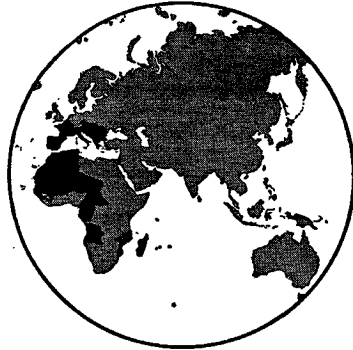


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Annual Meeting of the Southern European Division

By M. Fridlin

The Annual Meeting of the Southern European Division Committee was held from December 3-9, 1958, in our Lake Geneva Sanitarium at Gland, Switzerland. It was not a large council, as only members of the Division Committee, a few conference presidents from the European continent, and some presidents of the detached fields attended this important meeting. We were very pleased to have two delegates from the General Conference with us, namely, Elder V. G. Anderson, one of the vice-presidents, and Elder C. L. Torrey, the General Conference treasurer, who both gave us much help and inspiration during the morning devotional hours as well as very much appreciated counsel and help during the different sessions. It was also a great joy to have with us the president of our work in Czechoslovakia as well as two leaders from Yugoslavia.

Much emphasis was given to evangelism, which remains the most important activity throughout the field.

By 1957 the total membership of the Division was 97,306, and we are especially grateful to the Lord that at the time of the meeting the 100,000 mark was surpassed, because at the end of 1958 the Division membership stood at 100,501. Good progress has been realized, especially in our African mission fields as well as in the eastern countries of our Division.

During this meeting the Nominating Committee brought in its report. Most of the leaders of our Union

Missions and Detached Fields as well as the secretary-treasurers were re-elected. Elder L. Beer, who has been the president of the Italian Union Mission for almost a quarter of a century and who has now reached the age of sixty-five, was replaced by Pastor G. Cavalcante. Brother Beer continues to be in active service, and for the present time is in charge of the Rome church.

Elder A. J. S. Casaca, who for a good number of years has borne the heavy responsibilities of Portuguese West Africa, was elected president of the Portuguese Union Mission, while N. Germanis has been appointed president of the Greek Mission.

During 1958 twenty-one couples and six single workers left Southern Europe for the different fields, and several more have returned to their fields of labor after furlough. We are happy that our mission work in faraway fields is ever increasing, and that faithful men and women are always ready to leave the homeland in order to work, often under very trying conditions, for the saving of precious souls in Africa and the islands of the sea.

We are thankful to God for all our faithful leaders and workers as well as for our good church members and those who have in the past helped so much in the development of the Lord's work in our large territory, and we are confident that we can count on everybody to rededicate themselves once more to this urgent task which is ours as the last church of God in this world.

Lift up your Eyes

By V. G. Anderson

My message to-night is divided into five parts: Lift up your eyes, lift up your heads, lift up your voice, lift up your hands, lift up Christ! These are wonderful exhortations in helping us along the Christian path to heaven. My first text is found in John 4:35 "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." During the last week we have been lifting up our eyes looking at the mission fields, they are white already for the harvest. It is very easy to become discouraged if we look on the ground all the time. It is very easy to look at the fields when we are working there, and it is easy to look only at the dishes when we are washing them every day; but the Bible says here: "Lift up your eyes, and look at the fields." This means that we must look to Africa, way down to Australia, to South America. We must look over the world fields and see what is happening. This will bring courage to us.

My second thought is found in Luke 21:28: "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." First you must lift up your eyes, and now it says: "Lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh." What does that mean? Christ came to redeem this world, and now it says that the time of our redemption is near. It means that we are going to be taken out of this world and taken to heaven; and this surely is something to lift up our heads about. We cannot be discouraged when we think about that. It is discouraging for a man to go with his head bowed down and looking to the ground all the time, but God's message for us to-night is to lift up our heads. Why shall we do this? Because we are going to heaven one of these days. It does not say, "When all these things are going to pass," because the signs of the times have been happening fast in front of us, but it says, when the first one begins to pass in front of us, that is a sign that we are going to be redeemed.

I was born in 1901. I want to tell you what happened in 1901, and what has been happening during the last 56 years. There was no radio when I was born; there was no telephone, and there were no automobile highways. Very few people had seen an automobile; there were no motor cycles, there were no aeroplanes, nobody was even dreaming about them. There was no aluminium ware in our kitchen, no electric stove and no electric appliances. It was a different world, quiet, small and dreamy. Let us go 21 years further back, to 1880. There were no bicycles anywhere, and now it seems that you find them everywhere in some countries. There was not a submarine under the ocean, no motion pictures or anything on the screen. The carbon lights we used to have on our automobiles did not exist in 1880, no adding machines, no trolley streetcars, no harvesters for the grain. It seems as if we have traveled one million years since 1880. But let us go back to 1860. The lights go out, all dynamos stop, no dynamite, no mowing machines to cut the grass, no typewriters, no celluloid, no machine guns, no steel battleships. Everything in the form of appliances have gone. Now we go back to 1830. There are very few railroads anywhere, the cars are drawn by horses. There are no revolvers, you cannot send a telegram, and there are no machines to sew garments on. You will have to make your own safety pins, because there are no machines to make them. Now we go to the year 1800—158 years ago. Do you need a tack? No machine to make any. Do you want to buy a nail? No machine to make nails. Do you want to take a trip on the train? No trains, no tracks, no steam engines. Do you want to take a trip on a boat? No steam boats. Do you have a pain in your appendix? Bad news, there is no anesthetic. There is not much more you can take away.

Do you think that things like that just happened? We Seventh-day Adventists have been preaching for years that the signs of the times have been fulfilling. All those inventions are signs of the coming of the Lord. They are given to us that we might spread the message; give it by telephone, by radio, by television. Travel by automobile, by aeroplane, by trains. Why? To give the message quicker to the far corners of the earth. How could we go down to Angola if we did not have ships or aeroplanes? How could the message go to the far corners of the earth? God has made all this possible so that the work can be finished quickly. The Bible says: When these things *begin* to come to pass. Why, they are almost finished. It says further, "Lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh." This is good news for us. As you know, some people do not believe in the Spirit of prophecy. They say Mrs. White had a wonderful imagination, but we know it was the Spirit of God who told her all. Listen to this statement found in *Evangelism*, p. 29: "Great balls of fire were falling upon houses, and from these balls fiery arrows were flying in every direction. It was impossible to check the fires that were kindled, and many places were being destroyed. The terror of the people was indescribable." Did she not describe this exactly right, and she had never seen it happen. Here is another one: "In the visions of the night a very impressive scene passed before me.

I saw an immense ball of fire fall among some beautiful mansions, causing their instant destruction. I heard some one say, "We knew that the judgments of God were coming upon the earth, but we did not know that they would come so soon." (9T 28.) In the *New York Times* there was an article entitled *We are not Helpless*, and the sub-title was "Balls of Fire." It was just what Mrs. White had written about one hundred years ago, describing the whole thing.

In Isa. 58:1 we find the third exhortation: "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." Someone once said to me: "Why do you talk so loud, Brother Anderson?" I answered him, "It is Biblical, for it says, 'Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet.'" When I was in Africa I did not have any trouble in making people hear me. I said to the missionary in charge that I would like to know how many people I was speaking to on one Sabbath. So he placed white missionaries at the doors and they counted the people as they went past four abreast. When everybody had passed they came up me smilingly and said: "You are going to preach this morning to 7,134 people." Look at the fields, for they are white already for the harvest! It says further: "Shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." People want to be nice to each other these days, everybody wants to get along with everybody else. I want to get along with people too, but there is one thing I do not

want to get along with, and that is sin. It has no place in our churches, and it has no place in our hearts. The Bible tells me that I must tell the people to keep God's Ten Commandments: Keep the Sabbath holy; make God their God; they should not swear; they should not commit adultery; they should not steal. Obey God every day! That is the message to give to the world.

In Psa. 134:2 we find the next statement: "Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord." I have been studying this verse, and when it says, "Lift up your hands in the sanctuary," it means to help in the work in the church. I think that the deacons are helping to lift up the hands in the sanctuary; also our workers in the Dorcas societies are helping; and our colporteurs in spreading the message. I think our church school teachers are doing God's work, and when our lay members are going out spreading the literature and doing harvest ingathering work they also are lifting up the hands in the sanctuary. It says we should bless the Lord. Did you ever do that in your life? We have so much to be thankful for, so let us lift up our hands and help God's work everywhere. Work hard to get money for missions to spread the message to all the world. We often feel that we have to do all the work, and forget that God is willing to help us if we will only let him. A small negro boy entered a public school foot race, and he passed the tape ahead of all the rest of them. The coach noticed the little boy running, and he saw the boy's lips moving all the time. Afterwards he took



Delegates at the
Annual Meeting
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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION OF S. D. A. FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1958

Name of Conference or Mission	Number of Churches	Previous Membership	Baptism	Vote	Letter	Total Gains	Apostasy	Death	Letter Missing Members	Total Losses	Net Gain	Present Membership	Ordained Ministers	Credentialed Missionaries	Licensed Ministers	Licensed Missionaries	Bible Instructors	Elementary School Teachers	Colporteurs	All other Regular Workers	Total Workers	Number of Sabbath Schools	Sabbath 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	25	26	
AUSTRIAN U. C.																										
Alpine Conference	19	1188	3	1	6	10	1	4	6	—	11	- 1	1187	3	4	—	7	1	—	—	8	23				
Danube Conference	21	1523	4	—	6	10	7	1	10	—	18	- 8	1515	7	2	1	1	4	—	4	—	19	19	171	856	
Total	40	2711	7	1	12	20	8	5	16	—	29	- 9	2702	17	7	4	9	6	—	18	8	69	40	2879	1836	
CZECHOSLOVAKIAN U. C.																										
Total	114	7441	—	—	—	No Report	—	—	—	—	—	—	7441	33	2	3	3	19	—	8	—	68	160	6000	5400	
FRANCO-BELGIAN U. C.																										
Belgian Conference	15	971	15	—	1	16	25	5	3	—	33	-17	954	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	14				
French Conference	67	3317	72	2	53	127	6	8	47	—	61	66	3383	31	2	15	10	3	1	44	3	109	72	2865	1733	
Total	82	4288	87	2	54	143	31	13	50	—	94	49	4337	44	3	16	16	3	1	48	12	143	90	3862	2447	
HUNGARIAN U. C.																										
Total	166	6222	—	—	—	No Report	—	—	—	—	—	—	6222	43	5	11	12	6	—	—	2	79	175	7000	6500	
RUMANIAN U. C.																										
Total	551	33683	1883	234	—	2117	1108	703	—	—	1811	306	33989	108	—	35	87	—	—	—	40	270	500	51986	45000	
SWISS U. C.																										
French Swiss Conference	32	1991	11	2	22	35	2	7	19	—	28	7	1998	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1				
German Swiss Conference	27	1444	2	—	8	10	2	10	7	—	19	- 9	1435	11	1	5	4	3	3	22	—	49	28	1346	1024	
Total	59	3435	13	2	30	45	4	17	26	—	47	- 2	3433	24	2	8	8	3	6	36	—	87	59	3340	2179	
JUGOSLAVIAN U. C.																										
Total	230	8248	208	8	160	376	89	45	178	—	312	64	8312	33	1	11	5	11	—	—	—	61	300	9000	8500	
ANGOLA U. M.																										
Bongo Mission	23	4964	552	—	—	552	19	5	—	—	24	528	5492	6	—	5	15	—	—	4	—	30				
Cuale Mission	1	991	193	—	—	193	—	—	—	—	—	193	1184	4	—	8	—	—	—	27	—	39	67	7389	7029	
Lucusse Mission	1	165	52	—	—	52	—	—	—	—	—	52	217	2	—	3	1	—	—	10	—	16	11	1068	997	
Luz Mission	1	847	267	—	—	267	—	—	—	—	—	267	1114	3	—	7	1	—	—	25	—	36	64	4365	4028	
Namba Mission	1	1084	232	—	—	232	40	3	—	9	52	180	1264	1	—	9	1	—	—	4	—	15	11	2185	2032	
Nova Lisboa Mission	22	2239	309	—	—	309	21	4	—	—	25	284	2523	3	—	14	—	—	—	18	—	35	65	5215	5017	
Quilengues Mission	1	135	25	—	—	25	—	—	—	—	—	25	160	1	—	1	1	—	—	12	—	15	11	690	628	
European Churches	2	149	14	—	5	19	—	—	—	—	—	19	168	3	—	—	3	—	—	1	—	7	6	394	367	
Total	52	10574	1644	—	5	1649	80	12	—	9	101	1548	12122	26	—	51	26	—	120	4	—	227	273	25165	23172	
FRENCH EQ. AFRICAN U. M. . .																										
East Mission	8	1277	90	—	—	90	10	—	—	—	10	80	1357	3	2	—	22	—	—	—	—	27				
Kribi Mission	5	361	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	361	3	1	—	—	—	—	34	23	—	62	37	3157	3026
Nanga-Eboko Mission	12	2404	7	—	—	7	6	3	—	—	9	- 2	2402	2	5	—	—	—	—	5	19	—	28	18	929	408
North Cameroun Mission	2	331	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	331	2	—	—	—	—	—	25	32	—	64	39	3681	2922
Sangmelima Mission	2	451	5	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	5	456	2	2	—	—	—	—	15	3	—	20	13	715	981
Yaoundé Mission	6	870	19	—	—	19	2	1	—	—	3	16	886	1	3	—	—	—	—	3	20	—	27	15	649	325
Total	35	5694	121	—	—	121	18	4	—	—	22	99	5793	16	15	—	22	102	132	—	—	287	146	11647	8891	

him aside and said to him: "You won the race alright, but I saw your lips moving all the time, what were you doing?" The little fellow looked down and said: "I was praying." The coach said: "Praying and running at the same time? What were you praying while you were running so hard?" The little boy kept looking down, but answered: "I said, 'Lord, you lift them up, and I will let them down.'" All the time he was saying that, and you see what happened. That was a good lesson for me. In the great race of life the Lord helps us, and if we co-operate we will win the race. Let us pray all the time as we run the great race of life. The Lord does the hard part, and if we just co-operate with him, we will go through the gate into the city of God. Now comes the fifth and last exhortation:

John 3:14,15: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." It says here that Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, but what happened in the wilderness? The serpents would get under the tents

and the people would be frightened; some would be bitten and die. Moses ran to the Lord and begged Him to help them, and the Lord told him to put up a cross, symbolic of the cross of Christ, and if anyone were bitten by a serpent he should look at the cross and he would be saved. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up. Take someone by the hand and tell him about the cross of Jesus. There is much trouble in the world today, and men need Jesus. If they will shut their eyes, and in their minds look at the cross of Jesus and say, Oh Jesus, forgive my sins, the peace of Christ will come into their hearts, for "whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

This is then my message this evening: Lift up your eyes, lift up your heads, lift up your voice, lift up your hands, lift up Jesus Christ. May God help us to know that we are living in the closing hours of this old world's history. Let us accept Christ as our personal Saviour. Our homes and churches can be little bits of heaven if we only give our hearts completely to Him.

Good News from Angola

By E. L. Jewell

I consider it a privilege to be able to bring you a report from Angola. I believe that our message must go to all the world, to every mission field. We are returning to Angola in a few days, and wish we could take every one of you back with us, so you would have the opportunity of seeing the work in the mission field with your own eyes.

The natives in Angola fear the spirits. They believe that there is a god who created the world and what is in it, but they do not worship him; they fear the spirits of which there are about 30 or 40 different ones, and each one governs a portion of their daily life. Their worship consists in appeasing these spirits, so when these people receive the gospel it makes a tremendous difference to their lives, because their fear of the spirits has gone. We can see a difference even in the countenance of the people when they accept the message of the love of Jesus, and I am sure that those of you who have been out to Angola and have seen the natives who live in the heathen villages and those we find in our mission stations, can testify to the fact that there is this difference, for they no longer fear the spirits.

Our headquarters in Angola is in Nova Lisboa, about 400 km from the coast inland. It is on a high plateau, and we have quite an even temperature there. It never gets too hot or too cold, and the country is

really beautiful there in the highlands. Forty miles from Nova Lisboa is our Bongo training school, where we have approximately 500 students in training. I wish you could visit this mission school and see these young men and women preparing to become missionaries or mission workers in their own African villages. That is how our evangelistic work is carried on, through these teachers whom we call teacher-evangelists. Even with these teacher-evangelists we cannot begin to answer all the calls for teachers, and therefore lay men and women who are dedicated to the cause will go out into the areas where there are no members of the church, and they will begin to live there, cultivate their gardens and live among these people. They begin to talk about their religion, working up an interest, and before long we have word that we have a new Sabbath school there, and later a new church. I think that more than half of our baptisms come in through our lay members, and I sincerely believe that this is the secret of finishing the work in Angola. It is important that we keep in contact with these churches, and that has been one of the overburdening occupations of our workers. There is an urgent need that we should have at least two more Europeans to take charge of the areas of Nova Lisboa and Bongo in order to be able to keep in direct contact

with all these churches. I feel confident that if we could have more Europeans to take charge of these areas mentioned our baptisms would double within two or three years, and our tithes and offerings would also greatly be increased. It means a great deal to these Africans to feel that the European missionaries have enough interest to come to their villages, and even to visit them in their homes.

We have, of course, many other mission stations in Angola, as for instance the Cuale Mission in the north of Angola. Aside from our training school this is our most important mission. There is a dense population around this campus. In all my travels through the mission I have never seen villages so full of young people as in this area, and we are looking forward to seeing the work developing in a very strong way in this part of the country. We are in a unique position there, because we have decided to open up a hospital and do not have the equipment, although we have the hospital all ready, and we have a doctor to run it, but we trust that something may be done so that we can equip this hospital very soon.

All our mission stations, like for instance Lucusse, Cuale and Luz, are one hundred miles from a town, and as most supplies must be brought from town, it takes quite a bit of planning to get all the things we need and which will last until the next time we have an opportunity to go to town.

Our newest mission is the Namba Mission, some 180 km north of Nova Lisboa. It is in the highlands, on a beautiful spot, with ideal climate and a beautiful farm

of 4000 ha. The farm has not been developed yet, but has great possibilities if we only had a man who knew how to farm this property. This would give us a place from which we could reach the tribes in the north of Angola. These natives live up in the rocks, and it is most difficult to find the villages as the houses almost look like the rock themselves, but we already have about 300 believers among these people.

I am sure you would like to know that our baptisms this year have been 1660; that number, I think, is the second largest in the Division this year. We all want to praise the Lord for this. It is your mission field, and we are trying to carry forward the work which you have given us to do. We want you to know that we are trying to use the funds that are given to us in the best possible way. The total number of members in Angola is now over 12,000. Our number has just doubled during the last five years, and with the help of the Lord we hope to double it again within the next five years. We want you to pray for us, and want you to continue to support us with your funds as you have done in the past, and as we all work together we will be able to accomplish that which we have set out to do. The Lord has told us that this message has to go to every nation, kindred, tongue and people; that means the Africans of Africa as well, and there are millions of Africans who have not yet heard this message. There are large territories in Angola where they have not heard the message, so we need to take every opportunity to carry it forward into these areas, and I am sure, as we all work together, and with the blessing of the Lord, this will be possible.



Some of the
Students from
Bongo Mission
Training School,
Angola

Here and There

Among the visitors to the Annual Council held in Gland, Switzerland, from December 3-9, were two representatives from the General Conference, **Elder V. G. Anderson**, recently elected Vice-president of the G.C., and **C. L. Torrey**, who for several years has carried the burden as treasurer of the General Conference.

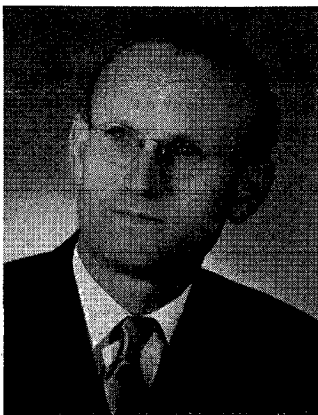
From Czechoslovakia Brother **T. Zigmund** was present and from Yugoslavia Brother **A. Lorencin**.

Elder E. L. Jewell, secretary-treasurer of the Angola Union Mission, and Mrs. Jewell attended the council on their way back from furlough in the States. Brother Jewell gave an interesting report from the field, found on p. 6 in this paper.

Attending the Council were also Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dietrich and their two small sons. This young couple has been in Portugal studying Portuguese before entering the work in Angola. They will leave for the mission field in March. We wish them much of God's blessings.

W. A. Wild, the former Home Missionary Secretary of the Division was at the last General Conference Session in Cleveland elected Secretary of our Division.

R. Gerber, who for many years has served the Division as treasurer, is now the Sabbath School Secretary, and **B. J. Kohler**, formerly of the Potomac University, is the new treasurer of the Division.



Paul Steiner
Educational and YPMV Leader

The **Lake Geneva Sanitarium** served as the wonderful host for our council. The excellent accommodations and food were much appreciated by all the delegates as well as the beautiful scenery.

L. Beer has for almost a quarter of a century served as Union president in Italy, but was replaced at the Annual Meeting by **G. Cavalcante**.

It was a great joy to the delegates when they learned that the membership of our Division is now over 100,000.



B. J. Kohler
Treasurer

The Southern European Division will benefit from the 13th Sabbath Offering Overflow for the 2. Quarter, 1960. Two projects: 1. Evangelistic center in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, and 2. the establishment of new mission enterprises in Mozambique.

Elder W. J. Harris of the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference visited our field during the month of January, conducting Sabbath School workshops in different towns in Southern Europe (Switzerland, France, Italy).



E. Naenny
Publishing Department S. E. D.

E. Naenny, who has served in different capacities in our Division, is now the new Publishing Secretary, taking the place of **F. Charpiot**, who has retired.

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