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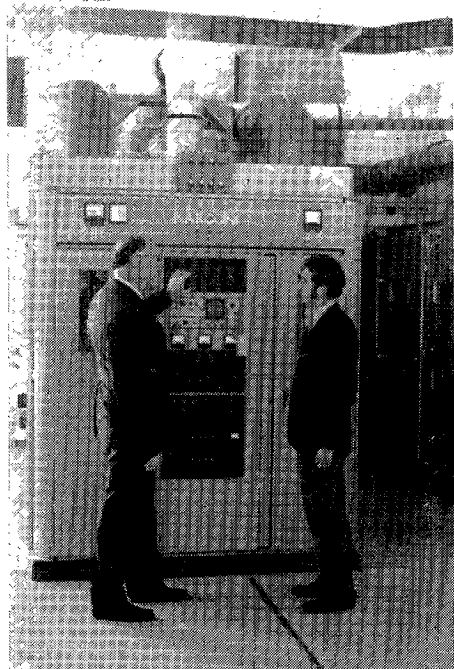


A World Within Our Reach

by WALTER R. L. SCRAGG

THE CRISIS of an exploding world population poses a crisis of another kind for the Christian church. How can Christians communicate the saving grace of Christ and prepare mankind for His second return? How can the church hope to fulfil the gospel commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel?"

The answer lies in the amazing communications technology developed in recent years. We must regard this as God's answer to the need of the church. Daniel the prophet said, "... the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Daniel 12:4.



Walter R. L. Scragg and Allen Steele discuss the possibilities latent in the Marconi transmitters used by AWR.

Today, in Europe, a new venture in the use of the media is telling the message of a coming Christ in the cities and small corners of the continent. In April 1971 leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church approved the leasing of a powerful new short-wave station which was being built on the Atlantic coast of Portugal. An opening date of October 1 was set.

Today broadcasts in 15 languages are reaching the homes and hearts of the

350 000 000 people who live within the prime coverage area of the station.

The facility bears the name of the church that sponsors the broadcasts—*Adventist World Radio*, or AWR. AWR also has another name that is more familiar to its listeners. They call it "The Voice of Hope," or "La Voix de l'Espérance," or "Stimme der Hoffnung," depending on the language they understand.

Recently I visited the site of the station near the small fishing and cork centre of Sines. The transmitter complex sits on coastal sand dunes at the foot of a mountain incongruously named "Monte Mudo," or "Mute Mountain." The station was established as a private enterprise venture by a group of Swiss entrepreneurs and has received complete freedom of operation by the Portuguese government.

When the decision was reached to establish the station the latest in high power equipment was ordered. Today the facility boasts three Marconi 250 000-watt transmitters and an imposing array of curtain and logarithmic antennae. When all three of the transmitters are in operation they draw about two million watts per hour. The power of the transmitting equipment puts it up alongside the British Broadcasting Corporation, the Voice of America and Radio Moscow as a giant in shortwave.

AWR selected as its target areas many of the countries in Europe which do not permit local broadcasting by religious organizations. This includes countries in both Western and Eastern Europe. In most cases the broadcasts are prepared within the country to which they are beamed and shipped to AWR for release.

Distinct spiritual goals have been set for the broadcasts. Though program formats and message content vary with the language, each has the specific goal of bringing a message of hope in Christ to those who are listening. Preparing people for a richer life and for the life to come is the goal in mind.

Co-ordinator for the project in Lisbon is Allen Steele, a young American communications expert. With his wife Andrea he sees that the tapes are in hand for the fifteen broadcasts, times each carefully, checks for quality and delivers them by hand to the transmitting facility. He also serves as public relations officer for the station, keeping the various



Allen Steele, a Seventh-day Adventist technician, checks all tapes and puts the program on the air in Lisbon. He serves as production co-ordinator for the project.

production centres informed and answering many of the letters that come.

A co-ordinating committee comprising Germans, French, Swiss, and American, a Pole and a New Zealander operates out of Berne, Switzerland. Direct control rests in the hands of Erwin Kilian, a German who is head of the radio and television ministry of the Seventh-day Adventists in Europe, and his associate Roger Fasnacht, a Swiss who runs an audio-visual and radio studio for the denomination in Paris.

The logistics of the programming are formidable. When a decision was made to use six of the languages of Yugoslavia—Serbian, Slovene, Hungarian, Croatian, Rumanian, and Macedonian—it meant that portable equipment had to be taken to the language areas. Roger Fasnacht frequently found himself in small churches or halls with performers who had had no previous experience. But

COVER: A WORLD WITHIN OUR REACH!

Logarithmic antennae at the Sines transmitting site south of Lisbon, Portugal. These antennae deliver a signal of 250 000 watts.

through patience, hard work, long hours and great skill the programs were recorded and edited. At the Sines complex technicians assured me that the technical quality and editing of the programs was of a very high level.

The Germans faced their broadcasting responsibilities differently. A van was equipped with the latest in recording gear. Already it has visited many churches in West Germany, West Berlin, Austria, and German Switzerland for on-the-spot recordings of music and speakers.

In France it was decided to vary the program with segments of health message and classical music interspersed with evangelistic talks. Again it was necessary for the recording technician to go to where the people were to record.

The Bible promises that the word of the Lord will not return to Him empty. And this is being proved true in Europe. In Lisbon I read a stack of letters from English-speaking countries, including many from the United Kingdom and Eire. A surprise to me was the large number of listeners from my homelands, New Zealand and Australia. Some had even come from the United States, a country that supposedly lies in a silent area from the station.

Among the stops that Roger Fasnacht makes in his recording swings through Southern Europe is one in Athens. Here the four weekly Greek broadcasts are put together. Greeks are working all over Europe to satisfy the hunger for additional workers in the industrial nations. Requests for Bibles and literature are coming from many centres. Recently AWR's Greek listener service centre in Athens sent out 40 Bibles-and-literature packs in one day.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has been serious about broadcasting for more than forty years. Current ventures involve the denomination in over 5 000 television and radio releases per week. These include stations that cover Southern Asia, the Far East, and China. In other areas such as South America, Central America, the United States, Canada, and Australasia extensive use is made of local radio and television stations.

Reason for this widespread use of the media—a use unequalled by any other denomination of similar size—is the conviction that through this means they may fulfil the prophecy of Revelation 14:6, 7: "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

Adventists hold that the world must be warned before Jesus Christ will return the second time. Jesus Himself said, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matthew 24:14. Alongside their medical launches, their mercy planes, their literature, schools and hospitals, their churches and colleges, goes also the Word in the air—a voice of hope through radio and television.

Perhaps in your community there is an outreach of Adventist World Radio. More than 70 languages are in use. Look for the names, "Voice of Prophecy," "Voice of Hope," "These Times," "Your Radio Doctor,"—all these are programs that present messages about a new and better life. And if you receive the opportunity write for one of their free correspondence courses. You see, we want faith to be born in every heart—and it can be born in yours through broadcast or Bible lessons.

60th Wedding Anniversary

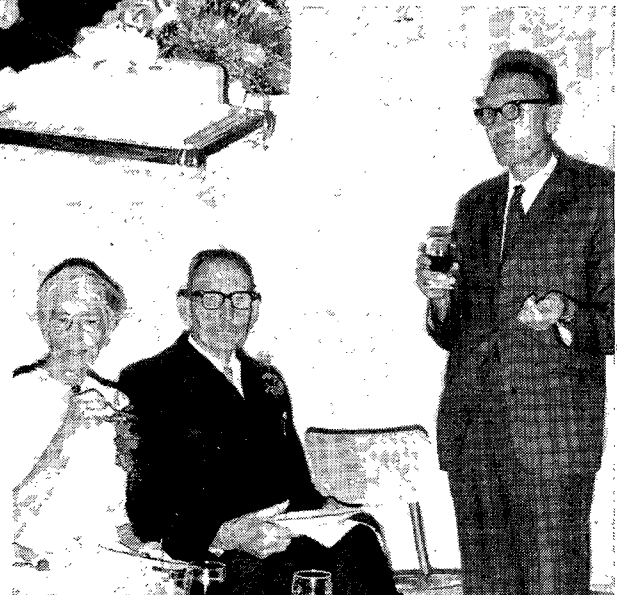
PASTOR AND MRS P. A. VENTER recently celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage. Pastor Venter served as an evangelist and pastor for over 32 years, and although now 86 years of age he has continued to be active in his Master's service since his retirement in 1942. Their only son, Pastor P. A. Venter, Jr., has been engaged in editorial and translation work at the Sentinel for the past 27 years.



Pastor and Mrs P. A. Venter prepare to cut the cake at the function arranged by their daughter-in-law, Mrs Doris Venter, to mark the auspicious occasion. Mrs Venter, Sen. wore the dress in which she was married sixty years ago.

Pastor P. A. Venter, Jr., of the Sentinel staff, proposes a toast in honour of his parents.

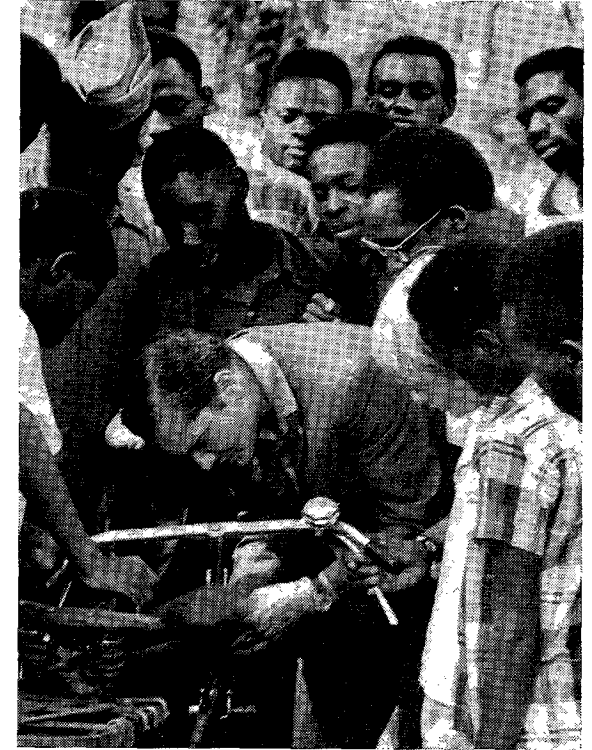
Photos: G. E. Garne.



Report From Central African



Above: During 1971 there were 10 526 youth baptized in the Central African Union. In this picture the South Rwanda youth leader in 1971, Pastor Filipo Mbaraga, is seen baptizing in Lake Kivu. The youth of Rwanda and Burundi also reported 8 789 persons baptized in 1971 whom youth helped to win.



Above: Pastor C. Brû, youth director of the Central African Union, seen teaching an MV Honour in cycling at the Karora Youth Camp. A senior youth camp is held in Rwanda each December. There is accommodation for only 150 at the camp but thousands of youth would like to attend. There are over 70 000 youth in the Central African Union.

Left: MV Camp Karora situated near Lake Kivu in the Republic of Rwanda. This youth camp is operated by the Central African Union.

Photos: D. B. Hills.

Ordination

The secretary of the Central African Union, E. R. Weisser, and the youth director of the West Burundi Field, Daniel Ntahondi, were recently ordained. Five ministers, representing the General Conference, Trans-Africa Division and Central African Union, participated in the ordination service.

Pictured left to right: R. E. Clifford, secretary of the Trans-Africa Division; Pastor Ntakirutimana, Administrative secretary of the Central African Union; B. E. Seton, associate secretary of the General Conference; Pastor and Mrs Weisser; Pastor and Mrs Ntahondi; M. E. Kemmerer, under-treasurer of the General Conference; P. G. Werner, president of the Central African Union.

Photo: R. H. Roderick.



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GRADUATION AT MUGONERO HOSPITAL, RWANDA

by RUTH CARNAHAN

DECEMBER 7, 1971, was a happy day for ten young women at Mugonero Hospital. These girls completed a two-year course in Assistant Midwifery and Practical Nursing. They began their training with Miss Ruth Brown as director and during their second year the writer was in charge of the course.

Shortly after seven in the evening as Miss Gloria Davy played on the accordion, "There's a Place for Every Worker in the Vineyard of the Lord," the girls, clad in white, marched into the school dining-room. To me they looked beautiful as they took their places and sang the words of the song.

Doctor Carlsen in his graduation address stressed the fact that the Christian nurse should meet the spiritual as well as the physical needs of the patient. The class responded with a song of consecration.

After the diplomas were given out special recognition was given in the form of prizes to the three most outstanding students.

Emelitte Mukarukaka obtained 100 per cent on her final oral examination given by the doctor from the government hospital in Kibuye. She had an 85 per cent average for the entire course. Rachel Nyragashishili and Adèle Nyrandikubwimana had an average of 81,5 and 80,5 per cent respectively for the entire course.

What a contrast between these Rwandaise girls and those of 1945 when I first came to this country! It was difficult at that time to find a young woman who had finished three years of schooling. These girls have had nine or ten years of education besides their medical training.

We pray for the special blessing of the Lord on these young graduates as they serve in the hospital, in their homes or in the community.

Progress in Zambia

by IVAN M. PIERCEY,

Public Relations Secretary, Zambesi Union

A RECENT government census taken in the country of Zambia reports the Seventh-day Adventist Church to be the third largest church in Zambia. It is stated that 300 000 Zambians claim to be Seventh-day Adventists. In actual fact there are only 22 000 members on the church records at the Field office! I wonder what the heavenly record reports?

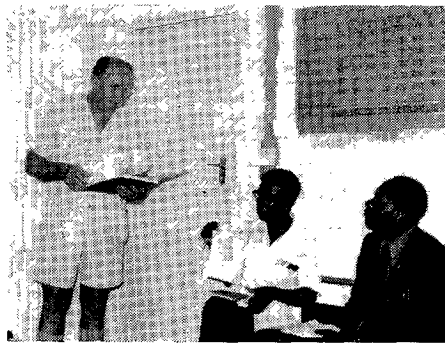
In Zambia there are 50 ministers caring for the 22 000 church members and 50 000 Sabbath-school members. This Field has the largest boarding secondary school operated by Adventists anywhere in the world.



Members of the Zambia Field committee together with the officers of the Zambesi Union.

At their recent year-end committee, the treasurer, Pastor M. W. Cuthbert, was able to present the largest budget on record, totalling just over K. 100,000. The workers, under the able leadership of the president, Pastor E. H. Siamaundu, have made this possible. It was gratifying to hear the committee laying plans, authorizing vehicles, and increasing workers' salaries for 1972. The Lord has blessed the laymen of Zambia, many of whom are holding responsible positions of trust in Government and who in turn have returned a faithful tithe to God.

The future for the work in Zambia is bright. With a loyal band of workers, and consecrated laymen, the church in Zambia is striving to finish the work in their country in this generation.



The secretary-treasurer, W. M. Cuthbert, explaining the details of the record Zambia Field budget.

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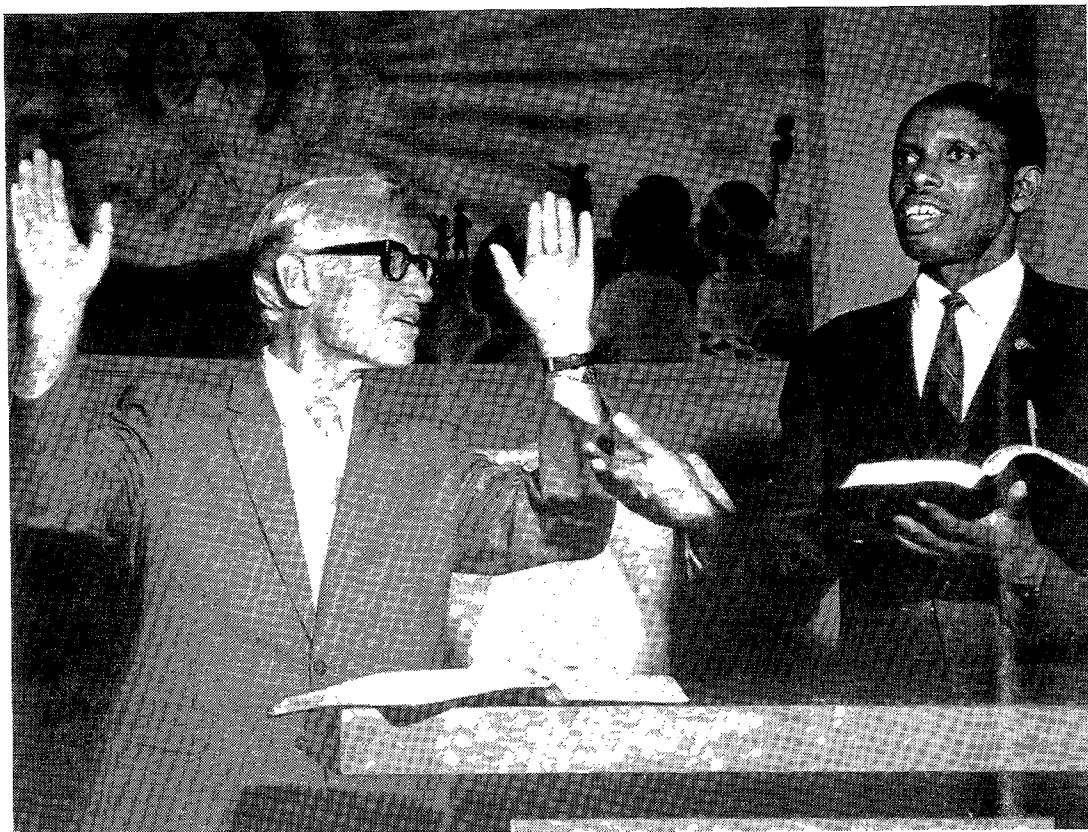
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LATEST REPORT MISSION 72 KENT OPENED JOHANNESBURG LAST SUNDAY WITH 6 000 ATTENDING 4 SESSIONS STOP TO DATE 20 CAMPAIGNS NOW RUNNING WITH OPENING DAYS TOTAL ATTENDANCE 30 000 STOP TO GOD BE THE GLORY STOP MANY MORE CAMPAIGNS TO OPEN SOON, TWELVE OF THEM IN APRIL.

CAMPBELL



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Above: A. C. Fearing with interpreter, Elizaphani Ntakirutimana, Administrative and Stewardship secretary of the Central African Union.

Right: An intrigued pastor said, "The preacher talks with his hands very much."

Far right: "How is the translator handling that one?" Fearing's fears will ring a bell with any who have found themselves totally dependent on an interpreter in a foreign land.

Below: Pastor Fearing climaxed his ministers' councils with an altar call for the preachers and an appeal for total dedication to the preacher's task. Photos: A. E. Cook.



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Africa Welcomes

VETERAN PREACHER

Picture story by ALVIN E. COOK

A. C. Fearing, who conducted ministers' councils in twelve centres of the Trans-Africa Division between January 6 and March 16 this year, is one of the veteran evangelists and pastors of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. With his background of forty years in large evangelistic campaigns and pastoral service in the denomination's biggest churches, Pastor Fearing came to us with a wealth of know-how and experience which he shared generously and enthusiastically with our workers.



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Together we journeyed more than 14 000 kilometres to 12 institutes in which more than 800 ministers and workers were contacted. The most southerly venue was in East London, South Africa, and the final meeting was held on the equator itself at our Rwese Mission station in the Zaire Republic.

One pastor who spoke for the majority said, "Elder Fearing has set me on fire—I must conduct more campaigns and bigger meetings."

On behalf of the ministers of the Trans-Africa Division, a big "thank-you" to Pastor A. C. Fearing!

Dedication of New Talres Plane

by DUNBAR W. SMITH, M.D., Secretary,
Department of Health

The new TALRES Cessna 206 was dedicated and named **Dr J. G. Foster** by the Honourable Jerry L. Pettis, United States Member of Congress on Wednesday, January 29. High government officials of Zambia and a United States Ambassador, Oliver Troxel, attended the dedication. Pastor Merle L. Mills, President of the Trans-Africa Division, and Dr Dunbar W. Smith, Secretary of the Department of Health, flew to Zambia for this important event.

Dr John G. Foster, retired and now residing on his farm in Zambia, has devoted many years of service to the church in Botswana and Zambia. He is a strong supporter of the TALRES program. It is fitting that the plane which is to be used by his son, Dr Ray L. Foster, Director of TALRES and orthopaedic surgeon with special training in leprosy rehabilitation, should carry on the tradition of his father in medical missionary work. But instead of using the now outmoded methods of transportation employed by Dr John G. Foster in the early days, he is now able to fly from one hospital to another.

Congressman Pettis is a Seventh-day Adventist. He has pastored some of our large churches in America and was Professor of Speech at Union College.

Pastor Pettis is also the inventor of Audio Digest (digest of medical literature on tapes) which enables doctors while travelling to keep abreast with the latest in medical science. He was once the executive secretary of Loma Linda University School of Medicine Alumni Association and for a number of years served as vice-president of Loma Linda University and lectured in social science. Congressman Pettis is a member of the influential Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives, United States Congress, which votes on the disbursement of funds for government agencies in the United States and for funded projects around the world.

As an ordained minister, Congressman Pettis gave the dedicatory address dedicating the plane to be used in service for God and humanity.



Above:

The group that attended the dedication of the new TALRES plane, which has been named **DR J. G. FOSTER**.

Left to right: Dr J. G. Foster, veteran medical missionary in Botswana and Zambia; Mr O. Troxel, U.S. Ambassador to Zambia; Mrs J. G. Foster and granddaughter Beth; Pastor R. D. Raelly, pastor of the Lusaka SDA church; Dr Ray L. Foster; U.S. Seventh-day Adventist Congressman Jerry Pettis.

Right:

Pastor R. D. Raelly with Congressman Pettis.



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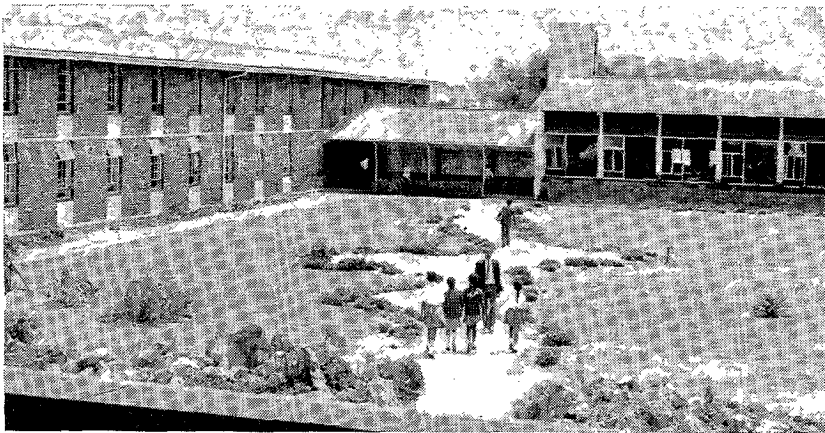
GOOD HOPE COLLEGE

A picture story by G. E. Garne

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GOOD HOPE COLLEGE, at Kuils River, Cape, is the flourishing educational centre which serves our young people of the Good Hope Conference. It provides the full range of schooling, from grade one to Matric, and offers courses at college level in the training of ministers, teachers, and office secretaries. During the past eight years, under the blessing of God and the able and dedicated leadership of Pastor A. J. Raitt, the school has experienced phenomenal growth, especially in the direction of new buildings and facilities. Good Hope College is a school of which its conference, its staff and students, and the denomination, can be justifiably proud.



Above: A view of the attractive quadrangle, with the girls' residence on the left and the dining-room on the right.

Below: The large auditorium, which serves as assembly hall and gymnasium, and also for camp-meetings. The bus in the foreground brings day scholars from the surrounding areas.



Above: The new science block which is rapidly nearing completion.



At left: The principal, Pastor Arthur Raitt, discusses future plans with the preceptor, Pastor J. Human.

Below, left: The theology students with Pastor Tom Gunston, head of the theology department.

Below: Good Hope College is home away from home! The preceptress Miss Ellen Kannemeyer (right), has a friendly chat with one of her girls from Pretoria.



WHY SHE DIDN'T SELL HER HOUSE

THELMA GILBERT isn't moving from Morrice, Michigan, after all.

Mrs Gilbert, a widow, had planned to sell her house in Morrice and move to Florida. So she listed it with an estate agent and the usual For Sale sign appeared in her yard. Then it was that things began to happen that caused her to change her mind.

For example, she found the sign covered with a blanket. Once the small sign was replaced by another which read: "It is against the village law to erect signs that obstruct the view. Please remove."

Then one day she glanced out of her window to see 75 people marching up her driveway carrying signs such as, "Neighbours Will Miss You," "I Love You, Please Stay," and "NO! NO! NO!" When she went to the door she was handed a petition signed by 101 of her neighbours, asking her to stay.

So Seventh-day Adventist Thelma Gilbert stayed. How could she go?

Mrs Gilbert obviously is a genuine neighbour to those around her. Perhaps from her experience she learned the reality of the statement that "personal, individual effort and interest for your friends and neighbours will accomplish more than can be estimated" (*Welfare Ministry*, page 93). "It is for want of this kind of labour," Ellen G. White continues, "that souls for whom Christ died are perishing."

In *Testimonies*, volume 6, page 280, we read: "If God's people would show a genuine interest in their neighbours, many would be reached by the special truths for this time. Nothing will or ever can give character to the work like helping the people just where they are." And in *Christian Service*, page 116, are these words of advice: "Go to your neighbours one by one, and come close to them till their hearts are warmed by your unselfish interest and love. Sympathize with them, pray with them, watch for opportunities to do them good, and as you can, gather a few together and open the Word of God to their darkened minds. . . . Do not neglect speaking to your neighbours, and doing them all the kindness in your power, that you 'by all means may save some.'"

We are in the year of Mission '72 when every church member in the world is asked to concentrate more definitely than ever before on winning people for Christ. Many will be won through evangelistic meetings held by both ministers and laymen. Others will be won through the media of radio and TV. Some will be won through our literature. We wonder how many will join the church this year mainly because their Adventist

neighbours showed an "unselfish interest and love" for them.—T. A. Davis, *Review and Herald*.

PEN FRIEND REQUESTED

Miss Elizabeth van Eyssen, of 6 Ambrose Street, Sydenham, Port Elizabeth, who was recently baptized, wishes to correspond with fellow believers in the age group 35-55 years.

NEWS AND NOTICES

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary will hold two workshops this summer in the areas of world mission and personal evangelism.

AN INSTITUTE OF WORLD MISSION will be held June 12 to July 21, under the direction of Dr Gottfried Oosterwal, chairman of the department of mission and comparative religions, and director of the institute. The institute offers six to eight quarter credits.

Assisting Dr Oosterwal in class discussions will be Albers Whiting, M.D.; Harrison Evans, M.D.; C. O. Franz and K. H. Emmerson, secretary and treasurer, respectively, of the General Conference; and special lecturers from various Andrews University departments.

Designed for missionaries on furlough, and for new mission appointees, the institute will shape attitudes, develop insights and understanding of mission forms, aspects and goals, and teach effective methods of communication. The missionary will acquaint himself with the culture, religion, and society of the people he is serving. Courses in health and hygiene will also be offered.

A PERSONAL EVANGELISM WORKSHOP will be held from July 5 to 19, under the direction of E. E. Cleveland, associate secretary of the Ministerial Association. The workshop is being sponsored in conjunction with the General Conference's Continuing Education Program. The workshop offers three quarter credits.

Pastors and seminary students will be taught how to prepare Bible studies, apply dynamics of personal encounters and human awareness, and use the potential of small group evangelism. Pastors will also learn ways to activate church members into personal evangelism. A 12-hour seminar in human behaviour will be available for those interested.

Those interested in either workshop should write to the Dean, School of Graduate Studies, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan 49104, U.S.A.

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Students from non-English-speaking countries can get a head start on their education at Loma Linda University this summer.

A three-course series, "English as a Second Language," will be offered to

provide instruction in written and oral English. "The purpose of the course is to enable students to move as quickly as possible into a full program during the regular school term," says College of Arts and Sciences Dean Ralph L. Kooreny. "The course is designed to provide instruction in written and oral English and may be taken in one, two or all three units."

Taught by the department of modern languages, the courses may be taken for elective credit and applied to the total units required for graduation from college. A total of 12 quarter units may be earned.

Instructors for the courses are Dr Margaret Hilts, department chairman, and Rudolph Hirschman, assistant professor of German. Cost for the course is \$44 per quarter unit. Applications for the summer session are available. Write to the Dean of Loma Linda University Summer School, Loma Linda University, Riverside, California 92505, U.S.A.

PERIODICAL INDEX

The first volume of the **Index to Seventh-day Adventist Periodicals** will be published April 1, according to George V. Summers, director of Loma Linda University Libraries.

The indexing begins with January 1971. It is designed to aid Seventh-day Adventist ministers, evangelists, church officials, teachers, and editors in locating material on specific subjects in our denominational literature. Such work is very difficult and time-consuming to do without the **Index**.

The **Index**, which will be an author-subject index (no indexing by titles), will include 54 Seventh-day Adventist periodicals. It will come out twice a year, with a cumulative index every two years. The list includes the official organs of all world division conferences, the union conferences in North America, and some institutional and departmental publications.

In addition there will be indexing of articles of denominational interest, as they appear in major secular periodicals.

Institutional membership is available for denominational libraries, conferences, et cetera for \$50 for a two-year period (\$25 annually). Individuals may receive the **Index** at a cost of \$19 for a two-year period (\$9.50 annually). For information or membership write: Loma Linda University, La Sierra Campus, Riverside, California 92505.

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PRESIDENT NIXON visited Loma Linda hospital during the latter part of 1971, and spoke before a crowd of more than 10 000 gathered on the north mall of Loma Linda University Medical Centre. He was accompanied on his visit by California Governor Ronald Reagan.

YOUTH IN NEW YORK CITY won a total of over 300 persons to Christ during 1971. Youth held seventeen Voice of Youth meetings. At one of these meetings, when an altar call was made, 17 persons went forward, 12 of whom have now been baptized.

JAPAN PUBLISHING HOUSE recently celebrated the seventieth year of publication of the Japanese *Signs of the Times*. It was first published in 1899 in the basement of the home of W. D. Burden, a pioneer missionary to Japan. Since 1899 it has been published continuously, with the exception of two years during World War II.

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN persons were baptized recently at Korean Union College, Seoul, Korea, as a result of the co-operative efforts of students and workers. Through the years the theology students of the college have worked with the people of the villages near the school, holding Vacation Bible Schools and using other methods. As a result ten churches have been raised up. About a year ago the ministerial students began Gift Bible Evangelism, and scores of Bibles were placed in homes. Many people completed the course and requested further studies. A large number of them prepared for baptism. Some 1 000 people witnessed the baptism, which was performed by nine ministers.

BAPTISMS through the Voice of Prophecy's threefold radio/Bible school/public crusade ministry totalled almost 4 200 in North America during 1971.

TRANSLATION of the book *Messages to Young People* into Greek has now been completed and is available in bound mimeograph form. Nearly U.S.\$400 was raised among the students of Southern Missionary College, Tennessee, and the members of the New Market, Virginia, U.S.A., church to help with the project. The non-Adventist bookbinder became so interested in the book as he was working on it that he asked if he might have a copy for his teen-age daughter.

FOR THE FIFTH consecutive year, a representative of the Seventh-day Adventist Church won first place in the National Bible Conference in South America. The 1971 winner was Mrs Gerda de Burgo, a teacher, and the wife of a Brazilian Adventist pastor. Of the five

finalists in the contest, three were Seventh-day Adventists. Mrs de Burgo's prize was a trip to Israel.

A NEW UNION MISSION, comprising the territories of the Greek Mission, the Israel Mission, the Italian Union Mission, the Portuguese Union Mission, and the Spanish Church has been organized in Europe, bearing the name Southern European Union Mission. The headquarters have been located in Rome, Italy. The new Southern European Union Mission has a charter membership of some 10 000 baptized church members, worshipping in 150 organized churches.

OUR MEMBERS in Trans-Africa will be happy to know that none of our members or workers suffered loss of life or injury during the recent war between India and Pakistan. Those who were evacuated have returned to their posts of duty and work has begun again in earnest. Let us pray for the work in that war-torn area.

SOUTH BRAZIL UNION has adopted the slogan, "1972, the Year of the 100 000." In 1962 this union had 40 500 members. At the end of 1971 it had 95 000—an increase of 135 per cent in ten years. Up to October the baptismal figure for 1971 was 5 000.

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SUNSET CALENDAR

MAY 1972

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Cape Town	6.02	5.56	5.51	5.48
Johannesburg	5.36	5.32	5.29	5.26
East London	5.26	5.20	5.15	5.12
Port Elizabeth	5.34	5.28	5.23	5.20
Bloemfontein	5.39	5.34	5.30	5.27
P'maritzburg	5.20	5.15	5.11	5.08
Durban	5.18	5.13	5.09	5.06
Windhoek	6.23	6.19	6.17	6.14
Bulawayo	5.41	5.37	5.35	5.38
Salisbury	5.32	5.28	5.27	5.26
Gwelo	5.32	5.30	5.29	5.28
Lusaka	5.42	5.41	5.40	5.39
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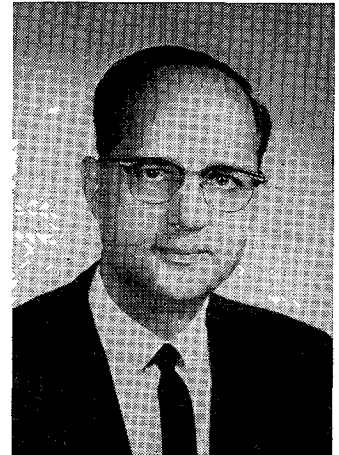
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SEVEN Deadly Perils

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THIS WORLD is out of orbit and committed to a collision course which will inevitably result in a cataclysm. Like a colossal asteroid careering through space, our planet is destined to fiery destruction. Lest some consider this declaration to be dramatic, frightening or fanciful, let me hasten to say that this is not true. Rather, it is made with the intent of emphasizing the urgency of making necessary preparation in order to avoid the apocalyptic fate that now awaits the millions of inhabitants of our troubled world.

Of all the worlds in space, ours is the only one which has gone astray. It went out of spiritual orbit at the time man yielded his allegiance to Satan. Holy Writ avers that, as a consequence of man's rebellion against his Maker, the world has been committed to a course of complete annihilation, for the prophet declares, ". . . the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth and the works that are therein shall be burnt up . . . wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat." 2 Peter 3:10-12.

The word should be sounded loud and clear that life, as we know it today, will not always continue. Should we not be alert to the short-sighted and materialistic concepts that would dim our vision of the world to come? Should we not make every effort to avoid the temptation of the devil who would have us believe that there is only one life and that we had better live it to the fullest, thus making heaven here on earth? Is this not the reason Christ said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God"? If we allow our affections and interests to

be captured by houses, lands, worldly pleasures and dissimulating philosophies, how can we hope to escape the fate of the world?

It is not the Lord's plan that man should suffer the consuming fire that will destroy this world. "The Lord is . . . not willing that any should perish." 2 Peter 3:9. In fact, we have been informed that the eternal fires that have been prepared are "for the devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41). Why, then, should we be so indifferent and so foolish as to share the devil's fate when arrangements have been made for our escape? The devil, of course, would have us believe that since the world has stood this long, it will continue to stand; that the prediction of its destruction is based on a false premise. But we must steadfastly ignore this siren voice. If we believe the Holy Bible as the authenticated Word of God, we must accept the truth that our God will come: He will avenge His enemies and reward the righteous. This world, with the devil and his angels, will be consumed. There will be a new heaven and a new earth in which sin will never again mar the creation of God.

Friend of mine, what preparation are you making to leave this world? Christ has admonished us, "Therefore, be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh." Matthew 24:44. The coming of the Lord will be sudden and unexpected. No one knows the day nor the hour, but when He is least expected, He will come. "Be ye also ready." This involves a personal work, it calls for a preparation. It means that we must have an intimate experience with the Lord and that we will make it our first concern to be ready to leave this world for our journey through space at a moment's

notice. A passive experience will not do. To have a head religion, a form of godliness, a mere profession, will be both tragic and disastrous. Christ said, "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:20.

There are seven deadly perils which threaten the spiritual life and, if not avoided, will render us unfit to meet Christ when He comes. They are: (1) Apathy—a loss of our first love; (2) Complacency—satisfaction with our present Christian experience; (3) Compromise—conformance to worldly standards; (4) Affluence—luxury and materialism; (5) Deception—willing victims of error; (6) Formality—mechanical, legalistic religion; (7) Neglect—lack of Bible study and reading of the Spirit of Prophecy.

Our desire and eagerness to be ready for the coming of the Lord must supersede every other interest and effort. The value we place on our souls must be so precious that nothing can induce us to barter it away. No interest or affection must deviate us from the straight and narrow way leading to life eternal.

Reader of mine, we are not far from the Promised Land. The events of the world tell us that the hour will not long be delayed when Christ will suddenly appear to take His people to the kingdom He has gone to prepare. Thank God, we are nearing the end of the journey. We are homeward bound! Let there be no mourning or foreboding. Will you not make an earnest reappraisal of your relationship with God that you may be prepared for that long anticipated and eventful hour?

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