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Address by the Honorable William O'Neill, Governor of Ohio

(Delivered at the third business meeting of the session, 3 P.M., June 20.)

Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests on the platform, delegates and friends at this conference: It is a great thrill for me to stand here and look into the hundreds of faces gathered in this great metropolitan area of Cleveland to study and work, discuss and plan for the future work of your church on a world-wide basis.

May I as governor, and just personally as Bill O'Neill, tell you that you are welcome here in our State and in this our largest city. We are glad that you are here. We are honored that you have chosen our State for the location of this conference. I hope that you can take the time to see something of our State.

It gives me a thrill to see these church leaders gather here, working for the future best interests of the whole world. My experience and relationship with the church—the work of my denomination—goes back to my very beginning. My mother died when I was four years old, my brother nine days old. My father never remarried. He lived until he was eighty-six. He died only three years ago. Into that home came his only sister to be a mother to my brother and me. She was a devout member of the Baptist Church. She saw to it that my brother and I were in Sunday school every week. From the time I can remember we were in church squirming away at six and seven and eight years old, on Sunday morning and Sunday evening, and we were also in church each Wednesday evening at prayer service. So the earliest training that I had was in the church. The earliest opportunity that I had to stand up and speak publicly to people was from the pulpit of our church in church plays, pageants, and in the Baptist Young People's Union. First we read, and then we were able to lay aside the reading material and speak extemporaneously. That training in self-expression and in the principles which it ingrained in us, has remained with us always.

I can remember a thousand individual experiences that are still with us. In that small town we had a young people's organization of fifty members, which was large and strong in the community, and it didn't just provide the opportunity to worship together, or even to be together

and study on Sunday evenings, but our whole social life was built around the church. For more than ten years our Christmas Eves were spent together caroling. Our New Year's Eves were spent together in watch-night parties. This solid group of young people working together and building their whole lives for a decade around the work of their church, produced ten active ministers in our denomination who are at work today in all parts of the United States, as well as many other leaders.

The Fight Against Evil

Now, let me leave this short message with you. I am not as concerned, ladies and gentlemen, about evil men and the evil they may do, as I am about the good which good men fail to do.

I became governor of this State, and a year ago last January the commercial gamblers decided they would make a test as to whether they could move into Ohio. It wasn't very hard, ladies and gentlemen, to stiffen the backbone of local public officials and to make effective the work of enforcement agents at the State level. It wasn't long, although it took some persistent effort, until we had padlocked four or five of the large commercialized

gambling installations that had been started.

For two years, as attorney-general of this State, I carried on a relentless fight against the dope traffic, and we were able to mobilize public opinion in all Ohio against the degradation which those nefarious people could wreak upon our population.

Whenever we face up to and take on the forces of evil, we can drive them out. But what I am concerned about is that good men with good intentions who live fine lives too often don't do all the good that they potentially could do in God's name.

There are many areas yet in which men who know what is right have an opportunity to stand up and to act for God and for humanity. If, in your great conference, you can inspire all our people to work more for God's kingdom, more for the people who need help, we will make real progress, and our fight against the forces of evil will be much easier.

How important it is that all of us who believe in God work together for the freedom of the world and the coming of His kingdom. God bless you in your work. May you grow stronger than ever before. Thank you. [Applause.]



Michigan Conference Mobile Disaster Unit (an official unit of Michigan Civil Defense) on display at the General Conference in Cleveland.

Echoes of the Missions Pageant

By H. M. TIPPETT

[On the first Sabbath afternoon of General Conference there was a great missions pageant, which was quite fully reported in Bulletin No. 2. We here give some more of the mission stories told that day.—EDITORS.]

During the missions pageant on the first Sabbath afternoon, representatives from various divisions were called to the microphone for brief reports of some of the interesting aspects of the work in their fields. Some of these were so unique that they are given herewith as adding to an appreciation of the human interest created in this special event of the General Conference session.

Under query by E. W. Dunbar, David Rose revealed that in Spain no public meetings can be held, but our believers manage to get together in small groups on Sunday evening. One woman heard of Adventist teachings for the first time in a sermon against our people in a city cathedral. Her curiosity was aroused and she attended our meeting, only to find that the truth she sought was grander than she thought. Today she is rejoicing with our people as a baptized member of the church.

A. K. Christoffers, manager of the Hamburg Publishing House, brought greetings from the 202 employees of that institution. He told of the ebb and flow of prosperity in the seventy years' existence of this important publishing enterprise decade by decade, through the terrible war years and to the present time, in which it is enjoying its greatest triumph. Through its various distributing centers it is circulating ten periodicals in the land of Luther, the last one having 23,000 subscribers before the first issue was off the press.

In our own America of peace and plenty we little realize some of the tremendous problems facing the workers overseas. W. Mueller, president of the Central European Division, told of the tremendous challenge offered by the 3 million refugees that have come from the Russian zone into West Germany the past few years. O. Brozio, division home missionary and welfare secretary, expressed gratitude for the 6.5 million pounds of food and clothing that have been sent by our believers in America for the relief of these peoples, thousands of whom have nothing but the clothes they wear, and that of poor quality. The Dorcas Societies have given away in the past four years 400,000 pieces of clothing. Many are rejoicing in the faith of the Second Advent through this ministry.

A. F. Tarr, president of the Northern European Division, presented two leaders of its mission fields, H. J. Welch of West Africa and Axel Varmer of Ethiopia, who in turn introduced leaders in their fields. A. M. Moyer of West Africa—once spoken of as "the white man's grave" because in that land are the graves of many faithful missionaries, mute testimony to their sacrifice—said that although we have 17,000 baptized believers in this area, there are yet thousands of villages untouched by the gospel. In five

of its countries there is but one lone colporteur to represent our work. One of these missions is 90 per cent Moslem, and thus it has a common problem with the Middle East.

H. J. Welch interviewed J. M. Adeoye, a native of West Nigeria:

"Were your father and mother Christians?"

"No, they were heathen."

"Were you not in line to be chief of your tribe?"

"Yes, my father was a chief."

"Why did you not become chief?"

"I renounced the throne for the Christ who left the home of glory to die for me."

Pastor Adeoye then brought a message from his people in West Africa.

Dr. A. R. Bergman displayed a war club from one of the fiercest tribes in the Cameroons. These Africans had never seen a white person until the coming of our missionaries.

From a small two-room dispensary with nine mud huts for a hospital, the present 68-bed hospital with several buildings has been developed. The beds, however, are a problem, for these patients are not used to beds, and surgical cases have been known to get out and lie on the floor. One African whose wife had had three sets of twins, an evil omen in their superstitious beliefs, was seized and subjected to the bite of a dog with rabies. The man soon died, and for three days and nights they chanted and beat their drums to drive away the evil spirit.

J. J. Aitken, president of the Swiss Union, said that in Lucerne, the innermost city of Switzerland, which has resisted the message until recent years, we are now holding meetings in a hall overflowing with interested people. The clamorous opposition of university students, who descended upon the meetings by the hundreds to disrupt and scatter the efforts of our workers, was overpowered by

voices of the believers as they sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee." Today plans are under way for a church edifice to house these earnest believers. Our colporteurs assure us that there isn't a single mountain chalet in Switzerland where our literature evangelists have not been.

From the old independent empire of Africa, Ethiopia, Axel Varmer, president of the mission, brought a report of nearly five hundred baptized believers in the kingdom of Haile Selassie. In muddy rivers, at hospital centers, from mountain villages, the baptisms have gone forward, marking a great change in the work after slow and painful progress through the years. Thousands of Sabbathkeepers not yet baptized are awaiting instruction.

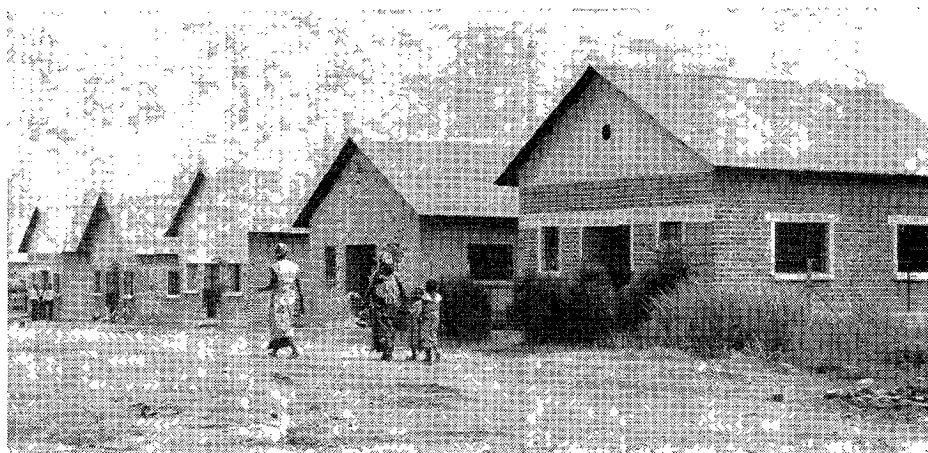
Parkin Christian of Pitcairn Island was introduced by F. G. Clifford, president of the Australasian Division. Brother Christian added diversion to the program by singing a song written by one of the Pitcairn Island church members, Rosalind Young, "Cling to the Bible, My Boy."

One of the high moments of interest in this program was provided by Pastor Kila Galama, grandson of one of the head-hunting tribal chiefs of Papua, on the island of New Guinea. Dressed in the lap-lap skirt of his people and carrying a wicked-looking head-hunting ax, he raised in his other hand a Bible and said, "I use this weapon not to take off the heads of the idol worshipers, but to change their hearts, and we have 2,000 who bow down their heads to God today."

Peter Coetzee gave a demonstration of the talking drums of heathenism, and in their weird tempo they purported to be saying: "Do you hear the beating of the drums? Have you seen the heathen in their wild orgy? Have you seen the tropical diseases and leprosy? By the thousands they are dying without God. Africa stands today with outstretched arms. The voice you hear in these drums is crying, 'Come over, come over quickly and help us.'"

From the troubled land of Colombia, Ishmael Rojas, who has been in prison five times for his faith, told of how God's power has wrought wonders in that land where so many hundreds of our believers have suffered persecution for their faith.

A. L. Lesiasel, home missionary secretary of the Indonesian Union, chanted



With the growth of our work in Africa, improved living conditions have come to African workers. The modest but substantially built brick homes shown here have been constructed for national workers in the Belgian Congo. The Congo Union is the largest union in the Southern African Division, having a baptized membership of more than 55,000.



Three past presidents of the Southern European Division (left to right), A. V. Olson, W. R. Beach, and M. V. Campbell, with the new president, Marius Fridlin.

the "Allah Alahbar," the call to worship of the 80 million and more Moslems of Indonesia, a country of 3,000 islands stretching over an area 3,000 miles long. He told of a Moslem father's conversion through reading in the Koran of a people of the Scriptures who would not sell their faith at any price. His search took him to the home of a missionary who took out a package of cigarettes and began to smoke. No, he thought, this cannot be God's people. In the home of another missionary as he sat at dinner he saw food he recognized as pork. No, the people of the Scriptures are a clean people—these cannot be true believers. And finally he met a simple uneducated man who had the love of the Lord in his heart, who induced him to write to the Voice of Prophecy in Bandung. Through their Bible course and other help he was convinced, converted, and eventually baptized. He has won twelve other followers of Mohammed.

W. E. Murray, president of the South American Division, told us that our church nearest the South Pole is at Punta Arenas, on the southernmost tip of the continent. As we enjoy these meetings in Cleveland, it is winter there, with three or four feet of snow on the ground.

Sister F. A. Stahl, who with her husband pioneered the work in Peru, was spotlighted in the congregation as L. H. Olson sketched the history of our work among the Indians of the Lake Titicaca region. He graphically portrayed the incident of the broken stone by which our teacher was identified when he came as he promised he would to teach the Indians of that area the gospel. The story was presented in dialog, Pastor Oswaldo Krause taking the part of Elder Stahl, and Julio Huayllara, a true son of the Incas, the part of the chief who begged for the teacher to come.

Neal Wilson, president of the Nile Union, spoke of the advance of the message in the Middle East Division, the cradle of civilization, and the birthplace of the Christian faith. One recalls in passing, that here, too, will the great final movements spoken of in prophecy take place. This tremendous territory, twice the area of the United States, holds within its

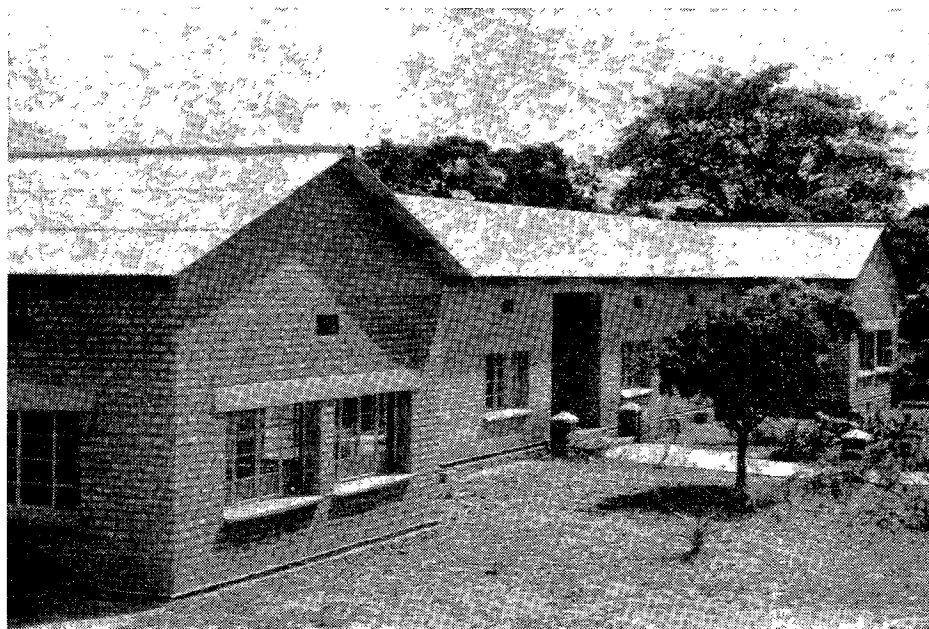
borders many nationalities, their contrasting costumes in evidence on the platform of the Cleveland General Conference this afternoon. The prevailing language of the Middle East is Arabic, and C. Srouer recited John 3:16 in that tongue. Persia, too, the land of Daniel the prophet and of Esther the queen, has a remnant of the faithful witnessing today as did God's valiant representatives of His light and truth centuries before the cross. R. C. Skinner, president of the Iran Mission field, spoke of remarkable providences in that area of the world.

Lebanon, Cyprus, Jordan—how these familiar names of Bible lands stir our memories and our devotion. And here before us were the workers and natives from those lands, their tall white standards painted for the procession symbolic of the faith that has survived in these countries since Paul's apostolic journeys. Elder Wilson expressed the wish that a hundred or two young people might be moved by this service today to dedicate their lives to the missionary cause in these ancient lands.

The 500 million people of the Southern Asia Division have a solid core of Adventist believers in Pakistan, India, Burma, and Ceylon. They were represented by O. O. Mattison, president of the division. He pointed to a little harmonium, typical of the instrument carried into all these lands by our evangelists, and Brother Moses sang one of the gospel songs of South India in the Marathi language. Elder and Mrs. G. G. Lowry, who with their two sons have given a total of 144 years of service to Southern Asia, were given a warm round of applause as they were introduced. Manuel Amirtham of Poona brought greetings from this vast territory that extends from the lofty Himalayas on the north to the sunny capes of the warm South Pacific Ocean. He has seen the work expand from a membership of 3,000 to 20,000 as it stands today. He is a trophy of the early colporteur work in India, for it was a colporteur who encouraged him to seek a Christian education. This same colporteur won eighteen souls and laid the foundation for the work in the city of Madras, and his story is a triumph of God's grace as it is manifested in the lives of His followers in the hard places of the earth.

This earnest colporteur was stricken with leprosy, and the division brethren sent him to a leprosarium operated by another Christian group. While there he asked permission to preach to the patients. The doctor in charge allowed him to do so in spite of warnings not to favor this kind of work. When he continued his preaching, the hospital said they must stop his treatment and send him away. He stoutly declared, "The God whom I believe is able to perform a miracle and cure me." The hospital relented and let him continue his work, and out of that leprosarium came the nucleus of the Madras church. Strange indeed are God's ways in the advance of this worldwide march to the kingdom.

These are but a sampling of the many brief reports and stories of our missions activities in all the world. For three hours



New administration building, Songa Mission Station, Belgian Congo.

this pageant and its hundreds of representatives from the one hundred countries with delegates at this General Conference kept the overflow audience fas-

cinated with the ever-changing portrayals and appeals from the platform. It will never be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to see it.

Report of Harris Pine Mills

By C. J. NAGELE

(Presented at the sixth meeting, held 10 A.M., June 23.)

I bring you greetings from the Harris Pine Mills family. I am sorry that Brother and Sister Harris are not present. They are on a two-months' trip to Europe, and I believe are in Copenhagen today. They send their personal greetings. Their interest and prayers are with us here in Cleveland, for they have given the product of their lives and labor to the finishing of the work. The denomination received the gift of the Harris Pine Mills Corporation from the Harrises in the fall of 1951. Thus the General Conference is in its seventh year of operating this large industry. These have been busy years, rewarding and successful years. It has been a great challenge and an undertaking that took courage and foresight on the part of the brethren. The judgment of the business world was that a church organization would face almost insurmountable odds in attempting the operation of a business such as this without properly trained personnel. With the Lord's help, personnel has been trained, and men of ability and stature have been found in our ranks throughout the church to build a strong and efficient leadership. Today, everyone in management above the foreman's level is a Seventh-day Adventist and a church officer in his local church.

The business has been blessed during these years, and it has grown and prospered to the place it holds today as a leader in its field. Anywhere you might inquire, you find Harris Pine Mills is known by leading men in the industry to be one of the most progressive and modern companies in the Northwest. Harris Pine Mills enjoys the respect of the business community, and consequently our church leadership and its organization enjoy that respect as well.

W. H. Branson has been the chairman of our general board since the denomination undertook the operation of the business in 1951. I could not exaggerate how much his steady leadership has meant to us. All through these years he has sounded a certain note, and all of those in responsibility in the Harris Pine Mills organization have responded to that note.

Since we last met in General Conference session in San Francisco, net sales of the company have amounted to 28 million dollars, exclusive of any inter-company or inter-division or inter-plant sales. This represents a large gain over the like preceding period. Wages and sala-

ries amounting to nearly 10 million dollars were paid to employees, approximately 90 per cent of them Seventh-day Adventists.

We are happy that it is possible to use in our program students from four educational institutions, namely, Walla Walla College, Southwestern Junior College, Broadview Academy in the Illinois Conference, and now the Blue Mountain Academy in the East Pennsylvania Conference. This program gives educational assistance to as many as 200 students a year, as well as providing a much-needed industry at a minimum of financial risk to the respective schools. I might add, all these branches that are operating near these schools and using student labor are operating profitably.

At present we are operating five plants in the furniture division; the fifth and the only one that I have not mentioned is located at Valdosta, Georgia. All divisions and branch plants are doing well and have shared in our fine records and increase. We have as fine a group of loyal, consecrated workers dedicated to their task as you can find anywhere in any of our institutions or conferences. We owe very much to them for our success.

We could recount many instances of God's guidance in areas of uncertainty, and greater still, occasions when apparent mistakes have turned out to be great triumphs and successes. We have records of achievement that are beyond the norm of ordinary accomplishment and can be accounted for in no other way save the blessing of God.

The question is asked many times about our raw material resources and supplies. Of course, that is the all-important thing together with the marketing of such a large volume of products. Our timber and raw material supplies and sources are adequate for sustained long-term operation, if the Lord should tarry in His coming. Timber stands owned and under contract by the company are in the main being held as a safeguard against future scarcity, if such should materialize. United States Forest Service and private timber available are at present offered for sale currently in volume adequate to meet our cutting requirements of 50 million board feet per year. In addition to the production of our own mills, we purchase from mills under contract to us. This gives us a

total volume, either marketed through our lumber department or re-manufactured by our furniture or box divisions of 70 million board feet annually. This is enough boards, if they were put end to end, to go one and a quarter times around the earth at the equator, annually.

Our timber comes from what we call a logging circle 300 miles in diameter, which contains approximately 400 miles of company-built roads. The company is at the present time operating three farms on a perpetual-yield basis, covering almost 50,000 acres. The home plant at Pendleton covers 75 acres of land area with ground recently purchased to give us adequate room for growing operations. In all of the operations and branches, we occupy buildings with floor space footage, mainly in the furniture division, totaling nearly 15 acres. In the last few years we have improved the home plant. Among other things, we have applied 70 thousand yards of hard-top paving, to give us a wonderfully clean and efficient working surface for our yards. It gives us a neat and clean appearance that evokes many favorable comments from those visiting our plant.

Automation is a trend with us as it is with every progressive company. It means an ever-increasing volume of production with steadily decreasing man hours as a result. Others in the industry bring their personnel hundreds of miles to ask for permission, as they respectfully put it, to see what the Adventists are doing.

A representative of the government of Australia visited us not very long ago. He was visiting manufacturing and lumber plants in the lumber industry for his government. When he visited Harris Pine Mills he had already visited nine such operations throughout the Northwest. He said without reservation, he had the impression while visiting us that we were the most up-and-coming company that he had seen. When he discovered that the company was owned and operated by Seventh-day Adventists, he took it upon himself to tell us of the wonders of the great food work over in Australia. He spent quite a little time telling how the Adventists were operating over there. He thought surely all of the Adventists in the world were in Australia, but after he had seen Harris Pine Mills he was constrained to believe that a few of them, at least, had migrated to America.

In conclusion, let me say that we are of good courage and face the future with confidence. Business has been profitable during these seven years that we have been in operation, and we feel sure that that trend will continue and grow. We hope to be able to bring funds in increasing amounts as the years go by. We are one with you in reaching our common objectives. I am sure that the General Conference can count on the Harris Pine Mills organization to give a good account of itself in the uncertain times before us.

Departmental and Other Special Council Meetings

[Immediately preceding, and in connection with the General Conference session, a number of the main subdivisions of the work conducted special meetings for those directly concerned with their phase of activity. A brief summary of these meetings is presented herewith.]

Missionary Volunteer Department

By Theodore Lucas

The international feel of Missionary Volunteering was the overshadowing impression at the Missionary Volunteer pre-session council. From ten overseas divisions, MV secretaries came to this meeting laden with success stories, and with much fervor told of God's overruling providences in the "impossible" situations abounding in the world today. The spirit of these leaders took possession of the council, and agenda items were gladly pushed aside to give unhurried attention to the larger look. This world fellowship was a gratifying privilege to overseas and North American MV secretaries alike.

Typical of the devotion and resourcefulness of young people in difficult locations was W. Raeker's account of evangelism in the eastern zone of Germany. For example, two hours before meetings begin, young people go into the streets and market places to talk to the people and ask them two questions, "Do you know Jesus?" "Can you live without Him?" The conversation is turned into an invitation to the meeting. Ten thousand young people in this area are attending camps, to which they are inviting many of their non-Adventist friends who decide for Christ.

The very first Eskimo to be baptized in Greenland, reported M. E. Lind, is a young man of twenty-three. Elder Lind showed a picture of this fine, stalwart youth who will be a great help in the development of work among his people in this land of new conquest for the gospel.

Elder Lind told also of a twelve-year-old boy who desired so much to do his part in Ingathering that he made a wagon, which he called a "trolley," and spent laborious hours gathering thousands of jam jars which he sold for Ingathering.

J. J. Aitken, former Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Southern European

Division, gave a report of the public witness by our youth before the Wall of the Reformation on the university grounds in Geneva, Switzerland, where 2,000 young people gathered on a Sunday morning to proclaim the message. He described also the youth congress in Geneva, which honored the Golden Anniversary of Missionary Volunteers. He told of the laying of the stone on the site of the platform where the General Conference brethren stood, back in May, 1907, and brought into being what we now know to be Missionary Volunteering. In French is inscribed on this stone the words: "Faithful in the faith of our fathers until the coming of our Lord and Saviour."

The president of one of our largest North American colleges came into the council to report on a college Missionary Volunteer Society that has a modern headquarters office on the campus and an enthusiastic activity program that includes operation of a branch Sabbath school, Sabbath afternoon literature distribution, foreign mission bands, a Master Guide class of 125, hospital visitation, reading to the blind, discussion groups, and Missionary Volunteer Community Services, a new plan of the Missionary Volunteer Department to mobilize our youth as community servers in many avenues, or a new concept of total evangelism.

Major agenda items were: MV Voice of Youth, MV Community Services, October as Share Your Faith Month, MV Leadership, youth revivals and Friendship Teams, Master Guide, and the MV field guide under preparation. Discussion of these and other agenda items was preliminary to further evaluation and development that will be carried on by the Missionary Volunteer advisory committee later in the year.

After the General Conference session began, and the National Service Organization was merged with the Missionary Volunteer Department, this informal Missionary Volunteer council enthusiastically

welcomed the newly elected associate secretaries, J. R. Nelson and Clark Smith, the latter in absentia (he was not present at the session). These two well-qualified workers are more than welcome into the world brotherhood of Missionary Volunteer leadership.

As we look to the future and think of the needs, the opportunities, and the privileges peculiar to our day of Missionary Volunteering, we lift our hearts to the great Master Guide with a prayerful plea that our plans and our work may match the day.

Sabbath School Department

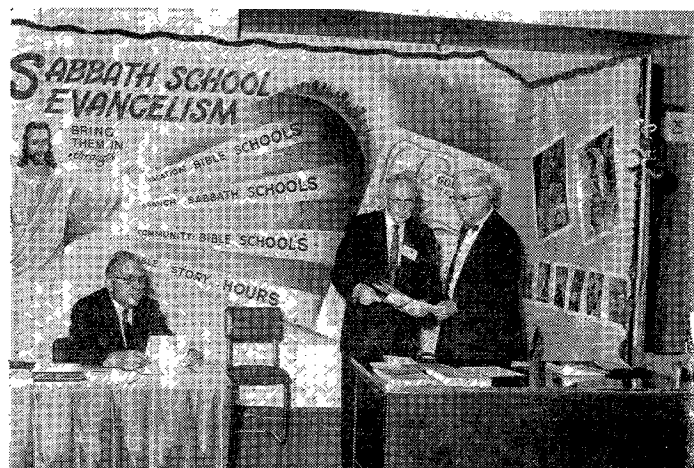
By L. L. Moffitt

A series of panel discussions, participated in by local, union, and division Sabbath school secretaries, presented the following six topics: "Sabbath School Evangelism," "The Church at Study," "Sabbath School Officers and Organization," "Reports and Reporting," "Sabbath School Finance," "Children's Divisions."

Two hours of the session program were also devoted to Sabbath school demonstrations and displays at the departmental hour, from five to six o'clock, when various age groups of the Sabbath school were considered under the following headings: "Those Treasured Tiny Tots," by Louise Meyer; "Those Priceless Primaries," by William J. Harris; "Those Jovial Juniors," by Eric B. Hare; "Those Admirable Adults," by H. W. Lowe.

At both the pre-session meetings and the departmental hour of the session, Sabbath school secretaries and others from the overseas divisions joined local and union Sabbath school secretaries and lay members in North America in discussion and questions that revealed deep interest in these vital Sabbath school topics.

From the pre-session council a resolution in behalf of Sabbath school work was channeled through the Plans Committee



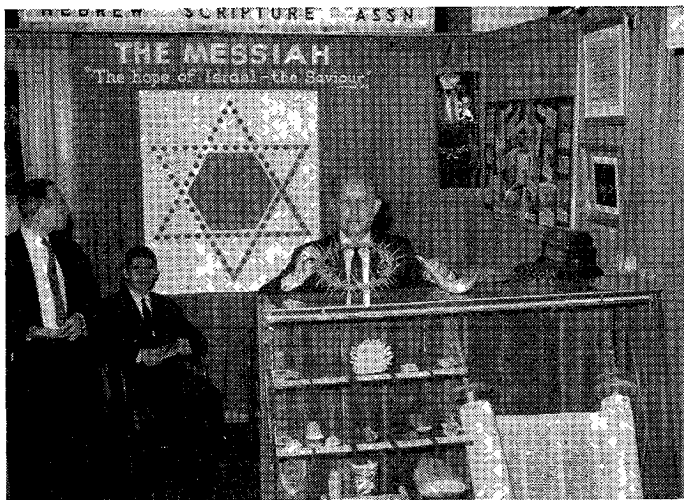
Evangelism was emphasized at this booth, operated by the Sabbath School Department. Left to right: H. K. Halladay, W. J. Harris, Vernon Flory.



The Temperance booth. W. H. Beaven standing in center. The Temperance Department has recently produced a new film entitled *Cancer by the Carton*.



The Ministerial Association booth. R. L. Boothby (left), Michigan Conference evangelist, talking with Louise Kleuser. Walter Schubert seated at right.



Jay M. Hoffman, pastor of our New York City Hebrew congregation, displays a crown of thorns in the booth operated by the Hebrew Scripture Association.

to the session and was adopted for the world field. [See REVIEW of June 29 for the text of this resolution.]

Temperance Department

By Francis R. Soper

Prime attraction of the temperance departmental meetings of the General Conference session was the presentation of the new tobacco film, *Cancer by the Carton*.

Some 5,000 persons, largest audience of the daily film programs, viewed the premier showing of this soon-to-be-released portrayal of the latest medical evidences of the link between smoking and cancer.

Cancer by the Carton, long awaited in the field, has been produced as a sequel to *One in 20,000*, the popular film that has now been translated into ten overseas languages and shown to an estimated 20 million people around the world.

A high light of the temperance pre-session meetings was the receiving of reports of the use of *One in 20,000* in various world divisions. "Thousands attend our meetings in Central Europe who otherwise would not be there," said Otto Brozio.

E. W. Pedersen, of the Northern European Division, commented that a major factor in initiating the present campaign of public education in Britain against smoking was the impact of *One in 20,000* being shown in Parliament and in medical groups.

Reports of new radio time being granted and other openings for church contact were brought by J. C. Culpepper of Inter-America. Similar stories came from J. T. Araujo of South America. Perhaps the most thrilling of all was the recital of the film's entry into Australia in spite of the initial refusal by censorship authorities.

Plans were laid at the temperance pre-session council for an even wider use of *Cancer by the Carton*. It is to be translated as rapidly as possible into other languages and utilized in connection with, and as a follow-up to, *One in 20,000* but is not to take its place.

Primary among coming plans for its use are simultaneous showings in major cities across the United States and Canada,

held especially for leading public and professional men, accompanied by appropriate publicity releases. Similar plans were also initiated for the overseas division fields.

Strong point of the new film was emphasized to be the extent of scientific evidence portrayed, for never has such an array of medical specialists been concentrated at one time for this purpose. Four top names in medical circles appear personally in the film, headed by Dr. Overholt, head of the world-renowned Overholt Thoracic Clinic in Boston. One of the participating physicians describes his personal experience in having a lung removed as the result, as he emphasizes, of continued smoking.

Also outlined in the session temperance meetings was an intensified campaign for the wider use of *Smoke Signals*. This dynamite-packed quarterly fact leaflet was originally to accompany *One in 20,000*, but is now destined to find greater service in connection with *Cancer by the Carton* as well.

Smoke Signals has grown to be a recognized influence in educational efforts to make the public aware of the danger in smoking.

Those attending these temperance departmental councils heard emphasized over and over again the keynote, "Educate, educate, educate," in helping to prepare men and women, youth, and the boys and girls, through the temperance message, for an everlasting place in the kingdom of God.

Ministerial Association Meetings

By R. A. Anderson

Nothing is more important to the Advent Movement than an inspired, efficient, and consecrated ministry. This was emphasized again and again during the four days of pre-session meetings conducted by the Ministerial Association. The first day and a half were occupied by committee work, when the needs of the Association were studied by the large and representative group—the Advisory Committee. Then Tuesday evening, June 17, the convention itself began. This was held

in the Little Theatre, a fine auditorium seating between six and seven hundred. From the first to the last meeting this was crowded to capacity.

The keynote address by the association chairman, R. R. Figuhr, opened the convention, and this was followed by four outstanding fifteen-minute talks under the general title of "Soul-winning in Action," given by E. E. Cleveland, A. G. Ratcliffe, A. H. Farthing, and F. W. Detamore. Each day, following the morning devotion, four separate subjects dealing with practical problems, such as "Reaching the Masses," "Pastoral and Personal Evangelism," and "Evangelism in Large City Centers," were presented. Each subject was related to evangelism. Even when dealing with the worship program of the church, the emphasis was on how to make worship contribute to soul winning.

The second evening was devoted to an analysis of "The Challenge of Modern Spiritualism." Despite the fact that some 900 crowded into the meeting and all the doorways were packed with eager listeners, many more than that were turned away because of lack of space. Those who heard the messages delivered by Elman J. Folkenberg and J. Arthur Buckwalter received impressions that will never be forgotten. Pictures revealing the "new look" of this ancient deception made everyone aware that a deadly power is at work, and that only an informed and spiritual ministry can meet the challenge of these times.

Special emphasis was placed on the importance of preaching and the ministry of personal evangelism. In one of the most interesting meetings of the whole presentation, soul winners from many different lands revealed the techniques they use for their evangelism. Europe, South America, India, the Far East, New Zealand, Australia, as well as the islands of the South Seas, were featured, all of which gave a breadth to the subject of evangelism.

Such a convention means more to our workers than perhaps any can realize. Not only the inspiration of it but also the improved techniques that many took away with them will, we believe, bring wonderful results in coming days. There were eleven meetings in all during the pre-session convention, eight of which took the

form of lively panel discussions. General and union conference leaders not only presided over these sessions, but also figured prominently in the presentations. "This ministerial convention has set a deeply spiritual tone for the whole session," remarked one of the general vice-presidents, and his appraisal was echoed by many other leaders.

Your Ministerial Association staff wishes to thank all who attended, and especially those whose participation meant so much to the success of the program.

Home Missionary Department

By Adlai A. Esteb

The General Conference departmental meetings of the Home Missionary Department were held in South Hall B on the Monday and Tuesday preceding the regular session and on Sunday and Wednesday during the session, in the large Civic Auditorium in Cleveland, Ohio. This important meeting was attended by a large delegation of overseas representatives. Six of the ten divisions were represented by their division home missionary secretaries and also a number of union and local conference secretaries. All of the ten North American Division union conference secretaries were present as well as many local conference secretaries.

Excellent reports were given by the overseas representatives, as well as by the representatives of the unions in North America. It was revealed that during the past quadrennium, marked progress has characterized all phases of our home missionary activities.

T. L. Oswald, who has been the secretary of the department for the last twelve years, was general chairman of the session. The reports indicated that strong leadership had been given to the work of the department throughout the world field. At the last meeting of the department during the session, the new secretary for the department, J. E. Edwards, introduced the added member of the staff, E. W. Pedersen, formerly home missionary secretary of the Northern European Division.

Several outstanding plans for future progress came out of these departmental meetings. It was voted that the department produce an Ingathering film. The announcement was also made that the new welfare sound motion picture, in color, will be ready within a few months. The final revisions on the script were actually being made during the General Conference session. The cover for the new *Welfare Manual* was shown to the delegates by Carl Guenther, associate secretary of the department. Most of the contents of this 120-page printed guide, have now been approved, and the entire manual will be ready for shipment to the field within a few weeks. Already, orders for 7,000 copies have been received.

Another important action that was recommended by the department and adopted by the delegates at the session involved the revision of the *Church Manual* in regard to the church missionary committee. It was voted that the mission-

ary leader of each church will henceforth be the chairman of the missionary committee, which will be made up from the church members who are charged with the missionary activities of the church. This should give added strength to the entire soul-winning program of the church, for this committee will meet each month with but one objective—to plan and promote the missionary work of the church.

Several challenging recommendations came from these departmental meetings. One was entitled "Worldwide Call to Co-ordinated Evangelism" and another one was entitled "Enlarged Program of Literature Distribution." These recommendations have already been published in *THE REVIEW AND HERALD* and therefore will not be printed here. However, these plans for co-ordinated evangelism, and for new, attractive tract racks and new literature, will help meet the modern need for something with more eye-and-heart appeal to capture the attention of the reading public.

A good deal of discussion revolved around the welfare work of the church. Since the General Conference has asked the Home Missionary Department to carry the civil defense phase of work formerly promoted by the War Service Commission, this will involve a vastly enlarged training program of first aid.

The new plan for the "Better Life" Picture Rolls for the laymen of the overseas divisions was approved, and it was heartily received by the leaders from overseas. A total order of 12,000 of the new Picture Rolls was placed. These pictures will help our laymen to present the doctrines of the church through 32 pictures in color.

Another feature of interest to all was a special new Bible correspondence course for non-Adventist groups.

The announcement was made that beginning in April, 1959, the missionary magazines such as *Signs of the Times*, *These Times*, and *The Message Magazine*, will all be promoted during the month of April.

The last of the Home Missionary Department meetings closed with an earnest appeal by the chairman for a great advance in missionary work in all the world. The following statement was read: "The leaders in God's cause, as wise generals, are to lay plans for advance moves all along the line."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 116. The entire delegation pledged their loyalty to the work of God until His work shall be finished in all the world.

North American Regional Department

By L. B. Reynolds

A part of the meaning behind many reports to the forty-eighth General Conference in Cleveland was spelled out in three sessions of the denomination's Regional Department. This department, concerned with the evangelistic outreach of 36,958 Negro American believers in the United States, functions as a coordinating agency for conferences and institutions that the constituency supports across the nation. It reported 3,584 baptisms in 1957. The tithe for the year totaled \$2,716,439.31.

The Advisory Committee convened, and discussion was led by R. R. Figuhr and W. B. Ochs relating to the work of the church amid a growing national and racial consciousness. Members pointed up the implications of the church as deep and far-reaching changes come to the international scene. Several recommendations



The *It Is Written* booth. G. E. Vandeman (light suit) is the featured speaker of the *It Is Written* TV films. On his right is W. O. Reynolds, who is associated with Elder Vandeman. At the extreme right is Don Loveridge of Florida.

from the department were outlined for study by General Conference officers on questions that confront the church and particularly Negro American constituents in the atmosphere of a beaten down, disordered world.

One full meeting was devoted to *The Message Magazine* and what was projected as its world mission of bringing the gospel favorably before numerous population groups where English is spoken. Mrs. E. L. Branson spoke of its appeal in the Middle East, in Japan, and in China where she has lived and worked. A. L. Lesiasel told of the interest in it among government people in Indonesia to whom he has carried the magazine. This fact, together with its increasing circulation in the United States, indicates for its twenty-fifth year, in 1959, a great impact upon millions who have not been impressed with the distinctive beliefs as taught by Seventh-day Adventists.

Leaders of the church in other meetings discussed ways of accelerating gospel programs more efficiently to reach the 17 million Americans who constitute one tenth of the total American population. They listened to G. J. Millet tell of improvements in the quality of training offered by Oakwood College and of the total of eight doctorates now on the teaching staff of the Huntsville college. His references to statements by Ellen G. White emphasized that the founding of Oakwood was directed by the Lord. They heard E. I. Watson tell of the growing influence of Pine Forge Institute, a boarding academy operated by the Allegheny Conference near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They pondered the message of E. E. Cleveland, associate secretary of the Ministerial Association, who told of the need of a more imaginative evangelism with national scope and dimensions.

F. L. Peterson, re-elected as associate secretary of the General Conference, was chairman of the meetings. He has recently returned to the United States from a tour of Africa. C. E. Moseley, Jr., elected as a general field secretary, and W. B. Ochs, vice-president of the General Conference, were co-chairmen. L. B. Reynolds and O. A. Troy were secretaries.

Publishing Department

By George A. Huse

There were handshakes and happy greetings on every side as the World Publishing Convention opened at the Civic Auditorium in Cleveland, Ohio, June 16. Delegates from many overseas countries attended. It was truly inspiring to see those of various nationalities studying together, searching for more effective ways of producing and distributing message-filled literature.

Reports revealed that in every corner of the globe, from the very fringe of civilization, the demand for Adventist literature greatly multiplies each passing year. Opportunities are opening beyond every expectation, and we must step into these places while the doors of opportunity are still ajar.

New and effective methods of selling were carefully considered. More non-Seventh-day Adventists are contacted by our literature evangelists than by any other phase of denominational endeavor, and because of this our leaders and colporteurs should learn the most modern ways of approach in order to place the maximum amount of truth in the homes. There is no time to lose with the use of antiquated methods. Several new plans were introduced that will doubtless prove most fruitful throughout the world field, in sales and souls.

The item of unusual interest was the international aspect of the meetings. Suggestions were contributed by our division publishing leaders, telling of successful methods being used in their respective territories. These covered the production of books and magazines, as well as distribution, and emphasized the reading of Adventist publications by the public and our members alike. A reading public is an informed public, and a reading membership constitutes a live, active church.

Above all, special emphasis and study was given to soul winning. Our constant objective is to win greater and greater numbers to the Lord Jesus Christ through the ministry of the printed page. Plans were laid to help each colporteur to be-

come a more fruitful soul winner for God—plans including systematic methods of securing Bible correspondence school enrollments, praying in every home, working closely with the minister of his district, inviting customers to Adventist services, holding Bible studies and lay efforts over the weekends, and other methods of personal missionary endeavor.

An unusually fine spirit prevailed throughout the convention. God came preciously near by His Spirit. Each joined in the determination to return to his respective field or publishing institution to consecrate all to God and to do a greater work for the salvation of lost humanity.

Public Relations Bureau

By Howard Weeks

Councils held during the General Conference session marked new progress and unity for the denominational public relations program.

Resolutions were adopted calling for training institutes, seminars, and workshops in the various divisions and for strengthening the public relations and journalism offerings in our colleges around the world.

The purpose of these resolutions was to develop an increasing pool of denominational manpower trained in the skills necessary to meet the challenge of increasing opportunities in the field of public information.

Never before has such an international representation been present at a public relations gathering. From Austria, Argentina, Indonesia, and Brazil, men and women of many races and languages gave evidence of a common interest and zeal in helping to bring the church more favorably into public attention.

The news coverage given the session far exceeded that of any previous session. Daily newspaper picture pages, printed only for sale to the delegates, were not in evidence as at San Francisco in 1954, but true coverage going into the homes of the people was more extensive than that of four years ago. The interest of Cleveland's newspapers in religious news speaks well for the people of that city.



A popular section of the Review and Herald periodical booth was the teaching aids counter.



Hugh J. Forquer and his helpers, Elder (far left) and Mrs. J. L. Clements, behind the counter of the Review and Herald book display.

Radio and television stations went all out in publicizing the session. In addition to through-the-day news coverage with stories, pictures, and films, virtually all stations carried a variety of interview and panel programs every day of the session.

Service clubs such as Lions and Rotary and churches of other denominations also invited delegates to speak before the groups and gave these guests of honor genuinely cordial receptions.

Reaching all levels of the population, session information will also be given to elementary school children of the city by means of recorded interviews arranged by the board of education for release on the educational radio station maintained by the Cleveland public school system.

But one of the most encouraging of all aspects of session news coverage was the response of the great national news wires, syndicates, and magazines. Daily stories and a multitude of session pictures were carried by all wires and such syndicates as King Features. *Time* magazine, *Christian Century*, and others also showed material interest in the session and sent their representatives. France Press, Reuters, and other international agencies also carried substantial daily releases.

Thus information regarding our activities and objectives reached out around the world to countless millions of persons of many lands and languages, "streams of light that went clear around the world."

The results of our information program will long be a cause of gratitude not only to the church as a whole, but also to the dedicated men and women of many field and institutional organizations who contributed their time and skills. They have done well in their task.

Radio and Television Department

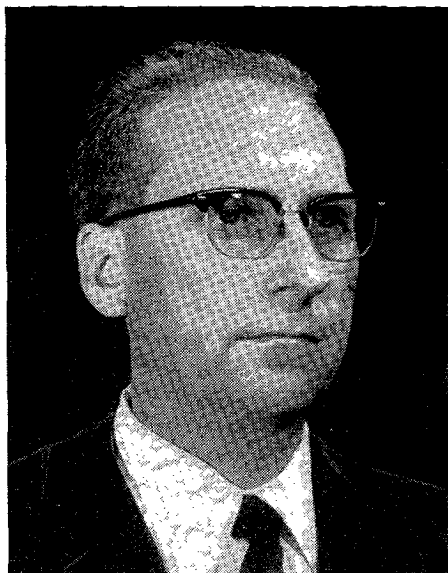
By Elmer R. Walde

Division, union, and local conference radio-television secretaries from around the world participated in four departmental councils before and during the 1958 quadrennial General Conference session in Cleveland.

In addition, activity was at a maximum in coverage of the convention nationally over radio and television. The back-home broadcaster also came in for a share of the conference inspiration as the result of the work of the Radio and Television Department.

The first official session came on Tuesday, June 17, when a large group of radio and TV workers from all divisions gathered at the Cleveland Hotel. After an inspiring devotional message by H. M. S. Richards, speaker of the Voice of Prophecy, the world report of progress was given by the secretary of the department, followed by reports by the division secretaries.

The intensive six-hour council included discussion on such subjects as increasing baptisms, public service programs available, effective Bible school operation, and



In Bulletin No. 7 it was announced that W. J. Hackett had been elected president of the Atlantic Union Conference. In order to acquaint our readers with Elder Hackett, we are happy to publish this picture of him taken while the General Conference was in session at Cleveland.

our denominational programs, Faith for Today and Voice of Prophecy.

The reports indicated that radio and television are playing a very effective role in the winning of souls around the world. Reports from all divisions revealed that the workers rely heavily on the work of the Voice of Prophecy.

During the convention itself two councils were held—one for the division secretaries and the second for all of the division, union, and local directors. A radio-TV film evangelism panel was presented by the department during the Ministerial Association pre-convention institute.

Other radio-TV events during the session included the quadrennial report of the department, a showing of a new Faith for Today film, and the recording of a

live Voice of Prophecy network broadcast on Sabbath morning. Special interviews and programs were made available to local broadcasters.

Two special network programs were released on Mutual and ABC on the closing day of the conference. The program "Adventist International Report" featured interviews with colorful delegates from all parts of the world with commentary and questioning by Robert Whittsett. The programs were released to all stations on the network Saturday afternoon and evening. The local Cleveland station WSRP presented the program in a choice 7:00 P.M. spot on Saturday as a public service, and also released the special Voice of Prophecy program on Sunday morning at 11:00.

In addition, interviews from these programs were presented on the Monitor weekend program of the NBC network on Saturday morning, 9:30 to 11:00, and Sunday night from 11:00 to 11:30. Walter O'Keefe's Night Line program agreed to carry select interviews on his nightly program the week of June 29 to July 7.

Faith for Today, our Adventist telecast now international in scope, presented a live thirty-minute program on WEWS-TV in Cleveland on Saturday night, June 29, at 6:00. The program featured W. A. Fagal, the quartet, and delegates from three different parts of the world.

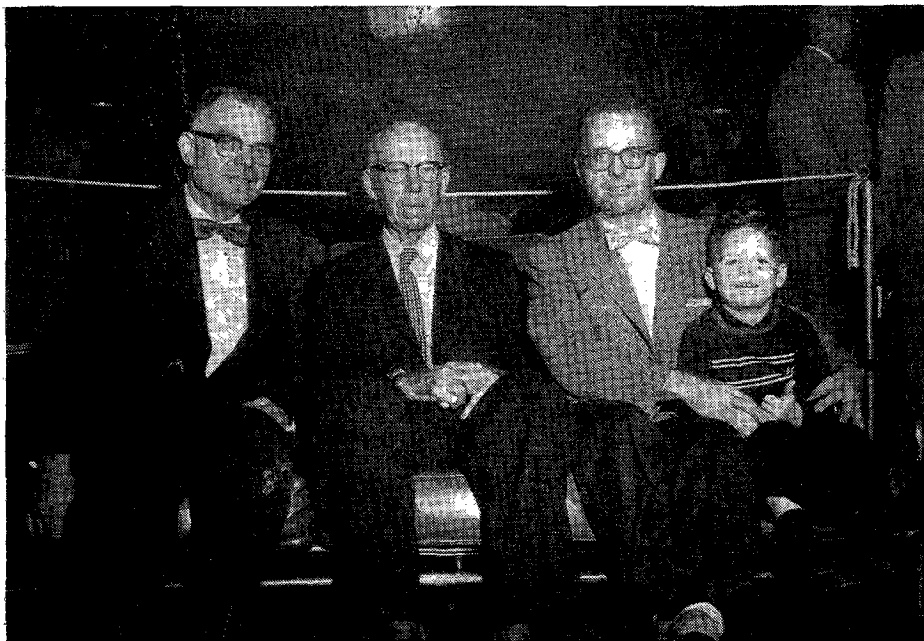
During the session, plans were under consideration for an aggressive and extensive radio work in five divisions, emanating from North Africa, which would greatly strengthen our work in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia.

Cooperating in all these projects in the meetings were James E. Chase, associate of the department, Minnie Truitt and Clara Gilbert, office secretaries, members of the Voice of Prophecy and Faith for Today staffs, and other key personnel from various parts of the country and the world.

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Here with General Conference Publishing Department personnel (seated in center of front row) is a group of some of our most successful North American literature evangelists. These colporteurs are among the 86 who each delivered \$10,000 worth or more (women \$7,000 worth) of literature in 1957. The total 1957 sales of the 86 was \$1,231,591.87.



W. H. Branson, with his son Ernest (left), his grandson Dr. B. W., and his great-grandson Brian David, had the privilege of being together at this General Conference session.

In God's Family

By MERWIN R. THURBER

At General Conference time the brotherhood of man is very evident in the fellowship of believers as from many nations and countries they gather to discuss the common problems of the church. But brotherhood in the church is not the only personal relationship in evidence at General Conference. Many earthly families are united.

One of the most interesting combinations I encountered here at Cleveland was the Branson family. Fortunately, we are able to show the picture of four generations of Bransons, William H., ex-president of the General Conference; his son Ernest, president of the Greater New York Conference; his son, Dr. B. W.; and his son, Brian David. The happy privilege of seeing his sons unto the third and fourth generation in the service and worship of God is indeed a great joy to Elder W. H. Branson.

Another interesting combination I discovered in the four Riffel brothers, A. H., Daniel, Enrique, and Juan. Originally from Argentina, the two minister brothers in the family come to General Conference from two different divisions. A. H. Riffel is president of the West Cuba Conference, and Juan is home missionary secretary of the South American Division. Enrique and Daniel are laymen. In all, there are five ordained ministers in the family, and one sister is married to a worker. Their grandfather, George Riffel, accepted this message in 1885 in Kansas, and in 1890 went as a self-supporting missionary to Argentina, South America. This was four years before the first missionary was sent to baptize and organize the first church in Argentina.

At least five groups of three brothers are attending the conference. I met John L. Brown and his brothers Henry F. and Harold C. Then there are the three (out of four) Bietz brothers—R. R. from the Southern California Conference, Arthur L. from the White Memorial Hospital church, and E. E. from the Portland Sanitarium and Hospital, Oregon. Also I saw three Maxwell brothers (sons of "Uncle" Arthur)—Lawrence and Mervyn (twins), and Malcolm. Reported present are three Christensens—Herbert, Otto,

and John; and the three Westphals—Henry, Chester, and Dr. Herbert.

Time would fail me to mention the two-brother teams that are so common. Represented among those prominent in the denomination, I met or found listed the following:

A. V. and H. O. Olson, H. L. and Adam Rudy, H. T. and W. P. Elliott, A. A. and L. E. Esteb, E. L. and G. H. Minchin, V. G. and Clarence V. Anderson, Walter and Henry Nelson, A. F. and E. W. Tarr, R. A. and Dr. Clifford Anderson, A. F. and George Ruf, D. A. and W. B. Ochs, and L. C. and I. M. Evans.

I cannot forbear mentioning the fathers who, I am sure, are justifiably proud to have their sons in the work of God and are present with them at this meeting. Obviously my list is not complete.

L. E. Froom and his son Fenton, T. L. Oswald and his son Donovan, R. S. Watts and his son Ralph, R. J. Christian and his two sons Bob and Edwin, N. C. Wilson and his son Neal, W. A. Scharffenberg and his doctor son John, H. M. S. Richards and his son Harold, H. K. Christman and his son Don, W. R. Beach and his son Bert, F. H. Yost and his son Don, W. H. Bergherm and his son William. Other pairs well known are Mrs. O. O. Montgomery and her daughter Mrs. Martha Odom, M. E. Kern and his daughter Mrs. Geneva Alcorn, S. A. Wellman and his daughter Thelma, Mrs. C. B. Caldwell and her son Raymond, J. W. Allison and his daughter Mrs. Cleveland, Mrs. G. G. Lowry and her son Roscoe.

There are unnumbered facts and stories connected with the people I have mentioned. Naturally space limitations prevent my telling them here. But I cannot refrain from at least one. Mrs. Edith Geymet Hiten and her father, Humbert Geymet, are here in Cleveland. The Geymets are of Waldensian stock. Humbert Geymet's father was one of the first men that J. N. Andrews met in Europe. Mr. Geymet, not yet an Adventist, accompanied Elder Andrews to Switzerland from Torre Pellice and helped him with translating work. Brother Humbert Geymet



Four brothers hold four brothers. Left to right: A. H. Riffel, president of the West Cuba Conference; Juan Riffel, home missionary secretary, South American Division; Enrique Riffel and Daniel Riffel, laymen from Argentina. Each is carrying one of the four sons of Don R. Christman of Brazil—Gerald, Ronald, Robert, and Kenneth.

came over from Switzerland especially to visit his daughter and to attend this General Conference.

Many such interesting family connections are apparent here at General Conference. It is impossible to discover or record them all. But what a testimony to the influence of Christian parents and home training are the large numbers of sons and daughters of workers and faithful laymen

who bear responsibility in the cause of God!

God's family in earth and heaven will at last be united, and we have the promise that in that glad day there will be a relinking of the family chain. And the fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, brothers and sisters, who have served the Lord here below will have the privilege of serving Him together through all eternity.

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[For the convenience of our readers we present here a consolidated report of the nominating committee.—Eds.]

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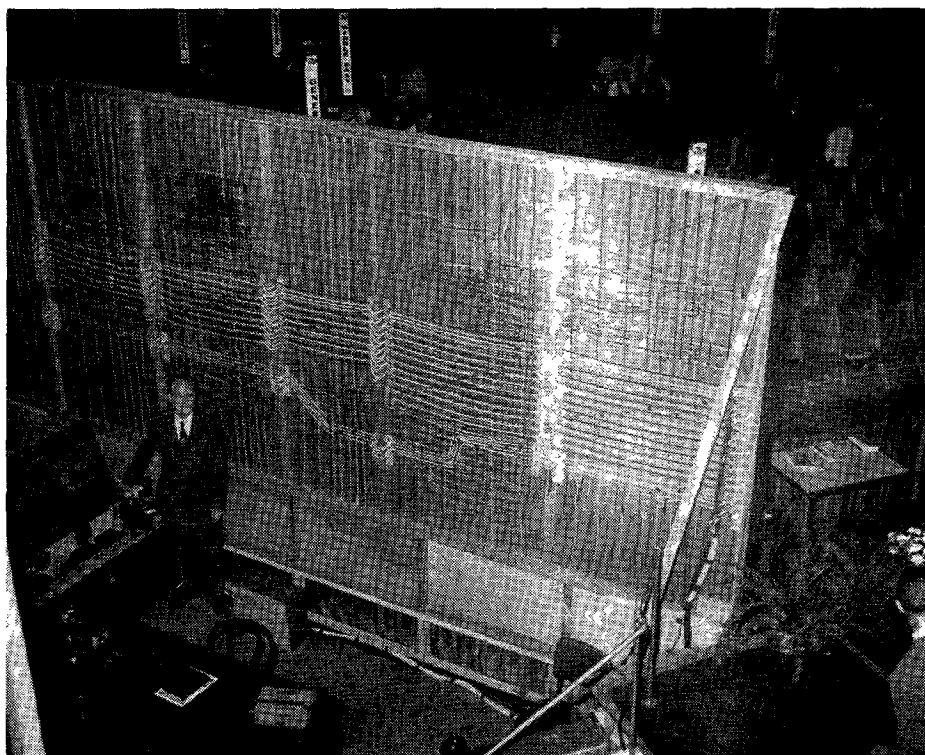
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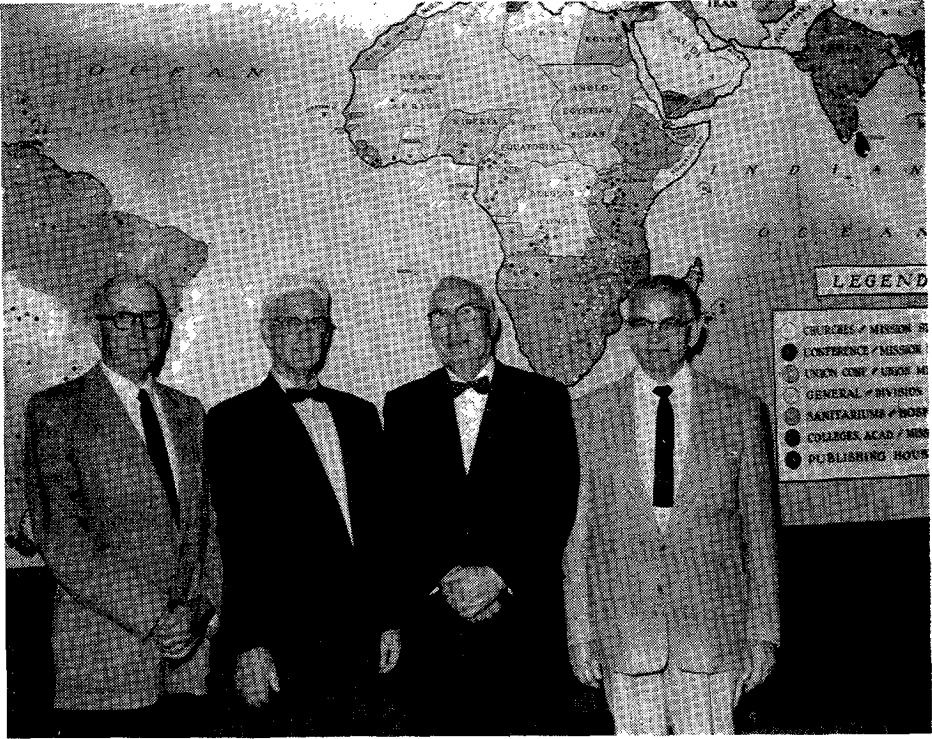


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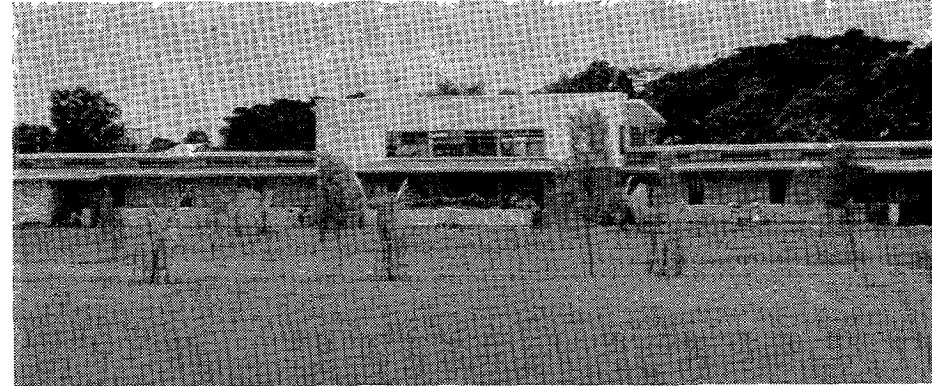
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Departmental and Other Special Council Meetings

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Medical Department

By T. R. Flaiz, M.D.

Those who have been privileged to be associated with Arthur White in any of the studies that he has given covering the subject of our health message are aware of the excellent balance and common sense that characterizes all of his presentations. These qualities in his studies

are matched only by the deep inspiration that he brings to those who listen and who invariably receive a new vision of the practical, down-to-earth concept of what health reform means to Seventh-day Adventists. The message presented by Elder White in this pre-session medical council brought to all in attendance a new understanding of the importance and the beauty of Adventist health principles. This study prepared by Elder White will be available for those who were not privileged to be in attendance at this meeting.

Before the council got under way each person present—and there were more than 150 there—was introduced. Such in-

troductory leads to a more cordial and free relationship as we study together problems of mutual interest.

Reports of various phases of our worldwide medical work were brought to this group by various individuals from different parts of the world and from different institutions. More than 50 physicians and nurses were present from overseas assignments, and these workers all had their questions and their contributions to make to the discussion.

Among the topics that were studied, the question of training—at home and abroad, both undergraduate and graduate—probably held more of our attention and time than any other single item on the agenda. It was agreed that we have come to the time when in many areas where we are carrying forward strong work programs, particularly in the field of nursing, we can no longer plan on doing the clinical nursing by imported personnel, but must look to the nationals of these areas for the actual conduct of this work. Help that comes from one division field to another must be help that is of a guidance and counseling nature rather than an actual clinical work assignment.

The time has come in some of our fields where it will be possible for one mission division to share its personnel with other mission areas. Plans and policies whereby this may be implemented have been called for in resolutions brought before the session. The training of physicians and other grades of medical personnel in the various sections of the world field must become an increasingly important feature of our work in these areas. Already, in a number of fields, a substantial number of physicians are being trained in the local universities and in our own well-developed institutions, as



A dramatic demonstration of proper methods in disaster relief was given under the direction of Amanda I. Sloane. This was in connection with a Civilian Defense meeting held in the main auditorium. The "victims," suffering artificial injuries, recovered immediately at the close of the demonstration.

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well as in Christian medical colleges, for the staffing of our hospitals.

It was reported to us that the high repute in which our institutions have been held in the past can be preserved only by a larger attention to the adequacy and quality of the staffing of them in the various areas. More physicians are needed urgently to bring the staffs of many of our institutions to the minimum required for the proper conduct of these institutions.

Reports concerning the development of our medical facilities in the home bases were of great interest. Some of our older institutions have gone forward with excellent programs of growth and development and are operating as more dynamic and effective agencies for the advancement of this cause than ever before. New facilities are coming forth in various parts of the country for the strengthening and the upbuilding of the work in the areas concerned. The new hospital in Toronto, Canada, is a remarkable example of what can be accomplished with vision, faith, and hard work. This hospital opened less than a year ago, is filled beyond its capacity, and we look forward to its becoming a training center for nurses for our Canadian field in the not-too-distant future.

The remarkable development of institutions in the Southern Union—the Florida Sanitarium and its daughter institutions—the new hospitals that have been developed in Kentucky, Georgia, and elsewhere, constitute a remarkable story in themselves. New medical facilities will soon be in operation in the Southwestern field.

Among the more unique programs that were reported at this meeting, we could mention the health education that has been established in our church schools, academies, and colleges during the past two years. We would mention also the fine work being done by the Seventh-day Adventist Dietetic Association, which is serving the cause very effectively in the preparation of dietetic counseling materials,

Greetings to C. H. Watson

During the report on the work of the Australasian Division, reference was made to C. H. Watson, now living in retirement in Australia, his homeland, who was president of the General Conference during the years 1930-1936. Those were most difficult years for our work throughout the world, because of the serious financial depression that struck the world. The problems and perplexities connected with the financial support of our work in those days placed a tremendous burden on the leadership of the church, and it was during this most difficult period that Pastor Watson was used of God to give outstanding leadership. He has the distinction of being the only one from outside the United States who has been called to the leadership of our world work. By a rising vote, the delegates and others present at the General Conference session took action sending him warm Christian greeting and wishing him a continuance of the richest blessings of God.

E. E. ROENFELT



Bob Wilson, blind pastor, solemnly pronounces a benediction over the large audience.

counseling and guidance to Seventh-day Adventist institutions, improved methods of food service and food purchasing, and other areas that we do not have the time to report.

The brief time that our medical workers had together was adequate only to bring to us a small vision of the large impact of the Seventh-day Adventist health ministry as it operates both on the home front and in areas overseas.

Your REVIEW Bulletins

We at the Review and Herald have been happy once again to present the official minutes of the General Conference session together with interesting side lights and high lights of this great world gathering of our church. The Bulletins total more than 12,296,000 pages that come to REVIEW subscribers at no extra cost. This is a service from your publishing house.

The closing Sabbath message by Elder Beach on the subject of victory really summarizes the glorious reports given throughout the session. Surely our Lord has been good and great in His dealings with His children. Let us as readers of the "good old REVIEW" rededicate ourselves to the finishing of the task assigned.

How I wish that all of our church members everywhere could enjoy the blessings of the weekly visits of the REVIEW. May the reading of these Bulletins have brought a fresh surge of faith and courage to every heart. Our greatest days, our most perilous days, are just ahead. It is our Father's wish that they may be days of great victory for each one. Every home needs the weekly visits of the REVIEW.

R. J. CHRISTIAN, *Manager*
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Contributing to the "Review"

(A statement made at the thirteenth meeting held 3:00 P.M., June 26)

By F. D. NICHOL

Increasingly during the years one of the great objectives of the church paper has been to bind the home field to the great overseas fields where more than 70 per cent of our membership now resides. I think it imperative that we be thus bound together if we are to maintain unity and to secure from the home base a constantly increasing liberality. Now, we feel that the church paper, the REVIEW AND HERALD, can today be of distinct service in holding our people together, even as it has been in the days gone by. Actually, that service is rendered in no small degree by our overseas missionaries and other leaders who send in to the REVIEW a continual stream of reports. These reports enable our people in the home base ever to have vividly before them a picture of just what is taking place out in the far corners of the earth. That means that they can see how their mission offerings, their liberality, their sacrifice have been translated into great victories for the Advent Movement. And to the extent that the hearts of our people in the homeland are kept sensitive to the fact that the Advent Movement is growing and gaining greater victories all the while, to that extent will offerings grow to expand the work overseas.

And so I appeal to you to send in to us ever and anon heart-warming, human-interest stories of the growth of the message in all the corners of the earth. I don't care if you are up in Eskimoland, down

at the lowest tip of South America, or over in the South Pacific, Africa, or elsewhere. We are interested in what is happening in the Advent Movement in every corner of the earth.

You don't have to write a long story. You don't have to be a literary light of the first order to be able to write something good. If your story has real merit, if there is something heartwarming about it, we might be able to help you a bit with a split infinitive and a few dangling participles. If you are thinking of sending us something of length, drop us a line ahead of time, and we will write you, to help you shape it in such a way that it will accomplish the maximum. Don't fail to send us good pictures, if possible, and always use airmail. We like promptness. It is the essence, always, of good journalism.

One last thought. Don't send to us dry, formal reports of a conference session, or anything akin to it. It's not that we don't think that conference sessions are important, but a formal report of them is generally as dry as the hills of Gilboa of dew and rain. Tell us what happened as a result of that conference meeting—the new work that began, the new developments, the souls saved. Give us something that pulsates, that has warmth, that has color, that will burn into the hearts of the souls of men and women and into their pocket books as well, that the treasury of God may be filled to overflowing.