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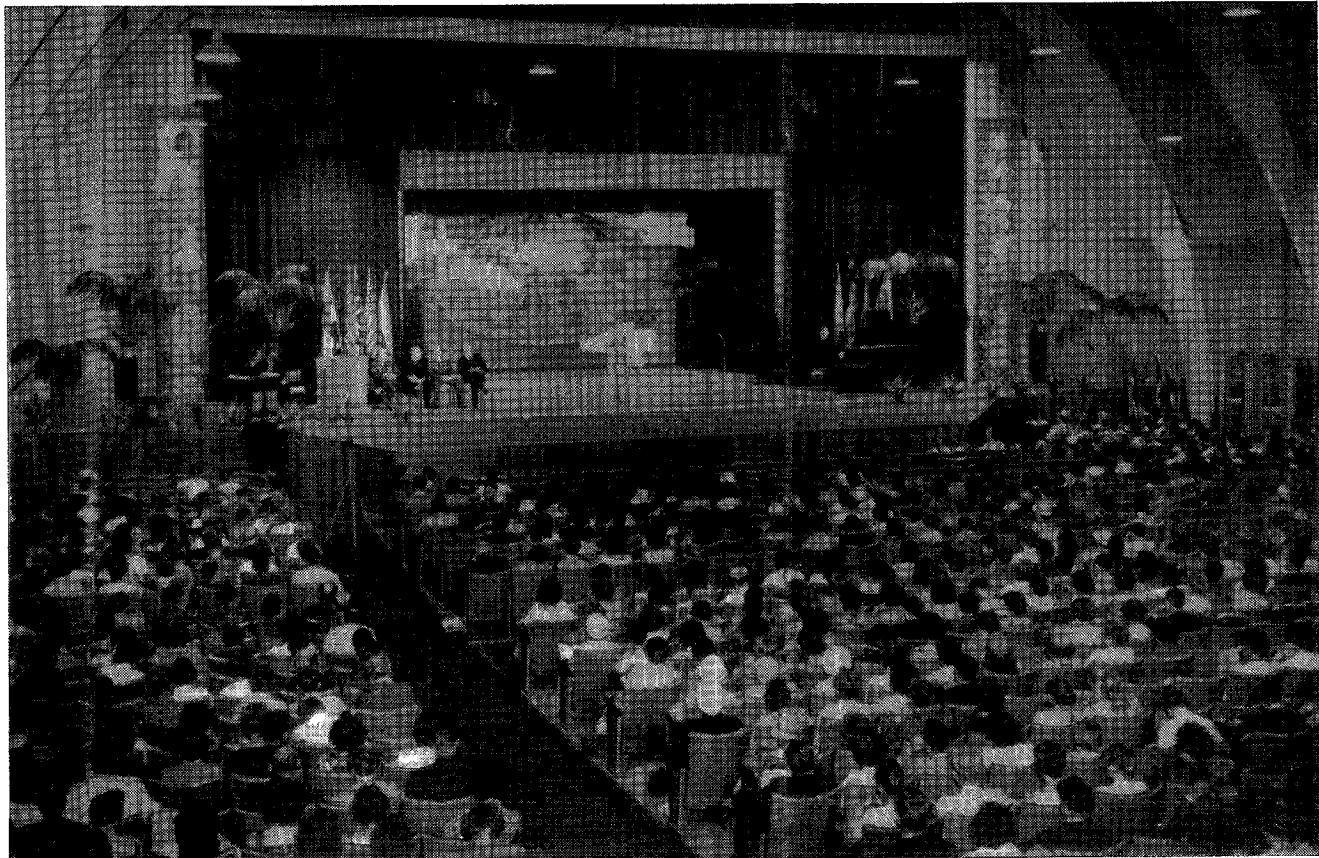
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Northern European Division Youth Congress

Utrecht — July 26 - 31, 1960

Motto: “UNITED IN CHRIST”

Reporter: R. E. GRAHAM



The great gathering of Advent youth in the Tivoli Hall, Utrecht.

IT IS a special honour to welcome you to Utrecht. When I consider that in 1951 you met in Paris, and that in 1955 you met in Stockholm, to welcome you to our city of Utrecht is an honour indeed, and I have pleasure in declaring this Congress open." De Heer de Ploeg, local Burgomaster of Utrecht, was speaking on Tuesday evening, July 26, 1960, to 1,400 registered delegates from thirty countries, meeting under the auspices of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the Northern European Division in the Tivoli Congress Hall.

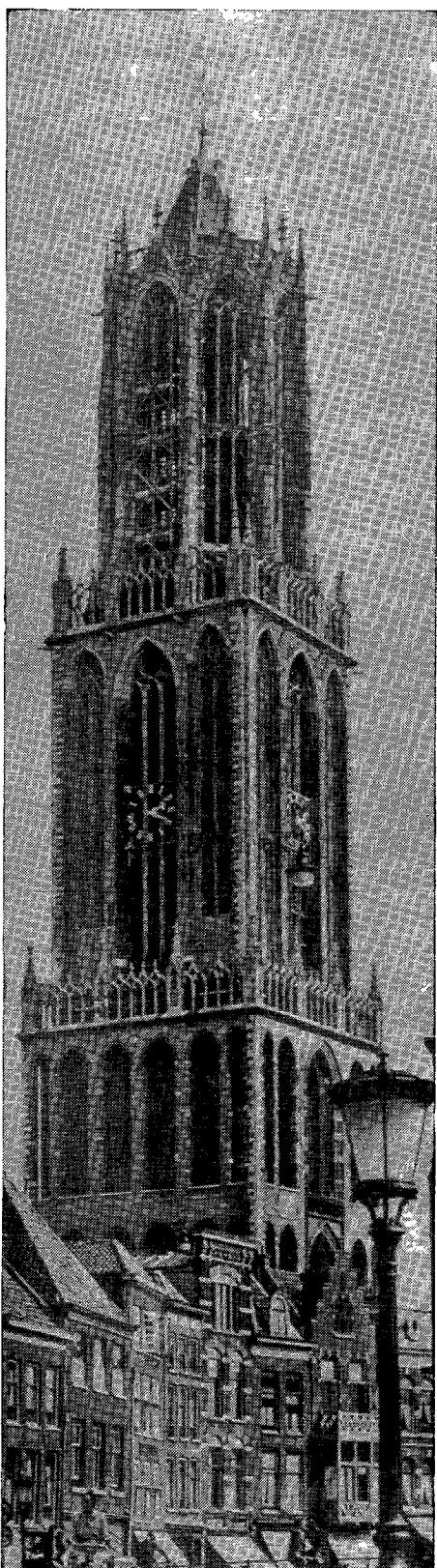
The stage was ablaze with light and colour. The carefully designed motif depicted Missionary Volunteers from many countries climbing heavenward. Flanking the speakers were the flags of the nations represented; beautiful gladioli, arranged by expert hands, stood in graceful array along the footlights, and behind hung the Congress motto—UNITED IN CHRIST—superimposed on a map of the world with the symbol of unification—the cross—in a prominent position, and blending with the display were the delightful national costumes of so many of the delegates.

A. F. Tarr as president, Alf Karlman, treasurer, and C. D. Watson as secretary, had been assisted by a host of workers organizing and directing this great gathering of youth. With them worked the men and women whose efforts continued throughout the Congress period. These meetings were in every sense the result of team work. Youth secretaries, translators, receptionists, musicians, participants, stewards, cooks, even stage hands, porters, and officials of the Tivoli were all part of the team. "United in Christ" was not just a slogan or another cliché; it was demonstrated in practice throughout those inspiring days.

And what shall we say of our Dutch hosts? Words are well-nigh inadequate to express our gratitude for their untiring and unceasing efforts to make us welcome, comfortable, and "at home." How can cold print describe the warmth of such hospitality? They gave themselves willingly and constantly that our needs might be supplied. They did so without complaint; their service was unstinted. May God reward them for their spirit of devotion.

This Youth Congress differed from its predecessors in style, content, and facilities. Instead of a continuous programme of meetings throughout the day, there were two sessions, morning and evening. This made possible a number of excursions in the afternoons, enabling delegates to see more of the host-country. Through these visits, the Hague, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Arnhem, and the former Zuider Zee, became more than names or places with historical association. They were seen as living centres of an industrious, progressive people.

Not only did the whole programme show this difference in style, but in the actual sessions themselves, this pleasing difference was very marked. Each feature was fast moving, and this variety, coupled with the enthusiasm of the speakers and chairman, helped to hold the majority of the young people together in the meetings from 9.00 to 13.00 each day. Strongly devotional subjects were presented in the morning messages by the five union MV secretaries. The daily special visitors, each presented challenges to youth. Under the twin headings, "This is my Story," "This is my Song," certain outstanding testimonies were given. Each morning by means of an activity report, the delegates were reminded of what their brethren had accomplished for Jesus—souls are being born again because young people have allowed God to use them in His service. Daily, three men addressed the assembled group, each having something distinctive for their hearers. T. Lucas, world MV leader, summed up his messages by stating: "Moral strength, the abiding Word of God in the heart, and victory over the evil one are qualities that the young must have." With true evangelistic fervour, J. P. Sundquist, president of the Swedish Union, called the youth to conversion, to continued victory, to sanctification, to service. His ministry was not in vain. It is known that over fifty gave their hearts to Jesus for the first time—and this in a predominantly Seventh-day Adventist gathering! To J. A. McMillan, president of the British Union Conference, was allotted the difficult subject, "Science, the Bible, and You." With characteristic logic, lucidity, and wit his lectures were delivered, and your reporter was interested to learn that these talks, in printed



The tall Dome which towers over Utrecht will linger long in the memories of our youth.

orm, were best-sellers. Every copy was disposed of within an hour of their appearance on the bookstall. Throughout the morning sessions as these various features came into focus and then gave place to the next, there were musical items, moral, and instrumental, that bound the whole together as a single unit of inspiration.

The evenings witnessed the colourful and moving pageants. Carried back through the years we saw in speech and action, the heritage that was ours. Here was something more challenging than the cinema or television! We handled our Bible with more reverence after seeing what it cost in terms of human sacrifice, we read it with greater interest as we realized afresh its power to change men and women into powerful protagonists for truth. Did not our hearts burn within us as we saw again those stirring scenes in historical sequence, reminding us that throughout time it has been the "Blessed Slope" which has kept men looking heavenward and counting entrance there of greater value than advancement here? And who will forget the four graves of old Solusi Mission or their crosses as the appeal was made to us for complete consecration for the finishing of the task? To Pastors Voorthuis, Lohne, and Sundquist we owe sincere appreciation for their appeals which saved us from generalizations and caused us to apply the pageants' messages personally.

We were especially privileged to wel-



Dr. Drees, former Prime Minister of the Netherlands, surrounded by youthful admirers.

come to the Congress on Wednesday morning Dr. Drees, a former Prime Minister of the Netherlands, and one of Europe's outstanding statesmen. It was both thrilling and encouraging to hear from such a man a stirring address against the evils of alcohol. Here was no theorist. Here was a man who had practised his beliefs, for during his administration no alcoholic beverages were served at official government functions. Not only did the young people receive his address enthusiastically, but afterward, as Dr. Drees met with the various delegates, he was literally surrounded with youthful admirers.

And so the Sabbath drew on. To Odd Jordal, Division Home Missionary Secretary, fell the task of setting the stage for the great day of the feast. In a masterful evening sermon he appealed for renewed consecration to Sabbath-keeping; not the keeping of a day alone, but the entrance into the vital experience of fellowship with our Maker, of which the Sabbath is a sign.

Early next morning the crowds began to fill the auditorium. By the conclusion of Sabbath school, conducted by Dr. B. Beach, newly appointed Sabbath School and Educational Secretary of the Division, over 1,700 people were present. They had already been blessed as they studied their lesson on "God's Holy Name" under the guidance of Onni Peltonen, President of the Finnish Union Conference. Now they waited expectantly for T. Lucas's message. They were not disappointed. As Jesus was uplifted again, many gave their hearts to Him, some for the first time, some renewing their decisions. And when after the afternoon's challenge to serve their Master had been emphasized by actual experiences of success, they were ready at the close of the evening pageant to dedicate themselves to finishing the work of God in their generation.

Undoubtedly, one of the physical facilities of this Congress which contributed greatly to its success was the provision of individual transistor sets



Delegates being presented to De Heer de Ploeg, Burgomaster of Utrecht.



A very warm welcome was extended to the Polish delegates who were attending their first Youth Congress since the war.

which enabled the majority to hear each speaker instantly in their native tongue. The translators deserve a special word of thanks. They sympathetically and understandingly interpreted each address, testimony, and prayer, sending out from their little booths the encouragement, the exhortation, the challenge, and the comfort of the hour.

The Congress concluded on a stirring note. To the throbbing, stirring playing of the Utrecht Post Office Band, the delegates marched through the city in a procession of witness. Gathered in a huge half circle in the Wilhelmina Park, they were joined by at least 2,000 others who listened intently to the testimonies by certain of our leaders. What a thrill to proclaim the love of Jesus in such a setting. Returning to the Tivoli, we were entertained by a special programme produced and presented by our Dutch young people, and our Congress Secretary, C. D. Watson, expressed his appreciation for all who had made this gathering such an undoubted success; then he called on Pastor Voorthuis to dismiss this great gathering with prayer.

And so the delegates began their homeward journey. It would be difficult to mention all by name and speak of their contributions. But your reporter was impressed with the help which the Polish delegation gave. Dressed in colourful national costume, they gave constant inspiration through their consecrated singing. They were a credit not only to the

cause, but to the country which they represented. It was the first time that a delegation had been able to come from Poland for many years. They certainly responded to this privilege in a charming way. To all others our heartfelt thanks are expressed and a list of the Congress Committees is included in this report.

And what of the future? In his printed message to every delegate, C. D. Watson wrote, "Your talents and willing service are prized and needed in the cause of God. Unparalleled opportunities lie before you today. May this Congress lead you into a closer walk with God and give you a vision of the thrilling opportunities which are open to you for service to

God and your fellow-man." We believe that these desires were fulfilled in the meetings of the congress. We believe that the delegates will go out to do and dare for Jesus. We are sure that they will triumph, for they go "United in Christ" and "United with Christ." Such service must succeed!

GREETINGS FROM ABSENTEES

"TO ALL our young friends of the Northern European Division who will be gathering in Holland under the motto UNITED IN CHRIST, our most sincere greetings and best wishes. We remember with fondness the enjoyable times that we have spent with you in youth camps, evangelistic efforts, and in various mission campaigns. Right now we are engaged in one of the largest efforts in Central Africa. Our Uganda youth are ably assisting in this campaign for Christ, and they join us in wishing you the 'best ever' Youth Congress. God bless you all. *Maranatha.*" — M. E. Lind, *President, Uganda Mission.*

"Nothing is more challenging or more inspiring than a congregation of Adventist youth. We know that the gathering in Utrecht will not fall behind in this respect. May all who come find and respond to the challenge of this time and the task to which God has committed this Advent movement." — G. D. King, *Secretary, Northern European Division.*



West African delegation in the grand march through the streets of Utrecht.

"United in Christ"

Opening Address at the Youth Congress

By the Division President, A. F. Tarr

IT is an extraordinarily happy privilege tonight to greet so great an assembly of youth; representatives of so many countries, languages, and nationalities, and motivated by so many interests and ambitions, yet all subordinated to one supreme objective. You have left your homes and, at great effort and expense, have travelled far, some by boat, train, bus, car, plane, and cycle, to attend this gathering. We welcome you one and all most cordially, and I can assure you that those leading out in this Congress have done, and will continue to do, their utmost to make of the maximum profit to you the time we shall all spend together.

The note I should like to sound at this opening meeting is one that you yourselves through your leaders have chosen: UNITED IN CHRIST.

On every hand we see evidence of a disturbed, distracted, disunited world. Even in these days of so-called peace there are strained international relationships, suspicion, distrust, intrigue, and intensive, diabolical preparation for the destruction of human life and property on a scale hitherto unimagined. We live in the days graphically depicted by Daniel the prophet over two thousand five hundred years ago. To him the present-day inter-relationship of nations was divinely portrayed as the feet of a great image, whose component parts were iron and clay that could not be welded together.

This disunity projects itself into countless other spheres. We see it in the industrial world—in clashes between employers and employed; we detect it in political organizations, and in the economic and social world. Perhaps as much as anywhere we see it in family relationships—between parents and children, between brothers and sisters, and husbands and wives. In a wedding ceremony a man and a woman enter into a union in which they solemnly promise to be true to each other "till death do us part." Yet every day law courts register

an appalling number of divorce and separation orders; and in an even greater number of homes which never feature in divorce proceedings, there are wrangling and quarrelling and disharmony and a separation almost as real and unhappy as the judicially separated ones. Of one country alone, a last month's journal stated: "Some 2,500 families are broken daily, . . . 1,000 through divorce, another 1,000 through separation, and another 500 through desertion."

In a world like this, of bitterness and fear, of uncertainty and cleavage, we meet here tonight, bound together by bonds stronger than those that bind fellow nationals or even families together. What a wonderful privilege to belong to an organization that takes men from every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, and makes them one indissoluble family like this!

In the words of the Book we love so much, "I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion." Jer. 3:14. And again, "Ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel." Isa. 27:12. We who are here have received such a call, and have responded to it with all our hearts.

And now tonight in your chosen Motto you have enunciated a code of life and service which, if fired by your earnest, eager ambitions, will make this 1960 Congress the inauguration of unprecedented adventures in Christian achievement.

Let us cherish that challenge, "United in Christ." Let us repeat it over and over at this Congress, and when we return to our homes. Let us translate it into a glorious, incomparable reality which must never be endangered.

It is a union overwhelmingly endorsed by scriptural authority. Said the great apostle Paul, "We, being many, are one body in Christ" (Rom. 12:5), and again, "Ye are all one in Christ Jesus." Gal. 3:28. But it is the declaration of our Saviour Himself that I want particularly to stress tonight: "That they all may be

one . . . that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe." John 17:21.

What a mighty, challenging commission! "ALL ONE . . . ONE IN US . . . THAT THE WORLD MAY BELIEVE." This constitutes what I believe to be a royal mandate to this Congress. It is

A CALL TO AN ENTHUSIASTIC, WHOLE-HEARTED UNITY ONE WITH ANOTHER

It was my lot to be born in a country with the much revered motto: "Ex Unitate Vires." ("In Union There Is Strength.") That principle has always held good. It has never been disputed. In a material, physical, or national sense unity is invaluable. Do you remember the story of the man, bound with slender cords? They put one around him and he broke it easily. Two were a little more difficult. But as cord after cord encircled his body, they became impossible to break. In the union of those multiplied slender cords there was untold strength.

Walking along a busy street in Oslo some months ago, I observed three children wanting to cross. They were apparently not sure how best to do it, or how to do it with the least possible danger. Then I saw the three of them join hands tightly together. When they were thus linked, they looked first at one another, then up and down the street. Finally, at an agreed moment all three dashed across the road, daringly confident of achievement in each other's inseparable companionship.

What boy at school does not instinctively seek the friendship of some other boy, and especially one older and stronger than himself? And what nation willingly and calculatingly isolates itself from every possible friend or ally? If ever this was the case in the past, it is certainly not so today. We have come to a time when its necessity stands out in startlingly bold relief. Whether it be in the economic, social, or political world, united co-operative effort is in our day absolutely essential to our very survival.

How forcefully is this multiplication of strength through union set forth in Bible philosophy. In Leviticus 26:8 we read: "Five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight." And in Deuteronomy 32:30, that one would



The West African and Ethiopian delegates in attendance at the Congress.

"chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight." And does not the wise man tell us: "Two are better than one; . . . for if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth. . . A threefold cord is not quickly broken." Eccles. 4:9-12.

FAITH REINFORCED BY UNITY

It is this kind of unity that your motto incorporates: a unity by which even your own personal spiritual faith may be reinforced. I ask you at this very first meeting, Is not your own personal belief in Christ as your Saviour made more precious to you because it is shared by others? Does not the presence of the friend sitting by your side tonight, and of the hundreds of others from West Africa, Ethiopia, Iceland, the Netherlands, Scandinavia, Great Britain, Poland, and the United States, make you a little more confident, a little more secure as you walk the Christian way beside them?

And this Advent hope, is it not made more blessed and more inspiring especially in this age of catastrophic events, by scanning with others the glowing horizon for added signs of the nearness of that day, and by unitedly adjusting our lives and our affairs so as to be ready for our coming King? Is this union with others not tremendously heartening to you?

In the years gone by, great spiritual revivals attended a united outreach on the part of vast throngs of people meeting together to appropriate God's blessing. I believe this same rich experience will be ours at this gathering; and why should it not begin at this very moment? For what other purpose have we come here, if not to be united with God and with one another?

Still ringing in our ears today after the passing of centuries, are the inspiring, heart-touching words of Bishop Latimer to his comrade, Ridley, as in Oxford the flames of martyrdom were lighted about them: "Be of good comfort, Master Ridley, and play the man; we shall this day light such a candle, by God's grace, in England, as I trust shall never be put out." The faith of both those godly men was made stronger by the mutual fellowship as they perished in sight of each other in the cruel flames.

THIS UNITY QUICKENS OUR UNITED STEPS TOWARD THE COMING KINGDOM

How often have we heard and seen the tramp of soldiers in countries far from home. At moments they have appeared tired and dejected as in silence they have tramped and tramped along the dusty road. And then suddenly a single soldier has uttered the cry: "Are we downhearted?" And from a thousand

throats a resounding "no" has inspired the battalion again to a freshness and liveliness of hope that appeared momentarily to have become dimmed.

Yes, union with one another offers incalculable strength. But your Motto envisages infinitely more than this: it pictures a union between weak, puny man and an omnipotent God, the great Creator, the Sustainer of the heavens and earth, One who in times past overthrew nations for His people's sake.

Such union is, from a human standpoint, fantastically unequal and incomprehensible. But it is a union of God's own devising. To His banquet He invites the poor, the outcasts. He goes into the highways and hedges to find them, and He welcomes them into His glorious, heavenly family. To the fainting, halting ones He declares: "My strength is made perfect in weakness." That is the kind of union He seeks with you tonight: Your weakness—His invincible strength.

If He Himself, that wonderful Saviour of ours, were standing visibly before you now, and were to ask for the weak ones to raise their hands, and by so doing to become united with Him, how many hands would go up? Would yours? And yours? And yours? Of course they would, and I believe you would want that union so much that you would be willing to give up everything that would stand in its way. You would regard membership in the heavenly family, the association of perfect, sinless beings, the inheritance of homes and palaces and gardens and every comfort and joy that would be yours for eternity as far outweighing the petty attractions of the world that so easily absorb our attention today. These trivial, insignificant things would take their proper perspective in the light of the transcending beauty and glory of heaven above and the earth made new.

A SPIRITUAL SEPARATION

We said a few moments ago that you had left your homes and other interests behind to come to this Congress. May I remind you that just as there has, of necessity, been a physical separation to permit of this great gathering and of your own presence here, so there must be a spiritual separation from certain conditions and attitudes and habits and

desires before you can fully realize the spiritual union presented in your Motto. The apostle Paul puts it this way: "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." 2 Cor. 6:17, 18.

Do you observe that separation comes first and then the union? The apostle Peter's terminology makes it equally clear: "Partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." First the escape, then the refuge or union. The great leader Moses pressed this home to ancient Israel as they ended their journey from Egypt to the promised land: "He brought us out from thence, that He might bring us in, to give us the land which He swore unto our fathers." Deut. 6:23. "He brought us out . . . that He might bring us in." Virtually everything they possessed had to be left behind. Likewise many things dear to us must be discarded as we enter into this union with God and one another: impatience, impurity, fault-finding, selfishness, self-seeking, our love of reputation, our desire to have our own way and to do our own will. Our Saviour faced all of these, but gave them no place in His life or His affections. Longsuffer-



C. D. Watson, Division MV leader, addresses the vast congregation. Seated, from l. to r.: K. H. Gammon, North England MV leader; T. Lucas, General Conference MV leader; F. J. Voorthuis, Netherland Union president; A. F. Tarr, Division president; Alf Karlman, Division treasurer; D. Vink, Netherland MV leader.

ing, uncritical, kind and loving to all, He made Himself of no reputation. He came not to do His own will, but the will of Him that sent Him; and it is by His coming, in the person of His Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts, that those same graces manifested in His life will be lived again in ours. He will be dwelling in us, and we in Him.

But, you ask, how can this be brought about? What must I do to make this union effective, this union with Christ that means so much? The devil would make it seem so hard and well-nigh impossible. He surrounds the transaction with every conceivable complication and mystery. But the course God maps out is almost unbelievably simple. From that beautiful little book *Steps to Christ* I read: "Through this simple act of believing God, the Holy Spirit has begotten a new life in your heart. You are as a child born into the family of God and He loves you as He loves His own Son." (Page 52.) And from *Desire of Ages*: "The impartation of the Spirit is the impartation of the life of Christ. It imbues the receiver with the attributes of Christ." —Page 805.

What a wonderful picture of the identification with Christ of every one who chooses to accept Him and to become His child! The relationship of an earthly father and his son, and of a mother and her child does not begin to compare with this exquisite union.



Members of the Norwegian delegation listen to the speaker in their own language with the help of their portable radios.

Thence they are dispatched to meet our every need. Back and forth, back and forth they fly, offering aid and protection to those united to Christ. Of His humble, lowly children in the faith, Jesus said: "Their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in heaven."

AN ALL-EMBRACING UNITY

But we must consider another aspect of this union: its absolute unexclusiveness. In the cool of a Palestine evening a party of tourists stood in the open countryside with their Bedouin guide. Wishing to be friendly, one of the tourists approached the guide, and pointing to the brightly shining stars above spoke just one word—"Allah" (God). Quickly responding the guide grasped the tourist's hand and spoke one other word—"Brothers." The stars had reminded the Westerner of God. The Fatherhood of God immediately reminded the Bedouin of the brotherhood that bound His children together. Our acceptance of union with God creates immediately a new obligation—and a privilege—in our relationship to His children. We become brothers one to the other.

That brotherhood we cherish in a special sense within the church. We regard fellow churchmembers in every land as brethren, irrespective of language, colour, or nationality. We revel in that fellowship. But I seem to find in your Motto a challenge to a wider and ever-enlarging fellowship, a fellowship presented by our Saviour when He declared: "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring . . . and there shall be one fold and one Shepherd."

Your union with Christ ties you into this larger sphere of brotherhood, an objective that compels you to bring into this union every man and woman and child whose steps you can possibly direct into the path that you yourselves are treading—the path that leads to the city of God. And these others whom you must henceforth seek are to be found in every walk of life. Some may be far removed from Christ. It is your responsibility to find them wherever they be, and to bring them with you into the fold. From the good book *Ministry of Healing* I read: "His followers are not to feel themselves detached from the perishing world around



Danish delegates in the march through Utrecht.

them. They are a part of the great web of humanity, and heaven looks upon them as brothers to sinners as well as to saints."

—Page 104.

Oh what a brotherhood Christ makes of us! He, the great Ladder set up on earth, the long Chain reaching down from heaven, can surely enable my brother as well as myself to enter God's family. And it is my responsibility to place my brother's foot on the rungs of that Ladder, to bring his hands within grasp of that chain that will begin his ascent to God and to heaven.

Dear young people, your union with Christ must incorporate this saving service for others, and in your endeavours to bring them with you, remember that yours henceforth is the power of the Omnipotent One. Your union with Him makes you invincible, both in your personal combat with evil and in the rescue service that now is yours. Preserve this union at all costs. No effort, no sacrifice, is too great to maintain it. Remember the stirring appeal of Churchill when the nation he led stood almost alone against overwhelming forces: "We are so few, enemies so many, our cause so great, that we cannot afford to weaken each other in any way."

To those united in Christ this union becomes, in the words of the Great Shepherd, a "sheepfold," in the words of

David, a "refuge and fortress," of Isaiah a "mighty rock in a weary land," of Paul, "an anchor of the soul," and again, "heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ."

I invite you tonight, accept this royal relationship. He so graciously offers. Accept the sonship He offers in His family, remembering that "as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God." Go forth in that power. Accept your responsibility in the brotherhood of man that the sonship of God imposes. Do nothing, say nothing, think nothing that would deny that exalted calling. Work with might and main to hasten the day when we who are now united here in faith and service, will in very person be with Him where He is. Then His supreme objective will be gloriously and eternally fulfilled: "Father, I will that they also whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am," and again, "There shall be one fold, and one Shepherd." Then our wonderful Redeemer will have gathered about Him His universal and immortalized family. He shall see of the travail of His soul and shall be satisfied. Then the words of the apostle Paul will find new and eternal significance: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? . . . For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers,

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Pageants: Chairman J. Mahon, R. E. Graham, B. Pilmoor, Chr. v. Westrehnen, H. Westrehnen, and many Dutch helpers.

nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Rom. 8:35-39.

Then this Motto which is before us tonight, beautiful and challenging though it be, will cease to be a motto: it will give way to eternal reality. We who are attending this 1960 Youth Congress in Utrecht will, with thousands of others whom we have won, be safe in the glorious kingdom of God, eternally and inseparably United With Christ.

"GOD, let my soul be ripened before it will be harvested."—*Odd Jordal.*

"WHEN they pierced Jesus' feet, He bought ours to run errands of love and mercy. When His brow wore the crown of thorns, He bought our intellects and our mental acumen for His cause. When His lips became cold in death, He bought ours for singing, teaching, and witnessing. How dare Christians say 'No' to Christ . . . when they are bought with such a price?"—*T. Lucas.*

"NEVER before have the young people been called to such an exalted task as they are in these days. God calls young men and women to obey His Word, to glorify the holy name of Jesus, to make a reality of all that is noble, uplifting, and beautiful. They are to be witnesses and active co-workers in accomplishing the work of God on earth."—*F. J. Voorthuis.*

"Greetings and a hearty welcome, Missionary Volunteers of the Northern European Division. Your talents and willing service are prized and needed in the cause of God. Unparalleled opportunities lie before you today. May this Congress lead you into a closer walk with God and give you a vision of the thrilling opportunities which are open to you for service to God and your fellow-man."—*C. D. Watson, MV Secretary, Northern European Division.*

"We, as the younger generation of the Advent church in the Netherlands, greatly rejoice in the privilege that is ours to bid all our friends from foreign fields, a cordial welcome to Utrecht. With our hearts full of glad expectation we have looked forward to this gathering as to a thrilling 'feast for the youth.' We hope that this gathering together will result in true fellowship and that we shall all feel very much 'at home' in each other's company. Above all, let us pray and believe that God will send us 'Showers of Blessing,' strengthening our spiritual life and preparing us for the accomplishment of our God-given task."—*D. Vink, MV Secretary, Netherland Union Conference.*

Heard at Congress

"A GREAT decision settles many lesser issues. For us the question now is, 'Which is my first love?'—*J. P. Sundquist.*

"DENY creation and you eliminate redemption."

"A wrong interpretation of the Bible leads to an incorrect theory of science."

"We must fight ignorance with knowledge and stupidity with wisdom."—*J. A. McMillan.*



The terrain that greeted Brother Westerlund when he arrived in Greenland.

A Visit to Greenland

By H. Westerlund, Skodsborg Sanitarium

IT WAS my privilege this spring to visit Greenland and to become better acquainted with our work in this the world's largest island. I commenced my trip on May 12th and flew in one of the large Scandinavian planes from Denmark direct to Sdr. Strömfjord, a flight which lasts only seven hours, yet takes ten days by boat. It requires special permission from the U.S.A. Embassy in Denmark to travel via Sdr. Strömfjord as there is a large military base there. I visited this base and was very interested in its two churches. The large church is new, very modern, and well designed. The chaplain told me that the Jews use the church on Saturdays while the Catholics and Protestants worship on alternate Sunday mornings.

When I arrived at Sdr. Strömfjord there had been no connection with Godthaab for several days and it did not look as if the weather would improve. A Catalina aeroplane was standing by to take the many waiting people to Greenland's largest city, Godthaab, as soon as the weather would permit. It was on Friday morning that I arrived and I had hoped to be in Godthaab before the Sabbath. I believe a miracle happened, for, against all expectation, the sun suddenly appeared and we were off. We flew at an altitude

of 11,000 feet in an unpressurized cabin and within two hours we were in the ice-free Godthaab Fjord.

While on the plane my seatmate asked my reason for going to Godthaab. On telling him who I was and my work, he exclaimed: "Ah, you are an Adventist. I know your work and especially your Clinic. It does a great work for the people of Greenland."

Andreas Nielsen and the new brother, Barselej Egede, met me at the airport and that evening together with the rest of the little Adventist group, we talked late into

the night. We spent a very blessed Sabbath day and God's Word was translated by one of the speakers from the Greenland radio department. This man told me afterward that while I was talking, he was reminded of a dream he once had. He said he saw a cloud just like the one I had described at Christ's second coming. Now he could understand much better how Christ could come in the clouds of heaven. This man and another radio speaker who also translated at the meetings, later talked to me regarding our beliefs and teachings. The one asked the other if he had found any fault with our message. He replied that he had translated at many meetings and was convinced that we preached the pure Word of God. We had a meeting on almost every evening of the twelve days I was in Greenland. One of them was held in Godthaab's Hall and 350 were present. I was also privileged to talk twice on the Greenland radio, once in "Aktuelt Kvarter" and the other time for half an hour on the programme, "Guests in Town."

Andreas Nielsen is doing a good work in Greenland in spite of great opposition. This is a difficult field and this is borne out by what others have said about working there. After sixteen years of labour in Greenland, Hans Egedes, a Danish preacher, in his farewell address quoted Isaiah 49:4: "I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for naught, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the Lord, and my work with my God." This pastor was the first apostle to Greenland and a hard working man.



Sister Anna standing among the ice in Godthaab.

A Norwegian pastor who was known in Norway as the "polar priest," returned to Norway recently after many years of labour. He said in his homeland: "I visited the Adventist, Andreas Nielsen. It did not matter what question I asked him, he always had an answer from God's Word, the Bible, and I would like to say that he was just as holy as God's Word."

Shortly after Brother Nielsen first arrived in this field, there was a meeting in Godthaab between the Dean of Greenland and himself. The Dean wanted to discuss child baptism and the keeping of a Holy Day. The discussion was lively, but after the meeting the people agreed that Andreas Nielsen was correct. Brother Nielsen is a real pioneer. In spite of having stones thrown at him while going from door to door with our literature, he is not discouraged, but just as zealous as ever for the truth.

What makes our work appreciated more than anything else in Greenland is the new Skodsborg Clinic. All the leading citizens and doctors with whom I talked were of the opinion that our work at the Clinic was of a high order. When we visited the Medical Superintendent, he asked Brother Nielsen what had become of a certain patient they had nursed. A real miracle had happened to the young girl. Brother Nielsen answered that she was well and could walk about and was doing a normal day's work. I asked who this young lady was and this is her story.

She was eighteen years old and a daughter of a respected family. She was to give birth to a child so her parents

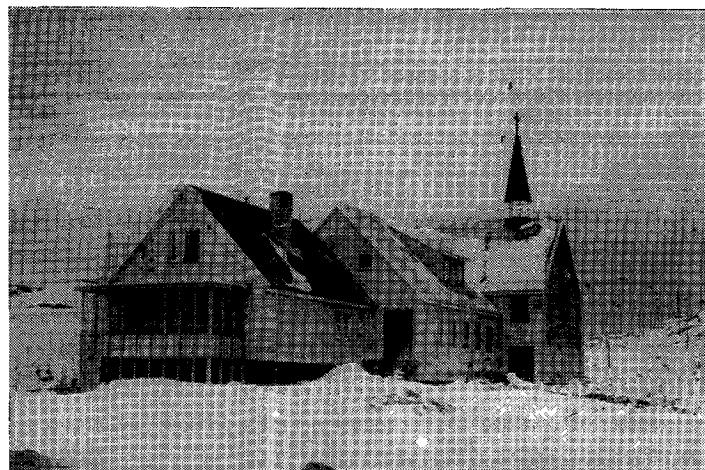
turned against her and left Greenland. The girl was brought to the hospital when the child was to be born and she became very sick. She contracted a disease they could not diagnose and she became paralyzed. She lost weight rapidly and eventually was down to 27 kg. (about 60 lb). At that time she had been in hospital for seven months and the doctors were at a loss to know what to do with her. Sister Ella and Sister Anna from our Clinic had visited her all the time, but could do nothing for her as long as she was in the hospital. Her parents were urged to come if they wished to see her alive. They did not come. One day, Sister Ella and Sister Anna obtained permission to take the girl to their own home. The girl stayed with them for six months, receiving treatment and eating a vegetarian diet. At the end of the six

months she weighed 45 kg. and was able to walk alone. I visited her in her own home. People in the town thought her recovery was a miracle and the sick are now eager to receive treatment at the Clinic so that they too can be healed.

There was another case that helped the Clinic. There was a sick woman who needed treatment, but as the patient could not walk and there was no taxi and no invalid chair, Sister Ella did not know what to do. Finally she borrowed a cart and wheeled the patient through the town to the clinic. It is such missionaries that bring glory to our Lord and Master and such deeds that bring recognition to our work. The Clinic now has two invalid chairs for outside use.

The Clinic is doing well financially. The first year the turnover was Dkr. 25,-400. This year, however, I believe it will rise to Dkr. 40,000 to judge from the income of the first three months. Latest word says that the income last month was Dkr. 3,500 (about £175).

Besides doing a great work at the Clinic, Sister Anna has worked at the large Sanitarium in Godthaab for TB patients, for the past few months. TB is very prevalent in Greenland. Sister Anna's work-day was from 7 a.m. to 7 or 8 p.m. during this period. The Medical Superintendent invited me to come and see Sister Anna at work. He was full of praise for her skill as a physiotherapist. He asked if it would be possible for Skodsborg to send a physiotherapist for a year at a time to help him. They would pay the



Church, clinic, and home to our missionaries in Greenland.



Children attending the Sunday school.

NEWS FLASH

E. L. BECKER, auditor of the General Conference, has just concluded a much appreciated visit to England where he audited the accounts of the Northern European Division at Edgware, and the Transportation Office in London.

Andreas Nielsen writes from Greenland that their new book, *The Great Controversy* in Greenlandic, is expected to be off the press at the end of September. Twenty-eight orders have already been received, eleven of which were accompanied by the payment of the full price of Dkr. 20.00 in advance. Brother Nielsen will, with his family, shortly spend several weeks in Denmark, and he hopes on his return voyage to visit some of the settlements in East Greenland. Only one sailing a year is possible from the west to the east, and this will be Brother Nielsen's first opportunity to make the visit.

Dr. W. H. Beaven of Washington Missionary College was a recent visitor to London. He was on his way back to the States after attending the 26th International Congress on Alcohol and Alcoholism in Stockholm, and also the Summer Institute of Scientific Studies, in Paris, where he was Director of Studies. On August 8th Dr. Beaven spent the day attending a meeting of the Executive Committee of Newbold College which is affiliated with Washington Missionary College of which Dr. Beaven is Dean.

The visit to the Northern European Division of T. E. Lucas, Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the General Conference, is drawing to a close. Following the Utrecht Congress, Brother Lucas attended the Zurich Congress for Southern Europe, and among his further appointments he will attend special workers' meetings in Finland.

From Ethiopia, Axel Varmer, Union President, writes most encouragingly of the new clinic established at Sackie, Wollamo. Here Sister Shake has treated 1,727 patients from January 1st to July 17th. Many of these were treated over

a prolonged period, so the number of patients' visits was very much higher. Brother Varmer also expresses great gratitude over the word that has now reached him of the very generous 13th Sabbath Offering for the first quarter of 1960, of which Ethiopia is due to receive a one-third share.

Word comes from Brother Gustav Baron, President of the Polish Union, that thus far this year more than 300 members have been baptized into the churches of Poland. We rejoice with our Polish workers in this encouraging fruitage from their labours.

The year 1959 has been a record year in many ways in the Iceland Conference.

1. The Harvest Ingathering has brought in about Ikr. 250,000.
2. Student enrolment was eighty-three—or more than four times higher than ten years ago, when the school opened.
3. Twenty-one students were baptized this year—ten of them from non-Adventist homes. They are all between the ages of 16 and 20.
4. Two Lutheran ministers and five medical doctors have their sons as students in our school.
5. Dorcas sisters in Reykjavik realized Ikr. 25,000 in one hour at their annual sale.
6. Thirty-seven souls have been added to the church this year, bringing the membership to 405.

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passage and give a good salary. This request came as a result of the faithful and loving service of Sister Anna. We hope to consider this request.

While Brother Nielsen and I were waiting for the Medical Superintendent in his office, his wife, who is the librarian of the Sanitarium, asked about our beliefs and whether we had any books in Greenlandic. We were glad to tell her of the literature we have and that the book, *Den Store Strid* (The Great Controversy), was just being printed. We recommended

this book warmly for their library and the doctor said they could do with two copies.

I believe our message will gain a firm footing in Greenland, but it will take time. On the whole the people are religious, but do not as yet see the necessity of taking their stand for the truth. Social conditions are very bad and at many places people live under wretched conditions. Morals are very low, crime is not adequately punished, and people do not respect the law.

We have four missionaries in Greenland, two evangelists, and two medical missionaries, who all work together very happily. The message, however, must be taken to other parts of the island. Unfortunately one can travel only two months of the year up and down the coast. One must therefore live in a town for some time if he is to hold an effort. Brother Nielsen intends to visit East Greenland this year, but as such a visit can only be very short, he plans to send some colporteurs ahead to distribute literature. One young man has already started this summer, but there ought to be several more. Twenty-four lectures in Greenlandic have been prepared and our people in America have promised to make gramophone records of them for us so that the message can be taken in this way from home to home.

I am happy that I had this opportunity of visiting Greenland and my heart is with the work up there. I should like to ask all our members to pray for the work in Greenland in a special way. It is a great work and a difficult one, and our workers there do need our prayers, even more, I believe, than in any other mission field in the world.

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