

# QUARTERLY REVIEW



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## Message to the Churches and Gospel Workers of the Southern European Division

We, the delegates of the Southern European Division Council, meeting in Rome, December 6-12, with several General Conference representatives, including Elder Branson, the president, and Elder Torrey, the treasurer, send greetings to all our brethren and sisters in the Division. We thank you for your faithfulness and your devotion to the cause so dear to us, and we urge you not to be dismayed by the difficult times through which we are passing, but to fix your trust on Him who has in His charge the affairs of men and nations and who is conducting them toward His appointed end, the finishing of His work and the setting up of His kingdom.

The reports presented by delegates from the various unions have been most inspiring. During the past four years, 36,287 persons have been baptized; and already during the first nine months of 1950, 7,431 have received this rite. The Division membership now stands at 76,163, for which we render thanks to our Heavenly Father.

The critical situation of the world today warns us that we must hasten, not only to make our own individual preparation to stand before God, but also to mobilize all our forces for the proclamation of God's last message to the whole world.

Evangelism has been the keynote of the year that is closing, and God has blessed our efforts in this direction. Let us intensify this activity, in

order to accomplish in our fields the program suggested by the new General Conference president, that of doubling our membership in the next four years.

The delegates from all over the world who attended the General Conference session last July emphasized the imperious and urgent need of a revival and a reformation.

God has placed in our hands instruments and working methods not even dreamed of a half-century ago. Evangelistic centers have been created in various places, through the liberality of our members.

It is therefore in our power to launch the greatest offensive ever attempted by this movement. Rather than trusting to material means, let us base our confidence on an entire consecration to the service of the Master who is directing our operations. Let us redouble our zeal in missionary work and our faithfulness in tithes and offerings. Let us be increasingly faithful in the observance of God's commandments and in the practice of a well-balanced health reform. Let us carry on welfare work on a scale commensurate with the needs of the people among whom the Lord has placed us.

« The work of God in this earth, » Mrs. White tells us, « can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those

of the ministers and church officers. » (*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 117.)

During our meeting a message was received from the General Conference in Washington calling upon all our people throughout the world to unite in praying that God would hold the winds of strife in check until His work in the earth is completed and also that we might be made ready for any new crisis that might develop.

We appeal earnestly to all our brethren and sisters in the Division to join with us in intercession before the throne of Grace, that God may show us how best to complete our great task of evangelization in these troublous hours. The Spirit of prophecy tells us that what the church failed to do in a time of peace and prosperity she will have to do in a time of crisis, amid the most discouraging and forbidding circumstances. We have reached that time, and we

must ask God for the strength we need to arise and finish our work of preparing a people for His kingdom.

May the Lord help us to make known to men the meaning of the events taking place before our eyes. Our message is one of hope. It is the message that the world needs. It alone shows men the way through the darkness of gloom that has settled upon the world and points them to heaven and eternal life.

We ask all our brethren and sisters to unite with us to accomplish this work which is of such vital importance, praying and believing that God will give us success.

Soon our task will be completed. The night cometh, when no man can work. The day of grace and salvation is almost past. Let us finish the work committed to us as soon as possible. May God give us grace as we respond to His call in this hour of crisis!

## Highlights of the Annual Division Council

By M. Fridlin

Secretary, Southern European Division

The sixty delegates present highly appreciated the privilege of attending the 1950 Division Council, held in Rome, the « Eternal City, » at a period when the so-called « Holy Year » was reaching its culmination. The Council met from December 6 to 12 in the chapel of our new Italian Union headquarters building, overlooking the Tiber River, and everyone enjoyed the cordial hospitality of our Italian brethren.

This year the Council was preceded by a Home Missionary convention, December 1 to 6, under the leadership of F. Charpiot and attended by union and local Home Missionary Department secretaries as well as some union and conference presidents. For this convention the General Conference had sent H. F. Brown, associate secretary of the General Conference Home Missionary Department, whom everyone was happy to see again. Elder Brown is no stranger in our Division, having served as secretary of the Home Missionary Department in our field before the second World War.

The opening meeting of the session took place on Wednesday, December 6, at 8:00 P. M. We were particularly honored this year by the presence of our General Conference president, W. H. Branson, and the General Conference treasurer, C. L. Torrey. E. E. Franklin, one of the associate secretaries of the General Conference Publishing Department and a familiar figure in our Division, was also present, as well as K. J. Reynolds, associate secretary of the General Conference Department of Education, who stopped for a few days in Rome on his way back to Washington from West Africa. We were also glad to see R. R. Figuhr, General Conference vice-president, who on his way to the Orient spent one day with us.

In the course of this opening meeting, W. R. Beach, the Division president, gave his report, a summary of which follows.

« In thinking of this Council in Rome, we have

prayed and worked that it might mark a new day in our fields. We have come here to plant the banner firmly in advance and to march toward it.

« The past has prepared us for such a step. We can say, 'Hitherto hath the Lord helped us,' for we have emerged from the world torment not only rehabilitated but with methods undreamed of before the war. Changes have taken place in Europe, and we do not know what tomorrow will bring forth. We live in the shadow of grave events. From a spiritual viewpoint, the world is preparing to receive the advent message. Three quarters of a century ago the Spirit of prophecy told us that the time would come when thousands would be gathered into the church in a day. Our work has been reorganized during the past few years so as to meet this challenge.

« From a material viewpoint, this means that more than a hundred places of worship have been built and dedicated, including this building in Rome. In Athens, Barcelona, Vienna, Algiers, important evangelistic centers have been inaugurated during 1950. The radio studio at Paris was completed. Publishing houses in Madagascar and Italy are beginning to operate. New schools are functioning in Mauritius and in Austria. All this constitutes a tremendous challenge to those attending this Council.

« As stated at the General Conference session, during the past four years we have baptized as many members as we had at the beginning of that period. Last year we reached the record figure of 9,691 baptisms, and up to the end of September this year, 7,431 have been baptized. We hope to reach 10,000 by the end of this year. Our membership — including the Portuguese territories in Africa — now stands at 76,163. God has been good to us. But, even as we look to the past and glory in its accomplishments, we face an even greater program. The General Conference president has suggested that we double

our membership in the next four years. We have done it in the past, and we accept the challenge for the four years ahead.

« Paul, speaking of his plan to come to Rome, was obsessed by a twofold vision — the power of the gospel, and his obligation to preach the gospel to all. It is this vision that will enable us to accomplish our program. And in this connection I should like to submit a few points for your consideration.

« 1. The 'refreshing' spoken of by the prophets includes the early rain or the work of sanctification which we need as a church and as individuals. 1 Thess. 5 : 33 outlines the program for this Division Council. Then the latter rain, the rain of the harvest, will provide the necessary power to proclaim God's message to every nation.

« 2. The unity of truth in diversity — unity of doctrine, unity in planning, a united front. As war and separation loom on the horizon, we must tighten the cords and march together toward the New Jerusalem. There is also what might be called the organic unity of the advent movement — the interdependence of all its branches. No activity can be neglected without crippling the entire movement. From this viewpoint, I feel that plans should be laid to strengthen our work of health reform.

« 3. Evangelism. Much has been done, but we need to add strength to the work. I believe the time has come to organize evangelistic teams in the French and German language areas, with the idea that the example be imitated in unions where only one language area is involved. An intensive effort must be put forth in dealing with apostasy. Lay evangelism must be organized in a more scientific way, so as to enlist both young people and adults.

« 4. The religious liberty work can no longer be done on a dilettante basis. It is the work of all. Restrictive movements are arising which threaten to suppress our church. We must prepare a stronger organization for the religious liberty work.

« 5. We must replan our finances so as to depend less on outside help — much as we have appreciated it in the past — and more on our own resources.

« The future is as bright as the promises of God. Let us put our trust in Him and work together for the triumph of His cause. »

The morning devotional hours emphasized the serious situation in our world as well as our greatest need as a people, the outpouring of the latter rain. The inspiring studies of Elders Branson, Torrey, and Figuhr were much appreciated by all and were usually followed by a season of prayer.

Greetings came in from almost every corner of the earth. E. D. Dick, General Conference secretary, A. F. Tarr, president of the Northern European Division, and W. Müller, president of the Central European Division, as well as some other union and mission field leaders who were not able to attend the session, sent cordial wishes. We also had greetings from our former Publishing Department secretary, C. G. Cross, whose heart is still in our Division.

Our missionaries in Africa and the islands, and particularly those in the newly acquired fields of Angola and Portuguese East Africa, were not forgotten. We sent them a heartfelt message in recognition of their faithful labor.

Statistical Summary of the Southern European Division for the Year 1950

Name of Conference or Mission	1																								
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIV. . . . .	40	2515	165	9	153	327	63	48	179	290	37	2552	15	2	7	25	3	—	—	38	49	40	2717	1929	
Austrian Union Conference . . . . .	114	5521	220	—	—	220	23	24	—	47	173	2552	16	1	2	6	3	—	—	8	68	160	5445	5300	
Czechoslovakian Union Conf. . . . .	75	3450	210	43	243	496	95	41	244	380	116	3566	33	3	2	2	19	—	—	125	222	76	2699	1953	
Franco-Belgian » » » » » . . . . .	155	6201	700	—	—	700	61	40	—	101	599	6800	26	10	4	15	35	—	—	66	156	175	6358	4720	
Hungarian » » » » » . . . . .	157	6250	500	—	—	500	—	—	—	—	500	6750	12	5	3	13	—	—	—	—	30	198	6700	5080	
Jugoslavian » » » » » . . . . .	551	30000	5000	—	—	5000	720	51	—	1250	3750	33750	78	11	5	47	—	—	—	—	136	560	32500	30000	
Rumanian » » » » » . . . . .	57	3023	160	19	123	302	59	50	127	237	65	3088	18	5	4	12	—	—	—	39	87	95	2610	1851	
Swiss » » » » » . . . . .	31	4426	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4426	14	12	18	—	—	—	—	99	144	178	9197	7405	
Angola Union Mission . . . . .	17	1796	563	17	8	588	7	8	4	19	569	4426	14	12	18	—	—	—	—	2	206	178	8118	7744	
French West & Eq. African U.M. . . . .	53	1714	304	7	51	362	28	29	30	87	275	2365	12	8	8	10	—	—	—	5	85	61	3087	2575	
Indian Ocean Union Mission . . . . .	48	1682	189	10	132	331	50	21	143	214	117	1799	19	8	8	4	26	—	—	20	51	108	60	2052	1769
Italian » » » » » . . . . .	16	594	45	2	19	66	18	6	26	49	17	611	17	5	6	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	591	438	
North African » » » » » . . . . .	26	1450	143	6	28	177	29	12	29	70	200	1557	12	5	3	3	11	—	—	4	15	53	43	1933	1808
Portuguese » » » » » . . . . .	39	1851	200	—	—	200	—	—	—	—	200	2051	9	4	5	10	—	—	—	—	23	29	901	718	
Bulgarian Conference . . . . .	5	166	55	—	—	55	—	—	—	—	55	173	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	8	5	150	160	
Grecian Mission . . . . .	8	238	7	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	7	291	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	12	9	664	575	
Portuguese East Afr. Mission . . . . .	1	660	77	3	22	102	2	21	27	57	45	705	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	10	28	823	622	
Spanish Mission . . . . .	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Totals for the year 1950 . . . . .	1395	71527	8338	116	779	9438	1164	831	808	2893	6330	78167	332	111	47	247	208	206	381	1529	1776	86545	74547		
Totals for the year 1949 . . . . .	1349	59014	8936	147	2937	12020	614	392	3155	4161	7859	66873	314	91	39	254	156	121	369	1344	1576	76685	69385		

The secretary presented a statistical report which showed constant progress in soul winning. During 1949, 9,691 persons were baptized, and the reports for the first three quarters of 1950, which were not all complete, showed 7,431 souls added to our churches during this period. We feel sure that the final reports of baptisms for the year 1950 will exceed the 10,000 mark. At the end of the year the total membership by unions and mission fields was 66,873, and at the end of nine months of 1950, 76,163. Of course, a little more than four thousand members have been added by the annexing of the Angola Union Mission and Portuguese East Africa to our Division.

These figures represent faithful and self-sacrificing work on the part of workers and church members. We thank God for these loyal men and women in our fields and churches, and for what they have attained with the help of God. At present 1,912 workers are engaged in our Division, and there are 1,387 churches in the various fields. But although the results attained rejoice our hearts, we cannot remain satisfied when we realize that 260 million souls for whom Christ died are still to be warned in our Division. This large mass of population is a constant challenge to us.

The Division treasurer also presented a good financial report, which was unanimously adopted. We could not help giving voice to our gratitude, especially to the General Conference for the allowances made us and for their comprehensive attitude toward our problems, and it was voted to express to the General Conference Committee our loyal and inalterable attachment to the advent message and to the organization. Our thanks go also to our workers and church members in the field who during the past year have again given proof of their spirit of liberality.

The various departments also gave fine reports showing the hand of God in the different phases of the work.

**Department of Education.** Evidences of progress cited by O. Schuberth include first steps toward religious instruction for all our children, a new church school in Berne, and another contemplated for Rouen. Enrollments in the Collonges and Italian training school continue steady; the Portuguese seminary, which was closed by the authorities, is now giving only a few Bible courses; on the other hand, the Austrian school has doubled its enrollment. The schools in the Indian Ocean territory are flourishing.

**Home Missionary Department.** F. Charpiot, Department secretary, gave an account of the lay evangelism being carried on in the Division. A number of examples were cited, among them a sister in Paris who has won twenty-six adults to the truth. During the year 1949, 936 souls were won by laymen. The number of missionary contacts made was 185,860. Reports indicated that 175,600 Bible readings were given and 385,259 pieces of literature distributed. Encouraging results were reported from the Ingathering and Big Week campaigns.

**Ministerial Association.** The report was presented by A. Meyer. This mid-century year has marked the beginning of a real evangelistic revival spirit among the workers. The outstanding event of the year was the great Ministerial Association convention which preceded the General Conference session in San Francisco. The Division workers' convention to take place July 16-21, 1951, will be the first of its kind, and Elder Meyer urged that a special effort be made to enable as many evangelistic workers as possible to attend.

**Publishing Department.** Inasmuch as C.G. Cross had left the field in October, the report was presented by F. Charpiot, newly appointed secretary of the Department. Literature amounting to \$ 385,897.07 was delivered during the first nine months of 1950. In order to accomplish this result, the colporteurs worked a total of 306,906 hours. Elder Charpiot paid tribute

### Report of the Home Missionary Department of the Southern European Division For the Year 1950

	Austrian U. C.	Franco-Belgian U. C.	Swiss U. C.	Angola U. M.	French West & Eq.-African U. M.	Indian Ocean U. M.	Italian U. M.	North African U. M.	Portuguese U. M.	Spanish Mission	Totals
Number added to union membership since last report as a result of lay members' missionary work	111	44	36	—	575	176	162	—	—	—	1,104
Number of churches and companies reporting	39	38	51	—	178	34	41	13	13	4	411
Churches holding first Sabbath missionary service	38	19	47	—	—	33	45	12	13	10	217
Churches holding weekly missionary service	34	8	40	—	—	9	45	—	13	—	149
Churches conducting training classes	12	8	2	—	—	5	16	—	—	—	43
Churches with one or more service companies in operation	34	13	53	—	—	8	—	—	3	10	121
Institutes, rallies, and conventions held	22	—	15	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	50
Persons reporting missionary work	742	1,641	619	—	—	476	1,292	—	—	260	5,030
Bible readings and gospel meetings conducted	14,676	6,153	5,278	313	1,818	12,894	25,271	4,275	17,142	2,708	90,528
Missionary contacts	29,910	7,151	10,697	359	3,553	12,305	18,633	4,412	17,754	3,966	108,790
Pieces missionary literature distributed	52,836	99,432	214,317	98	2,405	14,654	62,331	23,826	24,225	1,310	495,434
Persons helped	12,359	3,014	6,030	303	3,499	10,256	5,504	2,570	3,870	1,107	48,512
Enrollments in Bible Correspondence Schools	992	—	544	—	—	804	976	116	—	—	3,432

Report of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the Southern European Division  
For the Year 1950

	Austrian U. Conf.	Czechoslovakia U. C.	Franco-Belgial U. C.	Hungarian U. C.	Jugoslavian U. C.	Rumanian U. C.	Swiss U. C.	French West & Eq. African U. M.	Indian Ocean U. M.	Italian U. M.	North African U. M.	Portuguese U. M.	Bulgarian M.	Grecian M.	Spanish M.	Yearly Average and Totals 1950
Number of societies .....	22	75	42	77	75	300	24	6	20	31	7	25	25	3	9	741
Number of societies reporting .....	13	—	26	—	—	—	11	3	14	23	6	24	—	—	—	120
Total membership (all classes) .....	241	1700	715	1597	1500	11000	546	3000	349	635	136	1075	500	50	302	23346
Number reporting .....	141	—	41	—	—	—	70	—	100	355	—	118	—	—	—	825
Total of Senior and Junior young people baptized, regardless of who labored for them .....	62	—	91	—	—	—	47	154	42	21	13	51	20	—	22	523
Number baptized whom young people had a part in winning .....	34	—	54	—	—	—	2	11	—	6	—	16	—	—	—	125
Number belonging to missionary bands .....	35	—	220	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	201	—	—	—	456
<b>REPORT OF MISSIONARY WORK :</b>																
Number of Bible readings or gospel meetings held .....	1484	—	582	—	—	—	448	3247	3580	6760	690	14824	—	—	—	31615
Number of missionary contacts .....	3243	—	2086	—	—	—	917	3055	4077	4506	775	26064	—	—	—	44723
Number of persons helped .....	1237	—	644	—	—	—	2665	1863	540	1284	856	7568	—	—	—	21474
Literature distributed .....	10942	—	40462	—	—	—	30086	263	4122	52765	4848	90154	—	—	—	223642
<b>DEVOTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL:</b>																
Number observing the Morning Watch .....	154	—	102	—	—	—	132	429	88	178	65	302	—	—	—	1450
Number completing Bible Year and Character Classics .....	20	—	49	—	—	—	33	56	25	36	9	159	—	—	—	387
Number taking Reading Course ..	20	—	43	—	—	—	43	—	2	25	1	51	—	—	—	185
<b>FINANCIAL :</b>																
Offerings local society work ... \$	136.02	—	82.14	—	—	—	79.57	8.41	18.04	53.51	—	1.87	—	—	—	379.56
ngathering for Missions .....	368.12	—	3006.—	—	—	—	3326.80	77.22	451.50	794.10	451.50	759.05	—	—	—	9234.19
Offerings special projects .....	17.47	—	154.50	—	—	—	610.66	—	—	135.30	48.45	321.95	—	—	—	1288.33

to the work of Elder Cross during the past two years. He stated that the success of the colporteur work is a sign of the times, and appealed for the prayers and support of the field leaders.

**Radio Work.** New stations over which the religious as well as the educational program is to be broadcast have been added to the others already carrying it. We were especially happy to launch last June the Italian Voice of Hope program over Radio Monte Carlo. Even in the far-distant mission island of Réunion, the Voice of Hope program as well as the educational program nas been started; the latter also over Radio Mauritius. The Bible Correspondence schools now list 31,505 enrollments, of which 8,840 are following the course regularly. During the first nine months of 1950, 129 persons were added to the church by baptism as a result of the radio and Bible Correspondence School work. We are convinced that the hand of God is in this work.

**Sabbath School Department.** Quoting from a Roman Catholic critic of our movement who calls the Sabbath school the « masterpiece of the system, » A. D. Gomes presented a report of its achievements in recent years. The Sabbath school membership has increased 17,302 over that for 1948. Offerings amounted to \$79,861 in 1947, \$94,262 in 1948, and \$97,780 in 1949. While there is a great deal of room for improvement, the Sabbath School Department has made progress.

**Y. P. M. V. Department.** The prophecy of Joel that in the last days « your young men shall see visions » is being fulfilled today, according to J. J.

Aitken, secretary of this Department. The 27,000 young people of the Southern European Division are catching new visions of what can be done in winning souls. Open-air meetings are being conducted by young people in Brussels and Paris, with good results. Elder Aitken stated that youth evangelism is the most economical plan ever devised for winning new members to the church. Junior and senior camps have resulted in many decisions for baptism.

We do not have space here to publish all the resolutions adopted during the Council, but some of the most important follow.

**Revival and Reformation**

WHEREAS, The situation of the world as a whole is extremely critical at the present moment, and that of the church is becoming more and more difficult, and

WHEREAS, We are conscious of the solemn responsibility resting on all ministers and workers in the present circumstances, to give to the world and the church the message for this time, and

WHEREAS, We recognize gratefully the spiritual benefits which the revival has already brought to many workers and to many churches, but on the other hand we are convinced that the « times of refreshing » spoken of in the Scriptures are now due,

We hereby solemnly resolve to seek the Lord with all our hearts; to put out of our lives everything which might obstruct the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, who



## RECAPITULATION

Name of Conference or Mission	Number of Churches	Previous Membership	Baptism	Vote	Letter	Total Gains	Apostasy	Death	Letter	Total Losses	Net Gain	Present Membership	Ord. Ministers	Lic. Ministers	Credentialed Missionaries	Licensed Missionaries	Bible Instr.	Elem. School Teachers	Cantassers	Total Laborers	Number of Sab. Schools	Sab. School Membership	Average Attendance
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIV. Union Conference</b>	40	2576	13	2	41	56	17	11	52	80	-24	2552	15	2	7	25	—	—	—	49			
Austrian »	114	5694				NO REPORT						5694	33	3	2	3	19	—	8	68	160	5445	5200
Franco-Belgian »	75	3498	55	18	81	154	24	9	53	86	68	3566	32	22	5	29	6	3	125	222	76	2699	1953
Hungarian »	155	6800				NO REPORT						6800	26	10	4	15	35	—	66	156	175	6358	4720
Jugoslavian »	157	6750				NO REPORT						6750	12	5	—	13	—	—	—	30	198	6700	5080
Rumanian »	551	33000	1000	—	—	1000	120	130	—	250	750	33750	78	11	—	47	—	—	—	136	560	32500	30000
Swiss »	57	3103	25	4	39	68	16	15	52	83	-15	3088	18	5	4	12	5	4	39	87	55	2610	1851
Angola » Mission	31	4426										4426	14	12	—	18	—	99	1	144	98	9197	7405
French West and Eq. Afr. U.M.	17	1987	381	—	7	388	2	6	2	10	387	2365	12	8	1	14	94	75	2	206	178	8118	7744
Indian Ocean Union Mission	53	1811	190	—	24	214	7	13	16	36	178	1989	21	8	10	22	3	16	5	85	61	3087	2575
Italian »	48	1785	32	5	39	76	13	6	43	62	—	1799	19	8	—	4	26	—	51	108	60	2052	1769
North African »	16	624	4	2	4	10	9	2	12	23	-13	611	7	5	6	13	—	—	20	51	18	591	438
Portuguese »	26	1516	60	5	11	76	19	5	11	35	41	1557	12	5	3	3	11	4	15	53	43	1933	1808
Bulgarian Conference	39	2051				NO REPORT						2051	9	4	—	10	—	—	—	23	29	901	718
Grecian Mission	5	173										173	2	1	1	2	1	—	1	8	5	150	160
Portuguese East Afr. Mission	1	238	55	—	—	55	2	—	—	2	53	291	1	1	—	2	4	4	—	12	9	664	575
Spanish Mission	10	711	6	—	14	20	3	5	18	26	-6	705	5	—	2	9	1	1	10	28	10	823	622
<b>TOTALS FOR 4th QUARTER, 1950:</b>	1395	76743	1821	36	260	2117	232	202	259	693	1424	78167	332	111	47	247	208	206	381	1582	1775	86545	74547
<b>TOTALS FOR 4th QUARTER, 1949:</b>	1349	60381	6493	46	661	7200	129	51	528	708	6492	66873	314	91	39	254	156	121	369	1344	1576	76685	68485

alone can bring about a genuine revival followed by a reformation among the churches and among the workers; and to invite our workers to continue and to intensify the evangelistic efforts begun in 1950, leaving no stone unturned that they may produce definite results.

### Itinerant Evangelistic Teams

WHEREAS, Special evangelistic efforts must be undertaken without delay in the large cities and towns of our Division, and

WHEREAS, These evangelistic campaigns should be conducted by workers with thorough preparation having at their disposal all the help needed,

We recommend, That the Southern European Division committee be asked to give favorable consideration to the organization, as soon as possible, of itinerant evangelistic teams, beginning with the French and German language areas.

### Evangelism

WHEREAS, We realize the shortness of the time remaining to us in which to warn a world threatened with destruction and to snatch souls from perdition, and

WHEREAS, We are reminded that «when the churches become living, working churches, . . . the windows of heaven will be open for the showers of the letter rain» (*Review and Herald*, Feb. 25, 1890),

Resolved, that we intensify the evangelistic activity begun in 1950.

We recommend, That a concerted and sustained effort be set in motion by the field leadership and the Home Missionary Department in cooperation with the pastors, aimed at a revival of the apostolic spirit and of missionary activity in all our churches and companies, according to the program outlined at the recent General Conference session, in order to double our membership as rapidly as possible.

Resolutions were adopted regarding a revival of health reform and the fight against such social evils as alcohol and tobacco. It was also voted to appeal to all our leaders, workers, and members to support our medical institutions and food factories.

The nominating committee presented its recommendations concerning the leadership of union and detached missions. Changes were voted in the leadership of some fields. M. Lourinho, formerly leader of our Madeira Islands Mission, was elected president of the Angola Union Mission. E. L. Jewell will serve as secretary-treasurer of that union. E. Ferreira is now president of the Portuguese Union, replacing A. D. Gomes, Division Sabbath School Department and field secretary. D. G. Rose, formerly in charge of famine relief work in Europe, was elected president of the Spanish Mission, thus enabling I. Aguilar to devote his entire time to the training school and the Young People's Department. In the North African Union Mission, C. Dudragne was elected secretary-treasurer to replace R. Birckel, who has accepted a call to serve as secretary-treasurer of the East France Conference.

During the evening sessions our field leaders gave most encouraging reports of the activities in their fields and the success obtained during the past year.

The Sabbath program was full of interest, and most of the Italian workers as well as a number of church members from outside Rome attended the meetings. During the session we enjoyed the music furnished by the new Italian radio quartet, and on the Sabbath the Florence choir as well as the voice of our sister Grazia Lippolis-Lamuraglia gave special pleasure to the large congregation.

It is our hope that 1951, in spite of the dark clouds looming on the political horizon, will be the year of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon God's people in this field as in the whole world, and that thousands of souls will be led to the truth.

Report of the Publishing Department of the Southern European Division  
For the Year 1950

	Average Number of Colporteurs	Number of Hours	Val of Books in Dollars	Value of Periodicals in Dollars		Grand Total Value of Sales Local Currency	Grand Totals in Dollars
AUSTRIAN U.C.							
Alpine Conf. ....	15	15,343			Sch.	281,956.—	\$ 14,097.80
Danube Conf. ....	13	19,350				341,347.—	17,067.35
	28	34,693	\$ 31,145.95	\$ 19.20	Sch.	623,303.—	\$ 31,165.15
FRANCO-BELGIAN U.C.							
Belgian Conf. ....	14	10,408			FFr.	7,571,002.—	\$ 22,712.99
East France Conf. ....	13	12,136				6,665,533.—	19,996.58
North France Conf. ....	48	43,401				25,418,144.—	76,254.40
Southeast France Conf. ....	57	32,597				21,308,685.25	63,926.04
Southwest France Conf. ....	16	9,880				5,090,164.—	15,270.48
	148	108,422	\$ 72,860.17	\$ 125,300.32	FFr.	66,053,528.25	\$ 198,160.49
HUNGARIAN U.C. ....	72	54,768	\$ 37,816.29		Ft.	439,724.40	\$ 37,816.29
SWISS U.C.							
German Swiss Conf. ....	30	37,623			SFr.	214,330.—	\$ 50,367.56
Leman Conf. ....	14	17,543				148,107.35	36,734.75
	44	55,166	\$ 54,472.25	\$ 32,630.06	SFr.	362,437.35	\$ 87,102.31
FR. WEST & EQ. AFR. U.M. ....			\$ 735.02	\$ 7.62	CFr.	123,773.—	\$ 742.64
INDIAN OCEAN U.M. ....	13	7,204	\$ 6,249.22	\$ 1,065.39	CFr.	1,219,108.20	\$ 7,314.61
ITALIAN U.M.							
Central Italian Miss. ....	15	15,170			Lire	10,362,555.—	\$ 17,098.20
North Italian Miss. ....	33	26,324				16,381,655.—	27,029.71
South Italian Miss. ....	15	21,569				9,284,974.—	15,320.18
	63	63,063	\$ 59,448.09		Lire	36,029,184.—	\$ 59,448.09
NORTH AFRICAN U.M.							
Algerian Miss. ....	8	10,402			FFr.	5,940,746.—	\$ 17,822.22
Moroccan Miss. ....	7	9,387				5,313,692.—	15,941.07
Tunisian Miss. ....	3	3,518				1,404,252.—	4,212.73
	18	23,307	\$ 18,484.70	\$ 19,491.32	FFr.	12,658,690.—	\$ 37,976.02
PORTUGUESE U.M. ....	13	13,871	\$ 7,796.41	\$ 2,155.25	Esc.	276,434.90	\$ 9,951.66
GRECIAN MISS. ....	1	422	\$ 316.10		Dr.	4,515,600.—	\$ 316.10
SPANISH MISS. ....	12	13,460	\$ 24,367.96		Pes.	609,199.—	\$ 24,367.96

## RECAPITULATION

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TOTALS ....	412	374,376	\$ 313,692.16	\$ 180,669.16			\$ 494,361.32



# European Youth's Congress

By J. J. Aitken

Secretary, Y. P. M. V. Department, Southern European Division

Enthusiasm is mounting steadily throughout the Southern European Division at the thought of the coming European Youth's Congress, to be held in Paris, July 24-29, 1951. Never in the history of the advent movement in Europe has there been the prospect of gathering so large a number of youth from so many different countries of old Europe.

Under the chairmanship of E. W. Dunbar of the General Conference, three divisions of Europe are planning together in order that this European Youth's Congress may result in a mighty advance by Christ's young ambassadors, enabling them to finish the task which God has given them to do. Europe today needs a message of hope such as only Seventh-day Adventist youth can give. In a world fearful and perplexed, torn apart by political ideologies which create friction and hatred, it is indeed refreshing to see a great army of youth about to be assembled from various nations, which has chosen as its motto, « The love of Christ constraineth us. »

Paris, with its rich historical background, has been chosen for the European Youth's Congress because it forms the hub most suitable for such an international gathering. He who has not seen Paris has really not seen Europe. For the free countries of Europe, Paris is a crossroads. Thousands of youth in the Northern, Central, and Southern European divisions are praying, planning, and sacrificing in order that they may have the help and inspiration which this congress will bring to them. This is a new generation of youth which has passed through the fiery crucible of World War II, and it is their first opportunity to attend an international gathering of Adventist youth from so many countries.

Preliminary reports indicate that each of the three European divisions will be sending at least one thousand delegates, thus giving us a basic attendance of three thousand. We are planning for an overall attendance which will reach about four thousand.

The special interest of the General Conference in this congress has deeply touched the hearts of European youth. Our leaders in Washington, along with the Missionary Volunteers of North America, are aiding substantially in order to make possible the attendance of a large number of European youth who because of war ravages and poverty could not otherwise attend. We have laid plans for mass lodging facilities, with camp cots, which will tremendously aid in cutting the customary hotel expense.

Already reports are coming to us as to how many delegates each country is planning to send. The Scandinavian countries of Northern Europe have an interesting plan by which they will send a large delegation in special autocars from Stockholm. Austria plans to send about two hundred delegates, if possible. I have just returned from Italy, where I visited our Missionary Volunteer leaders in Milan, Florence, Rome, Naples, and Trieste, and I was happy to see

the enthusiasm for the congress on the part of our young people as well as the field leaders. Italy is planning definitely to send some two hundred delegates. Switzerland, an old base for the work of God in Southern Europe, will also be represented in a strong way at Paris. Portugal, Spain, and North Africa are planning for delegations, the size of which is yet to be determined.

The far-flung mission fields of our Division have been asked to propose one typical consecrated native delegate from each union mission. Paris this summer will receive as guests Missionary Volunteers from the regions of the North Pole — delegates from Iceland, northern Norway, Finland, and Sweden — while, on the other hand, Missionary Volunteers will be coming from the islands of the Indian Ocean, far south of the equator. These youth will come to Paris with all the color of their native countries and with warm expressions of greeting which will be understood by any Missionary Volunteer, regardless of the language he speaks. Christian fellowship is the force that binds God's people together around the circle of the earth.

And then there is America. It is hoped in Europe that a large American delegation may also be present. Europe appreciates the help and the messages of hope which have come across the waves in times of dire need, and it will be a great blessing if American Missionary Volunteers may have the privilege of association with European Missionary Volunteers of like faith.

The European Youth's Congress should mean a real spiritual and evangelistic advance in the lives of thousands. Everyone understands the seriousness of the hour. It is understood that international events may cause the cancellation of all plans. However, we are going forward in faith, trusting and praying that God will give us yet a little time in order to prepare young people for the days ahead. No real Missionary Volunteer is going to Paris as on a pleasure jaunt. Every young man and young woman sent from his or her local church goes to Paris with two goals in mind — edification and evangelism. The supreme question will be, How can I better prepare for my part in bringing the advent message to all the world in this generation?

Along with Elder Dunbar and his associates in the Missionary Volunteer Department, well-known speakers from all parts of the world will take part. A flaming torch representing the faith of Seventh-day Adventist youth in all the world will arrive in Paris, having made its long journey from Hazelton, Michigan, where the first Missionary Volunteer society was founded in 1879. A rich program of music with a message will gladden the hearts of thousands and give them renewed courage to do their part in a mighty « Share Your Faith » movement.

The hour of opportunity is about to strike in Europe. Let us make it count for Christ.

## Let's DOUBLE Our Radio Offering!

As Moses, God's faithful servant, was about to die, he felt it necessary to remind the children of Israel of the benefits which God had showered upon them since their exodus from Egypt. Imploring the divine mercy upon a people who had often manifested only ingratitude in return for the blessings received, he cried, « O Lord God, Thou hast begun to show Thy servant Thy greatness, and Thy mighty hand : for what God is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to Thy works, and according to Thy might ? »

This backward glance was intended to inspire the Jews with a wholesome feeling of humility and to set them on fire with a desire to measure up to the high calling with which God had honored them.

When we think of the humble beginnings of our radio work in general, and of the « Voice of Hope » and the Bible Correspondence courses in particular, and when we consider the world-wide extent of this special form of evangelism, we feel constrained to say as did Moses, « Lord God, Thou hast begun to show Thy servants Thy greatness and Thy mighty hand. »

While the message is today being proclaimed over more than six hundred broadcasting stations, more than thirty stations are carrying it in the various territories of our Division. Of the 810,000 enrolled in Bible Correspondence schools throughout the world, 31,000 belong to our Division. Thus thousands of pages containing the message of the blessed hope have already been distributed and have penetrated to the remotest families. Our Bible courses are indeed a light amid the darkness. And it is our radio broadcasts which tirelessly direct the attention of listeners to these courses which have proved such a blessing.

During the past two years, nearly three hundred souls have been won by means of the radio and the Bible Correspondence courses. Truly, God has manifested His greatness and His mighty hand.

We often fail to realize the full importance of the influence exerted by our radio broadcasts. Some of our workers and members who at the outset were rather skeptical as to the results of the radio work, have told us of their astonishment when, during the Ingathering campaign, many of the persons solicited spoke of how much they appreciated the « Voice of Hope. » Furthermore, we are told that the souls won through the Bible Correspondence courses are generally the best instructed of all the new members ; and of all who enroll in the courses, those who do so as a result of listening to the radio broadcast are the most regular. God has blessed the speakers and those in charge of preparing the programs, as well as the personnel of the Bible Correspondence courses and our faithful members who have already contributed so much to the success of this divinely ordained work.

But it must be remembered that more and more funds are needed in order to continue sending the message over the air. New doors are constantly opening. More broadcasting stations are available to us. New fields which would like to hear our program are appealing to us. A special effort must be put forth this year. At the Annual Division Council held in Rome, it was decided to ask all our leaders, workers,

and members to double their gift this year in behalf of the radio work. God asks of us not only our prayers and our labor, but also our money.

There are still millions who would like to hear our broadcasts. Who knows how much longer it will be possible for us to give our message by means of the radio ? We feel sure that all our workers and members, as well as our friends, will support this work to the extent of their resources, and that each will generously endeavor to sustain us in our task. In advance, our heartiest thanks.

M. F.

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Radio Offering May 19

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## Bogenhofen Seminary

A little more than a year ago, the youngest child in our Division sisterhood of schools was born. The first school year opened in November, 1949, with an enrollment of 22 students. Many things were still lacking ; the water and heating system was not yet finished, and classes were conducted in the dining room. It was a real pioneer year. But the spirit of sacrifice and work was excellent, and when the school year closed, students and teachers looked back upon happy months of successful endeavor in Christian education.

The second school year began on September 12, 1950. While prospects had been good, the enrollment grew beyond expectations as the students poured in. At this writing, 46 young people are enjoying the blessings of our Seventh-day Adventist school in Catholic Austria. And what surprised us most is the fact that there are more girls than boys. In Europe it is customary to give a good education to the boys but to neglect the girls. Usually there are more boys than girls in our schools, in spite of our intensive promotion work with special emphasis on an invitation to the young ladies also to take advantage of the privileges of a Christian education. The idea has taken hold in Austria, and we are glad for it.

F. Pieringer, a man of long experience in educational work, is the principal of the school. He began his work as young teacher in our old European training school at Friedensau, Germany, before the first World War. Later he was in charge of the German department at the Collonges seminary in France. Brother Pieringer is himself an Austrian, and under his leadership the school promises to develop into one of the finest small educational institutions in the world.

The school property is an old castle surrounded by about fifteen acres of farm land. It is located five miles north of the small town of Braunau on the Inn River. This section is good farming country. Food is cheaper here than anywhere else in Austria. A small railway station is about half a mile from the school. We believe that the Lord guided us in finding this property, and we pray for His blessing as we endeavor to develop the educational work in Austria.

**O. SCHUBERTH**

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Southern European Division.*

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Progress at Tananarive

The 1950 school year at our Malagasy seminary has been the most fruitful of all its twelve years of existence. This is of course normal ; all of our institutions should be making constant progress, either qualitative or quantitative, or both at the same time. We therefore give thanks to God for having enabled us to realize such a program.

During this year, 432 boys and girls have been registered as students, 267 of whom were day-pupils and 165 in the school homes. The average daily attendance was 330. There were 225 in the primary classes, and 180, aged from 14 to 25, in the more advanced section. The teacher-training course had an enrollment of 8, and there were a dozen of the older boys in the Bible course. The newly organized commercial section afforded training to two boys and five girls who had already completed the regular course.

At the closing exercises, held October 29, six diplomas were awarded : the diploma of evangelist to two young men who had successfully completed their six-year course, and that of stenographer to four young women who had attended the school from two to four years.

November and December found a number of our students passing the various state examinations. Four out of seven succeeded in obtaining the *Certificat d'études primaires*, and twelve out of sixteen obtained the *Certificat d'études primaires du second degré*. Three out of six were awarded the *Certificat d'aptitude a l'enseignement*. Finally, one of two was successful in securing the *Brevet élémentaire*. Of about 360 candidates for the latter examination, only twenty-two succeeded, including one Adventist girl and one of our teachers.

These results would be incomplete if we could not point to others in the spiritual realm. Several evangelistic efforts have been carried on at the school, and some of the village people have become interested in our message. The baptismal class has been attended regularly by some fifty students, of whom 22 were baptized toward the end of the school year. These souls won to our Lord will be so many stars in the crowns being prepared for all who are working to the glory of God in our Tananarive seminary.

Jean ZURCHER,  
 Principal, Tananarive Seminary.

**MISSIONARY DEPARTURES**  
 1950

**February**

*Mr. and Mrs. A. Matton and two children, of France, to the French Cameroun.*  
*Miss L. Ferreira, of Portugal, to Saint Thomas Island.*

**April**

*Mr. and Mrs. P. Nouan and one child, of France, to Tahiti, Society Islands.*  
*Mr. and Mrs. M. Koopmans and three children, of Belgium, to Belgian Congo.*

**June**

*Mr. and Mrs. A. Casaca and one child, of Portugal, to Angola (returning).*

**July**

*Mr. and Mrs. R. Bentz and three children, of France, to the French Cameroun.*  
*Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morgado, of Portugal, to Cape Verde Islands.*

**August**

*Miss R. Raposo, of Portugal, to Madeira Island.*

**September**

*Mr. and Mrs. Ch. Winandy and one child, of France, to Algeria.*  
*Mr. and Mrs. A. Autin, of France, to Algeria.*  
*Miss I. Gerber, of Switzerland, to Algeria.*  
*Mr. and Mrs. R. Dunkel and three children, of Switzerland, to Algeria (returning).*



*Baptismal class at Malagasy seminary, Tananarive.*

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**HERE AND THERE**  
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A coil has been placed for F. Hugli, formerly connected with the French Publishing House at Dommarieles-Lys, France, to serve as auto mechanic in the French Cameroun, a need which has become increasingly urgent during the past few months. Brother and Sister Hugli have accepted the coil and will leave for Africa during the summer.

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A letter from R. Villeneuve brings the good news that the Malagasy print shop, on which construction was started about a year ago, has now begun to operate. The motors are already turning, and two typesetters are at work. Soon the press and other machines will also be functioning. The construction of the building, as well as the installation of the machines and the print shop, have required a great deal of effort on Brother Villeneuve's part, inasmuch as he has had to do much of the work himself. This attractive print shop is located on the grounds of the Soomanondrariny seminary, near Tonanorive, the capital of Madagascar. Its activity will add to the effectiveness of our work, not only in Madagascar but in the whole union.

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Under date of January 18, Charles Monnier, director of the Mauritius Mission, writes an inspiring and enthusiastic letter. During 1950, 64 persons were baptized on this small island. This is a record for the Mauritius Mission. The increase in faith is also considerable, amounting to 20% more than the preceding year. The Phoenix school, under the leadership of H. Evard, had reopened the week before for another school year, with 224 students, a much larger number than the previous year. The lack of space of the school is a great handicap. The new dispensary is doing good work and already has earned an excellent reputation in the city.

Elder Monnier and his family will return to Europe early this year, after more than five years of fruitful labor, during which the work in Mauritius has experienced a constant growth. J. Belloy, who has been connected with mission work in the island for a little more than three years, has been elected superintendent of the mission after Elder Monnier's departure.

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E. Londa, who has served the cause for a number of years in northern and southern France as well as in North Africa, and who has recently been located in Angers, has accepted a coil from the Middle East Division to take charge of the work in Israel. It is with regret that we see Elder Londo and his family leave our Division, but we are happy to have been able to release him to the Middle East Division, where his services are so much needed. The family left Europe for Haïti on February 20. Our prayers and best wishes accompany them to their new field of labor in the Holy Land.

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E. P. Mansell, who with his family has been on coastal furlough in South Africa, has now returned to Portuguese East Africa. Before going back to the mission station at Munguluni, Elder Mansell will spend some time in Lourenço Marques, capital of Mozambique, to investigate whether radio work can be opened there. It is our plan also to send a colporteur to Portuguese East Africa in the near future.

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J. A. de Caenel, president of the French West and Equatorial African Union Mission, gives the following news of the work in the Cameroun:

"I have just returned from Nsem (a village located in the bush, some 100 kilometers from Nanga-Ebako, our union headquarters) where Brother and Sister Bernord and I spent three

marvelous days. We held the dedication service for the chapel recently constructed by our brethren and held a baptism at which fifty souls were added to the church. The organization of the church was completed by the ordination of Brother Engozo Daniel as elder. Six brethren were ordained as deacons, and three deaconesses were appointed. The Lord's supper was celebrated before more than five hundred persons."

In another letter, Elder de Coenel speaks of having baptized 25 persons of Niomboodou and Ngalla, two more villages in the midst of the African bush. He adds that although the heat is terrible and the roads are full of dust, the work is onward.

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In our last number it was stated that Brother and Sister A. Sanchez had accepted the coil to take up work in Tangier. We can now report that they left Marseille January 30 on the S. S. **Djenné** for their new field of labor. Brother Sanchez will be in charge of the work recently begun there, and Sister Sanchez will act as secretary-treasurer of the mission. Dr. I. Aguilar will continue to direct the ever-expanding medical work.

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Both of our faithful missionary families on Réunion Island, S. Meyer and R. Vertallier, finish their term of service during the first part of this year and are due for furlough. According to a recent decision, R. Vertallier, who, with his family, left Réunion on February 24, will return to the island to take the leadership of the mission, where the labors of our two workers have been so richly blessed. In order to maintain the staff, Brother and Sister J. Surel, who have been engaged in evangelistic work in South France, have accepted a call to take up mission work in Réunion, and left Marseille March 6 on the S. S. **Eridan**.