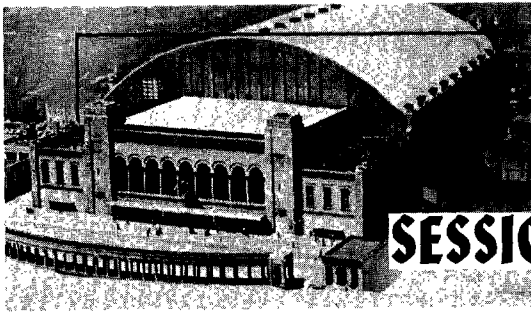




**Above: George Khoury, evangelist in the Middle East Division, assisted in the division report. Right: Mrs. Charles Griffin is a missionary in Brazil. Her husband is the president of the North Coast Mission. Formerly they were workers in the Chesapeake Conference.**

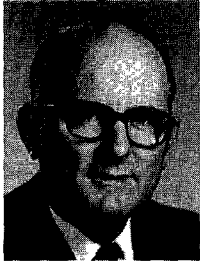
**Top: Kimberly (left) and Todd Kehney, children of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kehney, march in Korean costumes. Bottom: Wilfried Ninow, delegate-at-large from the Central European Division, follows the instantaneous translation of proceedings by means of a battery-operated transistor headset.**



**A REPORTER'S STORY  
OF TUESDAY'S HAPPENINGS**

## SESSION HIGH LIGHTS

By D. E. MANSELL



The steel drillhead bit into the rock beneath the cold Icelandic landscape. Government geologists shook their heads. No use trying to tap geothermal heat at Olfusi, site of our mission school. It's a cold spot on the map.

But recognizing what a blessing it would be to the school if a thermal vein could be tapped, church leaders in Iceland decided to try anyway. Success would mean an abundance of heat—heat that could warm greenhouses in which to raise crops, heat that could warm the school plant, heat that could be turned into electric power.

At first the attempt seemed futile. But at 3,000 feet it began to look as though the faith of the leaders was justified. The rock became hotter. Finally, at 3,600 feet, the drillhead broke through to a source of abundant energy.

Svein Johansen, president of the Iceland Conference, held up that drillhead during the Northern European Division report Monday evening, June 15.

As Paul Sundquist, the division's Missionary Volunteer and public relations secretary, related to me the facts concerning this episode, I kept thinking how aptly the faith and determination of our Icelandic brethren illustrate the faith and determination that Christians must exercise if they would tap the source of divine help. Indeed, it seemed to characterize the determination and faith of each delegate at the conference.

As I made my way to the Northern European Division booth, one floor below the auditorium, about 6:00 P.M., I paused to greet Stephen L. Curtis of Adelphi, Maryland, who was exchanging lenses on his Nikkormat camera. He told me that he hoped to take a picture of the entire auditorium with his Nikon 7.5 fish-eye lens, which is able to photograph everything within 180 degrees in front of it. I wished him success and continued toward the booth. The booth consists of a semicircle made up of some 15 or 20 smaller semicircles each of which contains a display. There is a scale model of the recreation center for Adventist youth up in the mountains of Sweden, another model of our Zauditu Memorial Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and a model of our hospital at Tromso, Norway.

In the center of the booth is a column-

like display case containing the Bible in 16 of the languages used in the division territory. Above the Bibles, soft ever-changing lights from within the column simulate the northern lights so characteristic of the northern part of this division.

I stepped over to the Southern Asia Division booth, where I saw an old friend of Seminary days, L. F. Hardin, former president of the Ceylon Mission. He now lives in Beaverton, Oregon. He was dressed in a Sinhalese costume—a large, loose outfit made of pastel pink material embroidered with silver-colored thread. His matching headgear resembled a Dutch girl's hat.

### Southern Asia Booth

In the booth were samples of many of the products made within the territory of the Southern Asia Division. In a display case I saw a miniature plow, yoke, and harrow used in India; a *dheki* for husking rice, and a *kula* for winnowing it. There were also models of various kinds of boats used throughout the area.

Inside the booth were inlaid tables exquisitely wrought with ivory and varicolored kinds of wood. One depicted life in a typical Indian village. On these tables were models of water birds carved out of buffalo horn.

From Ceylon came a display of carved elephants made out of various kinds of native foods. From Burma came an umbrella made of white material with radiating black spokes and decorated with a beautiful painting of a pagoda.

At the back of the booth were panel screens on which appeared colored pictures of the various countries comprising this division and suggesting the progress made decade by decade from 1920 to the present.

I now hurried upstairs to the REVIEW AND HERALD table at the front of the auditorium, where I could clearly observe the pageant as the Northern European and Southern Asian divisions reported.

Time: 8:17 P.M. Darkness. A flourish of trumpets. Spotlights play on the platform. W. Duncan Eva, president of the Northern European Division, introduces the participants and narrates while his division reports.

Out of the darkness emerge voices that sound like headlines from the morning newspaper: "Finland: convict confronts prison visitor—'You sent me here!'" "Poland: disappearance of Catholic nun after attending Adventist baptism—discarded habit clue." "Accra, Ghana: 250

criminals at Adventist service—exclusive installation highlights new reform technique." And so it goes as Nigeria, Iceland, Ethiopia, Britain, and other nations are introduced.

Later it is explained that the Finnish convict had turned himself in after reading *The Great Controversy*, that the Polish nun had become a Seventh-day Adventist after being treated by an Adventist physician at a government hospital, and that the exclusive installation in the Ghanaian prison was a baptismal font.

High lights in the program included the introduction of the two newest countries added to the Northern European Division—Dahomey and Upper Volta, with Renee and Michael Battle carrying the flags of these countries. It also included an interview by B. B. Beach, departmental secretary, Northern European Division, of Gebre Michael Felema, of Ethiopia, and his lovely bride of 32 hours, and a report of the discovery of geothermal power at Hlidardalskoli, our mission school in Iceland mentioned earlier.

### Impressive Membership Growth

The Southern Asia Division followed with its report.

To the soft, pleading strains of Eastern music the participants, dressed in colorful costumes of their respective countries, marched across the stage and took their places on the platform. At last the music stopped. I checked my watch—9:01. Right on time.

R. S. Lowry, president of the division, and a second-generation missionary, served as narrator and reported on the progress of his division in the past quadrennium.

Most impressive seemed to be the rate of increase in membership. Elder Lowry pointed out that it took 60 years to win the first 19,000 converts (1897-1957), but only four years to win the same number from 1966 to 1970. In 1969, 7,681 persons became church members. This rate of increase is second only to that of the South American Division.

Among the high lights of the report was the story concerning the vice-president of a certain Protestant mission, who vigorously resisted some Adventist evangelistic meetings being held in his home town. But what was his dismay and embarrassment, not to say annoyance, when his own son and daughter were baptized! Determined to find the weak points in our teachings, he attended the meetings with his wife. To make a long story short, they were both baptized.

Another interesting experience was the case of our first convert from the Abhar tribe. Pastor Nowrang' preached to these people and many accepted the message, but he couldn't baptize them because polygamy was practiced. One earnest convert, however, cut the Gordian knot by saying, "Pastor, you may not be able to baptize my husband because he has several wives, but you can baptize me, because I have only one husband."

The program closed at 9:48 P.M.

Shortly after nine I met with S. Dabrowski, president of the Polish Union

Conference, at the Northern European Division booth. He and Z. Lyko, secretary of the union and editor of the Polish *Signs of the Times*, told me of the progress of our work in Poland. They reported that since World War II our church has enjoyed unprecedented religious freedom, and equality with other denominations.

They said that before the war their field published only four of our books; today they publish 36, including 15 by Ellen G. White. Our membership is growing slowly in spite of substantial additions by baptism, because many emigrate to Australia.

One interesting episode they related concerned a Roman Catholic priest. Two women literature evangelists were going from door to door when they came upon a family who were much opposed to Adventism. It happened that a Roman Catholic priest was visiting in the home at the same time. He became interested, bought the publications, read them, made contact with one of our ministers, was baptized one year later, and today—after 18 months—is associate editor of the Polish *Signs of the Times*. He is currently in touch with 60 fellow priests who are interested in our message.

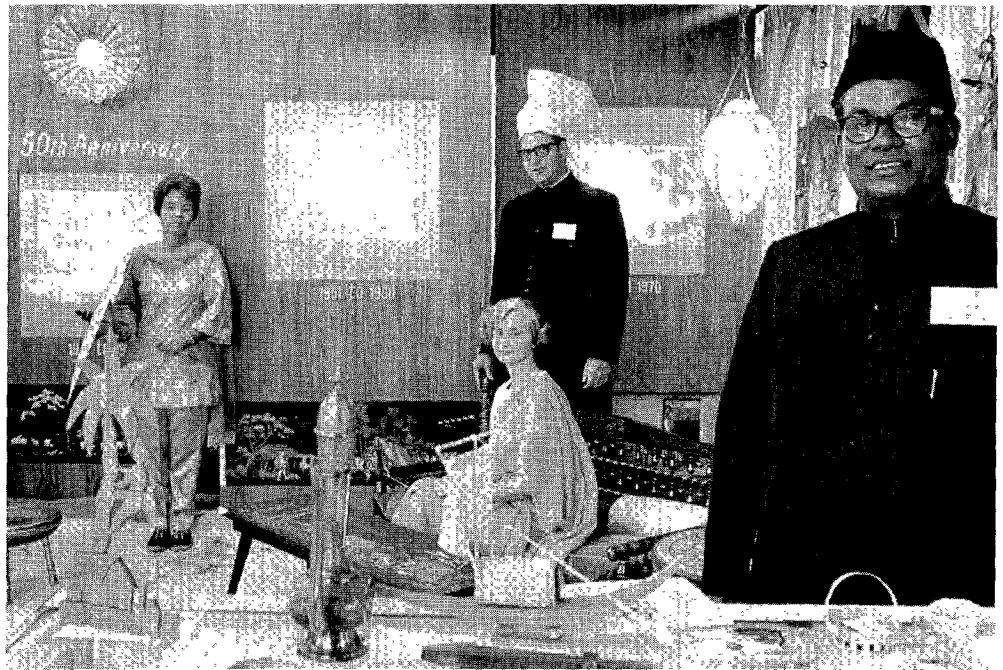
On my way up to the main auditorium an old friend, S. A. Yakush, public relations and TV secretary of the Southern California Conference, related an incident that proves that some people at this conference really do “walk their feet off.” W. W. “Bill” Smith of El Monte, California, is a double amputee. He walked so much at the convention that he broke a foot. Fortunately he had a spare—we hope for the proper foot. At least we were told that he is able to navigate again.

It is 11:55. I am in the exhibition area again. Nearby is the cafeteria, where many are already enjoying their noon meal. The air is redolent with aromas familiar to Adventist nostrils. It must be good, for a lengthy queue of potential customers extends nearly to the escalator that ascends to the boardwalk level.

Ever since the first day at the convention I have wondered about the meaning of the symbol in the wall over the arch above the stage in the main auditorium. It is a bas relief mosaic of the world with the letters W.P.G. blazoned across it. Below it, suspended from wires, is the symbol of our convention: an elliptical globe, with the words “That the World May Know” to its right, and below the words, an open Bible. But what about the symbol on the Convention Hall wall?

My friend Mr. Curtis comes to the rescue. During his peregrinations through Convention Hall he has come upon the telephone operator. He asks her about the building. She graciously pleads ignorance, but puts him in touch with F. H. McCue, general manager of Convention Hall, who informs him that the auditorium was built between 1927 and 1929, and that the letters W.P.G. stand for “World’s Playground.” For a while we mark time until the next big meeting of the day at 3:00 P.M.

The delegates have begun to take their places for the afternoon business meeting. I see D. R. Watts, Ministerial secretary for the South India Union, a former



*The Southern Asia Division booth features the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the division. At right is S. K. Samaddar; center, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Sherwin; and left, Mrs. Lester Halvorsen. Decorations are typical of Southern Asia countries.*



*S. B. Johansen (left) shows W. D. Eva, Northern European Division president, the drillhead that cut into the thermal vein 3,600 feet below the earth's surface thus providing heat at Iceland Secondary School.*

fellow student at Andrews University.

“Ron,” I say, “tell me about your field that hasn’t been told before.” My friend thinks a moment, then says, “Yes, I’ll tell you about something that happened recently in the state of Kerala, in South India, that shows how God is working among the St. Thomas Christians.

“For years we’ve tried unsuccessfully to reach these people. Not long ago Mr. Varghese, a St. Thomas Christian from near Kottayam, began reading his Bible and was impressed that the seventh day is the true Sabbath. He told his friends, who did not seem greatly impressed. But one of them said he had heard of a man who lived in Kottayam who kept the seventh-day Sabbath and sold books.

“Mr. Varghese took the bus to Kottayam and searched until he found Brother Chacko, our literature evangelist. From him he learned our message.

“Before he returned to his home he pleaded with our leaders to send a worker to his people and assured them that at least 30 of his friends would accept the Sabbath.

“The tragedy is that we have no means to send a worker into his area.”

I thanked Brother Watts for this thrilling experience and made my way down to the South American delegate section. There I saw R. E. Adams, lay activities secretary of the South American Division, and asked him for an item of special interest from his division.

He told me of a nine-year-old boy named Juan from Buenos Aires, Argentina, who resolved to give our message to others. He came to a large house and knocked at the door. A woman opened the door a crack, and Juan said simply, “Lady, do you know God loves you?”

The woman could hardly believe her ears. “Would you repeat that?” she asked.

Juan repeated, “Lady, do you know God loves you?”

She invited Juan to come in and again asked him to repeat what he had said. Having done so, he asked her whether she had a Bible. She did. He told her that the Bible assures her of God’s love. Then he gave her a Bible study. He continued to give her more Bible studies.

The results? She and six others have been baptized and today are faithful church members.

It is 4:45 P.M. The afternoon business meeting is now in full session, and the resolution on human relations is being debated. I am encouraged by the Christian spirit and lack of bitterness manifest.

Typical of the fine spirit is the speech made by A. Z. Roda, of the Philippines, who said that often in his evangelistic work he had been introduced as having Japanese skin, Chinese eyes, a Spanish nose, Afro-Asian lips, and the voice of an American.

There is good-natured laughter.

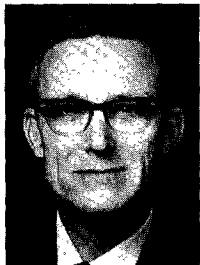
The day ends, but the great work goes on.



# The Certainty of God's Standard

Message at Bible Study Hour, June 16, 10:45 a.m.

By GORDON M. HYDE



Of all people, Seventh-day Adventists believe that God has a certain standard—that it was understood in principle and joyfully accepted in essence from man's creation in the image of God; that it was summarized and made permanent in the "ten words" inscribed by the finger of God in the solid tables of stone; that it was the object and center of the covenanted agreement between Yahweh and His people Israel; that it was the undergirding of the great variety of laws by which God guided and ruled the Israelite people under the theocracy; that the life of Jesus Christ, God's Son, was a living demonstration of that certain standard; that His teachings were a divine enunciation and elaboration of the foundational fact that God is love, His law is love, that His law is an expression of the character of God, that under the terms of the new, or eternal, covenant that law of love is enshrined in the heart, that His law is the basis for the government of God from eternity past to eternity future. All this Seventh-day Adventists believe, and they are jealous for God's law.

Others besides Seventh-day Adventists are alarmed by the consequences of the universal belittling of God and His law in our day. In this connection I was intrigued by the lead article in this year's March issue of the *Reader's Digest*. In it a discerning writer, David Raphael Klein, raised the timely question: "Is there a substitute for God?" In answer he pointed to the contradiction of our times—our frantic efforts to preserve standards of human conduct that were demanded by a God who, for most people, has ceased to exist.

## Cause of Disrespect

He pointed out that while our schools, by logical extension of prevailing scientific philosophy, have been reading God out of His universe, our society has been engaged in pathetic and helpless hand-wringing because no one has respect anymore for the law and order that had for its foundation the ten-commandment law of God. With the fear of hell removed and the hope of heaven destroyed, Klein asks why we should expect children to respect parents, teachers, academic deans, police, presidents, and the national flag.

Insisting that in spite of man's burgeoning knowledge, there are questions about man's origin that remain unanswered without God, Klein asks whether the idea of God does not deserve a better substitute than modern intelligence is offering.

Well, I insist that Seventh-day Adventists should be demonstrating to the world that there is no need for a substitute for the idea of God; that a real and certain God has a certain standard, and that He has an effectual way of restoring man to harmony with that certain standard, both for man's present and eternal good and also for the final vindication of the character, government, and purposes of God.

To find what is to me the simplest yet most complete and adequate illustration of God's certain plan for restoring man to His certain standard, I invite you to turn to John 15. Let us briefly sketch the setting for the illustration of the vine and the branches given here by Christ.

The Lord has eaten His final Passover supper with His disciples and has instituted in its place His own supper. Judas has left the upper room. Alone with the eleven, Jesus has presented to them again the great object of His mission in the world, and their part in it by the promised power of the Holy Spirit. Following His extended discourse to them, the Saviour has led them in the joyful notes of a Passover hallel. Leaving the upper room, He and they are now making their way through the silent streets, out of the city gate toward the Mount of Olives.

## Background of Illustration

It is the night for Gethsemane. As Jesus begins to speak of His coming suffering and the manner in which His disciples will forsake Him, Peter and the rest join in vehement protest of their loyalty. As they wend their way toward the foot of Mount Olivet, seeking their familiar retreat in Gethsemane, they approach a flourishing grapevine, its fruit glistening with dew under the bright Passover moon.

Pointing to the fruitful specimen, Jesus says in essence: I am the true, or real, vine, and My Father the vinedresser, or gardener. You are the branches of the Vine. He who dwells in Me as I dwell in Him bears much fruit. Every barren branch the Gardener cuts away, and every fruiting branch He prunes to increase its yield, to make it more fruitful still.

You have already been pruned and cleansed by the words that I have spoken to you, but the Gardener will continue

the work. As branches, you cannot bear fruit of yourselves. Like branches, you must remain united with the Vine or you cannot bear fruit.

It is to My Father's glory that you bear fruit in plenty. This will show that you are My disciples.

Dwell in Me, lest men pick you up as dry sticks and use you for firewood.

Live your life in Me, and let My words live in your heart. Then you can ask for whatever you like and it will come true for you.

What do these words of Jesus (drawn from a blending of several translations of John 15:1-8) mean to us today? Let us explore the possibilities.

Christ did not liken Himself to the graceful palm, the lofty cedar, or the strong oak. Why not? Because, as a vine needs support, so Christ in His humanity was dependent upon divine power. "I can of mine own self do nothing," He declared (John 5:30). (See *The Desire of Ages*, p. 674.)

"I am the vine, ye are the branches," Jesus said. As with us today, His disciples had all been branches of the wild vine of human nature, but the Vinedresser—the Father-Gardener—was able to detach willing branches from the wild vine and to graft them into the true Vine. This involved a painful work of detachment in order that there might be the saving work of attachment.

An infinite price had been paid by the Vine and the Gardener to justify the act of grafting wild branches into the true Vine.

## The Vine's Life in the Branch

It is a delicate matter for the grafted branch actually to become a living part of the true Vine. But the skillful Gardener watches over the union until "fiber by fiber, vein by vein," the life of the Vine becomes the life of the branch. Thus the soul, "dead in trespasses and sins," through faith in a personal Saviour, receives life through a living connection with Christ.

Now I want to pause to ask you whether you are satisfied with the standard of Christ, the true Vine. Do you think that the heavenly Father, the compassionate Vinedresser, is satisfied with the standard of His Son, the true Vine? Do you think that the Vine is acceptable to the Father and that He will own it as His own now and at probation's close and eternally? If you, then, are a branch of that true Vine, do you think that the fruit you bear will meet the Father's standards? Do you think the Father will accept His Vine but reject its branches? Then why do you fear the future and bow down in anxiety, fearful that you cannot bring yourself up to God's standard?

If my simple faith and limited mind can grasp what Christ is offering us here, if I can exercise my mustard-seed faith to grasp His precious promise, then I think God has given me (and you) not only a way to *know* what His certain standard is but a way to have that cer-

tain standard reproduced in my life, lived out in me.

Whose life is in the branch? The life of the Vine—Christ. Who provides for the growth of fruit by the branch? Christ. Whose will directs the branch? The will of Christ. Whose strength offers support to the branch? The strength of Christ. Whose mind will be in the mind of the branch? The mind of Christ. And how is all this accomplished? Through the agency of the Holy Spirit, as man becomes a partaker of the divine nature (Rom. 8:4; 2 Peter 1:14). He is accepted in the Beloved. And the Father superintends it all.

After they are grafted in, some branches manifest some of the old independence and some traits of the old nature. Some branches trail upon the ground and begin to cling to earthly supports. Some produce excessive foliage that draws away the life current from the fruit. Some develop overgrowths that shut out the healing beams of the Sun of Righteousness. But do not fear. The Father-Gardener tenderly undertakes His necessary, painful, and constant work—painful to Him as to the branch. He skillfully applies the pruning knife. The trials and tests, the sorrows, disappointments, and sufferings of life constitute, in part, the work of the pruning knife.

Think of Christ's disciples at the time when Jesus gave this parable. Judas, as a withered branch, was about to be taken away, and the rest "were to pass under the pruning knife of bitter trial" (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 677). Peter especially, who most vigorously asserted his union with Christ, would come within a thread of severing all connection with his Lord. But the Gardener would do His loving work. He would not fail the weakest branch that would choose to abide in His Vine.

Let me come back once again to the question of the certainty of God's standard, and see whether what we have just been saying applies to our subject. We know that many who profess to know Christ, but who do not share some of the doctrines held by Seventh-day Adventists, have the impression, as they watch us and listen to us, that we are urging all who profess to follow Christ to come up to the standard of the Ten Commandments as the means of gaining eternal life.

Now, in terms of *final results* this evaluation is true, since the whole purpose of the plan of salvation is to restore in man the image of God in which he was made in the beginning, to restore man to his lost allegiance to the will and mind and purpose of God, and to eliminate from God's universe every trace of rebellion against His high and holy standard. But in the question of *how to achieve* these final results, we have all too often advertently or inadvertently given the mistaken impression that by our works of obedience to God's moral law we expect to earn eternal life.

The requirement or standard that I find in this parable of the Vine and the branches, as far as the *branch* is concerned, is that it shall continually choose to abide in the Vine. I think here of "abiding" as resting, leaning, draw-

ing life from, dwelling in, sharing the life of, the Vine. And so it says in *The Desire of Ages*, page 676: "Abiding in Christ means a constant receiving of His Spirit, a life of unreserved surrender to His service. A channel of communication must be open continually between man and his God. As the vine branch continually draws the sap from the living vine, so are we to cling to Jesus, and receive from Him by faith the strength and perfection of His own character."

Please notice that last expression, "the strength and perfection of His own character." All through the history of the Christian church, and among us today, there have been urgent but conflicting theories of perfection. I think it should reassure our hearts at this General Conference session to know that he who clings to Jesus by faith will receive from Him "the strength and perfection of His [Christ's] own character." Do you think that this will meet God's standard? Is it high enough? The answer is, a thousand times Yes! And the standard is yours, when received from Him by faith.

But someone asks, Is there any of the old nature left in the grafted branches? Let me point you to the apostle Peter, whose contact with Christ proved so tenuous that later that very night he thrice denied his loving Lord with cursing. Was not this some of the old nature of Peter showing through, in spite of his connection with Christ?

Do you remember how, after the triumph of Pentecost, the apostle Paul was obliged to withstand Peter to his face? Yes, the old nature was still in the branch to some degree, and the need for pruning the branch existed. And yet all the time, Peter was a branch, and he became a very fruitful one. He finally died for his faith, on a cross.

I find no urging in Christ's parable of a time when the complete work of the heavenly Gardener shall be completed. In *The Desire of Ages*, page 676, I do find the assurance that "when we live by faith on the Son of God, the fruits of the Spirit will be seen in our life; not one will be missing." And surely the heavenly Father will be satisfied with the fruits of the Spirit.

#### An Area to Guard

While I have been striving to build our confidence in the united efforts of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for the salvation of the believer, there is one area, I fear, in which we are in grave danger of failure in this matter of abiding in Christ. It is involved in these words: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7). My fear is that the word of Christ may not abide in His followers today as it must, for "this is the same vital union that is represented by eating His flesh and drinking His blood" (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 677). Let me ask: Can we be receiving His words from closed Bibles and closed Spirit of Prophecy books? Can we truly abide in Him when abiding for hours before secular magazines, books, and television screens, but only for hurried minutes before His Holy Word?

From personal experience, I state my fear that it is at this point that Satan is having his greatest and most consistent success in preventing some branches from truly abiding in the Vine.

May I be permitted to switch a moment from the figure of the Vine and the branches to the figure of a ladder that reaches from earth to heaven?

We will use the words from *Selected Messages*, book 1, pages 181, 182: "He who comes to Jesus is setting his feet upon a ladder that reaches from earth to heaven. Teach it by pen, by voice, that God is above the ladder; the bright rays of His glory are shining upon every round of the ladder. He is looking graciously upon all who are climbing painfully upward, that He may send them help, divine help, when the hand seems to be relaxing and the foot trembling. [Do you remember Peter?] Yes, tell it. Tell it in words that will melt the heart, that not one who shall perseveringly climb the ladder will fail of an entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

I am thankful that I do not need to point you to the future for some experience that will provide you with the needful preparation for Christ's kingdom. I point you to the inspired words of counsel for the "now" generation: "Day by day we may walk with God, day by day following on to know the Lord, entering into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, laying hold on the hope set before us" (*ibid.*, p. 182).

I invite you to look upon our crucified Redeemer anew this morning. See Him bearing on Calvary's cross the sins of the whole world, including yours and mine. See Him in Gethsemane, in that different relationship to the Father than He had ever had before as He became our Sin-Bearer. See the words of the prophet being fulfilled: "Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zech. 13:7). He is dying for you, for me. If God had no certain standard, Christ would not be on that cross. Look unto Him and live, all the ends of the earth!

We have a certain God, and He has a certain standard, and that certain standard can and will be restored in the hearts and lives of His believing, trusting children. And the world will yet see a demonstration of what men can be when Christ dwells in them and they abide in Him.

The world will see men who choose loyalty to the standards of God above home, property, wealth, education, culture, friends, closest loved ones, and life itself. And seeing this final testimonial of God's eternal purposes in Christ Jesus when the issue is an immediate (as well as eternal) question of life or death, men will be compelled to take their stand for or against Christ; for or against the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

My brethren, abiding in Christ, pleading for His words and His Holy Spirit to abide in us, loving the Father for His work of pruning the fruitful branches, bringing forth fruit that meets His certain standard—what a privilege, what an honor, what an awesome responsibility!

# Proceedings of the General Conference

Fifty-first Session, June 11-20, 1970

## Eighth Business Meeting

June 16, 1970, 9:00 A.M.

CHAIRMAN: R. R. Bietz.

OPENING SONG: "That the World May Know," session theme song.

OPENING PRAYER: Paul Phang, minister, Greater New York Conference.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Paul Hill, professor of music, Columbia Union College, singing an early Advent hymn, "Let Others Seek a Home Below."

R. R. BIETZ: Something about these early Adventist hymns stirs our souls. Would you like to know the result of the World Concern Offering taken at the 11 o'clock service on Sabbath? K. H. Emmerson, treasurer of the General Conference, is here to tell us.

K. H. EMMERSON: The Million Dollar Offering received at Detroit in 1966, including both Sabbaths, totaled \$1,160,509.97. Last Sabbath's offering came to \$1,166,224.89. This is already \$6,000 ahead of 1966, and the second Sabbath offering is yet to be added.

R. R. BIETZ: Let us pray that this money will bring many souls to the foot of the cross.

The General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene, June 16, at 9:15 A.M. I am asking Robert H. Pierson, president of the corporation, to take the chair.

ROBERT H. PIERSON: The General Conference Corporation cares for the legal work and other business of the General Conference. J. C. Kozel, our secretary, will read the official call of the meeting.

J. C. KOZEL: The following notice appeared in three consecutive issues of the REVIEW AND HERALD—February 19, February 26, and March 5, 1970. [He read the notice.]

ROBERT H. PIERSON: The house is ready to proceed with business. The first item is the report of the treasurer.

K. H. EMMERSON: On Friday morning, June 12, the audited statement for the General Conference Corporation was included by the treasurer in his report to the session. Is this session willing to adopt the report as it was then presented, and waive reading it this morning?

ROBERT H. PIERSON: It has been moved by J. W. Peeke and seconded by J. C. Kozel to waive the reading of the report. [The motion was carried.]

Now we shall have the auditor's statement.

R. M. REINHARD: To the constituency of the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists:

[Auditor's report will appear in a later Bulletin.]

ROBERT H. PIERSON: Are you ready to accept the report? [F. C. Webster moved to accept the report and Howard Burbank seconded it. The motion carried.]

Now we need to care for the nominating committee work. Normally we ask the nominating committee of the General Conference to serve as the nominating committee for the corporation. Do you wish to do that this time? [A motion to do so by A. R. Appel was seconded by W. R. Beach and carried.]

We also need a committee on constitution and bylaws. In times past we have asked the General Conference session committee on constitution and bylaws to serve as the committee on constitution and bylaws for the corporation. Do you wish to do it the same way this time? [A motion by O. A. Blake was seconded by W. R. Beach and carried.]

This completes our business.

[A motion to adjourn to the call of the chair, made by K. H. Emmerson and seconded by J. C. Kozel, was voted.]

Next we have to care for the General Conference Association. Brother Kozel will read the official call. [The official call, as it appeared in the REVIEW AND HERALD was read.]

ROBERT H. PIERSON: The General Conference Association is a Michigan corporation. It continues in existence because of the wills, annuities, and legacies made out to this association. The treasurer will present the report.

K. H. EMMERSON: The report of the General Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists was also reported last Friday morning and accepted. I would like to suggest, Mr. Chairman, that we waive the reading.

ROBERT H. PIERSON: Would you like to have this read again or would you like to move that we waive the reading? [K. H. Emmerson moved to waive the reading, Gottfried Oosterwal seconded it, and the motion carried.]

We will now call for the auditor's report.

R. M. REINHARD: To the constituency of the General Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists: [The auditor's report as read will appear in a later Bulletin.]

ROBERT H. PIERSON: Thank you, Brother Reinhard. Is there a motion that we accept the auditor's report? [It was moved by H. B. Ludden, seconded by Gottfried Oosterwal; the motion carried.]

It is suggested that the nominating committee of the session serve as the nominating committee for the General Conference Association. Do you wish to do this? [Moved by J. C. Kozel and seconded by H. E. Morenings; the motion carried.]

Do you wish to ask the session constitution and bylaws committee to serve as the committee in this area for the association, and render their report to you here? [Moved by H. E. Morenings and seconded by F. C. Webster; the motion carried.]

Is there a motion to adjourn to the

call of the chair? [Moved by K. H. Emmerson and seconded by S. L. Khandagle; the motion carried.]

The North American Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will now meet. Our secretary will read the official call. [The call which appeared in the REVIEW on February 19, 26, and March 5 was read by J. C. Kozel.]

ROBERT H. PIERSON: Thank you, Brother Kozel. Next the report of the treasurer.

K. H. EMMERSON: This was read the other day, but it is very short, and I think we should read it and accept it today.

"To whom it may concern: The North American Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists, organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, has no known assets or liabilities. The Corporation is being continued in order to care for wills, legacies, or bequests, which may have been written in favor of this organization, and to adjust property interests which may still exist in the name of the North American Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists." (Signed by K. H. Emmerson, *Treasurer*, and K. F. Ambs, *Secretary*, and attested by R. M. Reinhard, *Acting Auditor*, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, December 31, 1969, in Washington, D.C.)

I move that we accept this statement. [The motion was seconded by J. C. Kozel and voted.]

ROBERT H. PIERSON: Next, if it is the desire of the session to ask the nominating committee of the session to serve also as the nominating committee for the North American Corporation, will someone move this? [It was moved by F. C. Webster and seconded by E. Amelung, and voted.]

This completes our work. Will someone move that we adjourn to the call of the chair? [D. W. Hunter moved to adjourn, W. J. Hackett seconded the motion and it was voted.]

R. R. BIETZ: D. W. Hunter has an item to bring to our attention at this time.

D. W. HUNTER: It has been my happy privilege these past four years to serve as our church's representative to the American Bible Society. They are doing a wonderful work. The American Bible Society and the United Bible Societies are among the best service organizations of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

We are happy this morning to have with us representing the American Bible Society and the United Bible Societies, Warner A. Hutchinson, executive secretary of the American Bible Society and the consultant for the United Bible Societies in Asia.

WARNER A. HUTCHINSON: Thank you very much, Elder Hunter. [Mr. Hutchinson's remarks will appear in a later Bulletin.]

W. R. BEACH: Thank you, Mr. Hutchinson. I want to express my personal appreciation for contacts with the American Bible Society and the United Bible Societies. This is one of the finest organizations in the world. It does much to keep the Christian cause afloat and on its way. Since 1934 I've been associated with these Bible societies. I've known Dr. Taylor, Dr. Holmgren, and others. We believe in

the Bible Society and consider it a great friend. The last time I was in New York, Dr. Holmgren told me that in South America Seventh-day Adventists bought about 60 per cent of the Bibles the society sold—all below cost. In effect, a lot of Methodist and Episcopalian money was going into Bibles for Seventh-day Adventists! I told him I couldn't imagine their money being used in a better way. But we did agree that Seventh-day Adventists ought to carry their part of the load. This we want to do. This is a wonderful partnership. Around the world I've met two presidents of United Bible Societies who are Seventh-day Adventist laymen. So, we're in it. We're in it to stay. We know you are. God bless you in this wonderful work, and thank you so much.

W. A. HUTCHINSON: Thank you so much, Elder Beach. It may give you a thrill, as it does us, to realize that somewhere between 25 million and 26 million copies of the *New Testament in Today's English Version* have been sold since this translation first came out in 1966.

K. H. EMMERSON: The Adventist Church is happy to participate in supporting the American Bible Society. Elder Blake, retiring undertreasurer of the General Conference, has kept in contact with the American Bible Society. He has something to say at this time.

O. A. BLAKE: On behalf of the General Conference and the unions of North America, I am pleased to present you with this check. We greatly appreciate what your organization is doing in printing and distributing the Word of God. May the Lord bless you.

W. A. HUTCHINSON: Thank you, Elder Blake. May I open it?

O. A. BLAKE: Surely. It is not sealed.

W. A. HUTCHINSON: Isn't this thrilling?

O. A. BLAKE: And it is signed.

W. A. HUTCHINSON: That is more thrilling. It is signed by Elder Blake! The General Conference has just given the American Bible Society, and through it Bible Societies around the world, \$33,000. [Applause.] We are grateful for your partnership. God bless you.

R. R. BIETZ: Let us keep on reading the Good Book, and the more we read it the more we will distribute it. We should do this by the thousands and hundreds of thousands in all the world field.

At this time we are going to have another very interesting report without which the General Conference session would hardly be complete. I am going to call on the president of the Insurance Corporation, K. H. Emmerson, to bring this report to us.

K. H. EMMERSON: Last Friday, in the report of the treasurer of the General Conference, we brought you a few facts and high lights of the General Conference Insurance Service. J. W. Peeke is the secretary of the board and the operating manager of the company.

J. W. PEEKE: Thank you, Elder Emmerson. [The General Conference Insurance Service report will appear on page 22 of this Bulletin.]

R. R. BIETZ: We certainly appreciate the wonderful work the Insurance Corporation is doing.

Brother Singleton, secretary for the day, will bring us some items.

H. D. SINGLETON: Mr. Chairman, we have greetings here from the Salisbury, Rhodesia, church: "You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God's Spirit possess and control you all, and may only right decisions in far-reaching plans be executed."

R. R. BIETZ: Does someone move that we record these greetings in our minutes? [It was voted.]

H. D. SINGLETON: Mr. Chairman, we have the report from the committee on the seating of additional delegates. Under General Conference Institutions: Dr. Willard Meier, of Loma Linda University, substituting for Dr. R. E. Cleveland; from the Inter-American Division, Jose Figueroa as a regular delegate. I move the adoption of this report. [Voted.]

R. R. BIETZ: Elder Watts, we will now turn the chair over to you.

R. S. WATTS: Thank you, Elder Bietz. I want to introduce at this time the largest school that we have in the denomination, Home Study Institute. It was founded in 1909. Since then 112,000 students have enrolled. At the present time there are more than 7,000 students. Dr. D. W. Holbrook is the school's president, and he brings a brief report. [The report of the Home Study Institute appears on page 11 of this Bulletin.]

D. W. HOLBROOK: In honor of Dr. W. Homer Teesdale, who is on the platform this morning, we have established the Dr. W. Homer Teesdale Independent Study Award. This award is given each year to a person for his outstanding contributions to the concept of self-improvement. The award reads as follows for this year:

"1970, W. Homer Teesdale Independent Study Award to R. S. Watts for his lifelong contributions to the ideals of continuing education."

DR. HOMER TEESDALE: Elder Watts, it is a great pleasure for me, who have benefited so much from your counsel and leadership in years past, to be an agent in passing this along as a gift from the Home Study Institute. We wish you the best of success in any of our courses in the Home Study.

R. S. WATTS: Thank you, Dr. Teesdale. I want you and the staff of Home Study Institute to know how much I appreciate it.

R. R. BIETZ: Thank you, Dr. Holbrook. Now we have some resolutions that we can consider.

[The secretary read the resolution on "Youth Involvement," which was adopted. It appears on page 19 of this Bulletin.]

[The secretary presented the resolution on "The Publishing Program," which was adopted after a brief discussion. The resolution appears on page 19 of this Bulletin. In connection with the discussion it was agreed that the publishing houses study ways and means to reduce the price of our literature in areas where poverty prevails.]

[At this point, M. B. Bocaly, publishing department and temperance secretary, Franco-Haitian Union, suggested: "I believe that when we approve of something taking place on the platform it would be better to say Amen to glorify God instead of clapping our hands. We are a people who want to give glory to God. I make a suggestion that each time

some report is given on the platform instead of clapping our hands we may say Amen to glorify God."]

R. R. BIETZ: I think that we can say Amen to your speech. Last night there was altogether too much clapping. We lost much time, and I doubt that it is appropriate for this kind of meeting. We will continue to make announcements about this, but I don't think we need to take any formal action.

BENEDICTION: Maurice Katrib, publishing department secretary, Middle East Division.

R. R. BIETZ, *Chairman*.

H. D. SINGLETON, *Secretary*.

W. P. BRADLEY, *Recording Secretary*.

## Ninth Business Meeting

June 16, 1970, 3:00 P.M.

CHAIRMAN: R. S. WATTS.

OPENING SONG: No. 103, "A Wonderful Saviour Is Jesus My Lord."

OPENING PRAYER: Fenton Froom.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Lloyd Wyman, pastor of the White Memorial church, sang, "Sing Me a Song of Jesus."

R. S. WATTS: Since R. R. Frame, who is listed as the secretary this afternoon, is involved in new responsibilities connected with his election as president of the Australasian Division, D. S. Johnson will function as secretary for this afternoon.

D. S. JOHNSON: We have a recommendation from the committee on seating of additional delegates. It recommends Daniel Feder, of the Austral Union, South America, to replace Mateo Aguilar as a regular delegate. I move for favorable consideration. [Voted.]

We have a group we want to bring before you. John Hancock, associate secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Department, is going to introduce these young people to you.

JOHN HANCOCK: It's a great pleasure for us this afternoon to bring to you a glimpse of our student missionary program. One of our student missionaries, who served in Thailand, described this new type of youth service in these words: "We as Christian youth have been given a chance to help mankind. As Neil Armstrong made a giant leap for mankind on the moon, we as student missionaries are trying to make one giant leap for mankind here on earth. Since 1959, 337 concerned Adventist young people have fanned out to 59 countries outside of the North American Division to bring a new dimension to our overseas work."

Time has proved that these young people can fill a need that the limitations of our mission budgets have not been able to encompass. While the majority of our student missionaries are serving as teachers, many work as engineers, Bible instructors, builders, technicians, and assistants to mission directors and evangelists. These young people are not afraid to roll up their sleeves and dig ditches, overhaul motors, or erect power lines. They have slept on beaches, they have safaried on jungle trails, and they have spent hundreds of hours in dugout canoes. [At this point a number of student missionaries reported their experiences.]

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# Department of Health

By RALPH F. WADDELL, M.D.

"And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick" (Luke 9:2). This dichotomy of action is embodied in the health arm of the church. Seventh-day Adventists give medical education to more of their youth, invest more church dollars, and spend more time in the promotion of health on a per capita basis than any other evangelical organization. The commission given by our Lord demands it. As heralds of the gospel we can do no less.

During this past quadrennium the church's health-care facilities, employing more than 22,000 workers, admitted 1.4 million patients, and provided for 15 million patient visits. As this great host of patients came in contact with Christian love, seeds were sown and many souls won. For example, in one overseas field where progress was extremely slow during the first 25 years after Adventist work was established the total membership never reached more than 125. Then the "entering wedge" was brought into action, and during the next 25 years the church's membership increased 1,100 per cent.

Seventh-day Adventists operate 324 health facilities in 58 countries of the world, all the way from the far north to down under; from the Skodsborg Sanitarium in Denmark to the Warburton Sanitarium and Hospital in Victoria, Australia. Many of our institutions are large, such as the North York Branson Hospital in Canada, the Kettering Memorial Medical Center in Ohio, and the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital in Thailand. Of special interest is the new Loma Linda University Medical Center, the training base for many of the church's physicians, dentists, nurses, and other health workers.

In addition to the church's hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, and dispensaries, we operate 18 medical launches and airplanes carrying emergency service to isolated islands, into steaming jungles, and across vast deserts. Rapid transportation makes specialized services available to remote areas and disadvantaged people otherwise deprived of quality care. In these days of expanding need and inadequate personnel, wings give the church greater mileage.

Christian charity is demonstrated as the Adventist health ministry penetrates the arid wastelands of the great African Kalahari. Sun-parched, dried-out Bushmen, inhabiting the hostile desert, find comfort and relief in the compassionate care provided by the church's mobile clinic. Those acutely ill are transported to our 215-bed Kanye Hospital where well-trained physicians and nurses care for their every need.

At the present time the church operates

42 hospitals in North America, seven nursing homes, and five old people's homes. These represent an investment of more than \$140 million and an operating budget of approximately the same amount.

Among ten undergraduate colleges in the United States having the highest proportion of male graduates later earning Doctor of Medicine degrees during a ten-year period, four were Seventh-day Adventist colleges. Of Loma Linda's 13,000 graduates, 4,035 are M.D.'s. Loma Linda has graduated more physicians than any other California medical school



R. F. Waddell

and is sending them to the far corners of the earth.

A recent survey of three randomly selected graduating classes from Loma Linda University School of Medicine revealed that 84 per cent of these practicing physicians have remained loyal Seventh-day Adventists, and that a substantial number hold responsible posts in their local churches. The church greatly appreciates the tremendous support given by our physicians, dentists, nurses, and other health workers. Since Seventh-day Adventist schools cannot admit all who are interested in a health career, many of these have obtained their education in non-Adventist schools, and while so doing have witnessed for the truth and helped to establish the good name of the church in institutions of higher learning around the world. Since the ultimate objective of medical ministry is the saving of souls, our doctors, by coordinating their efforts with those of the gospel ministry, are providing remedies for spiritual sickness as well as for broken bodies.

Seventh-day Adventists own and operate the only church-sponsored school of public health in the world. The Loma Linda University School of Public Health was founded in 1962 as a training center

to meet a church need. More than 50 per cent of its graduates are in the full-time employ of our denomination. Emphasis on preventive medicine and health education is an appropriate interest of the church. Health evangelism in the pulpit, healthful living in the home, and health care in the community as a means of advancing the kingdom are the objectives of the General Conference Department of Health.

At the present time 406 physicians and dentists are serving the church in overseas mission fields. New opportunities and new challenges accompany an ever-expanding medical program as the church continues its contribution to world health. The greatest problem confronting the growth of missionary medicine is the desperate shortage of professional talent and skills. As a means of supplying the growing demands for physicians and dentists, the General Conference developed a deferred appointee program that enlists students while still in school. At the present time we have 14 interns, 23 residents, 60 medical students, and 12 dental students under deferred appointment, looking forward to overseas service upon completion of their training. We believe the assistance and encouragement given these students will be fruitful in helping to fill the needs that have become so acute.

Adventist dental ministry has made tremendous strides during recent years. Since the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry was established in 1953, 636 dentists have been graduated. Adventist dentistry has gone overseas and today we have missionary dentists practicing in the Far East, Southern Asia, Trans-Africa, the Middle East, Inter-America, South America, and Southern Europe.

Nursing education has long been a significant objective of the church's health endeavor. At the end of 1968 we were operating 34 schools of nursing, 10 in North America and 24 in other parts of the world field. These schools had a total enrollment of 2,837 students and graduated 741 nurses in 1968. Twelve of the schools were college controlled, while 22 operated as hospital-controlled programs.

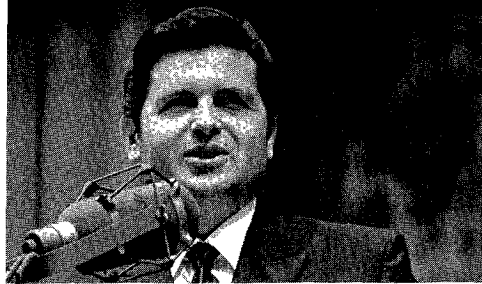
## Competent Christian Nurses

Competence combined with compassion distinguish the Adventist-educated nurse. It was found that in one country 50 per cent of all Adventist-educated nurses taking the state licensing examination scored higher than the highest scoring non-Adventist-educated nurses. The Philippine Union College School of Nursing recently reported that 100 per cent of its 33 graduates successfully passed their board examinations. Competent Christian nurses provide a basis for excellence in medical care.

Every Seventh-day Adventist physician, every dentist, every nurse, every paramedical worker, wherever employed is part and parcel of our great health program. The health work is an idea, a mission, a vision, an influence, and an involvement more than it is a source of salary.

The First European Medical Council





**Richard Lange sings a solo to the glory of God as the Sabbath begins Friday evening.**

of Seventh-day Adventist was held in Austria, in September, 1969. One hundred and fifty physicians and dentists, mainly from Central European countries, participated in an enthusiastic presentation of the relevance of modern medical practice as an important tool in preaching the gospel.

The state departments of several nations are consistently advising their overseas personnel to look to Adventist hospitals for any medical attention they may require, stating that their service is excellent and their staffs exceptionally well qualified to provide superior medical care.

Many of our medical institutions in nearly all parts of the world have sponsored programs to help smokers break their habit. Our chaplains, physicians, and other health workers have successfully used this medium as a means of bringing improved health to their communities.

**Health Correspondence Course**

The Australasian Division has determined to place in every home an invitation to enroll in the church's health correspondence course. The division's beautifully illustrated course has captured the attention and admiration of health authorities. It is expected that this course will be duplicated in other fields, and that health evangelism will expand its influence as an initiating force to prepare the way for salvation of souls.

Tremendous strides have been taken in developing and holding cooking schools in a number of divisions. "There is more religion in a loaf of good bread than many think."—*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 302. Our people believe in the dietary principles given by the messenger of the Lord and are anxious to practice them. Internationally known nutritionists have acclaimed the Adventist way of life to be a superior program of living. To make this way better known the church sponsored at least 65 cooking schools during 1969. Home Nutrition Instructors' training programs have been instituted, and are being held in connection with general meetings in our colleges and our universities.

Laymen of the church have responded to the admonition, "We have come to a time when every member of the church should take hold of medical missionary work."—*Testimonies*, vol. 7, p. 62. One thousand laymen in the Greater New York Conference have been trained as home health aides in programs provided by the church. They are witnessing for the Great Physician in a most meaningful manner in that great metropolitan area where it has been so difficult to

preach the gospel to the modern mind. Scientific investigation and research are continuing to demonstrate the advantages of Adventist living. Studies in California, reported in medical literature, indicate that non-Adventists have eight times more lung cancer, five times more emphysema, 12 times more cirrhosis of the liver, and twice as much heart disease as do Adventists. During the time of the survey there were no deaths of Seventh-day Adventist men under 50 from heart disease. It was also found that there were twice as many Seventh-day Adventists alive between 80 and 85 as among comparable numbers of non-Seventh-day Adventists in the State.

God is preparing a people to live with Him throughout eternity. It is His de-

sire that the church should be made up of clean and healthy people. Healthful living consists of obedience to the laws of health. The Lord has promised that if we will diligently hearken to His voice and will do what is right in His sight He will put "none of these diseases" upon us. Adventist health principles are based upon the word of God and sound scientific investigation. They have been designed as "the Lord's means for lessening suffering in our world and for purifying His church" (*Counsels on Health*, pp. 443, 444). Your Department of Health is dedicated to the promotion of health through health education, health care, and health evangelism, that the image of God might be restored in the whole man.



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# Harris Pine Mills

By CHARLES J. NAGELE, *President*

We bring you greetings from the 2,000 people who make up the Harris Pine Mills organization in the 14 States where branches and sales offices are situated.

The General Conference is well into its nineteenth year of operating the company since receiving it from C. H. Harris and his wife in 1951. The blessing of God on the operations of this vast enterprise in the interest of the world work of the church is best evidenced by its progress and growth over the years.

Mr. Harris was laid to rest in November of 1968, but the work he envisioned for the future of the empire he founded continues. The years since its transfer to the General Conference have been fruitful ones and have surpassed even his hopes and expectations.

Sales in 1969 were in excess of \$23 million and are up for the first half of 1970. Total sales since the General Conference took over operation of the industry is approaching \$225 million, \$77,325,589 of which was made since the last General Conference session. Total sales for the quadrennial period, 1962-1966, amounted to \$53,083,094, a gain of \$24,242,495 for the four-year period just ended.

## Years of Growth

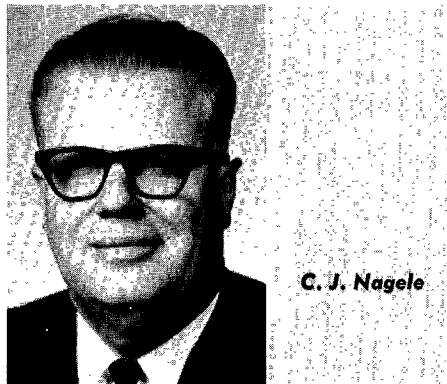
Each successive year of the past decade has seen a breaking of the sales records of the year before, and we have the impressive sales gain record average of \$1,354,725 per year for the ten-year period. Profits and growth in every division have been consistent and impressive. Sales figures alone at the current rate are running more than six times what they were in 1951.

At that time our furniture divisions were composed of three plants. Today there are 19. Many of these are close to educational institutions and are in reality cooperative endeavors, providing much-needed student labor for these hard-pressed institutions. More than 2,000 students are employed during the school year in these branches. It would be difficult to exaggerate the assistance that these strategically situated Harris branches have given to the conferences, educational institutions, parents, and students involved.

These branches are situated as near as possible to geographic centers of trade and market areas that have promise of developing a market for our products of upward of \$1 million each. Admittedly, some of the locations, because they were chosen for their proximity to our educational institutions rather than for purely business and market reasons, are somewhat less than completely desirable. However, in the interest of providing industrial labor outlets for the students,

the secondary locations, it is agreed, are a worth-while price to pay for the advantages gained by the church in its over-all program. Many of the students perhaps would be denied a Christian education were it not for this program.

Harris Pine Mills has five main divisions: a lumber division, a box and cut-stock division, a furniture division, a redwood products division, and a farming division. This latter, little-heard-of entity is composed of three large wheat and pea farms, some thousands of acres of miscellaneous lands, grain elevators, et cetera. This was originally the farm and livestock empire of the Harrises,



C. J. Nagele

which they transferred to the General Conference in 1955 on their complete retirement. The General Conference in turn attached it to Harris Pine Mills for management and operation. It since has been operated as a wholly owned subsidiary of the company.

## From Mill to Market

The lumber division process, which starts with the growing tree, provides lumber dried to furniture standards for our own factories or for dimension for the building industry. Its activities also include road construction and maintenance of a road system, tree farming and selective cutting, logging, yarding, and loading onto the company's truck fleet for high-speed hauls to the mills. In the sawmill process a log is converted into lumber about every 20 seconds by the large band and gang saws. The next step in the conversion of the log to salable product is seasoning and drying. Harris has 18 of the most modern banks of dry kilns on the West Coast, capable of drying approximately one million board feet per week. Total lumber usage by the company in all divisions and of all species exceeds 100 million board feet annually.

The furniture division is the spectacular part of the company's activities be-

cause of its connection with educational institutions and student labor. These branches, scattered across the nation, have a capacity of some 8,000 pieces of furniture a day. Harris continues to be the largest manufacturer of pine furniture in the nation, a position that it now holds in its redwood patio furniture section also. Cushion covers for the patio furniture in the redwood division are manufactured in two company-owned sewing rooms, in California and Wisconsin. The covers are shipped to the various branches where polyfoam is shredded and blown into them. More than one-half million pounds of polyfoam is used each year. The cushions are then finished, matched with patio furniture on order of the customer, and reshipped. It is in assembly and the various other processes, such as cushion manufacturing, that many students from the various educational institutions are employed. More than 7,000 customers nationally use Harris products from one or more of its divisions.

The large Pendleton manufacturing plant, which covers some 70 acres of ground, continues to be the major base and the location of the home offices with its IBM and NCR centralized accounting systems, tying together the network of branches, showrooms, and sales offices from coast to coast.

We invite you to visit our national sales headquarters and permanent showrooms at 666 Lake Shore Drive in the city of Chicago. There we have a beautiful showroom, with more than 4,000 feet of space, of which we are proud. There you may see in one place most of the products marketed by our furniture divisions. Or, if you prefer, you may visit the Harris sales offices and showrooms in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Seattle. We are known favorably and well among buyers everywhere. They respectfully refer to Harris Pine Mills as the church. We are happy to be known so distinctively, and to be so closely connected with the work of God.

## A Unique Organization

Basic precepts of operation continue along the general lines passed on to present management by C. H. Harris, the company's founder. Usually in an organization such as this there would be two or more companies involved in these various processes; in this instance there is but one. Harris Pine Mills is a unique organization in many respects, but one conceived by its founder and blessed by God through the years. As the years have passed under General Conference ownership and operation, we feel sure that it has met its objectives and shall continue to do so. Future growth will be sensitively tuned to those objectives, not only in a financial way but in meeting the industrial need of our institutions as well.

The large corps of dedicated men and women that make up the working force of this denominational organization, and to whom, in a very large measure, credit for its successes must be given, are happy for their opportunity to have a part in God's closing work.

# Home Study Institute

By D. W. HOLBROOK, *President*

Home Study Institute recently rounded out six decades of service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. During that time more than 110,000 students have studied with the Institute. The denomination's only correspondence school has made a large contribution to the church through the years. It will continue to provide excellent quality correspondence studies to students, church members, and denominational workers until the end of time.

The role of HSI in the educational efforts of the church can only grow through the coming months and years. The entire concept of independent study is one of the most obvious waves of the educational future. Continuing education, adult education, and extension studies are probably among the fastest-growing phases of educational efforts today. The work of Home Study Institute fits into these trends very well. Its methods of individual study and the materials it produces will continue to provide not only excellent study helps to the individual student but courses for schools who wish to expand their curriculum.

In the past few years the Institute has grown rapidly. Since 1965, 23,197 students have been enrolled, 13 new courses have been developed, and the 45 teachers and 30 staff members have been probing into new areas of service to the church. HSI fills a very special role in the educational efforts of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. There is nothing quite like it. Its courses range from kindergarten through elementary, secondary, college, and adult education. Although operating on an extremely small budget, considering its large enrollment, it is financially sound.

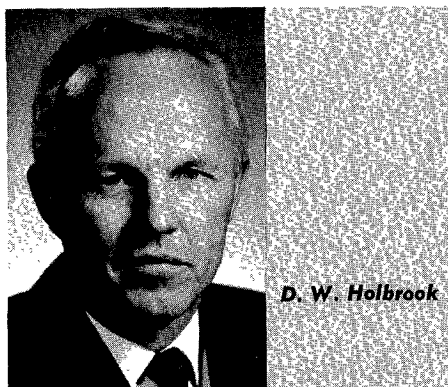
The Institute has a special standing among correspondence organizations in North America. It holds membership in the National University Extension Association and is also fully accredited by the National Home Study Council. It is the only correspondence school holding membership in both organizations.

One of the major factors in Home Study Institute's success through the years has been the continuity of service by dedicated members of the staff. Among the veterans who have contributed much is Dr. A. W. Werline, history instructor for 50 years. M. E. Evans, treasurer, has served the Institute for 40 years. After 21 years of faithful and very dependable service as director of testing, Mrs. Theodore Lucas is retiring from Home Study Institute. Other staff members who have made HSI a top-quality school are Elder V. E. Robinson, energetic director of studies; Mrs. Shirley Johnson, the efficient registrar; S. I. Laubach, innovative and hard-working production man-

ager; Marian Magnuson, experienced editor; and Irene Walker, very capable elementary supervisor.

## Branches Outside U.S.

For many years branches of Home Study Institute have functioned in various parts of the world. The number and range of these branch organizations



D. W. Holbrook

have increased rapidly in the recent past. The branches provide correspondence work in different languages as well as distinct educational systems. The

Trans-African and Southern Asian Division branches have functioned for more than a decade. Newer branches are operating in Argentina and Korea, while within recent months branches have begun in France, for the Southern European Division, and in England, for the Northern European Division.

HSI faces the future with confidence. Its program is built on a stable financial base and it provides a necessary educational service for the fast-growing needs of the church.

The staff at HSI is currently producing its first full video-tape course (a one semester academy-level course on the Spirit of Prophecy) and fully expects that the use of such teaching tools in the future will constitute an important part of its expanding efforts. Such courses will not only aid the individual student but will enrich the curriculum of the regular schools. The Institute is developing an extended program of extension classes in the churches and new courses to provide inservice training for the denomination's workers. It is also adding more adult education courses and a steadily increasing number of high-quality credit studies for all levels of the schools of the church.

Home Study Institute serves the church around the world. It can provide educational help for every church member from preschooler to retired veteran. It is a distinct and an efficient help in a world where studying can never really stop. The church's unique correspondence study institution is geared to keep students mentally alive, to help them push ahead in a rapidly changing world, to keep them from stagnating, and to prepare them for heaven, where study promises to continue to be one of man's greatest delights.



Seated at the largest organ in the world is Don Vaughn, instructor in organ, Loma Linda University. Located in the main auditorium of the Convention Center, and costing one-half million dollars, it is the only organ in history to have seven manuals.

*Theodore Carcich (second from left), general vice-president of the General Conference, examines a copy of Steps to Christ in Hungarian. With him (from left) are delegates Karoly Berzeneczi, secretary-treasurer of the Hungarian Union Conference; Odon Szabo, president of the union; and Jozsef Szakacs, president of the Duna District Conference. So far as is known, these men are the first official delegates from Hungary to attend a General Conference session. The Adventist Church in Hungary is this year celebrating the seventieth anniversary of the beginning of our work in that country.*



## Partial Report of Nominating Committee

At the ninth business meeting held Tuesday afternoon, June 16, the nominating committee placed the following persons in nomination for the offices designated:

### General Conference

Associate Secretaries: D. H. Baasch, C. E. Bradford, A. E. Gibb, D. W. Hunter, D. S. Johnson, B. E. Seton.

Associate Auditor: T. P. Miller.  
Secretary, Lay Activities Department: V. W. Schoen.

Associate Secretaries, Ministerial Association: E. E. Cleveland, A. C. Fearing, J. R. Spangler, George Vandeman.

Associate Secretaries, Publishing Department: Carson Adams, W. A. Higgins, Herbert White.

Associate Secretary, Radio-TV Department: W. R. L. Scragg.  
Secretary, Regional Department: H. D. Singleton.

Associate Secretary: W. W. Fordham (and it is recommended to the North American Division Committee on Administration that he also serve as director of inner-city programs).

### Newly Formed Afro-West Asia Division

(Official name to be determined by the division committee with General Conference Executive Committee approval.)

President: M. E. Lind.

### Australasian Division

Secretary: A. S. Parmenter.  
Treasurer: L. L. Butler.  
Auditor: R. L. Parkinson.  
Health Foods: W. L. Kilroy.  
Lay Activities: H. F. Rampton.  
Sabbath School, Public Relations, Radio-TV: M. G. Townend.  
Publishing: J. W. Nixon.  
YPMV: C. V. Christian.

Temperance: R. W. Taylor.  
Trust Services: W. E. Rudge.

### Central European Division

President: H. Vogel.  
Secretary: O. Bremer.  
Treasurer: E. Amelung.  
Auditor: R. Kluttig.  
Education: (Referred to the division committee.)

Temperance: H. Ehrle.  
Lay Activities: St. Woysch.  
Medical: Dr. Gerhard Fenner.  
Ministerial: A. Strala.  
Public Relations, Religious Liberty: St. Woysch.

Publishing: H. Kaetzner.  
Radio-TV, Bible Correspondence School: E. Kilian.  
Sabbath School: H. Ehrle.  
YPMV: W. Ninow.  
Health Foods: E. Amelung.

### Far Eastern Division

Secretary: W. T. Clark.  
Treasurer: G. O. Bruce.  
Auditor: H. B. Ludden.  
Field Secretaries: E. L. Longway, H. W. Bedwell.

Education: B. E. Olsen.  
Lay Activities: L. A. Shipowick.  
Ministerial, Radio-TV: R. C. Williams.

Publishing: E. A. Brodeur.  
Public Relations: Don Roth.  
Religious Liberty: H. W. Bedwell.

YPMV: G. T. Bertochini.  
Stewardship: Mel Rees.

### Inter-American Division

Field Secretary: Marcel Abel.  
Education, Public Relations: C. R. Taylor.

Lay Activities: A. H. Riffel.  
Publishing: Nicholas Chaij.

Radio-TV, Sabbath School: Tulio Haylock.

YPMV: George Brown.  
Stewardship and Development: Glenn Smith.

### Northern European Division

Treasurer: R. Unnersten.  
Education, Religious Liberty, Public Affairs: B. B. Beach.  
Ministerial: J. F. Coltheart.  
Public Relations, YPMV: J. P. Sundquist.

Publishing: Bruce M. Wickwire.

### Southern Asia Division

President: R. S. Lowry.  
Secretary: C. B. Guild.  
Treasurer: B. H. Stickle.  
Auditor: E. M. Stiles.  
Field Secretary: A. J. Johanson.  
Education: C. H. Tidwell.  
Lay Activities, Radio-TV: G. W. Maywald.

Ministerial: W. H. Mattison.  
Public Relations, Temperance, Stewardship: S. James.  
Public Affairs, Religious Liberty: M. E. Cherian.

Publishing: J. M. Curnow.  
Sabbath School: W. F. Storz.  
YPMV: W. J. McHenry.

### Southern European Division

Secretary: J. Zurcher.  
Treasurer: Stanley Folkenberg.  
Auditor: Paul Knudsen.  
Medical, Temperance: Dr. C. Ridgely.

Ministerial, Religious Liberty: Pierre Lanares.

Publishing: E. Naenny.  
YPMV: N. Bulzis.

### Trans-Africa Division

Secretary: R. E. Clifford.  
Stewardship: Fred Wilson.



# Bureau of Public Relations

By E. WILLMORE TARR

The public relations operation now being performed in many conferences and institutions is no longer a one-dimensional activity. It is designed to help administrators and leaders of all programs relate more effectively to the task of making the church and its institutions better known and understood. Thus public relations activities constitute not a separate program in itself, but are part and parcel of all programs and the total. The greater part of this report will demonstrate this fact.

*Press Relations Secretaries and the News.* More than 3,000 press relations secretaries in local churches across North America are elected each year to represent the church by providing significant news to the communications media. Nearly 200,000 newspaper stories were reported for the four-year period. At a conservative average of seven inches a story, this would amount to 1.4 million column inches, or more than 22 miles when placed end to end. Think of it! You could wrap this around the outside of Atlantic City Convention Hall nearly 60 times!

Not all PR action is as spectacular as that of Grace Thiebaud of Great Falls, Montana, who for more than 20 years has served her church as press relations secretary and averaged a story a day in many a year. But God can use even one small release to set the feet of His seeking children on the road to the kingdom. He did this when Mrs. Vivian Dunson, of Columbus, Ohio, released a story announcing camp meeting services. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Johnson decided to travel the 70 miles to attend. Less than a year later they were baptized.

## Various Types of PR Activity

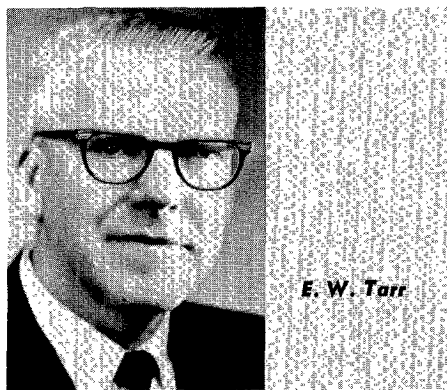
Camp meetings are an important public relations activity. The image of a progressive church is molded by men speaking out on issues relevant to today's environment. Views on such matters as public aid to parochial schools, the new morality, and drug abuse, to mention only a few find their way into the columns of newspapers and over the air waves.

Stephan Woysch reports the activities of 255 PR secretaries in the Central European Division. One church PR secretary persuaded his editor to allow him to write the weekly religious article under the heading, *The Word for Sunday*. For more than a year his articles have been appearing on subjects such as "Signs of the Times," "The Second Coming of Christ," and "Death and the Resurrection." Only eternity will reveal the true value of such work.

In the Southern European Division, reports PR secretary Samuel F. Monnier,

the most notable activity of the quadrennium was the impressive press coverage for the 1969 World Youth Congress. Result: 65½ yards of clippings. While every newspaper, television, and radio station in Zurich carried daily reports, the largest newspaper, *Tages Anzeiger* (190,000 circulation) had a three-page feature of photos and commentary.

*Newspaper Evangelism.* Realizing that mass communications are the only means, humanly speaking, of carrying the message of the church into millions of homes across North America, the 1968 Autumn Council authorized the launching of a North America-wide newspaper



evangelism project. The test run, designed to discern the pulling power of four initial advertisements, began March 29 in seven selected cities throughout the United States and Canada. The full project utilizing 156 newspapers, plus *Ebony Magazine*, began this month (June, 1970). This is a coordinated effort of Lay Activities, Faith for Today, and Public Relations.

*Church Signs.* The familiar open Bible church highway sign is appearing in a number of countries around the world. More than 1,800 of these signs have been ordered by churches across North America since the last General Conference session. In the same period the Southern Union Conference inaugurated a church identification program which saw nearly 1,000 church highway signs erected along Southern highways.

### *Temperance Activities in the News.*

The Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, with its many variations, has provided by far the most written- and talked-about event conducted under the aegis of the church in recent years. Church exhibits at fairs centering their displays around the Smoking Sam or Susie manikins have stolen the show around the world.

At Pacific Union College nearly 1,000 students and teachers demonstrated

against smoking by engaging in a nine-mile walkathon. Fully covered from coast to coast by television, radio, wire services, and newspapers, the impact of this event was incalculable. Public relations director Roger Coon, who directed the coverage, reported that one newsmen remarked, "The students here are so clean-cut they are almost square. Their signs have no obscenity, there were no fist fights or booze. All in all it was a very refreshing change of pace."

One of the less-talked-about accomplishments of the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking is its capability of making impossibilities possible. F. C. Webster, president of the Middle East Division, reporting on behalf of PR secretaries Salim Japas and R. C. Darnell, relates how in Ankara, Turkey, unforeseen problems had made it impossible to secure publicity until the eve of the meetings. The agent handling advertising, doubting that anyone could stop smoking in five days, referred our men to a feature writer in the editorial section. He was immediately impressed, and headlines on the front page of the Sunday edition told the citizens of Ankara about the Plan. Attendance was extremely good with excellent front-page coverage throughout the five days.

## Breakthroughs in the World Divisions

Commendation for the most spectacular growth in public relations activity and organization must go to the Far Eastern Division. Making a dramatic debut with the most ambitious public relations project ever undertaken by an overseas division—the performances of the Japanese Choir in more than 100 American cities—the division under the PR leadership of Don Roth soon scored other important breakthroughs. News barriers were broken, and the first PR seminar held in the division was launched in 1967 at Korean Union College. A series of workshops and seminars were held in 1967, with Marvin H. Reeder, associate secretary of the General Conference Bureau of Public Relations, assisting, and again in 1969 with E. W. Tarr, secretary of the bureau.

Another first was scored when Chief Rayong, a former headhunter from Borneo, and Missionary Richard Hall became the first mission team of personalities coming to North America for the particular purpose of drawing the attention of the public to the mission work of the Adventist Church. The duo made scores of appearances on television and radio shows and held news conferences from New York City to Los Angeles.

The Australasian Division has the highest ratio of church members to population (approaching 1 in 200). It also has the largest number of local church PR secretaries (343) outside of North America. While well known for its health food products and other worthy enterprises, the division became even better known, according to Max Townend, the division's PR secretary, when it entered upon the production of a series of motion pictures for television and other use. Filmed by a well-known Adventist cameraman, Eric Were, the South Pacific newsreels are having an impact both in

Australia and other countries. Were's film *The Vision Splendid* was recently used by ABC-TV as a basis for its 30-minute documentary on the story of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Seeing the film on television, one man in Sydney called the Greater Sydney Conference office the next morning and said, "I've seen the film. Now I want to be an Adventist!"

"We'll never be the same down here," said G. O. Adams, union president, in his closing remarks at the public relations and writers' workshop conducted in Port of Spain, Trinidad. This marked the end of a series of similar workshops held in the Caribbean Islands, with 230 church leaders receiving training in public relations and news writing. They returned home, said Charles Taylor, PR secretary of the Inter-American Division, to see that sound public relations principles would be well integrated into the over-all evangelistic outreach of the church in Inter-America. A few months later, when the General Conference president visited Mexico on a week's visit, D. G. y Poyato, Mexican Union PR secretary, reported newspaper stories totaling 199 and 32 front-page pictures covering the event, with radio and TV coverage equally impressive.

Public relations-wise, the Northern European Division presents a picture of kaleidoscopic contrasts. But here again there have been significant breakthroughs. Some of these, according to J. Paul Sundquist, PR secretary of the division, have been in Finland. When the Finnish Adventist youth staged a torchlight procession through the city of Tampere, nailing temperance theses to a board on the city square, thousands witnessed the scene in person and millions on television. At the recent 50-year Festival of Finland Exhibition, the beautiful Adventist exhibit drew some of the largest crowds—30,000 people, from the prime minister down. The exhibit directed by Finland's PR secretary, Tauno A. Luukkanen, was the joint effort of several departments.

A first was scored in the Southern Asia Division when early in the quadrennium a four-week writers' conference was held at Spicer Memorial College under the leadership of M. Carol Hetzell, associate secretary of the General Conference Bureau, and Sunderaj James, the division PR secretary. Visits to editors of large newspapers confirmed that Seventh-day Adventist news would be published if it was newsworthy. This was later proved when on the occasion of a two-day visit by the General Conference president to the island of Ceylon, six newspapers used 160 column inches and photographs to cover the event, with interviews and news broadcasts at peak hours.

Doors are open in South America, according to Roberto Azevedo, PR secre-

tary of the South American Division. He proved his point when during the visit of the church's world president 50 newspapers and 35 television stations carried the message around the continent. Brazil's most popular magazine, *O Cruzeiro*, featured Adventists in a three-page article.

A recent visit by President H. Kamuzu Banda, of Malawi, to Malamulo received top coverage. Both radio and the *Malawi News* featured his visit to one of the oldest educational institutions in the land. A. E. Cook, Trans-Africa division PR secretary, also reports a significant first for South Africa with the preparation of sound tracks in Afrikaans for some of the new films that have been produced by the division.

#### Listening as Well as Telling

*Research and Surveys.* Research and surveys are integral to the public relations process. Without research, public relations becomes a one-dimensional affair, telling but not listening. The Bureau participated in two efforts in public opinion research in the first half of 1970. Early in the year, a carefully designed questionnaire was sent to 100 presidents and administrators throughout North America. The results of this 15-question poll, to which 70 responded, showed that denominational leaders are indeed aware of the large part public relations plays in the work of the church.

More recently the North American Division Committee gave approval to a National Attitude Study of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to be conducted by the American Institute of Public Opinion (Gallup poll). This has been completed, and results give a comprehensive picture of the image of the church as seen through the eyes of its non-Adventist publics.

*Publications.* The Bureau's monthly journal *Tell* continues to carry material to share ideas, inspire to action, and report latest techniques. A monthly alert, "PR Assignment," planned especially for public relations men in local conferences and church PR secretaries, is an added service.

Other publications and services include the bimonthly PR newsletter for Adventist institutions, "PR Tabulator"; "On the Air," a news service for Adventist pastors who wish to conduct a weekly church newscast; and "Communique," a new General Conference headquarters organ edited by the Bureau's editorial assistant, Kit Watts.

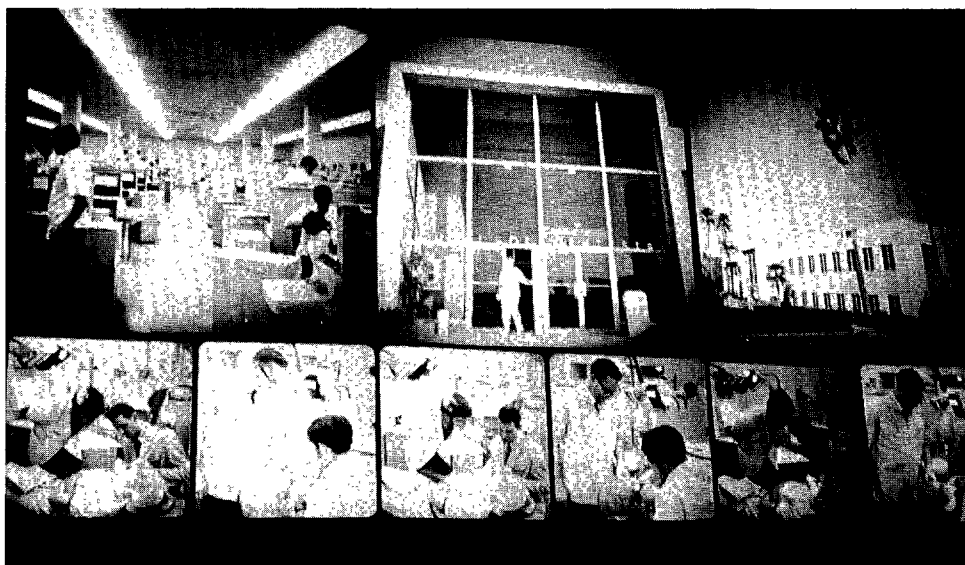
*Defensive Public Relations.* The Bureau seeks to correct misrepresentation of the church when it appears in the public communications media. A recent example was when a Washington columnist mistakenly identified the Seventh-day Adventist Church with a current radical movement. Wayne A. Martin, assistant secretary of the Bureau, immediately contacted the writer and the syndicate handling his releases. Though an extreme case requiring the services of an attorney, a retraction was made and the reputation of the church preserved.

*General Conference Tours.* At General Conference headquarters, office secretaries double as guides. Since the last General Conference session, office secretaries Lois Mae Franz, Lynetta Kruse, and Gwen Brown have welcomed more than 4,000 people and shown them through the headquarters offices.

*Conclusion.* The measure of success achieved during the past four years is of course directly related to the measure of teamwork attained throughout the world field. And this has been considerable.

As PR workers for the church we feel it is important that we catch and hold the vision and challenge of a world mission yet to be completed. True enough, building a more favorable climate of public opinion around the world is going to take a lot more than public relations. But improved communications will go a long way to help. We are determined by God's grace that we will provide the kind of sanctified communications leadership that will not only reach our external publics, but also bring satisfaction and inspiration to our own people as they see how much we have going for us.

*The report of the North American Division utilized a multimedia projection system with 26 projectors and a screen 30 feet high and 60 feet wide. It is divided into three 20-foot-square panels and six 10-foot squares. The effect is tremendous.*



# Central European Division

By O. GMEHLING, *President*

Almost two thirds of the Central European Division's membership of 38,670 people live in the Federal Republic of Germany (Western Germany), one third in the German Democratic Republic (Eastern Germany). Between these two sections lies the detached field, West Berlin Conference, with 1,507 members.

However, in spite of the political separation we are all united in heart by our faith. In former times we had mission fields in the Middle East, the Far East, and Africa; today we are cooperating in friendship with the Trans-Africa Division, sending supplies and missionaries into these countries of Africa.

During the past four years 4,177 persons accepted this wonderful truth by baptism or profession of faith, 266 more than were added during the preceding four years. During the same time, however, we lost 5,295 members, almost 4,000 by death. Therefore, our membership decreased by 1,118 in spite of all diligent and eager endeavors of all pastors, preachers, literature evangelists, and members, although the loss in membership was smaller by 586 this quadrennium compared with the preceding four years. Looking at the persons won, we can be thankful to the Lord, and looking at the net loss, we can only say with Job: "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21).

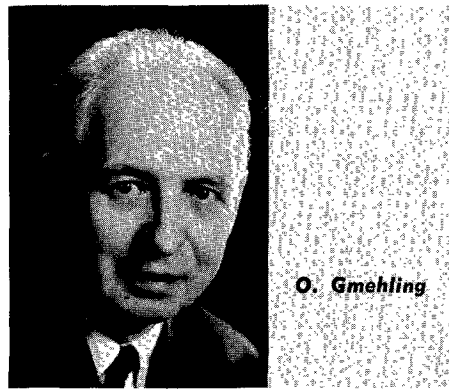
During the past quadrennium about 500 evangelistic campaigns were held for one month or longer, and about 700 for three weeks or less. Approximately 30 presidents, administrators, and teachers led out in their own public evangelistic programs. Ten lay members have been busy with their own evangelistic campaigns. In West Berlin our members launch their evangelistic endeavors by telephone. They now wish to extend telephone evangelism to all the towns where we have conference headquarters.

## Faithfulness and Sacrifice

Our financial situation indicates faithfulness in both West and East Germany. The tithe in comparison with the preceding quadrennium in West Germany increased 36 per cent and the mission offerings by 37.5 per cent. The Week of Sacrifice Offering has been especially significant. A similar record of sacrifice is evident in the East (German Democratic Republic), where our organizations have to support themselves. Here, the tithes and offerings are also steadily increasing, providing for our old people's homes, the chapel-building program, and the sustentation payments to our workers. Because most of our chapels

were destroyed during World War II, we are still building new meeting rooms for our churches. In spite of years of rebuilding, 40 per cent of our churches are still without their own chapel.

Our hospital in Berlin, now 50 years old, is the only Adventist hospital in Europe with a full medical program. A new addition is being constructed, bringing the number of beds to 360. Adventist doctors and nurses are doing their best to care for their patients. The school of nursing—also the only one in Europe—has been well filled through the years. Five homes for the aged, with about 600 beds, are offering a pleasant place



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with an Adventist atmosphere for our aged members. Our food factory in Hamburg is doing well. Our welfare and Dorcas groups are eagerly working in a program called "We Help Our Neighbors."

Because the primary concern in all our church activities is the winning of souls, every preacher and every literature evangelist is to be a full-time winner of souls. We are hopefully looking at Friedensau and Marienhoeh, our two seminaries, where about 150 young Adventists are preparing themselves for the ministry.

Let us listen to the reports of our union presidents.

*Ernst Denkert, president of the West German Union, reporting:* The 12,000 members of the West German Union are sending to you their warmest greetings. They long for the return of Jesus, and they pray and work so that His coming will be hastened. Within our union with its five conferences, 131 workers lead 197 churches in proclaiming the threefold message of Revelation 14 to 27 million people.

During the past four years, of the 1,253 persons added to the church through baptism and profession of faith, 56 per cent were young people. We are

in the process of placing more of our younger men in positions of responsibility in our churches. We are inviting all members to take part in vacation Bible courses and in special Bible groups for older people. By offering various possibilities, we give our members of all ages an opportunity to study the Holy Bible together and to share their faith with others through Christian fellowship.

After starting a special program in 1963 to reach everyone within our West German territory, we visited 15 to 20 million people, leaving our periodicals in their homes. We have now launched a new visitation plan called The Bible Speaks, which has been enthusiastically accepted by our churches. Almost all of our workers are engaged in public evangelism. Many have discovered the possibilities of open-air evangelism. Through these newer methods we are reaching thousands of people who otherwise would never come to our meetings.

## Advances in Publishing Work

Our Hamburg Publishing House, known throughout the world, is now celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary. Before World War I our literature was printed here in 28 languages. Owing to the political changes in Europe, other Adventist publishing houses had to take over the publishing of our literature for their countries. Although our Hamburg Publishing House serves only the small market of West Germany and West Berlin, more literature is sold in this small territory than was formerly sold in all of Europe. Our publishing house is printing in the German language nearly all of the Ellen G. White publications. Besides other books, during the past quadrennium *The Great Controversy* has been published in a paperback edition at low cost. In the German Democratic Republic many of our books and pamphlets can also be printed. In Western Germany 176 literature evangelists are busy selling our literature, with 75 student literature evangelists joining them during vacations. During the past four years, literature sales totaled approximately \$5,507,730.

Through this personal witness of our literature evangelists, 356 persons were introduced to our pastors and eventually baptized. Because of the excellent cooperation existing between our pastors and literature evangelists, special evangelistic campaigns are arranged in many places to take advantage of interest developed by literature evangelists.

Our radio program, Voice of Hope, from Luxembourg, extended its coverage by adding two new programs. From Luxembourg the message is going to West and East Germany, to Eastern Europe, and Russia, and wherever else the German language is spoken. We have installed a modern studio, opening up many possibilities for the future.

## Success of Correspondence School

Through the Bible correspondence school and the cooperation of our pastors and literature evangelists, more than 300 persons were baptized in the past four years. Three prisoners were baptized, one

German in Celle, another in Straubing State Penitentiary, and an American soldier in Coburg. In Celle, besides the prisoner, a guard and his wife were baptized, and seven other prisoners are in the final steps of preparation. A prisoner in another penitentiary took Bible correspondence lessons and is now preparing for baptism. Recently this prisoner left the penitentiary because his petition for mercy was granted.

Through the diligence of 45 press secretaries, 917 articles and 92 illustrated reports were published in the daily newspapers. The state television and radio stations broadcasted 19 programs about our church activities. Amid the atheistic and materialistic world, as seen today in Central Europe, God gathers His people for His kingdom.

*Manfred Boettcher, president of the Union of Seventh-day Adventists in the German Democratic Republic, reporting:* For the first time we are able to bring personal greetings from 12,500 members of the Union of Seventh-day Adventists in the German Democratic Republic. We thank our Lord and also the governments for making this possible. Of our 155 active ministers who proclaim the Advent message in its fullest sense, 90 per cent are under 45 years of age.

The most important task of all 341 churches and ministers in our union is *evangelization*. All pastors and evangelists, all departmental leaders and presidents, are doing their part. Even some of our retired ministers are helping regularly. In spite of the fact that there are some churches with no more than 15 to 20 members, our message is proclaimed publicly in evening services wherever we have our own chapel.

Many of our members visit from home to home in order to win people to our message. If an evangelistic campaign is planned, church members make their contacts during the preceding weeks in preparation for the personal invitation to the meetings. When public meetings are held in the smaller churches, the members of the larger nearby churches help to make the program a success.

In a church of 20 members a young woman recently baptized found access to the home of a university professor who was dangerously ill, where she conversed with his wife. In a short while the pastor was invited to give Bible studies in this home. When he had given a lecture about health reform and tithe, he had to help the professor's wife make up a new housekeeping budget because she had spent a considerable amount monthly for coffee alone. Soon the woman and her daughter were baptized. Some months later another daughter and her friend followed. Both of them are nurses. Now this church has 30 members. Additional room is under construction in order to provide a larger meeting place for this growing church.

#### Oldest German-speaking Seminary

During the past year Friedensau celebrated its seventieth anniversary. It is the only village in the German Democratic Republic where only Seventh-day Adventists live, and where there is an Ad-

ventist mayor. Here we find the oldest missionary seminary for German-speaking people, where many hundreds of ministers and missionaries have been trained and sent to all the world during the past seven decades. At the present time 73 young people are preparing here for various church responsibilities. Last summer the four thousandth student was enrolled.

During last winter when an epidemic of influenza caused a terrible crisis in the state hospital not far away from our seminary, our students replaced, for several weeks, the one third of the nursing staff who were sick. Our physicians who are working in state hospitals and clinics successfully helped people to free themselves from tobacco in 13 Five-Day Plans. Some of our believers periodically visit the homes where insane and physically impaired people live, bringing to them clothing or assisting them wherever help is needed.

For the past four years our union has conducted a Bible correspondence school. Our church members enrolled more than 1,200 persons, to whom more than 20,000 correspondence letters were sent. The correspondence work was responsible for the baptism of 357 people. I think it must be unique that 46 per cent of all enrollees have completed their course lessons.

All our departments within the union are united in preparing and strengthening our members for personal services. This is especially true of our Sabbath schools. Eighty per cent of our church members attend Sabbath school services. In a small town where our church had no meeting room, one of our members gave up his good business, which had been in existence for 40 years, because he wished to provide a meeting place for church services. Now our pastor holds public meetings in this town for the first time, to which 25 visitors come regularly. In addition, this former business establishment now serves our dedicated laymen on Sabbath afternoon as a branch Sabbath school, where ten to 12 friends gather weekly.

In the town of Eisenach, at the edge of Wartburg Hill, we have a church of 40 members. In Wittenberg, where Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the palace-church, 70 faithful members are living. In the country where 450 years ago the Reformation started, our churches today proclaim the Advent message in earnest.

*Joachim Hildebrandt, president of the South German Union, reports:* The 13,000 Advent believers in the South German Union convey greetings to the delegates assembled in Atlantic City. Our union reaches from the borders of Czechoslovakia to the frontiers of France. When the 1966 General Conference session closed with the appeal for worldwide evangelization, the South German Union took this call back to Germany and passed it on to its conferences and churches. During the quadrennium we have chosen three ways to proclaim the Advent message:

1. We followed The Bible Speaks plan, which our delegates brought back from the Detroit session. For three years

our churches have worked with this extraordinary missionary program, and the results have been most encouraging. Our mission-minded church members discovered that this program of polling the religious interests of each home creates an interest in the Bible and is the best way at this time to interest people in the message.

2. Moreover, The Bible Speaks plan helps in our preparation for evangelistic series. Nearly two thirds of our pastors, using visual aids in the proclamation of truth, work together in small groups in order to develop flannelgraph materials for all the subjects of the Advent message. You may see a little of this work at the Central European Division booth. With these facilities we are making significant advances in alerting our country to the Advent message.

#### Evangelistic Field School

3. The greatest thrust of our evangelistic program during the past four years occurred during the ministry of Andrew C. Fearing, associate secretary, Ministerial Association of the General Conference. He proclaimed the Advent message in three cities of our union, teaching 50 ministers how to preach the gospel as pastor-evangelists within their own districts with more power and efficiency. As fruit of his leadership, 48 persons have been baptized into the church. During all our evangelistic endeavors our youth provide much of the leadership, which may be reflected in the fact that 62 per cent of the baptismal candidates consist of young people.

#### Elder Gmehling Concludes the Report

The encouraging reports of the union presidents, I am sure, have been followed with interest. It is true, more house-to-house work has been done by our pastors, literature evangelists, and church members than ever before. They have worked harder as they understand more clearly the words of Ellen G. White: "He who does faithful work outside of the pulpit will accomplish tenfold more than he who confines his labors to the desk."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 124. The proclaiming of the truth is to be done faithfully, and our enthusiasm should not depend on success alone. We wish that our success were even greater. We have to continue our task, remembering the counsel of Paul: "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1:18). Under this word, which is our motto for the year 1971, we are looking into the future with great expectation for the work in the Central European Division.

For the whole audience and all the readers of the report who have a command of the German language, I am closing with a small prayer poem of Agnes Franz:

"O decke unsere Mängel mit deiner Huld,  
Du bist ja, Gott, die Liebe und die  
Geduld.  
Gib uns, um was wir flehen, ein reines  
Herz,  
Das Dir voll Freuden diene in Glück und  
Schmerz."



# Trans-Africa Division

By MERLE L. MILLS, *President*

In recent years violent political, social, and geographical eruptions have rent asunder the old Africa. This ancient land reveals the unusual around every corner. The six- to eight-ton tuskers share their habitat with two-ton rhinos, while nearby, "ladies" with 13-foot waistlines, the hippos, open the largest mouths in the world. The tallest living creature, the giraffe, stands three times the height of a man—18 feet. The majestic lion still roams Africa's plains and commands as much respect as he did in Bible times.

Our division has the world's tallest people—the seven-foot Watusi of Central Africa, as well as the smallest, the Congo pygmies, and the most primitive, the Kalahari bushmen, not to overlook the quaintest, the duckbill women of the Congo, who mutilated their lips to escape the bondage of slavery.

Our territory also contains some of the most sophisticated, intelligent, and well-educated of all races. However, the mysterious ancient rites of witchcraft still hold sway over many and exist today side by side with our modern hospital units.

From a small beginning 50 years ago, when we were organized as a division, we now have crowds thronging our camp meetings and filling our churches and Sabbath schools. Our membership has increased by 62,596 during this quadrennium and now stands at 307,699. We received 124,348 into fellowship with us—an increase of 23,034. To accommodate these new believers we have built 389 new churches and find a growing need for more.

In our Sabbath schools we have 438,235 members, an increase of 17,948. They gave in offerings \$102,128 for the quadrennium, an increase of \$50,254.

God's creative act is honored each Sabbath in the Parow church, Cape Town, by a great-granddaughter of Charles Darwin, the great evolutionary theorist.

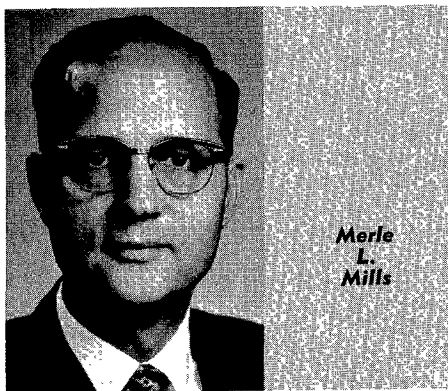
Fifteen miles west of the center of burgeoning Johannesburg, the city with the golden heart, lies the township of Soweto, which almost a million Africans call home. In 1967 we built the largest evangelistic center in our division at a busy crossroads. The seating capacity is 2,000. The first effort resulted in more than 100 baptisms, and the fruitage continues.

## MV Activities

Our 107,464 Missionary Volunteers are active soul winners. The Voice of Youth efforts keep the societies alive and developing. In 1969 a large youth rally was held at Lake Nyanza, just 11 miles from Gitwe Mission in Rwanda. Despite attempts to disrupt the baptismal serv-

ice, 18,000 people gathered to witness 1,007 people joining the church. Thirty-eight African pastors officiated with the division youth leader.

At Tsicado, one of our mission stations, children aged from eight to 14 are on fire with preaching the message. Recently they won 78 people for Christ. Over a period of 12 months, 230 decisions have resulted. I wish you could hear their ringing, earnest, voices and see their appropriate gestures as they proclaim the message. "I will come again," they declare of Christ. "As the lightning cometh out of the east, so He will come. A literal, personal, visible



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Christ who went to heaven will return. Don't you want to be among those prepared to meet Him? 'Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life.' Arrange now for your passage to heaven with Jesus when He returns."

## Voice of Prophecy Fruitage

Not verbally, but through the mail, silently and steadily, the Voice of Prophecy lessons reach many questing hearts. The year 1969 saw our millionth enrollment.

In our Zambesi Union, Pastor Gwasira was requested to meet 70 people from the Rata Reserve who desired baptism. He went by bicycle 50 miles to see their leader, Osika Mpfu, and his flock. He learned that these Voice of Prophecy students had faithfully paid tithe and given offerings for six years. Pastor Gwasira found 40 who qualified for baptism. The others still had some old customs to overcome.

A wonderful new Voice of Prophecy interest has developed deep in the Congo forest near Shabunda. It began when a government official studied the Voice of Prophecy lessons and accepted the truth. He shared his knowledge with his own people in the Shabunda area who were

athirst for God's Word. It is reported that those desirous of uniting with us number 4,030. Workers are visiting the area to carefully examine these people and sift the wheat from the chaff. We are sure, however, that the harvest will be a rich one.

Our 571 literature evangelists, 260 more than last quadrennium, sold almost \$1.5 million worth of books, a gain of \$707,000.

In Durban, South Africa, an elderly gentleman was busy working in his garden. The garbage collector, on his rounds, found the neighbor's receptacle overflowing. To relieve the situation he picked a book from the top of the pile and threw it over the hedge. It landed at the feet of the gardener. The book, *Daniel and the Revelation*, was carefully read and digested. The family responded in an evangelistic meeting, but the foundation had been laid through literature.

Near the shores of Lake Munyara, in Tanzania, live the superstitious Mbula cave dwellers. The bereaved families are abandoned to their sorrow by the tribe. In a nearby hospital a patient died during the night. The next morning the astonished doctor found all the patients had decamped through fear of the dead. Our church sent an evangelist to live with the people and give them our message of hope. The preacher stayed close to the sorrowing, showing that death held no terror for him. Soon the message spread like wildfire, and more than 200 Mbula people are now attending church. Once again light dispelled darkness.

## Tithes and Offerings

Our members have been faithful with their tithes and offerings, resulting in an increase of \$2,421,763 in tithes over the four-year period, and our mission offerings show a gain of \$413,295. Our Ingathering reached an all-time high; \$1,554,845 was collected, an increase of \$320,906.

Mr. Waswa is a faithful Adventist. He was a surveyor in the geological department of Uganda, East Africa. His climb up the ladder of promotion was rapid until a new departmental head canceled his Sabbath privileges. Faced with a choice, he left his employment. The Lord opened the way for this man. An American insurance firm had heard a good report of Mr. Waswa, so they offered him the position of Uganda representative. Later, the Uganda mission treasurer was visited by Mr. Waswa, who handed over \$700 in notes. This was the tithe from his prize-winning sales record in East Africa. This faithful African is one of many careful stewards in our territory.

The Trans-Africa Division now operates six planes. The latest addition will serve the colorful Masai, noted for their fearless independence and consumption of blood mixed with milk. This tribe is slowly responding to the gospel story. At Makanya, in Tanzania, they are completing an airstrip, and so we will have freer access to their territory. On February 14 of this year the first fruits were garnered when three Masai women, one the wife of the headman, Sekau, were baptized.

## Ninth Business Meeting

(Continued from page 7)

Some of our people in Africa have proved faithful even unto death when this was required of them. We present this instance of unflinching devotion by one of our pastors whom we shall call John.

In a territory to the north, Pastor John bore important church responsibilities. One day a truck, filled with soldiers, drove onto the mission property. Premptorily they demanded John's presence. The soldiers demanded, "Give us your gun." He asserted that he had no gun. John brought the Bible, "This is my only weapon," he quietly stated. Disbelieving, they made a fruitless search.

Unceremoniously, he was bundled into his own automobile. At one stopping place he was told, "There are 35 graves here—we killed all these people and we can kill you." "What can I do? I am in your hands—and God's" was his reply. A young soldier beat him across the back with his baton. The compassionate overseer made the youth desist.

John was cast into prison. Like Paul in Philippi, he made good use of this occasion to preach to fellow prisoners.

Church members heard of John's plight and risked the displeasure of the authorities by bringing food from their meager store. He could have waxed fat, but he shared the little he had. This made a deep impression, and already seven of his fellow prisoners have been baptized.

Through the intervention of a Voice of Prophecy student, who held a position of authority, John eventually was reunited with his family. Today he is one of our staunch, powerful workers.

To the prophet Ezekiel, God gave the inspiring vision of waters issuing from the heavenly sanctuary and flowing clear around the world. The water, to begin with, was only to the ankles, but it deepened and widened and flowed onward to become an exceedingly great river. Inspired comment says that this vision represents the last gospel message going to the world.

In 1894 Elders Tripp and Anderson toiled northward in their ox wagons over the South African veld to found Solusi. The healing waters had begun to flow in Africa. It was a trickle. New horizons continually beckoned, and dedicated men pushed forward under difficulties that we would find heartbreaking in our day—and the waters continued to deepen. In the year 1920 the Trans-Africa Division was organized in the Cape of Good Hope, where the hand that shaped Table Mountain still spreads the fleecy tablecloth.

Sometimes the water flowed slowly as we advanced under difficulties, but progress has been continuous. From the 1960's new independent states appeared in our territory. History was in a hurry, and events moved with unprecedented rapidity. The living waters also kept pace.

This report reveals that we have moved forward on all fronts. "To God be the glory, *great things* He has done."

Gladly we unite our hearts and hands with our brethren around the world "to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

R. S. WATTS: Let us ask the secretary to present a resolution from the plans committee.

[The resolution "Communicating the Church and Its Message Through Mass Media" was read and adopted. It appears on page 19 of this Bulletin.]

We come to another item from the plans committee. It has been distributed and placed in your hands and is entitled "Declaration on Human Relations." I have asked that the chairman of the plans committee, W. J. Hackett, who has followed the discussion on the recommendation, make a statement before we read it.

W. J. HACKETT: Brother Chairman, we are living in a world where people are prone to "tell it like it is" and sometimes when people tell it like it is, they tell it like it seems to them; and when we all tell it like it seems to us sometimes there are emotional involvements. We are all living in a world in which it is necessary for us from time to time to restate our positions and clarify our beliefs concerning issues that are before us. Sometimes we as an Adventist Church are slow to do this. We are slow to make changes, because we are a world body, a world organization, hence it takes more time.

Before us today is a carefully worded statement on our position on human relations. This has been gone through by a number of persons and has been amended and changed a number of times. It has come before our plans committee, which has a membership of 500, of whom a fine representation were present. And again it was amended. And so we are bringing this to the body with the endorsement of a large number of delegates. We would hope, Brother Chairman, that this would be acceptable to the delegates here assembled.

R. S. WATTS: Now with that explanation, we will ask the secretary to read the resolution:

[The secretary read the "Declaration on Human Relations." It appears in full, beginning on page 19 of this Bulletin.]

R. S. WATTS: It was moved by D. W. Hunter. A number have seconded this declaration. I think it's obvious to all the delegates that much study has gone into a statement of this nature. Now, we are going to open the floor for discussion. But I believe that the president of the General Conference should be given the privilege of speaking first.

ROBERT H. PIERSON: Brother Chairman, this is one of the important resolutions that we have before us during the time that we are here together as a session. This is a topic that can be charged with emotions. This is a subject that in certain areas of our great land and in certain areas of other parts of the world has left cities in shambles and has raised a great deal of hatred and ill will. I am glad this afternoon, brothers and sisters, that I belong to the church of God. I am glad that I am a born-again Adventist Christian. I am glad that I belong to a church that can sit down and discuss matters of this

kind in an unimpassioned way, and in a spirit of genuine Christian brotherhood.

We do not approach subjects such as the one we have under consideration this afternoon in the spirit of the world. The members of this church are not filled with prejudice, hatred, discrimination—at least I hope not. We do not approach this problem in a spirit of violence, in a spirit of demand, in a spirit of pressure. But I believe our delegates from the ends of the earth, representing all the different races of earth, can sit down and discuss this together in the spirit of Christ. If I didn't believe this I don't think I would want such a resolution to be brought here to the floor. But I believe that we can, for this church is one. And it isn't just on Sabbath when all of us are together in a great auditorium, as we were last Sabbath, that we demonstrate to the world that we are one.

The time that we demonstrate our maturity as a Christian body, and the time that we demonstrate our oneness is when we come to a sensitive area such as the one this afternoon, and we can discuss it in the spirit of the Master.

I want to make an earnest appeal for two things as we begin this discussion:

1. That we speak in the spirit of Christ. I think it is quite in order for us to speak openly, frankly, and to say what is on our hearts. My only appeal is that we do it in the spirit of Jesus.

2. That we follow the spirit of the golden rule—Do unto others as we would have others do to us. Let us put ourselves in the other man's position, and consider how we would like him to deal with us.

R. S. WATTS: Thank you very much, Brother Pierson.

[Many delegates spoke strongly supporting the resolution, "Declaration on Human Relations," including B. B. Alsaybar, from the Philippines; Marcelin Bocaly, of Haiti; A. Z. Roda, of the Philippines; Neal C. Wilson, of North America; Harold Lindsay, of the Lake Union; B. Pinghe, of Ceylon; M. D. Kodan, from the South India Union; G. Oosterwal, of Andrews University; J. V. Stevens, of Arizona; and Lyle Netteburg, of Minnesota. A. Z. Roda summarized his statement by saying, "Brethren, I say, 'Amen, Amen, and Amen.'"]

[The resolution was adopted by a standing vote. The congregation joined in singing "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."]

[At this point W. A. Thompson read a statement outlining certain principles and needs of a group of constituents of the Allegheny East Conference.]

[At this point the chairman presented the chairman and secretary of the nominating committee, and they presented a further report. The report appears on page 12 of this Bulletin.]

BENEDICTION: D. K. Omoloye, president of West Nigerian Mission, in the Yoruba language.

R. S. WATTS, *Chairman*.

DUANE JOHNSON, *Secretary*.

W. P. BRADLEY, *Recording Secretary*.

# Partial Report of the Plans Committee

[At the eighth business meeting, 9:30 A.M., June 16, the following recommendations were submitted to the delegates and approved.]

## Youth Involvement

WHEREAS, The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a growing world church with an ever-increasing youth and young-adult membership, and

WHEREAS, This youth membership constitutes one of the church's greatest reservoirs of talent and leadership potential, and

WHEREAS, Rightly trained, directed, and encouraged, these youth and young adults can provide dynamic impetus as partners in helping to finish the task as promised in the Word of God and the Spirit of Prophecy writings, therefore,

Resolved, That we, the delegates of the fifty-first General Conference session:

1. Call upon the church leadership at at every level to seek creative and innovative ways to enlist youth in a meaningful and cooperative involvement with adult church members in the total program and plans of the church.

2. In harmony with the 1969 Autumn Council action on youth participation in church leadership, we call upon the world church to include well-qualified youth in areas of local church leadership, such as church elders, deacons, deaconesses, other church offices; with membership on church boards, nominating committees, and other church-study and missionary-planning groups.

3. Point out the urgent need for a youth advisory committee to be appointed at the local and union mission or conference levels to meet with the elected leadership periodically (at least twice a year) to discuss and plan ways of involving youth in active evangelistic and church-oriented activities and to help determine a working calendar of major projects and programs for youth.

## The Publishing Program

WHEREAS, in the providence of God the publishing program has developed from its predicted "small at first" (*Colporteur Ministry*, p. 1) beginning to an established, well-organized, ongoing program that is encircling the world "like streams of light" (*ibid.*), and

WHEREAS, In the plan of God the publishing program is to climax with the total church program in a power, light, and glory fulfillment of prophecy, as found in Revelation 18:1,

We recommend, That in order to hasten this day and so that, indeed, "The World May Know," the worldwide publishing family, with God's attendant blessing and supported by the church leadership, strive earnestly to match the urgency of the hour with new dedication and diligence in the task of scattering our literature

worldwide, to the end that multitudes shall be won to the church, and that church members may continue to be confirmed in the faith, thus fulfilling the purpose of the publishing program both within and without the church.

[Voted at the ninth business meeting, June 16, 3:00 P.M.]

## Communicating the Church and Its Message Through Mass Media

WHEREAS, The spontaneous and organized activity of public relations has developed into a worldwide network of lay and professional workers dedicated to keeping the world informed about the message and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, thus becoming an appropriate vehicle for reaching the masses of mankind.

We recommend, That in view of the pressing need to quickly carry this message to all who will read, see, or listen, we mark the coming period until the next General Conference session as one in which every effort will be made to increase effective use of the mass media through,

1. Stepping up news activity that will help to mold public opinion in favor of the church, its message, and its worldwide mission.

a. By including significant messages, doctrinal or otherwise, in news releases wherever possible or logical.

b. By more emphasis on sermon-reporting at camp meetings and religious services.

c. By a program of features on the church prepared for non-Adventist magazines and newspapers.

2. Expanded planning for radio and television news coverage, placement of personnel on programs, use of films, and spot advertising on the air.

a. By giving greater attention to utilizing radio and television in the release of news.

b. By increasing the number of interviews and appearances of Seventh-day Adventist personalities and overseas visitors on radio and television and as speakers at service and other clubs and organizations.

c. By facilitating and encouraging the release of spot announcements on radio and TV by church PR secretaries.

3. Recognizing the effectiveness of advertising, including paid advertising, as a powerful tool of communication.

a. By the insertion in newspapers, and the follow-up, of professionally prepared advertisements dealing with the teachings of the church.

b. By increased professionalism in the use of advertising and promotional materials by pastors and evangelists, taking

advantage of newly available advertising helps and attendance at workshops on layout and advertising sponsored by the church's public relations offices.

## Declaration on Human Relations

The church, through its leaders and by properly endorsed resolutions, has often spoken on the matter of race relations. In addition to these general statements of basic philosophy, we believe it is good, proper, and necessary for the church to examine periodically its position in the light of:

1. Current moral issues and human needs;

2. The church's objective to reach the individual and the masses in every land with the good news of the love and soon coming of Jesus Christ, therefore,

We reaffirm our past declarations and further express our commitment of Christian love and brotherhood.

We are commissioned by the Holy Scriptures to witness to the gospel's teaching that before God, mankind is one.

Mankind is one because God called men into being by one act of creation; God made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on all the face of the earth (Acts 17:26). God created man in His own image (Gen. 1:26).

Mankind is one because God saves men by one act of redemption. Christ has been lifted up, drawing all men to Himself (John 12:32) as members of one new humanity (Gal. 6:15). Christ has broken down all walls of separation (Eph. 2:14), so that there is neither Jew nor Greek, neither bond nor free (Gal. 3:28).

Mankind is one because God offers men membership in one fellowship of the reconciled. Men may now experience interdependence and a common life as members of the body of Christ (Rom. 12:4). Men may enjoy reconciliation with their brothers through membership in the household of God (Eph. 2:19).

We are commissioned by the prophetic passages which have always guided this religious movement to witness that before God, mankind is one.

"Christ came to this earth with a message of mercy and forgiveness. He laid the foundation for a religion by which Jew and Gentile, black and white, free and bond, are linked together in one common brotherhood, recognized as equal in the sight of God."—*Testimonies*, vol. 7, p. 225.

"In Christ Jesus we are one. By the utterance of one name, 'Our Father,' we are lifted to the same rank. We become members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King. His principles of truth bind heart to heart, be they rich or poor, high or low. . . . In our worship of God there will be no distinction between rich and poor, white and black. All prejudice will be melted away. When we approach God, it will be as one brotherhood."—ELLEN G. WHITE, in *Review and Herald*, Oct. 24, 1899.

We recognize that from the beginning of history fear and hate, pride and suspicion, brutality and oppression have set man against man, race against race, and brother against brother.

We recognize that in our time man's cruelty to his fellows has taken the particularly damaging form of categorizing people on the basis of national origin, racial background, and/or color.

We recognize that these attitudes are found not only outside the church, in the world we are seeking to reach with the gospel, but sometimes also within the community of faith. In our own hearts are often found ignorance, mistrust, and condescension.

We recognize that prejudice and discrimination are sins. These sins both grind down the victim and scar the soul of the person guilty of them.

We further recognize that too often there has been a failure to display a reconciling and redemptive spirit; that too often as individuals and as organizations and institutions we have not only fallen behind the Christian ideal but we have been negligent in seeking to correct injustice. This must no longer be so; therefore,

We pledge ourselves to work at all levels for the realization of the principles as exemplified in the life and teachings of Christ.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church should be an object lesson and a spectacle to the world of what Christ can do with surrendered and converted lives in establishing true fellowship, respect, and

oneness in the gospel. It is time for the remnant church to show its true Christian colors by revealing to a divided, polarized world that our church is capable of genuine brotherhood in Christ; therefore,

*Resolved,* That in our teaching and preaching, we commit ourselves to specific tasks and goals intended to educate our membership in the area of human relations, urging the following:

a. That we seek to present more clearly the teaching of Scripture, trying in particular to correct misunderstandings about supposedly Biblical bases for discrimination.

b. That we prayerfully review the writings that record our beginnings as a movement, to inform ourselves of the courageous positions taken by our spiritual forefathers based on the fact that all are equal and one in Christ.

c. That we help people to understand that differences among races serve to enhance unique cultural contributions and are in no way to be construed as indicators of inherent superiority or inferiority.

d. That we instruct those contemplating baptism that they are joining the fellowship of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the remnant church of Bible prophecy into which people of every nation, race, and language are invited and accepted.

e. That we utilize available resources in coordinating seminars, workshops, and pulpit-exchange programs aimed at bringing about understanding and interdependence among racial groups.

2. That in our formation of educational, medical, publishing, and other institutional policies, we commit ourselves to specific tasks and goals in an attempt to foster racially inclusive practices, urging:

a. That each congregation in the world family, under the lordship of Christ and by the grace of God, declare that "in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." Such a person, of whatever color or national origin, is therefore welcome to us as brother, guest, member, co-worker, or leader.

3. That in our individual and corporate life we thus commit ourselves to the "ministry of reconciliation" and pray:

a. That we may come to be free from prejudice, pride, condescension, paternalism, and scorn toward any group on the basis of color, national origin, economic circumstances, or religion.

b. That we may learn to love and respect every person as Christ loves and respects him.

c. That we may actively cooperate with God's healing, reconciling, and renewing work in the church and among all men.

*The areas around Loma Linda Foods snack bars are always crowded. Halls are lined with tables for customers while busy committee members pass—passing when the camera caught this shot*

*were J. W. Bothe (left), president of the Canadian Union Conference, and M. E. Kemmerer, GC assistant treasurer. (Inset) Workers in the kitchen prepare thousands of sandwiches for the snack bar.*



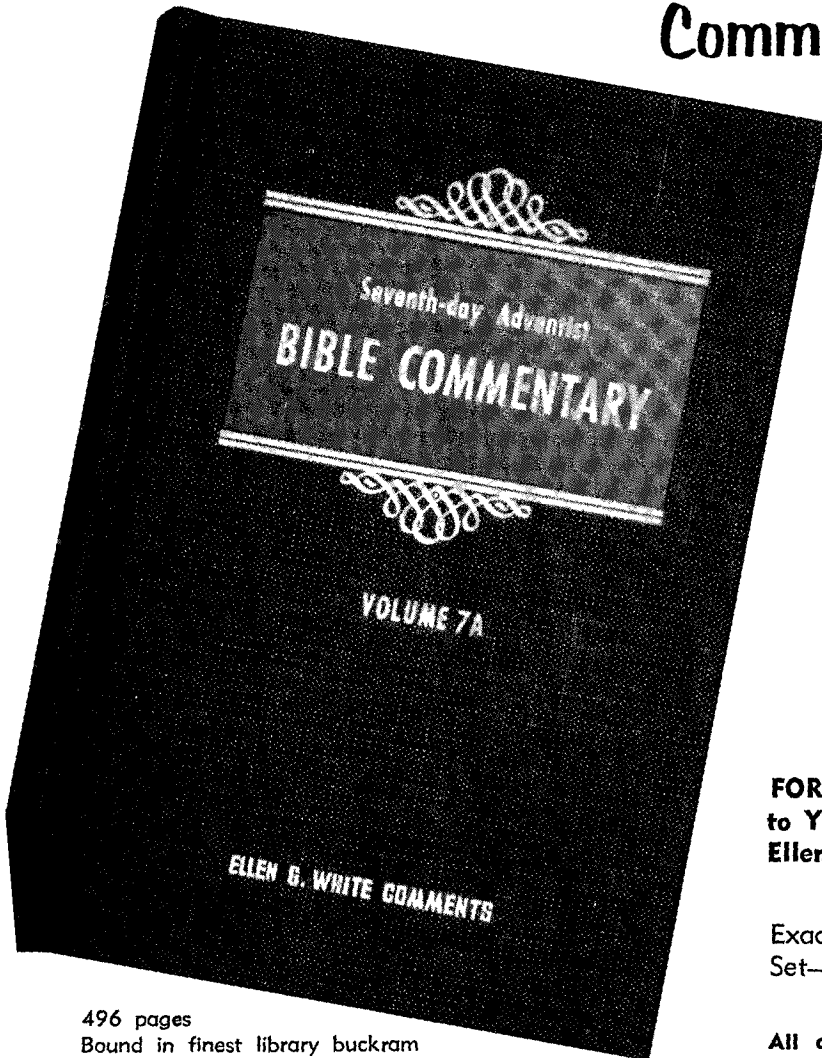


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By J. W. PEEKE, *President*

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William A. Benjamin was given a call to head this new department, with an appropriation of \$25,000.

Although this was a small beginning, with the services of Brother Benjamin and one secretary, the department was successful from the start, and it is estimated that as of the end of December, 1969, our denominational organizations have saved an estimated \$5 million. This figure is the estimated savings in premiums alone, and does not include the savings that have been made by the counseling, property appraisals, and loss prevention activities.

The premium income of the company and agencies during 1969 amounted to \$4,809,059.67 and the total consolidated assets as of December 31, 1969, amounted to \$7,908,729.47.

The total denominational insurance at risk as of December 31, 1969, amounted to \$662,956,167.

Our department appreciates the consecrated denominational administrators, not only in this country but all over the world, who are genuinely interested in the adequate protection of denominational assets.

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developing, and sharing of information and management techniques pertinent to the protection of denominational assets against risk of loss.

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in the Western branch office in Riverside, California.

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of insurance training and experience.

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Veteran workers occupy the front row in the auditorium. A. W. Truman, M.D., 86, in foreground listens attentively.

# World Foods Service

By E. W. HOWSE, Secretary

For a period of about ten years, beginning with 1898, the Lord sent to His church, through His servant, messages of counsel regarding facilities for the manufacturing of nourishing foods. The pioneers in this field had no clear idea of how to begin, nor had they adequate financial resources, but they possessed great faith, believing it was the divine will that the practice of healthful living should be part of true Christianity.

In answer to the question, Have you any light for us? Ellen G. White replied, "The productions which God has supplied are to be made up into healthful foods, which people can prepare for themselves. Then we can appropriately present the principles of health reform, and those who hear will be convinced of the consistency of these principles, and will accept them. But until we can present health reform foods which are palatable, nourishing, and yet inexpensive, we are not at liberty to present the most advanced phases of health reform in diet."<sup>1</sup> "Worldly policy is not to be brought into this work. Christ said, 'My kingdom is not of this world.' It was not established by human power, and human power cannot overthrow it. . . . The health food business should be regarded as God's gift to His people."<sup>2</sup>

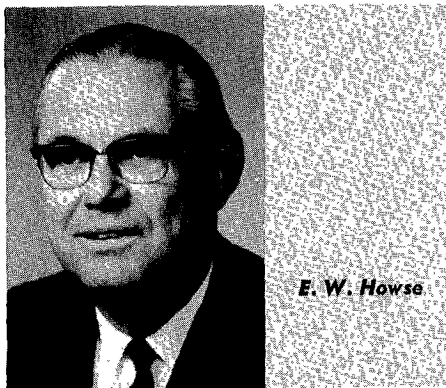
At the turn of the century, foods were being developed by the church-owned Battle Creek Sanitarium. Little did the pioneers of this food industry imagine that these ideas, later developed by private enterprise, would grow into the present Battle Creek multimillion dollar food corporations. After the transfer from Battle Creek to Washington, D.C., in 1903, the special food production program of the church was reorganized on the West Coast when Loma Linda Sanitarium began its program in 1906. Here Loma Linda products had their meager beginning with the production of wholesome stone-ground wheat bread and cookies made at the sanitarium bakery and delivered to local stores. Today Loma Linda products are available from coast to coast, their distribution handled by a staff of nearly 100 salesmen.

Again, counsel was received from the Lord's messenger: "The message that God has given me is that His people in foreign lands are not to depend for their supply of health foods on the importations of health foods from America."<sup>3</sup> "God did not design that this work should be shut up with a few, and the rest of the human family remain in darkness as to the preparation of health foods. The Lord would have people in all parts of the world to become intelligent in regard to using the productions of the soil in every locality."<sup>4</sup>

Early in the history of the work in the

Australasian Division, attention was focused on the developing of a food program similar to that being carried forward at Battle Creek. In the year 1895 foods were imported from Battle Creek and two years later plans were developed to begin food manufacturing in a small factory at Cooranbong, New South Wales. Under the blessing of God this program has developed to the place where 13 factories are now operating, with an annual output of more than 22,500 tons.

In the year 1895 the food production program was inaugurated in Switzerland, and three years later in Denmark. In



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1899 the manufacture of foods in both Germany and England was begun. Inspired counsel had warned that "the food business, if entered into largely, is going to be most perplexing and soul-harrowing. Those who take it up, whatever the talent the Lord may give them, will meet with many perplexities."<sup>5</sup> The brethren who have been in charge of our health food factories in England and Europe have found this statement very applicable as they have labored to develop this program. Through their dedicated service and perseverance the prospects for the future are much brighter.

The next organized food manufacturing program was developed in association with our college in Japan, where production began in 1928. This industry is currently being reorganized and its facilities upgraded with financial assistance from the Sanitarium Health Food Company in Australia on a loan basis. Currently, A. A. Cree, formerly manager of Loma Linda Foods, is working with our brethren in Japan with a view to extending their product range and including protein foods manufactured from soy spun fiber, which should greatly strengthen the work of the church in Japan.

In 1936 the production of pure fruit

juices, trading under the name of Superbom, was inaugurated in Brazil in connection with our college. Two years later food processing began in Buenos Aires, Argentina, when Alimentos Granix began operations. Both these industries have developed a wide range of products in the intervening years. In the near future we hope to introduce vegetable proteins, which will contribute much to the influence of our health message in South America.

National True Foods, Ltd., of Johannesburg, South Africa, began in 1956, and in common with many other small factories has experienced many problems and difficulties in its early development. Again the inspired counsel from the Lord's messenger has always been a source of encouragement: "It is God's purpose that health foods shall be manufactured in many places. . . . The Lord calls upon His people in different countries to ask Him for wisdom, and then to use aright the wisdom He gives. We are not to settle down in hopelessness and discouragement. We are to do our best to enlighten others."<sup>6</sup>

There have been many times, I am sure, when the managers of our food factories have been disappointed with the results achieved, but we must continually plan and strive to develop this program in harmony with the clear counsel received through the Lord's messenger so that it will be the blessing to the church that God intends it to be.

We have briefly reviewed the past. Let us now summarize our present standing throughout the world:

Food factories	26
Nutrition and food research laboratories	2
Plant development division	1
Warehouses	30
Retail stores	41
Cafeteria-snack bars	3

## Profound Changes in Sixties

We are all far too close to the 1960's to fully realize how profoundly the events of the past decade have changed the civilized world. We will look back in time and understand it marked the beginning of general acceptance of vegetable proteins as nutritious human food. For more than 60 years Seventh-day Ad-

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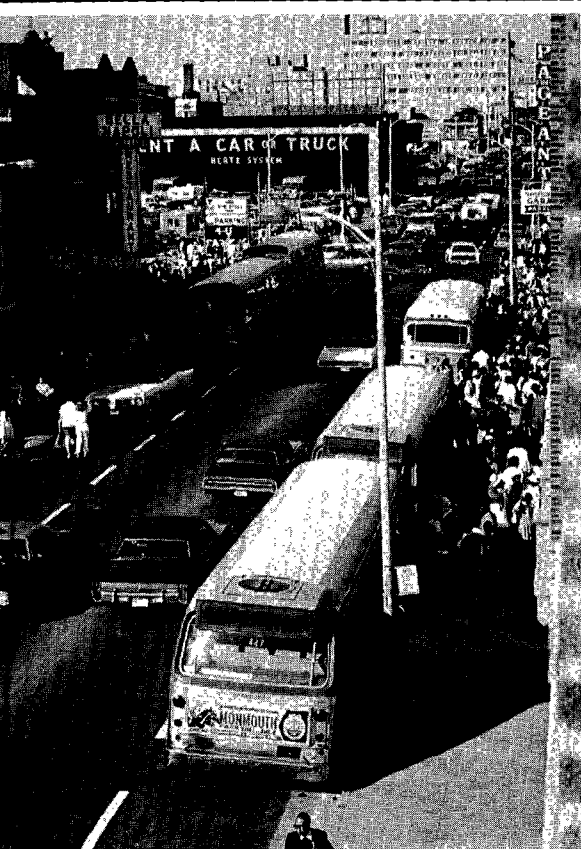
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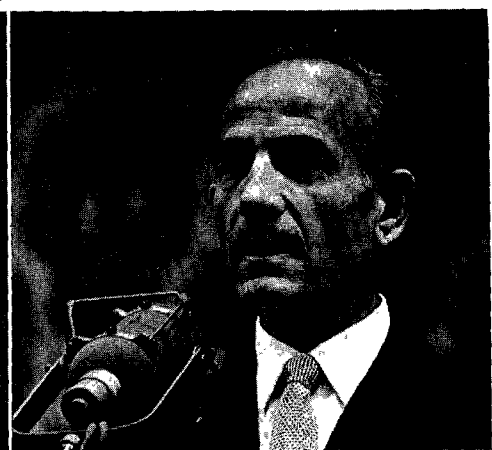
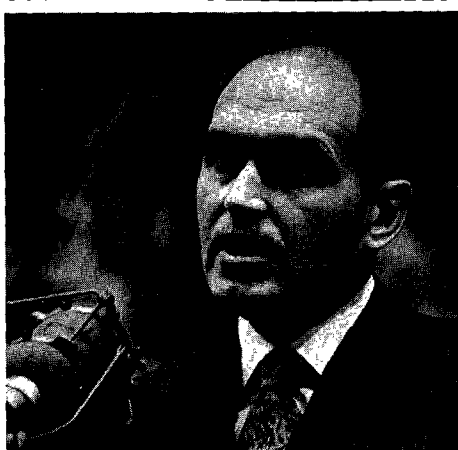
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ventist standards of health and nutrition have been ahead of the times. In fact, through inspiration Mrs. White enunciated many of the sound principles of health as far back as 1863, long before scientists gave much thought to the importance of such matters. However, during the sixties large food industries in America, Europe, and Japan have developed techniques for utilizing vegetable proteins in the form of spun fiber. As this raw material becomes more readily available a greater variety of vegetable protein foods formulated in harmony with the dietary principles of the church will be produced in our denom-



Adventist Congressman Jerry Pettis, right, introduced the attorney-general of New Jersey, George Kulger, left, to the delegates, during the Saturday evening program, June 13.

inational food factories the world over.

During the past quadrennium the General Conference officers set up a committee to consider the establishment of a world food coordinating agency with departmental status in the General Conference. As a result, the Autumn Council of 1967 approved this plan and at the 1968 Autumn Council in Toronto this department was named the World Foods Service. As secretary of this new department, it is with genuine pleasure that I represent today the world food program of the church and assure you again that in every division there is to be found a dedicated and loyal staff engaged in the food-production program, united in a service which has received the abundant blessing of God, and which is worthy of the wholehearted support of every member. The function of this new department will be to coordinate research, production, and marketing and to promote the full development of this branch of our health message throughout the world in harmony with the comprehensive blueprint that the Lord has given to His church.

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The keen interest of the parents in the pageant is not shared by weary children.



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