating publicity for the n-inches of copy and pictures in

Middle East places of need tell of hing. "They're hungry—and there elp, we will try to do it!"



Eager hands deliver blankets and tents to Jordanian Ministry of Social Affairs.

WAR RELIEF!



Pastor Chafic Srour presents gift blankets from MEC students and faculty.

Young war refugees find shelter at Adventist Girls' School, Amman.



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focus

"Some of you had to flee; some of you remained. What is your outstanding memory of the evacuation period—June 6 to July 11?"

Philip Syour, director of Lebanon Section's Voice of Prophecy school: "The fear of the unknown."

Mrs. Berta Jacobs, wife of MED Secretary Jacobs: "I wondered when I saw the fire of the oil tank reflecting on the wall of our room at AUB if someone were going to drop a bomb on us."

Bill Clemons, who was president of the Jordan Section: "The thing that stands out in my mind is the extremely organized way in which our evacuation from Amman was carried forth."

Mrs. Naomi Wilmot, wife of MED cashier: "It made me think of the coming of the Lord—how we were willing to leave everything and go."

Hugh Cowles, who was principal of Egypt Section Academy: "The anticipation on the way to Athens: Who would I find there? Where was my family?"

Gingie Cowles, eldest of Pastor Cowles' four daughters: "Daddy!"

Brenda Cowles, second eldest: "Taking care of Casey Potter on the plane."

Susan Mills, daughter of MED Treasurer Robert C. Mills: "The poor hotel service in Istanbul—ugh!"

Charles Mills, the treasurer's son: "Wondering if I would ever see Lebanon again, I filled my head with the sights and sounds of Beirut as we drove to AUB."

Mrs. Rita Mills, the treasurer's wife and secretary: "I was hoping that I would wake up and find it all a dream"

Robert C. Mills, the treasurer: "The calmness and equanimity of everyone in such a crisis; the fact that, although none knew whether he would see his personal belongings again, parting with our national brethren and sisters was much more painful than parting with earthly possessions; and the loving assistance given us by so many of our local workers and members who actually wept as we left."

Mary Ghazal, member of the MED treasury staff: "When you left, it was like a dream. The office was empty, sad—so unreal. We were always waiting for news that you were returning."

Herschel C. Lamp, M.D., medical secretary: "No one is indispensable. The work of God does go on despite crises."

With Thanks to God-and the World Church

Now that it is mid-August and personnel are again immersed in the work which brought them to the Middle East in the first place, missionaries who were forced to leave their posts of duty during those first ten tense days of June think of the five-week evacuation experience as "a dream—an annoying dream."

But it was no mere dream when it happened—not for those who had to go, nor for those who had to stay. The Middle East was at war with itself. War means bloodshed and death. We might well have had to face those stark realities—but we didn't. Still, not one of us will ever know for certain this side of eternity exactly what he was saved from.

The point here is this: The workers and members of The Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Middle East Division were saved. And we remain safe in God's care today.

We gratefully thank Him for this—and the people of His Church in all the world for their fervent prayers in our behalf and their cheering messages of love.

With One Accord

"These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication. . . And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came. . . from heaven. . . a . . . mighty wind. . . And there appeared. . . tongues. . . of fire. . . And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost" (*Luke 1:14; 2:1-4*).

The scene: An upper room in Jerusalem. The personnel: Christ's disciples. The time: Fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus. The action: Prayer. The result: The early rain in the Middle East.

The scene: Seventh-day Adventist church headquarters, Beirut, Lebanon. The personnel: Christ's disciples. The time: Late summer—just x number of years before the return of Jesus Christ. The action: Prayer. The result: The latter rain in the Middle East and the triumphant completion of "the work."

Then let us pray.

TRANSITION

ARRIVALS *Harold and Dorothy Gray*: new president, Iran Section; July 24 . . . *Dean and Valora McDaniel* and three children: Pastor-evangelist, Cyprus Section; July 24 . . . *Curtis and Phyllis Miller* and three daughters: formerly Turkey Section president, Pastor Miller was named secretary of the Division ministerial, radio-tv, and Sabbath school departments while on furlough.

COMING SOON *Bert and Marlene Gilleroth* and two daughters: from short furlough in Sweden and the States . . . the *George Unger* family: from Canada to teach at Beirut Junior Academy.

DEPARTURES *Derwood, Jean, and Milton Chappell*: from Division publishing and SS secretary to manager, West Virginia Conference Book and Bible House (Milton now at Mt. Vernon Academy); July 6 . . . the *Kenneth Harding* family: from Iran Section presidency on permanent return to the States; now at Andrews University; early June . . . the *Jack Bohannon Family*: from Tehran to the States on study-furlough . . . *Reuben and Marilyn Lorenson* and two sons: from Jordan Section to Canada and the States on permanent return; Reuben hopes to study medicine.

APPOINTMENTS *Hugh and Maxine Cowles* and four daughters: unable to return to principalship of Egypt Section Academy, he joins BJA staff; she will run a new kindergarten . . . *Harold and Marjorie Johnson* and two children: from Beirut Junior Academy to Iran Adventist Academy as pastor-teacher; July 9 . . . *Dorothy Bresee*: wife of Beirut's Adventist Center director to teach Grades 1-4 at BJA . . . *Berta Jacobs*: wife of MED Secretary Ray Jacobs now an office secretary at the Division . . . *Jirayr Kourouyan*: principal, Bourj Hammoud School.

MARRIED *June Soper*, former MEC musicmaker, and *William Russell*, brother of College Park Church Pastor James S. Russell; in Nicosia, June 16; living in Angwin, California . . . *Basim Fargo*, Iraq Section secretary-treasurer, and *Basima Fargo*, section office secretary; in Baghdad, July . . . *Nadia El-Tabawi*, former Middle East Press editorial secretary, and *Samir Dawood*; in Baghdad, July. . . Benghazi Adventist Hospital's *Habib Banna Ghobrial* and *Madeleine Antar Yacoub*; in Heliopolis, August 20.

Youth Activity Emphasized:

Ashkars Re-open Work in Mosul

The first Seventh-day Adventist Church in Iraq was organized on March 17, 1923, in the northern city of Mosul, which straddles the Tigris River and envelops the site of ancient Ninevah.

Over the decades the work there has waxed and waned. In recent years church activity in the Mosul area has declined as, for various reasons, members have moved down to Baghdad. Not a single worker remained. Eventually the church and school were closed.

But now the picture is changing.

Last year Fouad Ashkar and his wife Nawal, an experienced Bible instructor, moved to Mosul and started Adventist work all over again.

In addition to regular services every Sabbath, Mr. Ashkar conducts special youth programs on Thursday afternoon, a time most convenient for the young people of Mosul. Attendance has been running between thirty and forty each week.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Ashkar established a feminine interest in better nutrition through her cooking class.

In an effort to encourage a larger group to attend church services, Fouad and Nawal directed the youth—none of whom are Seventh-day Adventist church members—in staging a special Easter Passion play on the platform of the packed church. Townspeople later told the Ashkars how much they appreciated the carefully-presented story of the death and resurrection of Christ.

Writing to Division Publishing Secretary Derwood L. Chappell to thank him for a recent trip to northern Iraq, Mr. Ashkar said: "Your visit to Mosul's church was a blessing. My family sends greetings. Please pray for the work."



Jesus Christ is seen in the Garden of Gethsemane with His disciples and as He prayed alone in these two scenes from the Mosul, Iraq, youth passion play.



Mr. and Mrs. Fouad Ashkar, Mosul, Iraq, direct this large group of young people. These youth produced an Easter passion play every Thursday afternoon.

MED Holds 3-Day Writers' Conference

Evacuees located in Nicosia, Cyprus, attended a three-day conference for Middle East Division writers and editors in late June.

GC Bureau of Public Relations Associate Secretary Carol Hetzell, on a world itinerary, was the main instructor. She was backed up by Mrs. Carolyn Russell, instructor in English at MEC, and Pastor Richard Lee Fenn, general director of the conference.

In addition to the overseas evacuees attending the workshop sessions, Syria Section President Maurice Maurice Katrib, Lebanon Section Pastor Salam Abujauda, Middle East Press Editor Naim Awais, and MEC Assistant Professor of Arabic Henry Melki flew in to take advantage of the discussions which touched on all phases of writing.

Southern Asia Tour Calls

A tour group of 34 pastors and teachers from India, Pakistan, and Ceylon visited Middle East Division territory in May.

Traveling by bus from Tehran, the tourists crossed Iraq and Syria before arriving in Beirut where they remained for several days before going on to Egypt by ship.

While touring Jordan, the visitors from Southern Asia were temporarily trapped in Amman during June's one-week war. They eventually returned east through Iraq and Iran.

GC's Higgins Directs Sales Institutes



In plain English GC Publishing Representative William Higgins got the welcome message from former Division Publishing Secretary Derwood Chappell. Joining in the airport greetings were Middle East Pressman Elias Asmar, Division Cashier Richard Wilmot, Division Secretary Ray Jacobs, Middle East Press Manager Robert Anderson, Lebanon Section Publishing Secretary Shehada Halabi, and Middle East Pressman Raymond Kiraz.

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Beginning with a hearty welcome at Beirut International Airport, the twelve-day visit of William A. Higgins to Lebanon and Egypt was packed full of action.

An associate secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department in Washington, Elder Higgins was the chief instructor at literature evangelist training institutes held at Middle East College and the Heliopolis church. He was guest speaker for the Sabbath services in the Musseitbeh and Cairo churches, and he played a major role in the "Adventist Books on Parade" pageant presented to a full house in Beirut's Adventist Center.

During his April visit, Elder Higgins took several groups in both cities on audiovisual armchair journeys to various countries in the Far East to see and hear "Gospel Advance in Other Lands."

Elder Higgins urged Middle East Press and Division Publishing Department personnel and all literature evangelists to use what he termed a "mind-opener" before actually displaying books to prospective customers.

Observed Division Publishing Secretary Derwood L. Chappell, who coordinated Elder Higgins' Middle East visit: "We had good attendance at both of the training institutes. With the excellent sales instruction presented by Elder Higgins fresh in mind, the literature evangelists should experience wonderful success."



Literature evangelists help Division Publishing Secretary Derwood Chappell start "Adventist Books on Parade." Left to right are George Dragatsi, Fouad Youssef (holding flag), Adventist Center (Beirut) Director Harley Bresee (seated), Center Church Pastor Salam Abujauda, Secretary Chappell, Lebanon Section Publishing Secretary Shehada Halabi, Raymond Williams, Wadie Haddad, Najeeb Nakhle, and Maida Azadian. Speaking for the books, the young salesmen invited the large audience to get acquainted with the growing array of Adventist literature now available in the languages of the Middle East.



President Webster with Iran's Pastor Johnny Minassian.

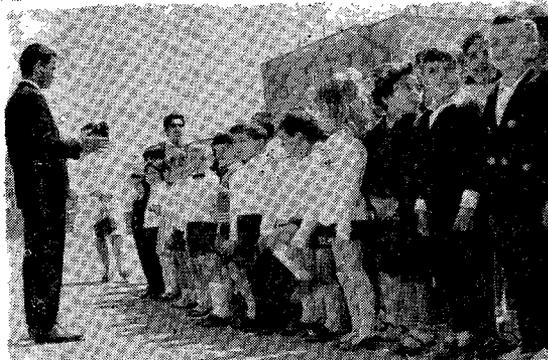
Work Begins On School In Tehran

This edition's picture page displays scenes from the groundbreaking ceremonies held Thursday, April 13, in Tehran, marking the start of construction of the church's new elementary education building.

A large portion of the funds appropriated for this project was received as the 13th Sabbath overflow for the second quarter last year.



The former president of the Iran Section, Pastor Kenneth Harding, presents his address.



Pastor Minassian checks the children who will reap the blessing from Tehran's new Seventh-day Adventist elementary school—a 13th Sabbath school!



A Ministry of Education representative inspects school plans.

Happily wielding a shorthanded pick, President Webster breaks ground for a new elementary school building in the Middle East Division. Ready to take their turns are Pastor Harding and Division Treasurer Mills.



Principal Anoosh Keshishzadeh supervises the program in elementary education.



Evangelism in Cairo:**Brooks Center Effort Nets 38**

Columbia Union Conference Evangelist Charles Brooks' spring effort in The Cairo Center produced 38 converts and the biggest single baptismal service in MED history. Others were expected to join the church during follow-up meetings conducted by Pastor Chafic Srour, then Division evangelist. The photos show the complete Cairo Center evangelistic team with Egypt Section officials and Pastor Fakhry Najeeb, coordinator and translator, with Evangelist Brooks.

**New Work: Ras Beirut**

Pastors Richard Lee Fenn and William Armour Potter have been appointed evangelists to the Ras Beirut quarter of Lebanon's capital city.

The new team plans to inaugurate a unique evangelistic program appealing to the high-class, multilingual populace of Beirut's chief shopping and entertainment area. Three universities are also located in this district.

Evangelist Potter formerly worked in Amman. Evangelist Fenn previously served in Jerusalem and at Middle East College.

Page 1 Attention in Basra

No budget for a big hall? Audiences won't come to evangelistic services? Then reach 'em through the newspapers!

That's what Pastor Najeeb Azar has done in Basrah, date-capital of Iraq. East, Pastor Azar (now in Irbid, Jordan) recently filed with the medical department a set of four issues of *Al-Barid*, a weekly published in Basrah, which carry a total of 171 inches of Arabic-language material on the subjects of alcohol, tobacco, and dress. Each

article is by-lined by the clergyman and identifies him as the pastor of the city's Seventh-day Adventist Church. And each article was placed right in the middle of the front page!

5-Day Plan in Zahleh

The Division's tenth 5-Day Plan was conducted in late May in Lebanon's Beka'a Valley resort town of Zahleh, states Medical Secretary Herschel C. Lamp.

Teamed with Dr. Lamp in the anti-smoking clinic was Lebanon Section Pastor Shehada Halabi.

4,000 See Cigarette Films; Temp Team Makes Tracks in Turkey

BY HERSCHEL C. LAMP, M.D.

The film "One in 20,000" is not new, but it still delivers a powerful message against the cigarette. Nearly 4,000 persons in Ankara, the modern capital of Turkey, can testify to the film's power over its viewers. Some, like the impeccably dressed officer in the gendarmes who slumped to the floor in a rumpled heap when he fainted at the sight of the lung cancer operation in the film, will not soon forget the experience.

Between April 10 and 17, Elder Manuk Benzatyan, temperance secretary for Turkey, and Dr. Herschel Lamp of the Middle East Division temperance department conducted a temperance crusade against tobacco and alcohol in Ankara with the invaluable assistance of Mr. Nureddin, a representative of the Green Crescent temperance organiza-

tion of Turkey. The program format consisted of a short lecture followed by the two films "One in 20,000" and "Verdict at 1:32" both of which have a Turkish sound track.

Some 1,850 students in six secondary school showings gave the program an enthusiastic reception. At the Turkish Police Institute 1,550 student police and gendarmes packed the auditorium during four showings there. Under the auspices of the Turkish Tuberculosis Association, nearly 250 women learned that the cigarette is becoming a greater hazard to the health of the human lung than its ancient enemy, the tubercle bacillus.

At another showing, Adana Senator Hasan Aksay, head of Yeshilay (the Green Crescent temperance organiza-

tion) in Ankara introduced our program at a special meeting of his organization which was well publicized by the local radio and newspaper.

The smallest but certainly not the least important presentation of the program was held in the Ministry of Health building for a select group of ministry officials that included Dr. Vedat Ali Özken, the minister of health, himself. Following the program we had a pleasant interview with Dr. Özken which had been arranged by Dr. Zinnur Hüsseyin Rollas, a professor of neurosurgery who is a friend of Seventh-day Adventists as a result of his one-time association with the medical school at Loma Linda University.

All of the nearly 4,000 persons who attended the meetings were given application blanks for our Turkish health correspondence course.