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Seven Churches of Asia Minor Visited By Temperance Team

A five-man temperance team, touring the seven churches of Asia Minor March 15 to 26, distributed thousands of application blanks to launch the course sponsored by the Adventist Temperance Society in Turkey. Stopping at each of the seven famous Biblical sites, the team covered nearly three thousand kilometers. They gave 35 lectures and made seventy film showings to a total of 15,000 or more persons. All were encouraged to enroll in the health course.

Led by Elder A. A. Haddad, the division temperance department secretary, the team consisted of Curtis Miller, director of the Adventist Temperance Society in Turkey, Manoug Benzatyan, pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Istanbul, Mr. Nurredin,

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DR. LAMP, ELDER HADDAD TEAM UP FOR FIVE - DAY STOP SMOKING CLINIC

Baptism in Kuwait

(pictures on pages 4 and 5)

A history-making baptism was conducted March 24 in the Arabian Gulf on the east side of Arabia by Elder Chafic Srour, the division evangelist, at a cove near Fahahil, Kuwait. It was the first baptism to be conducted in Kuwait by Seven-day Adventists.

The baptism followed a series of fifty evangelistic meetings held since January 8 in the small front room of an apartment in Kuwait. The apartment also served as living quarters for the evangelist.

Three young men were baptized: Jameel Riyadh Dirani, 26, from Sidon, Lebanon, but a resident of Kuwait since 1956; Nabeel Yunan, 24, from Bagh-

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Amman Audience First in Middle East To Test Plan

The first Five-Day Stop Smoking clinic to be conducted in the Middle East Division attracted 157 persons to the Girls' School auditorium in Amman, Jordan, March 7 to 11. Elder A. A. Haddad, temperance department secretary of the division, and Dr. H. C. Lamp, the division medical department secretary, led the clinic sessions. Zaki Saliba, Jordan Section secretary-treasurer, provided translation.

Elder H. E. Robinson, president of the Jordan Section, in a special report from Amman described the last meeting of the series: "We were interested mainly in the 31 who attended regularly the five nights. We rejoiced to see 15 of these stand and come to the front of the auditorium, indicating that they had stopped smoking during the series of meetings and had gained the complete victory over the urge to smoke. A great applause went up from the audience for these 15 people. The majority of those who attended indicated that they had cut down on the number of cigarettes they smoked daily, or they had just about gained the full victory."

Statistics gathered from the registration blanks show that nearly three quarters of the number attending had smoked ten years or less. Less than ten per cent had smoked twenty years or more. One registrant confessed to having smoked for only eight days. Two had followed the habit for over forty years. All were cigarette smokers (except

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Dr. Lamp stresses role of will at 5-day Stop Smoking Clinic. Other pictures on page three.

Kuwait Baptism

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dad, Iraq; and Farid Naraa, 20, from Es-salt, Jordan. Brethren Nabeel and Farid are electrical appliance technicians employed at the Union Trading company in Kuwait. Brother Jameel is a printing salesman. Other members of the Yunan family were baptized in Baghdad last year.

Although the first members to be baptized in Kuwait, they are not the first members to join the church there. Included among those who witnessed the baptism were Joseph Hakim, a Syrian, who with his wife and mother-in-law, were baptized last summer in Baghdad, and Sister Webber, Sister Daniel Hasso, and Mumtaz Fargo, Iraqis who have come to Kuwait in connection with their work and families. Three other members of the church, medical workers from India, were not able to attend. The group of witnesses were joined by the division officers, the president of the Iraq Section, Mr. Webber, a power station foreman of the Kuwait Oil Company, and others interested in the truth.

Only one other baptism has been held by Adventists in waters off Arabia. This was August 13, 1955, across the peninsula, near the Red Sea port of Aden. It was also conducted by Elder Chafic Srour.

At the Kuwait baptism Brother Jameel related his personal experience. He accepted Christianity through an introduction to the Bible given him by a Catholic friend in Kuwait. He was converted while attending meetings of the Brethren, a small Protestant group which met in the city. He and his father were employed in a government press, where he began to distribute Bibles. For this, he was dismissed from his work, and went to Germany, but felt providentially directed to return to the Middle East. Enroute through his native Lebanon, he officially changed his religion and was disowned by his family. Again in Kuwait, he applied for work with a printer. He was accepted although he made it clear from the beginning that he was a Christian. He was baptized by the Brethren, but when he raised a question about the Sabbath, he was told by the Brethren that the Seventh-day Adventists do not believe in Jesus and warned against the Sabbath doctrine. Although at first prejudiced, he soon discovered Adventists to be true followers of Christ.

FIVE-DAY CLINIC IN AMMAN

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three non-smokers who attended), but 14 had also used cigars, pipes, or snuff. No one chewed tobacco. The average smoker in the group had smoked for seven years and seven months and was smoking 22 cigarettes a day. Sixty per cent had attempted to stop smoking before coming to the clinic. Most of the group listed health factors as their reason for wanting to quit. No one gave religious prohibitions as a reason for wanting to stop.

A third of those who attended the meetings listed themselves as teachers or university students, but the audience was drawn from many professions, including nine merchants, five engineers, three accountants, a lawyer, a musician, and a journalist. Many attending were government employees; there were six policemen and one soldier. Special skills represented included six tailors, two carpenters, two mechanics, four drivers, a printer, a secretary, a lab technician, a barber, an electrician, and a worker in a cigarette factory.

The nightly attendance, Elder Robinson reported, averaged eighty persons. "Truly the deep impression made on the minds of these people will never be forgotten," he commented, "especially the 15 completely victorious ones who are now eternally grateful to the Adventist church for rendering them such wonderful help. To talk to those happy people who were able to conquer the smoking habit and to listen to them speak of their new-found freedom, happiness, and health was reward enough for all the effort put forth in this intensive program."

The Five-day plan in Amman, Robinson's report pointed out, has had good results in the church and community. "In trying sincerely to bless others, we ourselves have been blessed tremendously by receiving the good will and appreciation of our community, and have seen the name of our church held up before the entire kingdom. An audience with the minister of health was granted, and the program explained to him. The editors of the three largest newspapers in the kingdom were visited. The newspapers were greatly interested and devoted about 250 column centimeters to praising and reporting this new plan. The articles plainly stated that the

Seventh-day Adventist church in Jordan was the sponsor of this service.

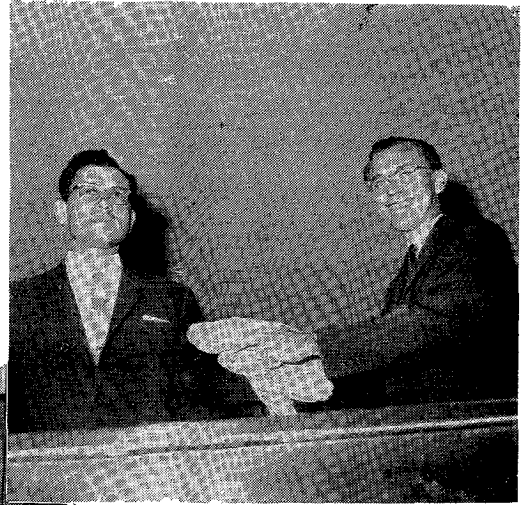
"When the director of the Hashemite Broadcasting System heard of the Five-day plan, he suggested that the entire five lectures be recorded and broadcasted over the radio. We declined this generous offer because the plan was only in an experimental stage and had not yet been fully adapted for use in the Middle East. Instead arrangements were made to broadcast a 15-minute interview with Elder Haddad on the purposes and methods of the new plan. The program was excellent, and created a surge of interest in Jordan on the subject."

How does the Five-day plan work? Elder Robinson described the method used in Amman: "First of all, it is interesting to note that there is no medicine of any kind used, but rather the approach is one of group therapy. The team is composed of two persons: a medical doctor and a trained pastor. For five evening meetings, each lasting one and one-half hours, the doctor explains in an interesting way what smoking does to different parts of the body, supporting his remarks with amazing medical facts. The pastor gives the psychological side of it, emphasizing the strange power of the will. He inspires the person to use this power and to call upon God for help.

"Except for this reference to the power of prayer, a doctrine accepted by all faiths, there is no mention of religion. Thus no religious prejudice is built up. People attend who would never think of coming to any other Adventist meeting. The lectures by the doctor and pastor are reinforced by the showing of the temperance films recently produced in Arabic, and the use of filmstrips and other visual aids.

"The plan was tried in Amman, and proved to be a genuine success from the very beginning. How interesting it was to hear different ones get up from night to night, testify of their **decision to stop**, and relate their feelings and experience since they stopped. At question time, many questions were asked without hesitation, for all knew that the entire audience was battling the same enemy, and were intensely interested in the answers given by the doctor or pastor."

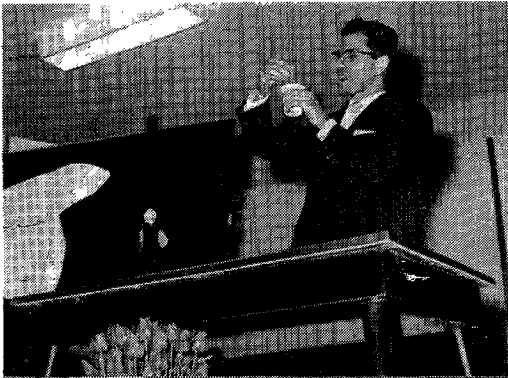
AMMAN FIVE-DAY PLAN



THE TEAM: Elder A. A. Haddad and Doctor H. C. Lamp.



THE AUDIENCE: Part of the 157 who attended the meetings at the Girls School auditorium on Jabal Amman and completed registration forms.



THE LECTURES: Interest was kept high by the use of demonstrations and visual aids.

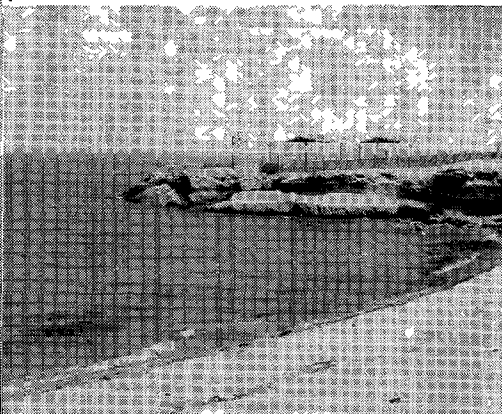


RESULTS: 31 persons faithfully attended all five nights. Fifteen reported complete victory. Pictured below is a group who surrounded the team members to share experiences and seek personal help.

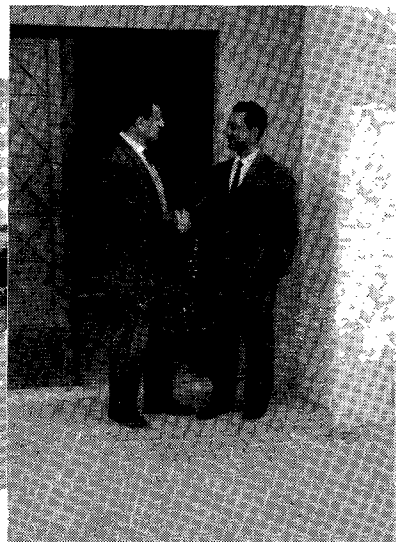




The house in Kuwait City where the candidates attended evangelistic services.



Fahabil Cove where the baptism was conducted.



Elder Behnam Arshat, president of the Iraq Section, greets Elder Chafic Srour, the division evangelist, at the door of the meeting place.

THREE YOUTH BAPTIZED;

Jameel Dirani, Nabeel Yunan, and Farid Nafaa get into baptismal robes and join Elder Chafic at the sea shore.



The baptismal candidates listen attentively as Elder Chafic gives words of counsel. They have just affirmed their determination to follow Christ and adhere to the Bible principles they learned during the meetings.



Friends gather to witness the ceremony and encourage the candidates. Present are the division officers, the Iraq Section president, and Adventists living in Kuwait.

FIRST IN KUWAIT

One by one the candidates are baptized in the gulf waters.



Brother Jamil stands with Elder Chafic Srour. He related the story of his conversion and his acceptance of the truth. After the baptism Elders Wilcox and Fenn joined those who welcomed the young men into the church and congratulated them.



Ingathering Success Best Since 1954; Division Ranks Fourth in Per Capita

Ingathering receipts for the 1965 campaign now drawing to a close exceed all previous years since the record set in 1954, the last year local fields were legally allowed unlimited solicitation, according to C. V. Brauer, the division Ingathering Campaign director. In Lebanon and Iran, the only fields in the division to have official solicitation permits, the per capita raised, he reported, passed \$15.00, to rank these two Sections among the highest outside of North America. The per capita report of the division as a whole placed it fourth among the world divisions.

Elder Brauer was especially encouraged, he said, by the willingness of our workers and members to participate in the Ingathering campaign. He attributed much of the success to this spirit.

In Egypt where William Gayed headed the campaign, prohibitions against public solicitation did not keep the churches from surpassing their goal for the first time in many years, through personal offerings and private solicitation. "We salute," Pastor Brauer said, "every worker and member who had a share in this wonderful achievement."

Temperance Tour

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district director of Yesilay, the Turkish national temperance organization, and Nabeel Bey, who assisted the group and provided transportation. The team was supplied with the full set of five temperance films which have been produced in the Turkish language and thousands of temperance tracts.

"Wherever we went," said Elder Haddad, reporting the experience, "we were received with cheers and applause. The message moved the masses and the masses moved us. We prayed for this great land with about thirty million unwarned and thanked God for the temperance message."

The team toured the earthquake zone "unmoved" in the literal sense. At Sardis (modern Sart) they found scores of tents pitched near the houses and were told that the city had been sleeping outside in the cold for the past 45 days because of daily tremors. A

The Iran Section paces the division with its weekly progress report. This year marks the third consecutive year they have passed their goal. Lebanon also will reach its goal.

The Jordan government recently authorized a few of the workers to solicit welfare funds in Amman for local work. This breakthrough is expected to give Jordan an opportunity to join the other Sections making exceptional Ingathering reports. An unusual gift this year in Turkey put the Section over its goal although general solicitation was not possible.

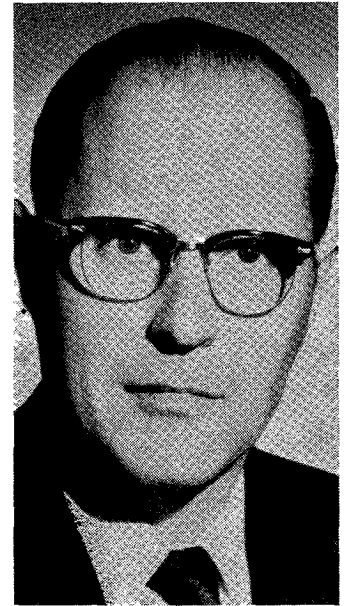
Cyprus, traditionally the first field to reach its Ingathering goal, has been troubled by conflict, but in spite of this, members there report activity and have turned in funds amounting to CyL 37.310. Syria, traditionally troubled by strife, for the first time in many years held a successful Ingathering campaign.

tremor earlier that same day had shaken the cap off the minarets of the mosque. In Philadelphia (Alashehir) three of the five minarets seen there had also been damaged.

Looking for love in the city of "brotherly love," Elder Haddad was pleased to find special kindness. One Muslim lady surprised them by inviting them to her home and across the yard to see a section of the ancient wall; a gentleman ran to call the mulla of the mosque to come and help them; even the boys and girls were obliging in every way. But at Thyatira (Akhisar) someone stole their microphone.

Nabeel Bey, who has only in recent months been learning about Christians, was thrilled with remains of churches and buildings on the Biblical sites. "This is wonderful!" he was heard to exclaim. "The Bible is true. These very stones testify to the fact." He was happy to learn the meaning of each church and the message it presents in prophetic interpretation.

The Yesilay director, Mr. Nurreddin, was faithful in his prayers, taking a blanket from his bed, folding it like a prayer rug, and kneeling toward Mecca. He knew the faithfulness of the Adventists as well. When eating at the table of army officers or important club directors, he announced, "These



Elder V. W. Schoen, associate secretary of the General Conference Home Missionary Department. Elder Schoen recently completed lay institutes and rallies in the major centers of the division.

good men from the International Temperance Association are devout people. They always pray before eating. If you do not mind, we will ask one of them to pray." Then the Muslim heads bowed, as one of the team offered thanks.

The team had an opportunity to learn firsthand the meaning of many of the Bible descriptions. For instance Elder Haddad reports sleeping by the lukewarm springs of Pamukkale near Laodicea. The water was pleasant for swimming although the weather was cold and snow was falling on the nearby mountains, but after drinking, according to his expression, "I just about spued out my stomach. Not only its lukewarm temperature, but its mineral taste made it quite obnoxious."

The challenge of the task in Turkey was highlighted when at the town of Denizli, the team stopped to stand with hundreds of people who lined the streets and crowded around packed buses to bid farewell and safe journey to pilgrims on their way to Mecca, thousands of miles away. These pilgrims go to seek for themselves and for the families they represent some spiritual security and blessing to help them in these troubled times. We must share with them the blessing we have.

New Books, Revisions Highlight Prospects for 1965 Student Sales

"Prospects for a successful student literature evangelist program this year are very bright," so reported D. L. Chappell, Division Publishing Department secretary. To lay the groundwork for the program, Elder Chappell conducted the student colporteur training institute at Middle East College April 9-11, 1965. He will hold similar meetings at the Adventist Academy of Iran, May 23-26, and at Nile Union Academy immediately following the close of school the latter part of June.

To give a boost to the program, Middle East Press is printing some new books for the students to sell this coming summer. *Your Way to Health and Happiness*, which sold so well in the Arab Sections during the past two years that another edition is now being run, will be provided in Farsee for use in Iran. Also *Your Baby*, a new book both in Armenian and Arabic, will be

ready by June. Speaking of the new, enlarged *Bedtime Stories*, publishing leader Chappell prophesied, "We believe that the literature evangelists, as well as the prospects, will fall in love with this beautiful volume with its attractive gift presentation page and special character lesson index."

Reporting a 106 per cent jump in sales by the regular colporteurs for the first two months of 1965, Elder Chappell attributed the marked increase in literature distribution in recent months to three factors. Brother Issa's success in obtaining a permit to sell books and magazines to schools in Baghdad put the Iraq Section back on the monthly report after an absence of three years. As full-time publishing secretary of the Lebanon Section, Milad Abdel Karim was able to recruit two regular colporteurs and to assist the four part-time student colporteurs on Sundays, thus giving the Section a 32 per cent increase in delivery thus far this year. Publishing leader Fouad Guirguis recruited a new colporteur in Egypt, and arranged for Farieh Rizk, one of his four full-time workers, to canvass three months among the

workers at Aswan Dam. Among the books he sold were forty copies of *The Desire of Ages* and *Patriarchs and Prophets*. For the two-month period Egypt Section shows a 77 per cent increase in sales.

HM Department Leaders Meet

The role of the local section Home Missionary department secretary and plans for the preparation of new materials were emphasized at the 1965 advisory council of the Home Missionary department held at the division office in Beirut, January 31, during the visit of Elder V. W. Schoen, associate secretary of the General Conference Home Missionary department.

Most of the Section H. M. department secretaries were present and voted plans to encourage continued activity by members of the "120" club. They also approved a recommendation to conduct demonstrations in the local churches on the use of soul-winning aids and materials.

New materials suggested included translations of the Leadership Series booklets into the languages of the division, the preparation of the filmstrips entitled, *In His Steps*, a uniform In-gathering calendar, and additional doctrinal tracts.



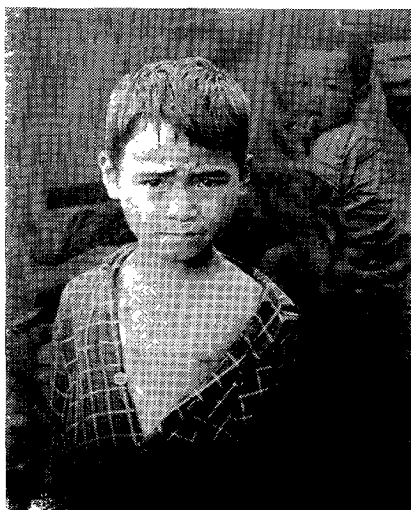
Sobbi Fabim and Soad Rizk, married March 9, at Heliopolis by Elders Hilal Dose and William Gayed. Both are members of the Mercy Home staff.

Disaster Offering Goal Set at 1000 Dollars

The Middle East Division has accepted a one-thousand-dollar goal as its part in the world-wide Disaster and Famine Relief offering to be taken May 8. Each Section has a part of the goal according to its tithe income and giving capacity.

The funds received from this of-

fering are kept to help in times of emergency. Half is held by the General Conference and half by the Middle East Division. The five thousand dollars given by the General Conference for the rebuilding of the earthquake-destroyed village in Iran three years ago was from this fund, as was also the cost of the emergency relief blankets sent last year to Cyprus.



Section goals in dollars are as follows: Cyprus, 15; Egypt, 200; Iran, 150; Iraq, 150; Jordan, 75; Lebanon, 250; Libya, 75; Syria, 60; and Turkey, 25.

Elder C. V. Brauer, of the division Home Missionary Department, the department especially interested in welfare work, addresses church leaders: "Some of you may feel that your goal is too small. Wouldn't it be a fine way to tell the General Conference how much we have appreciated their generosity to us by going over the goal. Remember, your field may be the next to face a disaster."

WHERE PROVIDENCE POINTS

During April the Arabic speaking churches of this division will be talking a great deal about the *Call to Health* magazine. Editor Jabbour Semaan is getting a message into this magazine that inspires readers to decide for good health.

Note the response of this reader: "I began smoking when I was 15 years old and gradually became addicted to tobacco. My appetite for food was lost, my teeth became yellow, and my breath became foul. I tried very hard to stop smoking but to no avail. One day, I got hold of a copy of the *Call to Health* and read it with great interest. I felt an urge to subscribe to it. I did subscribe and found in it a great help especially for my smoking problem. As I faithfully followed the suggestions on how to stop smoking, I was happily surprised to find myself the victor over the harmful drug. Now I am urging my friends to subscribe to it."

As for ourselves, now we are subscribing for our friends and providing gift subscriptions for the missionary use of the church. The 22 days of the campaign, April 3 to 24, are 22 days to plan the widest use of this effective magazine.

We note that in recent months 65 persons who have read the magazine have sent pledges to the editor that they will never drink alcoholic drinks. Only God can measure the misery saved in the homes represented by these readers. Perhaps not until we reach the kingdom will we know the brighter future here and in the world to come these decisions brought *Call to Health* readers by giving them minds more capable of discerning spiritual things.

We ourselves need such minds. The Health Emphasis Week, planned for all the churches in the division, April 10 to 17, is the time to emphasize the truth that we must guard the physical senses which are the avenues of the soul. There must be healthy channels of communication so that we can understand God's purpose for our lives and so that we may be strong, alert witnesses, able to serve. We as a people have much reason to thank God for the special message of health reform He has given us. By it we secure many spiritual and physical blessings for ourselves.

We have long delayed understanding what a treasure God has given us. The tremendous enthusiasm with which the public has received our health magazines, tracts, and books; the great interest of the people, the press, and the radio in the Five-day Stop Smoking Clinic at Amman; the flood of applications to our health correspondence courses, and the tumult of applause and friendly reception given our temperance lecturers in Turkey—do not all of these teach us something? People today are literally dying, countless others are living in a hell, for lack of the health message which is a part of our Adventist heritage. If ever the finger of Providence has pointed, surely now the direction is clear. We have received; we must give.

—Robert Darnell

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ADVENTIST WORLD

ALCOHOL IN NEW GUINEA

An Adventist church leader back from New Guinea reports that granting equal rights to primitive natives has brought some problems, the knotiest being excessive drinking. The natives heretofore denied the right to drink intoxicating liquors seem to be making up for lost time. In an effort to counteract liquor advertising, the Adventist temperance department is putting on an all-out program of alcohol education in the area. L. A. Dyason, appointed director of the temperance work by the Coral Sea Union, has delivered 200 lectures to 40,000 people in three months.

HOSPITAL IN BRAZIL

The Seventh-day Adventist church has begun construction of another hospital in Brazil to treat the scourge of pemphigus. The new hospital will have modern laboratory and other equipment including a complete hydrotherapy department. Pemphigus, a most painful and repulsive skin disease, is highly resistant to treatment and requires specialized care and medication. It has been called worse than leprosy because the patient is in continual pain. The capacity of the new hospital will be fifty beds. Completion of the hospital before the end of the year will bring the number of Adventist hospitals in the world to 125, not including clinics and mobile medical units.

FLOODS IN AMERICA

Seventh-day Adventist churches in 12 of the hardest-hit cities affected by floods in Oregon and Northern California activated their welfare facilities to provide aid for flood victims. According to reports received at the church's headquarters in Washington, D.C., from local welfare units in six western states, a total of over 2,000 persons received aid from Adventist units during the recent flooding. Clothing for approximately 700 families and meals for 2,000 persons were provided as well as temporary lodging, medicine, bedding, and furniture for scores of persons. Local churches were able to provide immediate assistance when the floods struck, because of a closely followed denominational policy that each of the church's 21 welfare depots and 492 welfare centers in North America be ready for a civil defense emergency at any time, a spokesman explained.

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Appeal from Germany

Letter Tells of East German Servicemen, Divided Berlin

Dear Friends:

I am glad to extend warm greetings to you Sabbath School members, from the Central European Division. As Sabbath School Department secretary of the division I am very much interested in bringing our youth and children close to the Sabbath School. We call the Sabbath School "the heart of the church." Here is the place where we get better acquainted with the Holy Bible, and where we can witness for our faith. This is why we strongly encourage our youth and children to take an active part in the Sabbath School. What a wonderful influence may we have upon the hearts of the members through a well organized and well conducted Sabbath School!

I remember two little girls who visited our community Bible school. Their father did not like that his daughters went there since he did not care for religion. So he forbade them to attend Bible School. One day the Bible school teacher met the girls in the street. They told her sadly that their father had forbidden them to go to the Bible school any more. But then, all of a sudden, they told her with shining eyes: "Each night before going to bed we pray. After having hugged mom, and after she has left the room, we whisper to one another: 'b! Don't forget, b!' That means 'beten,' pray. Then we pull the blankets over our heads and pray as we have been taught in Bible school. We also pray for our father that he does not get angry when we talk about Jesus." Is this not a blessed work for our children? We all pray that the seed may some day bear rich fruit.

I write you these lines from a city of Germany which is well known all over the world. But when thinking of this famous city our hearts are filled with sadness. It shares with Jerusalem the same destiny. Right through the city of Berlin there is a big wall, there is barbed wire. It is here that the world is separated into East and West, and it is here that the ideologies of the free and Communist world clash together. Much trouble and sorrow are the results. In such situation, what a power is the "word of the cross"! It connects the hearts of the fellow

believers beyond all which separates, beyond all obstacles. This we could strongly experience in the past, by ourselves. Every now and then we have the opportunity to meet the departmental secretaries of the East German Union Conference, Soviet Zone, in Berlin-East.

There we were glad to meet Elder C. E. Moseley, field secretary of the General Conference. He was on his way to Poland, and had stopped in East Berlin to encourage us by some warm words of welcome. Once again the gospel proved to be a power connecting hearts and peoples. How much more powerful is it than the words spoken by men. It is strong enough to change a life entirely.

Just listen what an MV and Sabbath School secretary told us. A young Seventh-day Adventist made the acquaintance with two young servicemen. His lively and joyful witness for the truth encouraged them to get better acquainted with the Advent message. After some weeks they had become enthusiastic visitors of our evangelistic meetings. But how were they going to decide? One of them had enrolled in a special course to become an intelligence officer. A splendid career was ahead of him. Nevertheless, both servicemen decided to give up their jobs and live up to their new faith. Then this young man talked to his superior in order to obtain the permission to withdraw from the army. The superior looked at him for a long time, carefully watching him. Suddenly he began: "Five years of political instruction were not as strong as some weeks of Bible instruction! I know it, and I will never forget it. I am the child of Seventh-day Adventists." They were given the leave. Even though they were not allowed to learn and take up a profession there in the Soviet Zone, the Lord makes them earn money enough to live well as lumbermen. They were baptized, and are now happy church members. You can imagine how thankful they have been to that young brother who had shared his faith!

I would be able to go on telling you thrilling stories experienced by young and old fellow believers. There were, for instance, two elderly sisters who

invited their friends and neighbors to come to their home. For two years they had conducted a Branch Sabbath School quite by themselves, and now their hearts were filled with joy to see that three of their visitors were baptized, and that six more persons were getting Bible lessons by the pastor.

There may not be hundreds and thousands who come to our churches as they do in some fields so richly blessed, but just a few precious souls who are won out of the world by constant prayer and witness. The Sabbath School is a good way to lead people in. We are thankful to God for this opportunity we have in this serious time. And we are also thankful to you good folk as you remember us with your Sabbath School offerings on the 13th Sabbath of the second quarter 1965. With the overflow we intend to build an urgently needed evangelistic center in Nuernberg, that old Bavarian city. Thank you all, and may God bless you richly.

Very sincerely yours,
Eberh. Fischdick
Sabbath School Secretary
Central European Division

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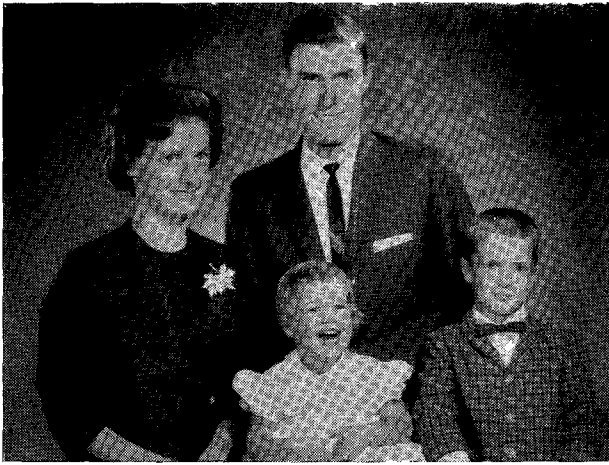
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VOP IN ENGLAND

The Voice of Prophecy, the Adventist radio program heard on more than 550 stations across North America and broadcasted in 31 languages, has announced a major breakthrough in the British Isles. Heretofore the program has been aired only at midnight. Now it is heard over CBL at 188 and 299 meters. Broadcast time is 6:30 to 7:00 each evening Monday through Saturday and at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday. Voice of Prophecy first went on the air in 1929 with H. M. S. Richards as speaker. Richards is still the speaker.

AIRPLANE IN PERU

The "Fernando Stahl," a five-passenger airplane belonging to the Adventist mission, has been in action less than a year, but already the Indians in isolated areas of the Peruvian jungle have built 25 airstrips for its use. Thirty days of hard jungle travel to reach the church's Nevati Mission has been cut to a matter of minutes with the mission plane. Wherever it goes the airplane carries medical equipment and a nurse.



Brother and Sister Cleo Johnson with Randall and LaVonne.



Dr. and Mrs. Gene Hildebrand, Bruce, Steven, Susan, and Brent.

New Workers Join Benghazi Staff

Three new missionary families have joined the Benghazi Hospital community during recent months. They are the Hildebrands who arrived January 28; the Johnsons, January 18; and the Ewerts, October 29.

Dr. and Mrs. Hildebrand are both graduates of Loma Linda University. She is an R. N. Although he was born in Wisconsin and she in California, they have spent about ten years in Canada. They have four children, Steven, 11, Susan, 10, Bruce 5, and Brent, 4.

Cleo Johnson joins the hospital staff as the business manager. A graduate of Union College, he was the chief accountant at Boulder Memorial Hospital for six and one-half years, before coming to Benghazi. He and

his wife have two pre-schoolers, Randall, 5, and LaVonne, 2 1/2.

Dr. Ewert is a doctor of dental surgery, graduating from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, San Francisco. His wife, Yvonne, is a graduate from the Glendale Sanitarium and Hospital school of nursing. Two-year-old Julie Diane rounds out the family. Dr. Ewert's mother, Mrs. Elna Ewert, has joined the family in Benghazi. She will assist him in the clinic as a dental nurse.



Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Ewert and Julie.

Dr. Lamp Holds College Health Emphasis Week

Why so much emphasis on health in the church? Why vegetarianism? How does our thinking endanger our health? How much should I really weigh? These were a few of the questions answered during a week of health emphasis held at Middle East College February 13-19. Dr. Herschel C. Lamp, Medical Secretary of the Middle East Division, conducted the nine-meeting series around the key word, "Prevention."

Topics discussed ranged from scientific facts corroborating the medical writings of Mrs. E. G. White to practical discussions on balanced diets for students. Students were urged to practice good health habits and to share the information with relatives and friends.

FROM HERE AND THERE

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

The Middle East College board of trustees met March 1 and 2 to appoint the faculty and staff for the 1965-66 school year. George Ghazal, presently cashier and accountant at the division office, was appointed business manager and treasurer. Zaki Narouz was named head of the division of languages and literature. The resignation of president G. Arthur Keough was announced. A replacement has not yet been named.

MIDDLE EAST PRESS

Retail sales at Middle East Press reached an all time high in 1964 to LL 213,012.57, for a gain of two per cent over 1963. A grand total of 7,531,498 book and periodical pages were sold.

EGYPT

Three new branch Sabbath schools have been established in the vicinity of Heliopolis and are being regularly attended by old and young. Elder William Gayed was recently appointed the new

Sabbath School department secretary in the Egypt Section.

Ten to 15 persons are in the baptismal class at the Cairo Center church. More than 100 attend the Bible Marking class there.

IRAN

John Minassian, soon to be released from the armed services in Iran, was recently appointed director of the Tehran Voice of Prophecy school and named to head the MV and publishing departments of the Section.

At a meeting of the board, March 17, Reuben Sarkissian was appointed treasurer of the Iran Adventist Academy.

IRAQ

Brother Abdel Aziz Issa, of Baghdad joins the ranks of literature evangelists, the first in Iraq since 1962. He has secured a license to canvass shops and offices and reports sales of \$515.10 for the period December through February.

JORDAN

The Amman, Jordan, church reports four regular branch Sabbath schools are presently being conducted in that city.

LEBANON

The Lebanon Section has announced plans for opening the Brevet class at its schools in Musaitbeh, Bourj Ham-moud, and Bishmezzine.

Six branch Sabbath schools are being conducted in Lebanon. Elder George Khoury, president of the Section, reports plans to increase these to twelve by the end of 1965. Minas Megerdichian was recently appointed Section Sabbath School department secretary in this field.

LIBYA

An oil company gift of \$1000 donated last December to the Benghazi Adventist Hospital has been used to purchase a 150-pound capacity ice machine and storage bin long needed for the patients of the hospital. The gift is expected to provide also for an ambulance resuscitator.

TURKEY

What is probably the first Seventh-day Adventist radio broadcast in Turkey was aired at Bursa, March 16. It was a taped repeat of the temperance lecture given earlier the same day at the technical school. Two temperance programs sponsored by Yesilay, the Turkish national temperance organization, were broadcast from Izmir welcoming the Adventist temperance team and telling of their work.



Mrs. Elna Ewert who came to Benghazi with her son and his family.

New System Improves Magazine Mailing

Magazines are mailed from Middle East Press at a monthly rate of nine thousand, and yet complaints average less than a dozen a month, reported Raymond Kiraz, shipping and mailing department head at the press, announcing the results of improvements effected during the last several months. In most cases these complaints are traced to problems outside the press.

A new subscriber can now receive the magazine the same month he orders under a system which calls for the

literature evangelist and the periodical house manager to send in orders weekly. Orders are recorded when received and the address plates made at the publishing house. The current issue of the magazine is mailed immediately. If the stock is exhausted, the subscriber receives an acknowledgment stating when his subscription will begin.

When a magazine is returned by the post office, the press checks with the subscriber by first class mail. If the letter is also returned, the information is kept for six months pending further notification.

THE «CALL TO HEALTH» CHANGES LIVES

«If we would elevate the moral standard in any country... we must begin by correcting their physical habits.» - White



OUR READERS SAY . . .

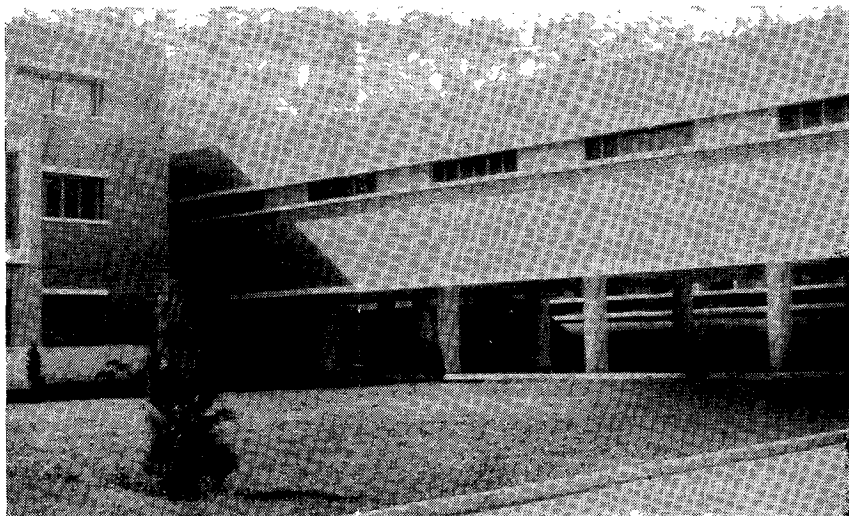
- "My 30 years of smoking are ended. Thank God, I am free."
- "I realize now that my health is a holy trust."
- "It is food for my mind and soul."
- "It changed my life and brought us happiness."
- "A miracle that helped me quit smoking."
- "A light that guides my steps"
- "I used to dring half a liter of coffee each day, but now coffee has no place with me."
- "It is a call of a living conscience to a world in darkness."
- "I am very grateful for its counsels."
- "It is God's gift for me."

"No one can properly understand his obligations to God unless he understands clearly his obligations to himself as God's property."—WHITE

YOUR NEIGHBOUR NEEDS YOUR HELP

Plan now to give a good offering April 24.

«Call To Health» Campaign April 3 to 24



A view of the new building recently constructed at Matariah for the Mercy Home.



A scene from a program given recently at the Dar Es-Salaam School in Baghdad.



Two young ladies model the new welfare society uniforms at the Laymen's meetings in Beirut this January.

Prayer Day Held in Middle East Churches

Seventh-day Adventist Churches in the Middle East Division observed a day of prayer and fasting, Sabbath, March 20, to ask divine help in securing official status for our educational institutions and Sabbath privileges for our students at government examinations.

Middle East College has moved forward with plans for affiliation, but difficulties face the institution in its relationship with the Lebanese government.

The Nile Union Academy cannot attract enough students to operate under a program which doesn't lead to a government certificate, but the government sets its examinations on Sabbath. Students in other Middle Eastern countries face the same problem.

Church Calendar

SPECIAL DAYS

- May 1 Health and Welfare Evangelism
- May 8-15 Spirit of Prophecy Emphasis
- May 15 Spirit of Prophecy Day
- June 5 Bible Correspondence School Enrollment Day
- June 26 13th Sabbath

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

- May 1 Church Missionary
- May 8 Disaster and Famine Relief
- June 5 Church Missionary
- June 26 Central European Division

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- Associate Medical ... Jabbour Semaan
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- Publishing and Sabbath School D. L. Chappell
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