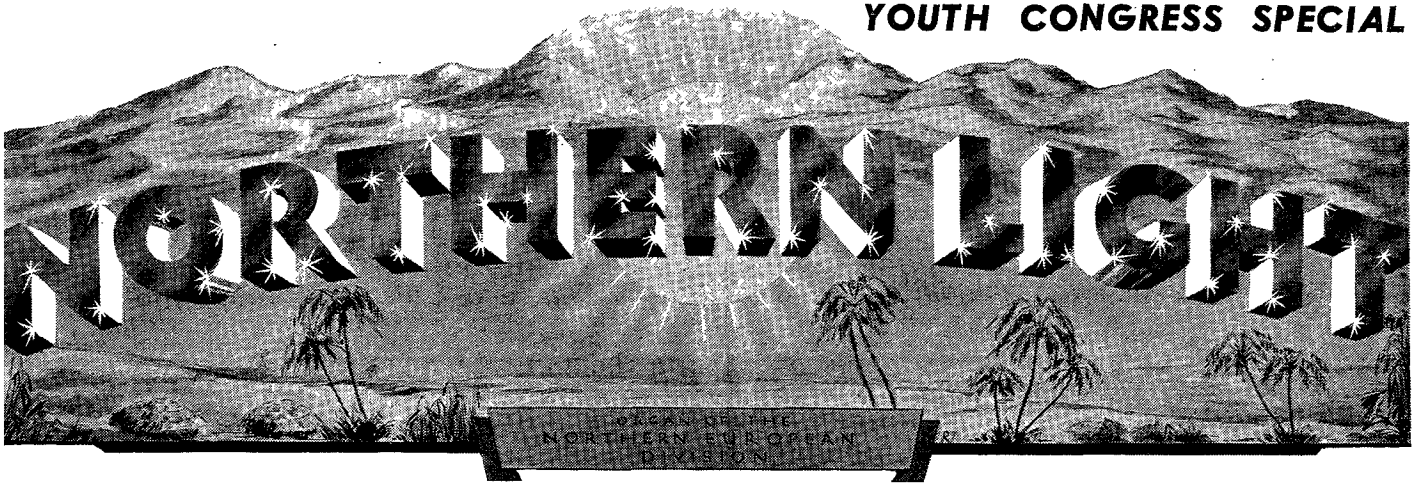


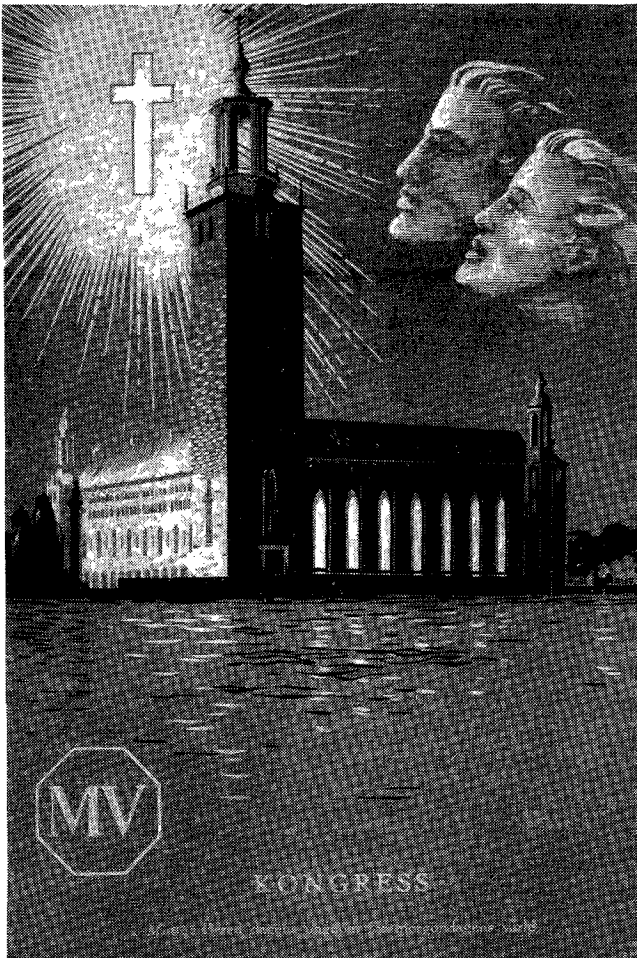
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# THE STORY

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# CONGRESS

*The Call of the Drums. M. E. Lind, with his daughter, Gerd, expertly beats the royal African drums presented to him by the King of Toro, Uganda. Used in times past to call the African king's followers to his palace, so here they were used to call youth to the service of their heavenly King. Pastor Lind's robe was also a gift from the king.*

## THE CONGRESS BEGINS

**F**EW can resist the rhythm of drums, especially African drums, and as their pulsating beat rose above the hum of happy youthful voices, they carried a message of appeal and urgency. Crowds who were standing outside the Royal Tennis Hall in Stockholm began to press inside in response to their insistent call. Already 3,000 young people were seated in the vast central hall, yes, the great Youth Congress of 1955 was about to begin.

Then above the roar of the drums came the voice of Gosta Berglund over the loud speaker: "These royal drums of Africa are tonight calling the youth of the Northern European Division together here in Stockholm. Youth from twenty-three different nations are tonight assembled here in this great gathering. They have come from Iceland in the north, to Ethiopia and Nigeria in the south, from Finland in the east to Great Britain and America in the west. To the representatives of Advent Youth from far and near I say: 'March forth!'"

Then came a most thrilling sight. From the rear of the hall came a double line of young people marching forward in slow procession, led by delegates from Iceland and West Africa. The young women were clad in colourful national costume, each carrying a shield bearing the name of the country they represented and the young men in MV uniform, bearing aloft the

flag of their nation. From far and near they came. One by one they mounted the platform. Greetings from Iceland; greetings from Africa, America, from Burma —on and on they came!

Movie cameras and press photographers were busy in their efforts to capture the inspiration of the moment. Powerful spotlights picked out the various national costumes. What an all-embracing church is the Adventist church! "We are not divided, All one body we. . ." Finally the sides of the platform were draped with the multi-coloured flags, and the stage literally barricaded with the shields!

When all had taken their appointed places, Pastor M. E. Lind and his daughter, Gerd, laid down their drum sticks

which had so effectively called the Congress into session, and with only the strains of the organ sounding through the now quiet auditorium, Pastor Lind, Missionary Volunteer Secretary for the Division, took his place before the microphone and warmly welcomed all who had gathered for the 1955 Stockholm Youth Congress.

Telegrams and greetings sent by friends of the youth of Northern Europe from many parts of the world were then read. At this time it was voted to send a telegram of greeting to King Gustav of Sweden.

Greetings and words of good cheer to the Congress assembly were then conveyed by E. W. Dunbar, Associate Secretary of

*M. E. Lind extends a warm welcome to all on the opening night. Guest speakers on the platform are: A. F. Tarr, E. W. Dunbar (General Conference), and J. J. Aitken (Southern Europe).*





Outside the large Guildhall, Stockholm. Number of countries represented were: Australia 1, America 6, Belgium 1, Burma 1, Denmark 220, Ethiopia 6, Finland 280, Germany 4, Great Britain 200, Holland 45, Iceland 6, Italy 1, Jamaica 10, Norway 450, Spain 1, Sweden 500, Switzerland 2, West Africa 10.

the General Conference, J. J. Aitken, MV Secretary of the Southern European Division, A. F. Tarr, president of the Northern European Division, and C. Gidlund, president of the East Nordic Union.

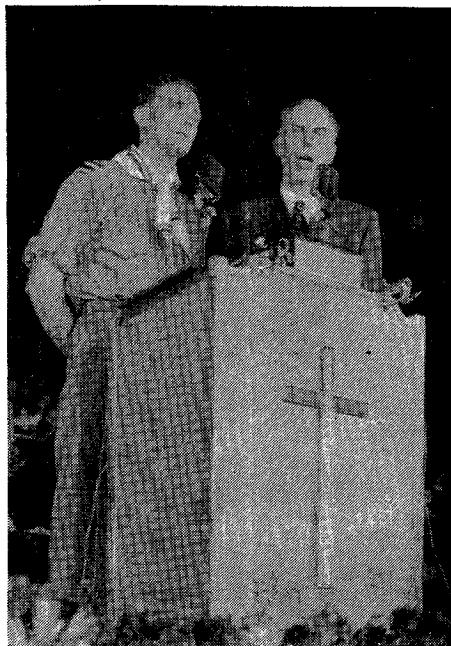
Such gatherings as these not only give evidence of the growth and extent of our world-wide youth organization, but also demonstrate the solid, loyal friendship in God's church.

Many of the delegates had travelled for a week or more to attend the Congress, so when the great opening service had ended there were but brief "goodnights" as the vast assembly broke up and parties made their way home across the lovely city of Stockholm, with its thousands of lights twinkling in the clear evening sky and reflecting brightly in the shining waterways.

## THE FIRST FULL DAY August 3rd

ON Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. most of the young people had a rendezvous to keep with Pastor Alf Lohne, the speaker at the morning devotional. Pastor Lohne is well known to the youth of

Northern Europe, having been their Division leader some years ago, and his mes-



Of the many translators who rendered an excellent service, Dr. P. P. Schuil made an outstanding contribution, translating into English from Norwegian, Swedish, Danish, Finnish, and Dutch. Here he is in action, translating for D. Carlsson, youth leader of Sweden and Finland.

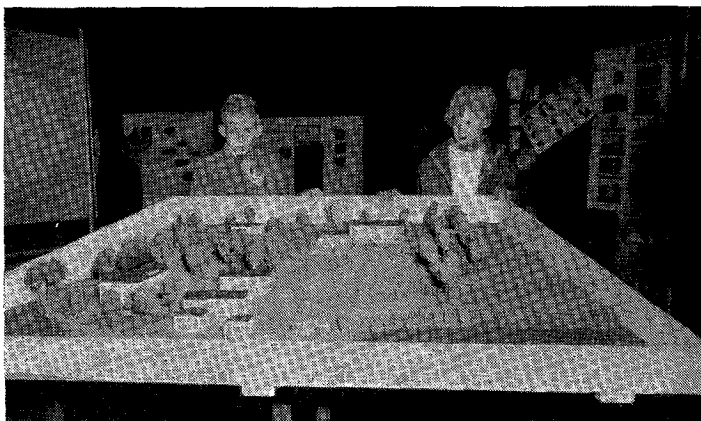
sage was well suited to the needs of the youth in this modern age.

At the close of the service it was an impressive sight and must have filled heaven with joy, to see the delegates from the various countries kneeling in small groups around the hall in a season of prayer. Although about twenty language groups were represented, the prayers from youthful hearts were heard and accepted in heaven, and as music from the organ brought the prayer season to a close, the Spirit's blessing on the meetings for the day, seemed assured.

Each morning after the devotional hour the youth separated into three groups for various workshops. The first group was led by K. H. Gammon and J. Mahon from England into a discussion on Outpost Evangelism.

Paul Frivold, Publishing Secretary of the West Nordic Union, conducted the second group, and with the assistance of various literature evangelists from different parts of the Division, led out in the study of Literature Evangelism.

The third group was under the leadership of Borge Olsen, MV Secretary of the West Nordic Union. He outlined the methods used in successful Sunday school



*Ekebyholm, Sweden. A very interesting model of one of our finest institutions. On this beautiful campus bordering on a fjord, are conducted a Junior College and Seminary, a Summer Sanitarium, an Old People's Home, and a Holiday Camp for Mothers.*

work and Child Evangelism and encouraged the youth to use this avenue of service for the Master.

Addressing the youth at the 11.30 service Pastor A. F. Tarr chose as his topic the Congress motto: "Preparing Today's Youth for Tomorrow's World."

The Bible gives three pictures of tomorrow's world. Zephaniah describes the first as "a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, . . . a day of the trumpet and alarm." For that tomorrow, today's youth must prepare.

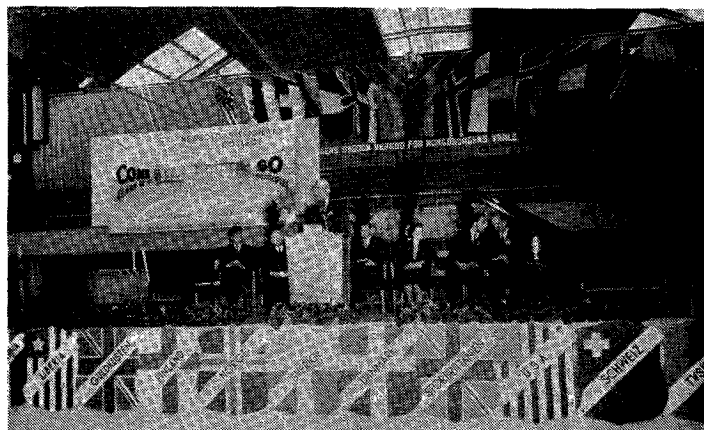
The second picture depicts a day of glorious achievement, when the work of the church is likened to an angel flying "in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach . . . to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." The youth of today are the participants. Upon them devolves the inspiring responsibility of equipping themselves for this culminating battle of God's great programme.

The third is of a kingdom and a new earth more glorious than the thoughts and imaginations of men can ever envisage. For citizenship in that kingdom of tomorrow, today's youth must now prepare.

In the light of these three tomorrows, their issues and conflicts, and the eternal rewards that beckon us on, Pastor Tarr presented from Scripture the type of preparation essential on the part of the youth of today.

On Wednesday afternoon the first

*Newbold Senior College beckons all youth to come and prepare themselves to go into the great harvest field of the World.*

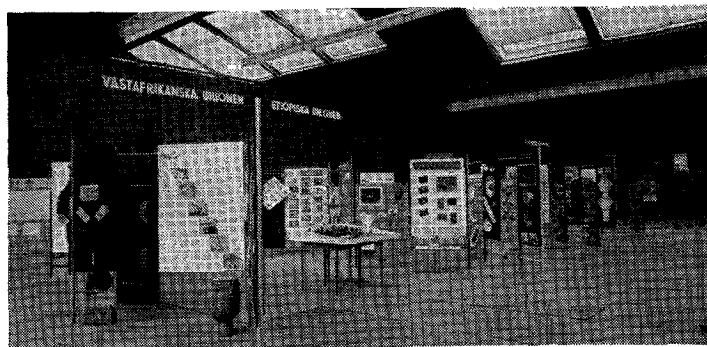


"Youth's Own Hour" was under the leadership of Pastor David Carlsson, MV Secretary of the East Nordic Union. Young people told of their experiences in leading fellow youth to Christ.

this evening the Netherland Union and the British Union took their turns. From Holland came a happy band of Dutch maidens displaying their many local flags and concluding with a display of folk dancing with coloured scarves. The British programme consisted of messages brought by youth delegates from Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and England, each dressed in national costume. Interspersed between these messages Pastor Gammon led out in the singing of various national songs.

The evening message was given by Pastor E. W. Dunbar who, until recently, was the world youth leader. During the years Pastor Dunbar has endeared himself to the young people around the world and has left his influence on the many

*Exhibits of youth activities in the various unions.*





gatherings he has attended. Once again he brought a timely message of preparation for our Lord and Saviour's return.

## THE SECOND DAY

August 4th

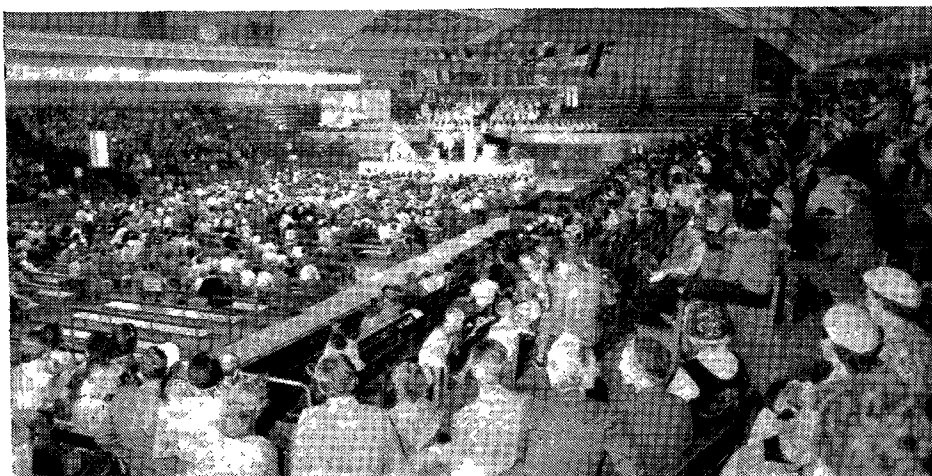
THE Thursday morning devotional service was taken by Pastor E. Heppenstall from the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary in Washington, D.C. Dr. Heppenstall has spent many years in various colleges in the United States, and from the wealth of his experience in training and helping young people he spoke to the youthful congregation on how to gain heaven. After the Bible study, the whole congregation again engaged in a season of prayer.

At ten o'clock the delegates separated for the Evangelism Workshops. On re-assembling the programme of the Southern European Division was eagerly awaited.

At the eleven o'clock service Pastor J. J. Aitken, whose dynamic personality had so impressed us at the Paris Youth Congress, addressed the vast gathering on the achievements of the youth in Southern Europe. He brought us a brief report of the Youth Congress held recently in Munich, and also told of the two hundred new homes which had evolved out of the happy friendships made at the Paris Congress. Among those who took part in his programme were two students from Newbold who had been canvassing in Stockholm, a young lady in a very beautiful South American costume, and Sister Aitken, who, with her husband, sang a duet. All went from this meeting with many happy feelings, flavoured so pleasantly with the tang of Paris.

On Thursday afternoon various excursions had been planned. By bus, boat, and on foot the two thousand delegates spread out over lovely Stockholm, "City on the Waters," to visit some of the beauty spots and historical corners. The "old city" with its perfectly preserved medieval buildings was of utmost interest. "Skan-sen," a combined park, zoological gardens, and model village typifying life in Sweden through the ages, was a great centre of attraction.

The evening programme was a colour-



The great auditorium viewed from the Norwegian section.

ful display of national costume and song by the East and West Nordic Unions. First of all, David Carlsson, youth leader for Sweden and Finland, led the young people carrying the Swedish and Finnish flags onto the platform. J. Onjukka spoke on the power and work of the Holy Spirit. This was followed by a young Finnish violinist who played superbly and who received a great ovation. We were also delighted with the lovely rich voice of a young Finnish girl.

The West Nordic Union, comprising Denmark and Norway, under the leadership of Pastor Borge Olsen, filed onto the platform and rear gallery. The arc lights and photographers' bulbs picked out the long line of uniforms and colourful costumes and banners. In the centre of the platform sat the Oslo choir, whose beautiful renderings of many pieces throughout the Congress were greatly appreciated.

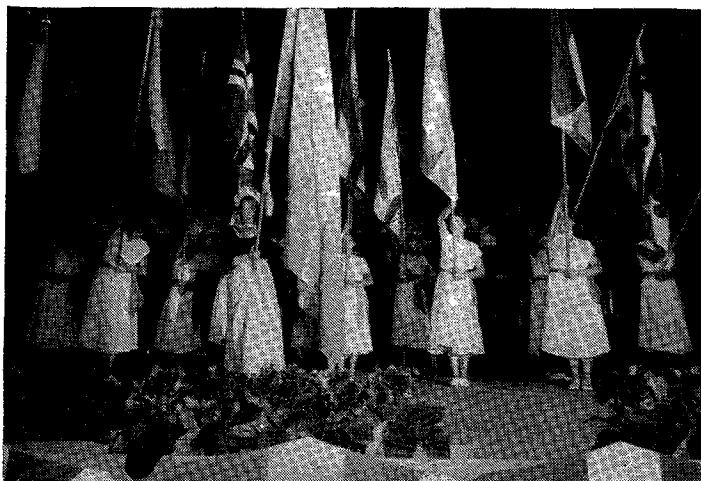
Pastor Odd Jordal, of Norway, presented a resumé of the work in Norway, and then music, songs, and recitations followed. These included a piano solo by a young man from Kristiansand, items by the Oslo choir, and a solo by their leader. David Tillgrin amazed the audience with his skill at playing on an ordinary hand-saw. This young man has won many prizes and has also played on the Norway State radio. Because of lack of time the Danish programme had to be greatly curtailed. We were, however, able to enjoy a song from Denmark, but we were sorry to miss the play of J. G. Matteson which had been prepared for the occasion. Many were left curious as to what the bearded gentleman, waiting at the back of the stage, would have had to say regarding the early exploits of the pioneers in Denmark, for we remember that Denmark, the oldest conference in the Divi-

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*K. H. Gammon, youth worker from Great Britain, leads the vast crowd in an enthusiastic song service. Beside him are delegates from the British Isles in national costume.*

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*The happy band of Dutch maidens displaying the flags of their various provinces.*

sion, is this year celebrating its Diamond Jubilee.

Because of the lateness of the hour Pastor Lind's message was also cut short and in a few brief minutes he urged the youthful congregation to press forward and exercise their faith in a living God, who will carry them through the dangers and exciting ways of life.

Once more darkness had fallen over Stockholm, and as we made our way through the brightly lit streets to our hostels and hotels we felt that God had indeed blessed our day.

## THE THIRD DAY

August 5th

ANOTHER day dawned fine and clear. The sun shed its warming rays over the city of Stockholm as from every quarter young men and women found their ways to the now familiar Tennis Hall. The erstwhile quietness of desertion that had brooded there through the hours of darkness gave way to a throbbing, vibrant air of expectancy as the stream of Advent youth that surged through the entrance, fanned out, channelled to the right destination, there to remain as a sea of faces.

There was something so quietly devotional in the atmosphere during the Morning Watch period, as our thoughts were turned Godward; and as more and more people arrived from the greater distances and dropped quietly into their seats, it appeared as if a great harvest of souls was being built up to the glory of God. As the message in word and song

developed, the few casual listeners leaning on the rails at the entrance became more and more interested. Pastor O. Peltonen of Finland was the speaker of the hour.

After the boom of the loudspeakers and the voices of the translators had died away to the last echo, the prayer bands, quiet in their reverence, earnest in their desire, sent their petitions winging in a dozen different tongues to the Throne of grace, there to blend in one harmonious concord.

At ten o'clock the Workshops took over. Some of the delegates were seen to be jotting down notes that they would no doubt make use of on their return home. These training centres were the real motivating force that made the Congress live. As the onlooker tiptoed from workshop to workshop, he sensed again the truth of the messenger of the Lord as she wrote: "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message . . . might be carried to the whole world!"

*A pretty group of Danish youth bring to the Congress a message of song.*



At the commencement of the next meeting, Pastor E. W. Pedersen, in his opening remarks, introduced the various secretaries of the Temperance Department and the special guest speaker, Dr. W. H. Beaven of the General Conference.

Dr. Beaven stressed the need for positive thinking and planning along temperance lines and told the assembled delegates of the Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism that was to commence at the University of Geneva on August 8th. "This Institute," he said, "is a beginning. It is being sponsored by Seventh-day Adventists. We are to come out boldly in our belief that total abstinence is the only platform upon which we can stand." Dr. Beaven then went on to tell of some of the wonderful ways the Lord has blessed the work through the influence of the temperance cause. The good-will of royalty, the interest of the King of Sweden, the acceptance of the first Christian missionary—a Seventh-day Adventist—by the King of Arabia. Friendliness where before there had been closed doors, all because of the revival of our interest in temperance. Adventist youth have the knowledge and ability to carry the temperance reform message to the whole world and God is calling for them to volunteer. The youth then signed the temperance pledge which had been handed out to them. It read: "For the sake of strength and purity and the power of example, I hereby promise, God helping me, to abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages, and tobacco, and to exert all my influence to encourage others to do the same."

Pastor Pedersen in his closing remarks told of the power of example and the

strength that comes from signing such a declaration, and wished Dr. Beaven God-speed as he would soon be leaving for Geneva where he would be taking a large share of responsibility in the Institute programme.

When the Congress meetings were resumed in the evening, there was half an hour of song introduced by Pastor Gosta Berglund, who conducted some hymns in Swedish. He was followed by Pastor K. H. Gammon who led out in the singing of English choruses and hymns. One outstanding feature in the singing at the Congress was the readiness of all national groups to sing in English, and to enjoy it. The spirit of unity and willingness to blend as one was a factor that did much to make the Congress such a soul-satisfying, happy gathering.

The last meeting of the day was taken by Pastor Pedersen. Early in the service there was a very fine Swedish rendering of the solo, "The Holy City," and the other two musical items of this programme were by the British lady singers who sang, "Sweet Will of God" and "Raise Me, Jesus."

Pastor Pedersen spoke on the three steps to Christ, all listening interestedly as he recounted story after story from his own personal experiences. The call to surrender to Christ was made in a straightforward way which left the youth in no doubt as to the Master's desire for them. As the sacred hours of the holy Sabbath came upon us we were found in a spirit of true devotion and reverence.

## THE SABBATH SERVICES

SABBATH is always a special day for Adventists, but at Congress it is extra

*The lovely singing of the Oslo Youth choir brought inspiration to many a heart.*



*Representatives from all the nations who took part in the opening meeting.*



special. Many delegates and visitors arrived at the Congress Hall in time for the devotional study at 8.30 a.m., which was conducted by Pastor J. J. Aitken.

All joined in the opening hymn of Sabbath school at 9.30 a.m. Brian Combridge from England read a brief report of the Paris Congress Sabbath school in 1951, and two delegates from Ethiopia and West Africa gave first-hand personal messages from mission lands.

Mrs. Broberg from Norway rendered the musical item as a solo.

Pastor V. N. Olsen, head of the Bible Department of Newbold Missionary College, reminded us of the previous week's lesson, and then Pastor C. Gidlund developed further the theme of "God's Grace" as he led us in the study of the lesson topic for the week. It was quite an experience to watch from the platform the faces of the various groups as they caught their translation over the loud-speaker and responded by answering the questions.

The usual generosity of the Adventists all over the world was evidenced in the offering. Those who attended this Sabbath school will surely carry the memory of it as a foretaste of a greater gathering of all nations which will shortly meet

from Sabbath to Sabbath, where only one tongue will be spoken and all will hear and understand.

Following the Sabbath school and while the organist was quietly preludeing, the representatives from the General Conference, the Division, and the mission fields, together with the union youth leaders, took their places on the rostrum.

Pastor Lind, who worked so indefatigably on and behind the scenes, welcomed the large congregation. A few telegrams from some of our Scandinavian missionaries in Ethiopia were read. A special telegram was received from the King of Sweden. Standing, the young people listened to the words of greeting from the royal house.

Only through special sacrifices had it been possible for many to attend the Congress, but even then it was announced that the Sabbath school collection had brought in 1,427 Swedish Kronor (£71).

The opening hymn was in Swedish, so that the many Swedish churchmembers who were present that day could enjoy the singing.

The opening prayer offered by Dr. Beaven of the General Conference, together with a song sung by an English male quartet and another by the Oslo choir, toned all hearts to worship, and made our minds receptive for the Word of God.

Pastor A. F. Tarr, the Division president, introduced the speaker. The plans for this great Youth Congress, as well as their realization, were due partially to the work of Pastor Dunbar while he had the world leadership of our youth movement. Even though Pastor Dunbar had now been called into the responsibilities of an associate secretary of the General Conference, he showed his abiding in-

terest in the young people of Northern Europe by being present during the whole congress.

Brother Jacob Arnesen, the director of our printing press in Stockholm, served as an able translator. A real Adventist text was chosen by Pastor Dunbar, namely Luke 12:35-37. A call to live a purer life and a definite separation from the world was emphasized by James 1:27. In the work for Christ and the preparation for His coming the young people of the church will evaluate the things of life in the same light as David Livingstone did when he said: "I will not set value upon anything I own except in relation to the kingdom of God."

The Holy Spirit impressed the stirring message on our hearts, and when a call was made to be wholly on the Lord's side, each young person present placed himself on God's altar and signified it by standing. This became the most important hour of the Congress. We had not only come to see another country, to meet old friends and make new acquaintances, but to gain a new Christian experience and to take a new and firm stand in God's mighty army on earth. The morning service brought this experience to all present. It made the inmost purpose of our gathering a reality and became therefore the climax of "Stockholm."

## MISSION SYMPOSIUM August 6th

THE Missions Symposium on Saturday night was one of the most colourful and interesting sessions of the Congress. After the pulsating throb of the drums had died away the meeting started. Beryl Gammon sang of "Jesus, the Fair Rose of Sharon."

Missionaries who had worked for many years in Ethiopia said that they would not have spent their lives in any other way, but were completely rewarded by the change and results that they had seen in that land. They then introduced some Ethiopian young men who portrayed most vividly and dramatically the conversion of a witch doctor who had taken the lives of many people. The young men spoke in Amharic which was translated by Pastor H. E. Davis.

Do missions pay? This was satisfying proof!

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*These four delegates from West Africa, with their leader Pastor D. V. Cowin, made a lasting impression on their capacity audience as they brought to the Congress the drama of mission life.*

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A little later the focus of the programme moved across the "Dark Continent" to West Africa. Pastor D. V. Cowin, after introducing his wife and daughter, showed the assembled delegates how his turban was wound. This turban was a gift from a native chief who wished to be represented in this way at the Congress.

The lusty singing of "Ready to go Lord, Ready to go," brought four young men from West Africa into the spotlight. Three of the young men were MV secretaries, and the fourth was a teacher. They spoke of the progress of the work in their land and our hearts warmed to these good brethren whose zeal for the Lord and His cause was so apparent.

During this part of the programme the sacred hours of the Sabbath slipped quietly away and left us with the peace which is the blessing of true Sabbath-keeping.

Pastor Cowin went on to tell us that in large areas of Eastern Nigeria many natives were still held in the bondage of fear imposed on them by the witch doctors. The East Nigerian representative suddenly appeared on the platform dressed in the costume and regalia of a ju-ju man and with weird movements accompanied by rattles and bells demonstrated how the ju-ju man, under threat of curse, extracts money from his victims.

Later a native sword was presented to Pastor Berglund and the ju-ju outfit to Pastor Gammon in appreciation of their song leadership.

Our Division MV Leader, Pastor Lind, who had been directing the programme, now stepped forward with his wife and small son. He was wearing a royal robe that had been presented to him as a token of friendship by the King of Toro, Uganda. Pastor Lind demonstrated a typical native greeting as he presented his wife who had shared his nineteen years of ministry in the mission field.

This meeting brought to the delegates a deep sense of satisfaction that our missions programme is so well established—yet at the same time there was a feeling that much remains to be done before the work can be finished.

The meeting closed on a note of challenge and many a young heart felt a stirring in response to the Master's call to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. From the delegates gathered at this symposium will come many of the mission workers of the future.

## THE INVESTITURE SERVICE August 6th

ALREADY half of the most important day—the one to which we had looked forward with high hopes and great anticipation—had passed! We still had the Investiture to come. A good lunch and a quiet rest refreshed our bodies and we returned to the Tennishallen in time to take our places behind the platform. A large group was already assembled—all



Master Guides, mostly in uniform. How inspiring to be one of such a colourful group!

With military precision we were placed, and drums, beaten by two West African Master Guides, heralded our approach. The column divided and from each side of the gallery above the platform came the green- and khaki-clad figures. The movie camera began to whirr! Flash cameras went into action and the scene was set for the Investiture.

The secretaries of the Division, led by Pastor Dunbar of the General Conference, filed onto the platform and to the singing of "We have heard Thy call, Lord Jesus," came the fifteen young people, representing Great Britain, Finland, Denmark, Norway, and Sweden, to be invested.

Beautiful music rendered by a violinist from Norway and a soprano from Finland thrilled and inspired us. Pastor Lind introduced the proceedings and Pastor Dunbar gave the challenge, after which they were assisted by Pastor Aitken of the Southern European Division in presenting pins and scarves to the new Master Guides.

The dedicatory prayer was given by Pastor Aitken, and Pastor D. Vink of Holland gave the benediction after the singing of the hymn:

*There's another task to do,  
There's a battle to renew;  
And the Captain calls for you,  
Volunteers! Volunteers!  
Rally to the throbbing drum!  
Shout the word, "We come, we  
come!"  
Volunteers! Volunteers! Volunteers!  
Christ before us, Christ behind,  
Christ on every side!  
For the rescue of mankind,  
On to glory ride!  
Volunteers! Volunteers! Volunteers!*

This was an Investiture that will live long in the memories of all who were present and a challenge to everyone to further service for the Master.

## THE GRAND MARCH AND FAREWELL

SURELY one of the greatest sensations of joy that an Adventist can experience is

to see and hear an effective testimony by Missionary Volunteers to the saving power of Jesus Christ, given to a large audience of non-Adventists. It was the happy privilege of everyone present at the Kungsträdgård, Stockholm, on the afternoon of Sunday, August 7th, to feel this thrill of exaltation, as delegates from all the lands of the Division, except Poland, sang and spoke of their faith. It was the closing day of the Youth Congress, and it formed a worthy climax to a week of inspiring fellowship.

Kungsträdgården—the King's Garden—is a very large open place in the centre of Stockholm, laid out in the form of gardens flanked with double rows of stately linden trees. It is dignified with statues and fountains, and there is a large platform in the middle, faced by rows of seats accommodating several hundred spectators. The programme to be given by the Advent youth had been advertised in the city, and all the seats were occupied before the time appointed for its commencement in the late afternoon.

Half an hour before, the MVs had assembled in Humlegård Park, near the centre of the city, to prepare for their march through the streets leading to the King's Garden. They set out at 4.45, led by a brass band of the city of Stockholm. It was a splendid sight, the national cos-

tumes and all the flags of the nations represented; and it was evident to me, as I hurried on ahead to various vantage points, that the Stockholmers in the streets thought so too. Crowds began to gather and became more and more dense as the procession approached the dais in the King's Garden, and it was finally a packed multitude of something like 15,000 people that witnessed the demonstration.

There was definite power already in the very first songs: Gospel melodies sung in English by a massed choir of boys and girls of many nations. The words rang out clearly in perfect pronunciation, as all the verses of, "I Serve a Risen Saviour," were alternated with the mighty refrain, "He lives." Words in English are not lost on Swedish people nowadays, and besides the divine message of the songs, the fact that our Advent youth of every country in the Division can sing English songs from memory, cannot have failed to impress those who were listening. The songs were applauded.

It had been a brilliant, sunny day, and the leafy trees threw a pleasant shade as the evening drew on. It was a lovely setting for the speech by Elder E. W. Dunbar. The vast crowd listened with rapt attention as he presented the Lord Jesus

*The Ethiopian delegates vividly portrayed the conversion of a witch doctor, using their home language Amharic. Pastor H. E. Davis, MV leader for Ethiopia, translated for the group.*



LEADERS' MESSAGES



One of the three groups that separated each morning for various workshops. Subjects under discussion were *Outpost Evangelism, Literature Evangelism, and Child Evangelism.*



**My Young Friends in Northern Europe,**  
 YOU are part of the great family of Advent youth around the world who ever inspire us by their loyalty and devotion. Yours is a glorious calling! As you meet in Congress, may it be to renew your dedication to the Saviour.

I shall for ever cherish the friendship of the youth I had the privilege of serving for four wonderful years.

Loving greetings to you all,

E. L. MINCHIN,

*Assoc. MV Secretary, General Conference.*

It was a thrilling experience to see our youth in action at the Youth Congress. My thoughts turned to that inspired statement, "With such an army of . . . youth, rightly trained, . . . how soon the message . . . might be carried to the whole world!" (*Education*, page 271.) I thought of our schools and the opportunities and possibilities presented to our youth to  
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as the only hope for young people. If ever an inspired statement was made of the work and aims of the Missionary Volunteer movement, it was this. The very figure of the speaker and the reassuring timbre of his manly voice must have given our audience some idea of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ, and many a heart must have been filled with a longing to be like those happy, free young men and women on the dais as Elder Dunbar voiced their consecration to, and faith in, the soon-returning Saviour of mankind. The words of this address went forth through the loud-speakers with crisp distinctness and were finely complemented by Pastor Berglund's translation into Swedish.

Hardly less stirring to that Northern audience unused to seeing coloured people must have been the address given by Pastor Ackah of the Gold Coast Mission. He spoke in splendid English and with a freedom and fiery eloquence that made his appeal to all to dedicate their

lives to obey the Master and work for Him, personal and telling. Another new experience for Stockholm was a speech in Amharic about the work of the Seventh-day Adventists in Ethiopia by one of our Ethiopian delegates, Elder Davis translating into English. The last testimony was given by O. Persson, a Swedish university student. He compared the various ideals and hopes of mankind today with the only One who can give life a real, satisfying meaning.

Between these noble statements of Advent faith and work, songs in Swedish and a solo by a young Finnish lady delegate provided fitting musical variation on the theme of the evening. The crowds listened intently until the very last words had been spoken, the closing prayer uttered, and the last strains of songs had died away. May the Spirit of God continue to work on the hearts of those who saw and heard what the Advent youth had to say to Stockholm.

**Appreciation — Stockholm Youth Congress Helpers**

THE Executive Committee of the Northern European Division desires to express its gratitude to all who assisted Pastor M. E. Lind in the recent Youth Congress at Stockholm. It is recognized that this valuable aid was a most helpful factor in making the Congress so satisfying to all in attendance.

The Division Committee has recorded in its minutes the following action:

*"Voted,* That we place on record the sincere appreciation of the Division Executive Committee of the splendid services rendered by all who assisted in planning and carrying out the programme of the recent Congress, arranging for the catering, and the provision of accommodation and all such related matters, which contributed to making the Congress an outstanding success."

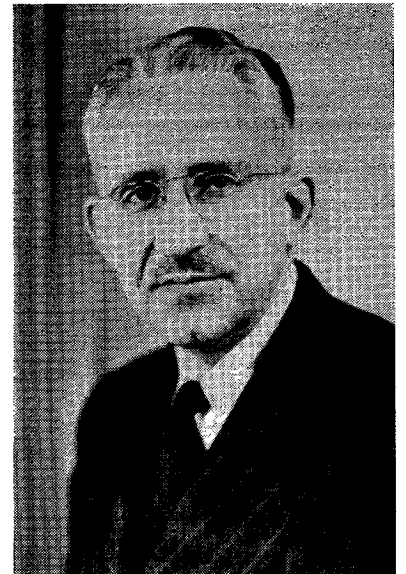
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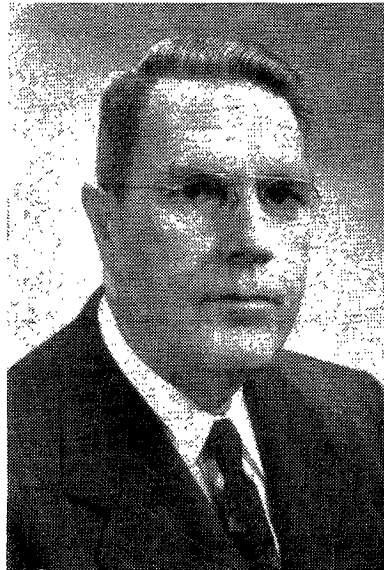
GOD is calling you to man the outposts. You have accepted the great commission of Jesus Christ: "Go ye." You are now seeking out every outpost that it might become God's stronghold. The spirit here must set the pace for Share your Faith activities in the Northern European Division. We meet on this occasion to proclaim Christ, and this proclamation will have meaning only as we carry this consecration to the churches we represent.

E. W. DUNBAR,  
*Associate Secretary, General Conference.*



THE breath-taking happenings and the moods and temper of our age testify to the stately movings of the God of heaven in history. This is the time when we must take serious pause and secure the needed preparation for participation in God's eternal purpose. As we face an ever-changing world and the immediacy of an unfinished task, it becomes necessary for us to go forth "shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace," doing our full duty with clarity and fidelity. H. L. RUDY,

*Vice-President, General Conference.*



THE youth of every age have faced issues and responsibilities of great magnitude, but none so great or so grave as those you face today. It is upon this generation, we verily believe, that "the ends of the world are come," and we want this coming gathering to be an occasion when the spiritual armour will be made more impregnable, the lives happier, and the service more valiant, of all who attend.

A. F. TARR,  
*President, Northern European Division.*

NEVER before in its history has Christian youth had to face such tremendous tasks as it does today.

Advent youth are called to fight in the Lord's war with spiritual weapons, and the Youth Congress in Stockholm will be a means of showing Advent youth how that which seems impossible may be made possible.

C. GIDLUND,  
*President, East Nordic Union.*

THE object of this Congress is to win and to develop our youth; and to so inspire them that they, united in purpose, might move on by the power of the cross, to a better world. It is my fervent desire that this may be achieved.

M. E. LIND,  
*Division MV Secretary.*



## POST-CONGRESS MESSAGES

### Greetings

I COUNT it a real privilege to address this word of greeting to all the youth in the Northern European Division. It was a most enjoyable experience for me to become acquainted with you at the Stockholm Youth Congress. This great Congress will go down in the annals of the history of the Advent movement in Europe, as another milestone of progress as the Advent youth march forward toward the City of God.

The Missionary Volunteers of Southern Europe send you also their warmest greetings, for they will never forget the colour and the inspiration and the testimonies you brought to Paris concerning your place in the Master's service.

We thank God for the inspiration of Stockholm and for the young hearts which gave themselves to greater service, in fulfilling the important task which God has given us to bring the Advent message to all the world. Brother Lind, your MV secretary for the Northern European Division, gave wonderful leadership to this Congress, and we shall never forget his call to service.

Thank you for your invitation to come up North, and may God help us to triumph together through the love of Christ which constrains us to seek and to save that which was lost. As a great multitude of youth we shall soon see Jesus coming in the clouds of heaven. May we now prepare for that great day.

J. J. AITKEN.

### Gratitude

It is with the greatest pleasure that I express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the West Nigerian Mission, the West African Union, and last, but not least, the Northern European Division for making it possible for me and the other three West African delegates to be present at the Northern European Division Youth Congress, held in Stockholm, Sweden, August 2 to 7, 1955.

I regard this as a very rare privilege in that it affords us the opportunity of seeing most of the advanced countries of Europe, such as England, Holland, Germany, Denmark, and Sweden; and of meeting with thousands of Adventist be-

lievers who have the same hope in the soon-coming Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The time we spent with the European youth and the inspiring spiritual messages from our veterans at the Congress will ever remain happy memories for the rest of our lives.

By the grace of God, we will go back to our people to do greater service than ever before for the One we all love so much.

I say good-bye to all our dear friends and well-wishers. May the after-effects of this Youth Congress be an abundance of souls harvested into the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

J. A. OYELAKIN,  
*West Nigerian Delegate.*

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*The editor wishes to express deep appreciation for "The Story of the Congress" so ably portrayed by the following writers: K. H. Gammon, V. N. Olsen, P. P. Schuil, C. D. Watson, Miss B. Leigh, and Miss J. Goodall.*

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### Inspired by the Congress!

I WOULD like to express my deep appreciation to God for preserving my life throughout my travels and granting me good health. I am very grateful to the Gold Coast Mission for appointing me as a delegate to attend this great Youth Congress of the Northern European Division, and to the West African Union and the Division for providing additional funds.

The Congress has been a great inspiration to me. Never will I forget the happy fellowship I had with the thousands of Adventist youth who were present at the Congress. I have the hope that the fellowship we had together and all that took place at the Congress in the beautiful city of Stockholm will urge me to work harder for my Lord and Master. The spirit with which we separated at the Congress will enable us to achieve great things in our various fields and we expect good results in due course. It was really good that I went to Stockholm.

My visit to several churches in England and on the Continent has helped me to know how fast the Advent message is spreading to the ends of the earth; and has made me conscious of the great Advent family to which I belong. Wherever I have visited I have been highly im-

pressed with the faithfulness of our believers in giving all they have to support the work in the mission fields to enable people in heathen lands to know Jesus and His redeeming power. I do appreciate this very much and I am confident that believers in the mission fields praise God for this.

In all, I have been highly inspired by the faithful work of others and pray that the Lord may use me likewise to accomplish great things for Him. May all the youth in this Division be also inspired to do diligent work in preparing a people for Him who loved us so much and gave Himself up so that we might live, and so live that others may be led to Jesus through our faithful labours.

WILLIAM B. ACKAH,  
*Gold Coast Delegate.*

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### Leaders' Messages

*(Concluded from page 10.)*

develop the exceptional talents demonstrated on this occasion. Surely, God is calling you, ADVENT YOUTH, to dedicate your talents to His service.

J. ALFRED SIMONSEN,  
*Division Educational Secretary.*

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