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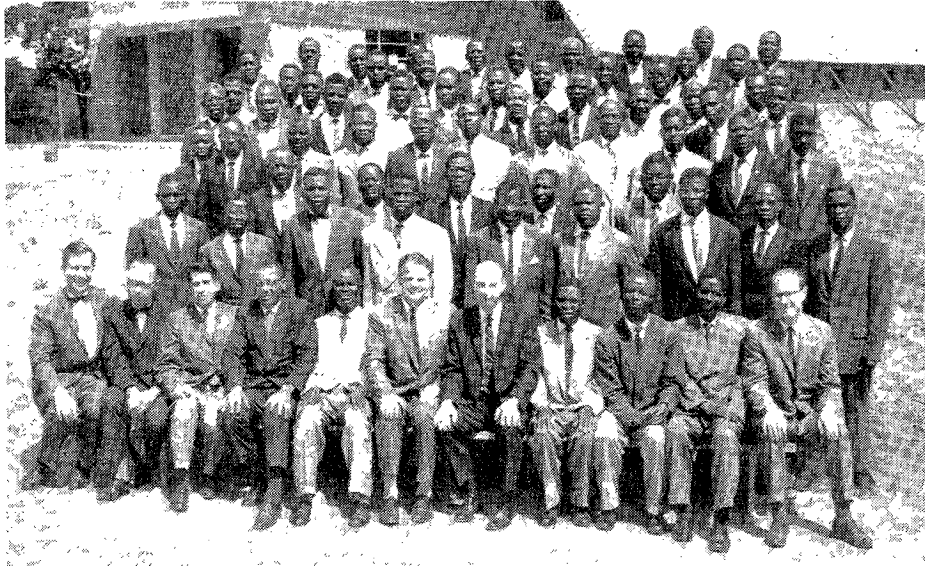
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## SOUTH-EAST AFRICA UNION



### Ministerial Retreat

During the early part of 1966, all the ministers in the South-East Africa Union met together amid the beautiful surroundings of Matandani Industrial School.

Seated front row, from left to right are: R. A. Forbes, Union Publishing Department Secretary; A. Bristow, President, South Lake Field; P. J. Salhany, Union MV and HM Departments Secretary; D. M. Malotle, Guest Speaker from the Southern Union; B. B. Nkosi, President, North Lake Field; N. L. Doss, President, SEAU; Dr. M. Hardinge of the Department of Public Health, Loma Linda University; F. A. Botomani, Union Sabbath School and Stewardship Department Secretary; H. P. Longwe, Union Evangelist; E. J. Zintambila, President, Central Lake Field; and P. Parks, Head of Theological Department, Mombera Seminary.

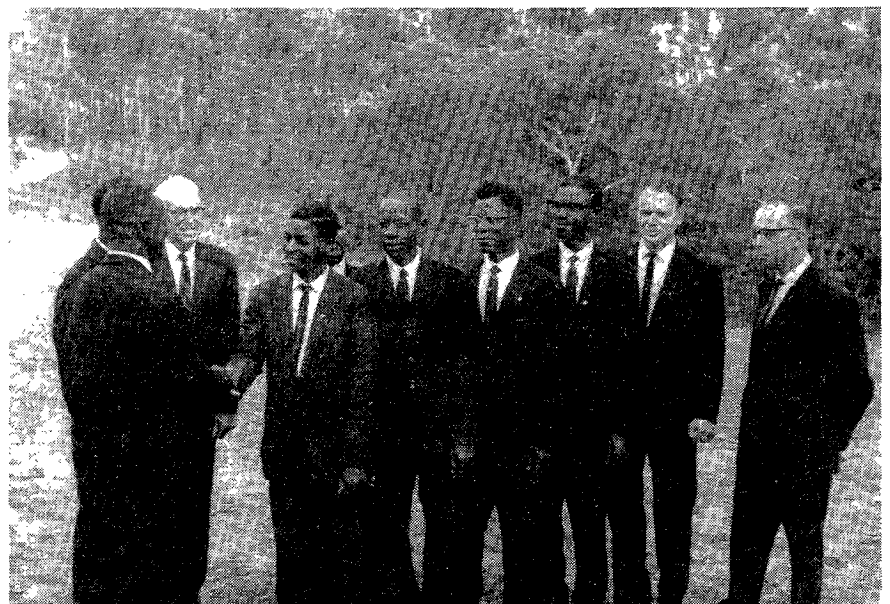
—R. A. Forbes.

### Ordination

During the recent union-wide ministerial retreat, four workers were ordained to the gospel ministry. They are, from left to right: L. Njoloma, F. Macilika, M. Howe, and H. B. Tsakala.

Participating in this sacred service were (left to right): B. B. Nkosi, President of the North Lake Field; E. J. Zintambila, President of the Central Lake Field; O. I. Fields, Director of Matandani Industrial School; N. L. Doss, President, South-East Africa Union; and A. Bristow, President, South Lake Field.

—R. A. Forbes.



# AROUND OUR UNIONS

## MV Leadership Camp in Malawi

by P. J. Salhany,

Secretary, MV Department, SEAU

Forty-six MV leaders gathered at Camp Nkulumadzi for their MV Leaders' Training Camp. From every section of Malawi, designated delegates sat at the feet of such teachers as Pastor B. E. Jacobs, Division MV secretary, D. M. Malotle, MV secretary of the Southern Union, and A. Bristow, president of the South Lake Field. Brother Jacobs presented a specially prepared Leadercraft course, and Brother Malotle brought the youth leaders closer to God in Spirit-filled devotionals and songs. Brother Bristow taught Bible Doctrines and First Aid.

Eighteen days were filled with the exchange of new ideas for youth leadership and "Share Your Faith" programmes.

Supporting the writer were the three field MV leaders, N. Y. Kasambara of the North Lake Field, H. J. Kabambe of the South Lake Field, and M. N. Nkosi of the Central Lake Field. Self-help projects such as brick-making, road-working, tree planting and clearing the grounds for a new maternity clinic brought a purpose to their physical activities.



Pastor A. Bristow leads 46 MV Leaders in Marching Toward Their Self-Help Project.

The results of such a concentrated course have been noted in an increase of spiritual activities among the 5,000 youth of the South-East Africa Union.



First Aid After Make-Believe Bus Accident.

## A Happy Day for the Mbeya Dispensary

by G. Kalambile,  
District Leader.

Our dresser at the Mbeya Dispensary, Robert Mziba, is a very busy man, helping people to regain their health as well as pointing them to the kingdom of heaven.

Recently an elderly Indian merchant from Mbeya was treated at the dispensary. After a few days he became well again and was very grateful. As a sign of his thankfulness he sent us, through the area commissioner of Mbeya, a cheque for Shs. 500.—In the accompanying picture, Mr. C. G. Pujarah is seen handing the cheque, through the area commissioner, Mr. Kissoky, to our dresser, Robert Mziba. The writer looks on, and behind the area commissioner stands the area secretary.

So God is using non-Adventists to help in promoting His work with their financial gifts.

## THUS FAR HARVEST INGATHERING LATEST NEWS

Union	Goal	Raised
CAU	£5,000	£4,748
CU	4,700	1,984
EAU	10,500	10,653
SAUC	70,000	71,497
SEAU	3,450	2,767
SU	5,000	5,019
TU	3,567	2,700
ZU	10,000	8,600
	<b>£112,317</b>	<b>£107,968</b>



The Gift Being Handed to Dresser Robert Mziba.

## Important Notice

Transvaal Conference

### CHANGE OF HEADQUARTERS ADDRESS

Please note, as from August 2, 1966, our new POST BOX NUMBER 4854, Johannesburg

our new TELEPHONE NUMBER

\* 32-2250

Telegraphic address, unchanged, "NATRACON," Johannesburg.

## Sunset Calendar for November 1966

	4	11	18	25
Cape Town	7.16	7.23	7.30	7.36
Johannesburg	6.26	6.31	6.36	6.41
East London	6.36	6.43	6.50	6.56
Port Elizabeth	6.48	6.55	7.02	7.08
Bloemfontein	6.37	6.43	6.49	6.54
Pietermaritzburg	6.22	6.28	6.34	6.39
Durban	6.20	6.26	6.32	6.37
Windhoek	7.05	7.10	7.14	7.18
Bulawayo	6.15	6.19	6.23	6.27
Salisbury	6.02	6.06	6.10	6.12
Gwelo	6.07	6.12	6.18	6.23
Lusaka	6.10	6.13	6.17	6.20
Blantyre	5.45	5.49	5.52	5.55
Elisabethville	6.09	6.13	6.15	6.17
Nairobi	6.20	6.22	6.22	6.23
Mombasa	6.11	6.13	6.14	6.15
Kisumu	6.28	6.29	6.29	6.30
Kampala	6.37	6.38	6.38	6.38
Dar-es-Salaam	6.16	6.19	6.21	6.22
Tabora	6.40	6.42	6.43	6.44



Vacation Bible School in Nairobi, Kenya.

**“SORRY, NO MORE ENROLMENTS”**

by Bernice Gackenheimer,  
East African Union.

These words, “Sorry, no more enrolments can be taken for the Vacation Bible School,” brought disappointment to a number of children who wanted to bring their friends to the Vacation Bible School at the Nairobi central church. Mrs. P. D. Bakker, director of the school, told the children on the first day that no more children could be accommodated this year at the VBS.

150 children responded to personal visits and printed invitations given by the church members in a large area around the church, and they came to the opening session on August, 8. Of this total 140 were from non-SDA homes. Classrooms were crowded to capacity, and every available space was used for craft activities.

How the children enjoyed singing with Pastor and Mrs. R. E. Delafield, and the crafts under the direction of Mrs. W. M. Webster and Miss Alma Riter, the games, the stories, and the work-books.

On Thursday evening most of the parents came to the program in which each of the divisions participated, and to view the crafts on display. Many of the fathers and mothers expressed great appreciation for the fine work of the VBS.

**Health Planning**

“Only rarely can the matter of health be left to our impulses. Intelligent planning is imperative. Such planning must take account not only of immediate pleasure or suffering in any case but also of long-range consequences. To ascertain what such consequences may be, often requires elaborate scientific investigation. If we wish to be as healthy as it is possible for us to be, we have to work hard at the undertaking, sacrifice many pleasures, and submit to rigorous discipline. In general our unspoiled tastes and impulses make for health. The trouble is that they do not long remain unspoiled. The conditions of civilized life provide stimuli to indolence or to excessive indulgence against which the inherited patterns of liking or disliking provide no safeguards.”—Roberts, *The Problem of Choice*, page 236.

**Your Helping Hand Is Needed**

by Robert H. Pierson,

President, General Conference.

Seventh-day Adventists as a church have been spared one of the greatest scourges of our time. While millions of others in virtually every country of the world are enmeshed in this tragedy, we as a people are free from its ravages. No other church today is equipped to do what ours can to help smokers. No other faith has the publications program ours does to help smokers quit, and to discourage non-smokers from starting. No other denomination has films like ours to help smokers. We have such tobacco films as *One in 20,000* which has helped thousands to quit smoking and thousands more to never start. Our alcohol films, our books, periodicals, and leaflets are filling a tremendous part as “Helping Hands” in this hour when we are told by the pen of inspiration that as a people we should stand in the forefront in this great battle against intemperance.

The General Conference Temperance Department, along with its message of prevention, is also developing methods of helping the intemperate. *Listen* magazine for October is a single-theme issue devoted to helping the alcoholic. Several conferences in North America are using this special issue in their fall visitation program. This *Listen* contains, among other things, excellent suggestions on how to work with alcoholics, a graphic portrayal showing how alcoholism develops gradually in a person’s life, a personal story of one person finding God because a friend extended a helping hand, and tangible ideas on how to control weight healthfully.

Through the years our church has emphasized a message of temperance education to help prevent people from falling victims to drink and other dangerous habits. This approach is important, perhaps most important. However, work for the intemperate must not be neglected. “Missionary work does not consist merely of preaching. It includes personal labour for those who have abused their health and have placed themselves where they have not moral power to control their appetites and passions. These souls are to be laboured for as those more favourably situated. Our world is full of suffering ones.”—*Evangelism*, page 265.

The task before us is huge. The challenge is great. This church has an unprecedented opportunity to save lives and souls by supporting our temperance work today. Our Lord has told us: “Say not ye, There are four months, and then com-

eth harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.” —John 4:35.

We are ready to move forward, but we need “Your Helping Hand.” We now hasten to finish the task our Lord assigned us in the lingering twilight of earth’s history. Won’t you give a little more than you have ever given before on World Temperance Sabbath, October 22, for the temperance phase of the third angel’s message? May God bless you as you share “Your Helping Hand.” “As we do our part faithfully, the Lord will bless our efforts to the saving of many precious souls.”—*Temperance*, page 251. May “Your Helping Hand” dig deeply into your pocket on October 22, and may this offering be the largest in our history, with God’s help.

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# A PRINCE IN ISRAEL

## PASTOR MARIKO SEMBAGARE

May 27, 1966 will always be remembered as a black day in the history of our work in the Central African Union. It was on this day that we lost one of our most faithful and stalwart workers in the cause of God. Pastor Mariko Sembagare, who was president of the West Rwanda Field at the time, was injured in a motor car accident while he was traveling to Kigali on this day, and despite the best medical attention he went to his rest on the same afternoon in the Kabgayi hospital. Pastor Mariko was known as one of the most loyal and able workers in the cause of God, and his influence spread to many different parts of our Trans-Africa Division. Having rendered 30 years of faithful service, he fell at his post of duty in the prime of manhood, and this made the loss to the work and cause of God so much the greater.

Pastor Mariko was born in 1914 at Kabyaza, near Rwankeri Mission, where he went to school from 1929 till 1934. He continued at the Gitwe Training School until 1936 when he entered the organized work as a teacher at Rwankeri. He married Esteri Nyirarubura in 1937. In 1938 he was appointed district leader of the Buhoma district, and it was here that he was ordained to the ministry in 1943. He continued to give leadership in the Kibari district and throughout the Rwankeri Mission territory until in 1954 when he was chosen to be mission director at Rwese. In 1958 he was sent as a delegate to the General Conference session, and then in 1960 he was chosen as the mission director of Talla in the North-

Eastern part of the Congo. During the following year of 1961 he was elected president of the Burundi Field, and then in 1964 as president of the West Rwanda Field. Wherever he worked he was known to launch an aggressive and energetic program, and the Lord's blessing continually attended his labours. Pastor Mariko's was an open, outgoing nature—a man who was very much loved and respected by others. He was a spiritual man who spent much time in prayer and in the study of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. He was always loving and sympathetic to those in trouble, helping the poor and discouraged. His special gift was to resolve differences, and many times he brought about reconciliation between people as well as reconciling men and women to God. He loved to preach the gospel and was used of God in holding many successful efforts.

Pastor Mariko was a man who had a very lively sense of humour, and this stood him in good stead in times of trouble and difficulty. Both Africans and Europeans found it a pleasure to associate with him, and he was always ready to lend a helping hand where needed.

On the day following his untimely death, funeral services were conducted in the church at Rwankeri Mission by Pastor Simioni Nzarora and the service at the graveside was conducted by the writer. A large group of relatives, friends and fellow-Christians attended these solemn services. His passing was also felt in a marked degree by the large group of missionaries who were present for this



occasion. The body was tenderly laid to rest in the Rwankeri Mission cemetery, close to the grave of Pastor H. E. Kotz, who was buried here a few years previously. Pastor Mariko now sleeps in the earth in the lively and fervent hope of the resurrection morning.

Besides his wife, Esteri, his seven children mourn his passing. The eldest, Kideyi, is a foreign missionary, located at the Talla Mission Station in North-East Congo, and his daughter Rusi, who is married to a worker, labours in the Masisi area. Another son, William, is at present pursuing his studies at our school in Madagascar, while Yosefu is working in our VOP school in Kigali. Amos is also in Kigali in Government service. Then the two youngest, Eduard and Grosjean, are still at home with their mother.

Yes, only eternity can measure his influence as husband, father, preacher of the gospel he loved, and dedicated leader in the cause of God. All who knew Pastor Mariko unite in saying, "Sweet be thy rest, valiant soldier of the cross. And soon, very soon, thou wilt hear the words, 'Come forth, thy Master calleth thee.'"

J. A. Birkenstock

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the thirteenth Trans-Africa Division Council will convene in Salisbury, Rhodesia from November 22-28, 1966, preceded by departmental pre-session meetings, November 15-22.

The opening meeting of the council will be held at 7:30 p.m., November 22, at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Second Street, Salisbury, under the chairmanship of the newly-elected president of the Trans-Africa Division, Pastor Merle L. Mills.

Distinguished representatives at this

council will include M. V. Campbell, vice-president and C. O. Franz, associate secretary of the General Conference, with O. Gmehling, president, and O. Bremer, treasurer of the Central European Division.

M. E. Lind,  
*Secretary, Trans-Africa Division.*