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**OUR COVER:** Pastor Duong Sau baptizing a Rhade tribesman. The Advent message has just found an opening in this tribe. (See story, page 16.)

## James and Ellen Lead the Way

**F**ROM the time they dedicated their lives to God, James and Ellen White threw all their energies into the work of saving souls.

When Ellen was no more than 16, she felt a tremendous burden to prepare her friends for the soon coming of the Lord. Inviting them to her home for cottage meetings, she related her own experience—her struggles and fears, her search for God, her joy in finding Him. Her friends, mostly teen-agers, some married folks, many worldly and indifferent to religion, thought she was beside herself to be so concerned for their salvation when they had no interest themselves. But Ellen determined never to cease working for them until they yielded their hearts to God. She spent entire nights praying for them. In her little meetings she exhorted and prayed for each one individually until she had the joy of seeing every one converted.

Longing to reach a wider circle of souls, Ellen and her two sisters, Sarah and Elizabeth, formed their own literature band and supported it with their own earnings. Ellen could knit socks at 25 cents a pair, and also help her father in his hat-making business. Her heart was so weak that she had to work propped up on pillows in bed, knitting as fast as her trembling fingers could fly. Twenty-five cents a day was the maximum she could earn, but she carefully laid aside each hard-earned coin for the cause that was dear to her heart. In this way she always had a little fund in store with which to purchase suitable literature for distribution. Every leaf of the printed matter seemed precious to her, for it was the messenger of light to the world, bidding them prepare for the soon coming of Christ.<sup>1</sup>

Not far from where Ellen lived, James White, a young man of 22, was fired by the message of William Miller to go



## FROM THEIR SHOULDERS

out and preach. With the aid of Miller's lectures and a prophetic chart designed by Charles Fitch, he prepared three sermons and set out to preach them. On a late fall day in 1843, James galloped away from home on the horse his father had given him, with his Bible and chart and sermons buttoned up under his heavy winter coat.

James's three sermons gradually increased to seven as he continued to preach and study. Once, at the close of a week-long series of meetings, sixty souls responded to his call and came forward for prayers. James was dismayed by such success. He had preached his last sermon—his "little pond of thought had run out"—and how was he to care for sixty souls? He sent out a desperate call for his older brother Samuel, a minister, to come to his aid. Samuel came and held revival meetings which resulted in the formation of a substantial church.

Not long afterward James was invited to conduct meetings near the state capital. While most of the people were Bible-believers, the area was also a hot-bed of Universalists. These brought out their champion, an editor of the city, to challenge White. The editor requested that James White hold his audience so he could address them after the meeting. But the young preacher let the audience make its own deci-

sion, and most of them decided to leave. This so incensed the Universalist that he plotted with the few people who had remained to create a disturbance the following night.

Though warned of the plot, James White made a prayerful decision to meet the situation. The following night he strode bravely into the meeting place, where sympathetic listeners, mostly women and chil-

## A BROADER PERSPECTIVE

WE STAND ON THE SHOULDERS OF  
THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE.

dren, filled the seats. A great crowd, infiltrated with the trouble-makers, had massed outside the building, watching through the open windows for a chance to harass the speaker. James White no sooner rose to speak when the mob let go with a barrage of snowballs, rocks, and other missiles, accompanied by screams and catcalls. The building seemed to shake from the onslaught, and the voice of the speaker was drowned.

James White did not give up. Closing his Bible, he launched into a description of the terrors of the judgment day. Above the roaring of the mob his voice was heard crying, "Repent and call on God for mercy and pardon! Turn to Christ and get ready for His coming, or in a little while you will call in vain for the rocks and mountains to fall on you. You scoff now, but you will pray then!"

As the mob stopped to listen, James White pulled an iron spike from his pocket and held it up for all to see. "Some poor sinner cast this spike at me last evening. God pity him! The worst wish I could have for him is that he is at this moment as happy as I am. Why should I resent this insult when my Master had them driven through His hands?" Dramatically he stood back against the wall and stretched out his arms in the form of a cross.

A groan ran through the crowd. Some called, "Hark! Hark!" In a moment all was still. Fervently James White called on sinners to turn from their evil ways and live. The audience was melted to tears. In response to the call for prayer, nearly a hundred rose. After praying for them, the young preacher, with Bible and chart under his arm, strode down the aisle to the door. As he faced the sullen crowd outside, a man of noble countenance took him by the arm and led him through the mob. No one lifted a hand to touch him. As soon as he was in a safe place, James White turned to thank his protector. No one was there.<sup>2</sup>

100 FOR CHRIST UNITED EVANGELISM!  
James and Ellen White threw their very lives into it.  
How about you? —B.S.N.

<sup>1</sup>Ellen G. White, *Life Sketches*, pp. 41, 42, 47, 48.

<sup>2</sup>A. W. Spalding, *Origin and History of Seventh-day Adventists*, Vol. I, pp. 48-50.

## Union Holds Year-End Meetings

**I**MMEDIATELY following the Far Eastern Division Quadrennial Session, during which time the officers of the Union were re-elected for a four-year term, the Union year-end committee and annual board meetings were held in Singapore.

One of the highlights of the meetings this year was the attendance of Pastor R. H. Pierson, the President of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Pastor Pierson not only gave valuable counsel and advice in the committees, but added a fine spiritual tone to the meetings as he brought us the morning devotional for three consecutive days. Pastors Pierson and Eldridge had to leave before the meetings were finished to meet appointments in Sarawak and Sabah.

It was voted for the Union Quadrennial Session to be held in Singapore on December 13-16, 1972, with the annual committee following on December 17-21, 1972. This will be the first quadrennial for Southeast Asia Union Mission since the Division changed from a biennial session.

Because of the US dollar exchange rates, the budget for the year 1972 could not be increased, but with the help of God this will be the best year in the history of Southeast Asia Union Mission. The reports of baptisms and evangelism were very encouraging, and the institutions all gave a good report of 1971 with optimistic plans for 1972. A new department was begun in the Union and Pastor F. H. Hewitt was appointed as secretary of the Stewardship Department. Pastor C. A. Williams has just recently accepted the call of the Far Eastern Division to fill this position on the Division level, and Pastor Hewitt will be working closely with him in the local missions to bring about a spiritual revival in our churches.

ONE HUNDRED FOR CHRIST UNITED EVANGELISM, which began in 1970, was reviewed and discussed on the last day of the meetings. All workers present reemphasized the need for total dedication to Christ and recognized the short time left in which to warn the people of Southeast Asia of the soon coming of our Saviour. Each worker in the Union and Missions pledged to have some part in conducting at least one evangelistic service during the coming year to help warn these millions of people. May each one of us as church members and workers in the Southeast Asia Union join together in making this the best soul-winning year in our history. This achievement will be possible only if the laymen join hands with their pastors as a team working for God.

—R. I. Gainer, Treasurer  
Southeast Asia Union



# SOUTHEAST ASIA UNION COLLEGE

## First Four-Year Class Graduates

**T**HE graduation exercises of December 10 and 11 at Southeast Asia Union College marked an important forward step in the history of this 56-year-old institution; for seven students received bachelor's degrees, the first class to finish the four-year program. Four were in education and three in theology.

In addition, fourteen were granted two-year certificates—two in education, one in science, four in commerce, four in secretarial science, two in liberal arts, and one in mathematics.

Another nine are scheduled to receive the two-year certificate in April, and one a four-year degree in theology.

The services began on Friday evening, with the consecration service, with an impressive march by the graduates, escorted by the freshmen of the college. Mrs. Marion Simmons, of the Department of Education of the Far Eastern Division, gave the address. Speaking for the whole class, James Lai, class president, accepted the challenge to consecration to God's service.

At the 11:00 o'clock service on Sabbath, Pastor T. K. Chong, President of the Malaya Mission, addressed the graduates and guests, using the class motto—"Reach Out", and aim—"To Climb Higher", as his theme.

The conferring of the degrees and diplomas took place at the commencement service Saturday evening, the 11th, when in addition to the procession of graduates and escorting freshmen, the faculty marched in full academic regalia. The commencement speaker was Pastor C. H. Damron, Union Ministerial Secretary. Diplomas were awarded by Pastor Daniel Tan, President of Southeast Asia Union College, assisted by the registrar, Mrs. Maggie Tan.

To date, thirteen of the graduates have received calls to work in the church organization. They are:

James Lai, Goshen Adventist School, treasurer and teacher  
 Leela Benjamin, SDA School, teacher  
 Chalee ChuenChob, Bangkok Ekamai School, Principal  
 Khu Soei Hoa, Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital, secretary  
 Sally Lam, Sunny Hill School, teacher

Susie Mong, Penang Adventist Hospital, secretary  
 Laurena Madge Tan, Far Eastern Division, secretary  
 David Goh, Balestier Road Church, assistant pastor  
 Phoon Chek Yat, Sunny Hill School, teacher  
 Sim Chor Kiat, SAUC Church, assistant pastor  
 Adeline Cheah, Sunny Hill School, teacher  
 Leong Lye Cheng, SDA School, teacher  
 Chai Sew Moi, SAUC Library

Seven of the seniors will go on for further study.

They are:

Chai Teck Sin, Philippine Union College

Lee Peng Cheong, " " "

Peter Soong, " " "

Wong Kum Meng, Southeast Asia Union College

Kenny Pappachen, Spicer College

Tan Ah Bee

Jennifer Chan

Two of the two-year graduates graduated with honors—Jennifer Chan and Madge Tan—while two of the four-year graduates had distinguished records: Sally Lam, magna cum laude, and Phoon Chek Yat, cum laude.

—Dr. Bernhard Aaen, Academic Dean  
 Southeast Asia Union College



First four-year graduating class of SAUC, with faculty members on the front row.



Miss Fitzgerald and her two bakers, Yeang Kok Boon and Low Chin Hin, proudly display a batch of bread.

### Small Industry with Big Hopes

**T**HE newest venture on the Southeast Asia Union College campus is a small bakery with big hopes. Miss Myrtle Fitzgerald, chairman of the education department, is supervising this young industry, which as yet has no real home. The bread is prepared in the Home Economics classroom and baked in two small ovens, one of eight-loaf capacity in the cafeteria and the other, of three-loaf capacity in the Home Economics room. Despite these limited facilities, production is 33 loaves per day at present and the demand is growing.

Five boys are presently employed part time in this new industry—Lew Chin Hin, George John, Elvin Chong, Yeang Kok Boon and Robert Tan.

According to Miss Fitzgerald, the college cafeteria is the largest customer at present, with workers on the compound and at the hospital buying all that can be produced with the limited facilities now available. Inquiries have come from Youngberg hospital and from the Division Canteen, but these potential markets can not be served until the production capacity can be increased.

When asked what were the greatest needs for this potentially prosperous school industry, Miss Fitzgerald mentioned first of all an oven. Baking in the cafeteria oven involves carrying the loaves from the Home Economics room to the kitchen, which requires using an umbrella on rainy days. In addition, since that oven heats unevenly, the loaves must be constantly shifted to obtain uniform baking.

Other needs mentioned were a place to work, screens for the windows, a mixer, a slicer, and smooth unobstructed work tables, with Formica or similar surface.

With proper facilities, this bakery can expand and provide wholesome bread to a wide market and employment to a number of students, says Miss Fitzgerald.

—Dr. Bernhard Aaen, Academic Dean  
Southeast Asia Union College

### Donato Conducts Week of Prayer



Bernard Donato  
M.V. Secretary  
Southeast Asia Union.

Pastor Bernard Donato conducted a Week of Prayer from October 24 to 29 at the Southeast Asia Union College auditorium.

Pastor Donato, a friendly Filipino currently the Union M.V. Secretary, is a dynamic preacher with a warm personality and a genuine love for young people. The theme for his Week of Prayer series was "Treasures Unlimited." Some of his sermon titles were: "Pythons Prowling," "Use Your Charms, Dear," "Fragrance Ascending," "Stranded," and "Keep Still, My Heart." He dwelt on practical issues such as health, courtesy, prayer, courtship and marriage. His sermons were not only practical, but spiritual as well. An inspiring testimony service was conducted in which students, faculty members, and parents told of God's matchless love and care. "Treasures Unlimited" indeed!

—David Goh

### Orion Pathfinders Hold Week-End Camp

**A** J.M.V. Pathfinder week-end camp under the direction of Mrs. M. P. Sormin was held at Ponggol, Singapore, on September 11-12. Thirty-six Pathfinders and leaders from the SAUC church had a delightful week-end together at this beautiful campsite.

After the sundown worship Friday evening, Pastor James Wong gave an interesting talk entitled "The Pathfinders." This was followed by Pastor R. E. Neall's inspiring talk in which he told of how God sent His angels to rescue His people on a number of occasions while war raged in Vietnam.

During the Sabbath School period the following morning Pastor Robert B. Grady drilled the campers in Bible knowledge. In the sermon that followed, Pastor John Harris spoke about the wonders of God's work of creation.

Camp activities included morning watch and prayer bands, knotting, hiking, track and trail, swimming, crafts, M.V. Honor classes and games. The highlight of the week-end camp was the testimonial service at which time all the campers gave their testimonies regarding the goodness and kindness of our Heavenly Father.

The week-end camp flew by all too quickly, but the campers returned to their homes and duties with many happy memories, and with the joy of having been drawn closer to God.

—See Kwee Lan  
3rd year ministerial student

# NEWS FROM THE MISSIONS



## MALAYA

### Malaya Workers Learn About Health Evangelism

**T**HE workers of the Malaya Mission met together October 18 to 21 for a Ministerial Institute in beautiful Golden Sands Baptist Assembly, Port Dickson. Pastor J. R. Spangler and Dr. Wayne McFarland from the General Conference presented stirring materials on coordinated health and doctrinal evangelism. Also present were Pastors R. C. and C. A. Williams from the Far Eastern Division, and Dr. Roger Heald and Pastor C. H. Damron from the Union.

"MISSION 72," a bold new plan for a simultaneous world-wide evangelistic thrust, with every pastor using the same advertising and messages, was explained. C. A. Williams presented stewardship in its broadest implications—a dedication of the whole person to Christ, with all that he possesses. Chester Damron told of the amazing success of the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence Schools, and challenged the workers to follow up the thousands of interests in the field.

Most of the session was devoted to health evangelism, the big "thing" in evangelism today. Elder Spangler and Dr. McFarland demonstrated how doctor and minister work together in an integrated program, with the health and Bible messages carefully woven together. A talk on heart disease, for example, might be followed by a sermon on the text, "A new heart I will give you," Eze. 36:26. Best of all, as the people experience the dramatic benefits to their own health that come from following the Adventist health message, they have confidence to accept the spiritual message as well.

This "new" approach to evangelism is actually not so new: it came from the century-old counsels of the Spirit of Prophecy, which are still as new as today's scientific discoveries.

Dr. McFarland, who co-founded the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking from the Spirit of Prophecy counsels, states that the principles used in overcoming tobacco are applicable in any attempt to break off bad habits and live healthfully. The Five-Day Plan thrusts the total health message at smokers in one package: they must give up alcoholic beverages, coffee, tea, spices, meat, and concentrated sweets right away. They must drink quantities of water and fruit juices to wash out the nicotine ("their kidneys

think that Christmas has come"), practice deep breathing, take regular exercise, get on a healthful diet, and learn to trust in divine power. "What makes the plan so successful," the doctor explained, "is that after two or three days they suddenly feel better than they have in years. Their food tastes good, they sleep well, they have new energy. If it were not for this sudden sense of well-being, the plan would fail."

Dr. McFarland and Elder Spangler showed that even Seventh-day Adventist workers would feel better if they followed the same health program. They presented a wealth of scientific evidence supporting the counsels Adventists have known—and often ignored—for years.

"Every one of you is born with a certain amount of vital energy," Elder Spangler explained, "which is like a bank account that you can draw on, but not add deposits to. If you use this too rapidly, overworking when you need rest, you are borrowing from the future. Rest will not restore what you have lost. You are left with less vital force than you had before."

Dr. McFarland explained that "overeating stretches out the stomach and draws extra blood and juices to the stomach to get rid of the load. This benumbs the nerves, almost paralyzing the brain.

"You skinny people—you can be guilty of overeating too," the doctor accused. "No one should overeat, even if he can do so without gaining weight. There is such a thing as skinny sinners and fat saints!"



Clutching his ribs, Dr. Wayne McFarland demonstrates the art of deep breathing.



Workers of the Malaya Mission meet in a Ministerial Institute with (front row) C. H. Damron, C. A. Williams, Dr. Wayne McFarland, C. K. Han, T. K. Chong, J. R. Spangler, R. C. Williams, and Dr. Roger Heald.

"Irregularity in eating saps the vital force. Recent research at Loma Linda University shows that the stomach normally empties in four hours. But when snacks are eaten between meals, the stomach may take from 12 to 18 hours to empty. This extra burden weakens the digestive system."

Sugar came in for a strong indictment. Quoting Mrs. White's statement that "sugar clogs the system," Dr. McFarland stated that sugar raises the cholesterol level of the blood, causing fatty deposits in the blood vessels, literally clogging them. Even the circulation in the root canals of the teeth is cut down by sugar, thus inviting tooth decay.

Overuse of sugar lowers the body's resistance to disease. Research by Dr. A. S. Sanchez of Loma Linda University has demonstrated that whereas one white cell can normally kill 14 germs, after a person drinks one bottle of pop (six teaspoons of sugar), each of his white cells can kill only 10 germs. After a person eats a big piece of chocolate cake (18 teaspoons), his white cells can kill only two germs each. And three scoops of ice cream smothered in chocolate sauce (24 teaspoons) reduce the kill rate to a ratio of one to one.

"If your child eats a lot of sugar, his nose will run instead of his feet," said the doctor.

Large amounts of sugar make a person irritable and nervous. The reason is that sugar, containing no vitamins itself, takes vitamin B from the body in order to "burn." This causes vitamin B deficiency, a condition which actually alters the personality.

"Try a week without desserts—just eat fruit—and see how much better you feel," challenged Dr. McFarland.

At one point the doctor demonstrated the art of deep breathing. Clutching his ribs, he showed how to fill the lungs completely and then exhale, coughing out the last remnants of stale air. As the audience felt for their ribs, Mission President T. K. Chong strode to the front. "I can't find mine," he announced.

"If you can't locate your ribs, come back next week for the weight-reducing course," quipped the doctor.

After many hours of meeting, the call of the surf and the kingfishers lured the delegates into the sea. While jumping waves, they enjoyed watching Dr. McFarland ride the breakers—diving and swimming with all the energy of a small boy.

The delegates to the Ministerial Institute were tremendously enthusiastic about coordinated health and doctrinal evangelism. Wong Yew Seng, Secretary of the Sabbath School and Lay Activities Departments, and Leoh Hee Tan, pastor of the Kuala Lumpur Chinese Church, both declared that the meetings had greatly strengthened their faith in the Spirit of Prophecy. Joseph Tham Yoon Chiang, pastor of the Pontian, Johore Chinese church, said that he planned to practice the health message and teach it to his people. Mrs. Ralph Neall decided to stop preparing rich desserts and serve instead the delicious fruits that abound in the tropics. Pham Kow Seng, a student pastor of the Balestier Road Church, stated that the institute was "my greatest spiritual experience since the time I became a Seventh-day Adventist!" Catherine Lim, Bible instructor in the Chinese Thomson Road Church said, "I have been spiritually revived, and I'm just eager to go back to my hometown and really set my church members on fire for God. I sense that the end of time is near and we have no time to waste, but must tell the people around us about Jesus."

—B.S.N.

## PAH Helps Heart Patient

Ng Kai Kan, whose plight was brought to the public's attention through the newspapers will soon leave for Kettering Memorial Hospital in U.S.A. for open heart surgery. He was told that he had only 2 more years to live, but now has high hopes of living a near-normal life. In conjunction with the Pudu Rotary Club of Kuala Lumpur, Penang Adventist Hospital is arranging for his trip to the U.S.A. where he will be operated on gratis by the heart team at Kettering Memorial Hospital. The accompanying picture shows Dr. R. R. Standish examining Mr. Ng recently at the Penang Adventist Hospital.



Dr. Standish examines heart patient, Ng Kai Kan.



Thirty literature evangelists of Malaya Mission met for their annual Institute in Port Dickson.

## Literature Evangelists Inspired by Institute

ON September 12 to 16, a group of 30 literature evangelists with their leaders met at beautiful Golden Sands Baptist Assembly, Port Dickson, for their annual Institute.

"To evangelize every home in Malaya Mission with our literature" was the theme. S. D. Pangborn from the Division and R. L. McKee from the Union were the instructors. Both men gave strong support to the program and won the love and respect of the colporteurs.

During the discussion periods Brother Choo Yau Fong, Manager of the Malaysian Signs Press, explained the rise in book prices; Samuel Tsai, Editor of the Press, told of new books soon to come off the press; and Yeoh Hun Eam explained the working policy.

Pastor T. K. Chong led out in a moving communion service on the evening of September 15, after which the colporteurs testified with tears of their earnest desire to rededicate their lives to serve the Lord.

The highlight of the meeting came on the last day, when Pastor McKee presented Sister Chiau Fong Ying with a large golden trophy for being the top colporteur in Malaya Mission during the last twelve months. She had delivered M\$23,713's worth of literature. Three others received special recognition for outstanding results during April Big Week. Fourteen bookmen received their faithful service pins at the same time.

Because of many difficulties, it seemed at one time that the Institute could not be held. But by the help of our gracious Lord successful arrangements were finally made. The colporteur evangelists felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in their midst, and they left the meeting with a wonderful spirit of joy, unity, and dedication.

—Peter Khoo, Publishing Secretary  
Malaya Mission

## Shirley Johnson Directs Cooking School

The International Cooking School, directed by Mrs. Shirley Johnson of the General Conference and Mrs. Marion Simmons of the Far Eastern Division, was a remarkable success. The enthusiastic response by the ladies of our Singapore churches was a real inspiration to the Planning Committee. The cooking school was held in the Southeast Asia Union College cafeteria which was filled to capacity day after day by not only the ladies of the church but several men and many interested college students.

The school ran for four days with a three-hour session each day. After a short devotional, Mrs. Johnson presented a nutritional talk which was followed by well-organized demonstrations of various dishes given by Mrs. Johnson and other local experts in the culinary art. As demonstration followed demonstration in quick succession, the eager students kept close attention with eyes, ears, and hands feverishly getting everything down on paper. Free recipes and samples of nutritious food were welcome additions to the demonstrations. Door prizes of home-made bread and various kitchen gadgets were the highlight of each cooking session.

All admired the beautiful table settings of Mrs. Donna Krogstad who made a different setting each day, each more beautiful than the day before, or so it seemed.

There was an average attendance of about 130 at each session, 115 of whom qualified for certificates. The cooking school ended with a wish from the ladies (and gentlemen) that more such cooking schools could be held.

—Maggie Tan



Shirley Johnson uses toys to demonstrate amino acid chains to 130 men and women at the college cafeteria.







Lian Hoon Peng with five baptismal candidates and those who assisted in the Kulai effort.

### Five Baptized at Kulai

ON October 2, 1971, five young people were baptized as first-fruits of an effort conducted at the Kulai Local Council Hall by Brethren Lian Hoon Peng and Lee Tsai Teik in August. Every week students from Southeast Asia Union College, with members of the Johore Bahru Church, have been conducting a Branch Sabbath School at Kulai in the shophouse of Mr. Chai Yong, an active layman. Thirty youngsters attend regularly.



Youngsters sing zestfully at the Kulai Branch Sabbath School.

### News Notes

by Maggie Tan

\* **Peggy Yap** married **Lee Ee Chong** on December 5 at the College Auditorium. Pastor F. H. Hewitt officiated at the marriage ceremony. The bride is the secretary of Pastor K. T. Kong while the groom is a science teacher at the English College, Johore Bahru.

\* **Earl Anchant** married **Mary Ang** on December 5 at the Balestier Church. Earl is a hydrotherapist at Youngberg Hospital while Mary is a teacher in a government school.

\* **Edmund Ho** and **Agnes Tan** were married at the Balestier Church on December 12. Edmund

heads the Business Department at Southeast Asia Union College while Agnes teaches in the elementary section of the same college.

\* **Laurence Chu** married **Edith Hiu** of Bangkok at the Bangkok Chinese Church on December 19. Laurence is a secondary teacher at SAUC while Edith is an office secretary at the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital.

\* **Flora Lim** married **Chen Chia Seng** on December 20 at the Life-Bible Presbyterian Church. Flora is a teacher at Mt. Vernon School while Chia Seng is a Computer Engineer connected with Shell.



### President Pierson in Kuching

THE recent visit of Pastor Robert Pierson, President of the General Conference, to Kuching makes another "first" in the history of Sarawak Mission. With him was Pastor Paul Eldridge, President of the Far Eastern Division, who accompanied him in his tour of the Far East. At the Kuching airport, both men were given a VIP welcome by the mission officers, teachers, students, members and a host of friends. A protocol officer was also sent by the local government to welcome him.

During the one-day visit, Pastor Pierson visited Sunny Hill School and Ayer Manis School, the two largest schools in the Sarawak Mission, and churches in the Kuching and Serian districts. He also visited a "long-house," the typical feature in Sarawak which he longed to see. In the evening he spoke to the brethren of the Kuching Church, after which they were entertained at a reception given by Brother Nelson Kundai, the Minister for Youth and Culture of Sarawak. Before leaving Kuching for Sabah, they visited the grave of Pastor Youngberg, pioneer missionary to Sarawak.

—Jonathan Ng, Pastor  
Kuching Church



A small part of the overflow crowd that attended the Congress. Presidents Pierson and Eldridge welcomed by a host of friends at the Kuching airport.

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March 12-26, 1972

## CRUSADERS CORPS

During 1972 your Union and I have committed themselves

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Enche Payar Juman, Minister of Social Welfare, opens the Sabah Youth Congress.

## Greatest Youth Congress in Sabah History

**"RISE** up, O men of God, be done with lesser things. Give heart, and mind, and soul, and strength to serve the King of kings! And **LIGHT SABAH NOW!**" This challenge was thrown out by Elder Bob Jacobs, Division M.V. Secretary, to the Sabah Youth Congress, August 4-7, 1971.

After months of planning, preparation, and promotion, all roads led to Goshen for the greatest Youth Congress in Sabah history. Guodoh Benda, Congress Registrar, reported that before 7 p.m. all seats in the auditorium, an atap structure built especially for the occasion, were occupied. Hundreds more stood outside. Among them were police personnel, newsmen, government officials, the district officer, and Adventist leaders from the Mission, Union, and Division. All were awaiting the arrival of the torch bearers and the Minister of Social Welfare, Enche Payar Juman, who would officially open the Youth Congress.

The torch bearers, fifteen of them, headed by Clifford Sambain, ran a marathon race all the way from Menggatal, carrying the torch to light the caldron in the auditorium. Menggatal, about eight miles from the Congress site, is the place where the message first took root in Sabah.

The Congress activities were rewarding and inspiring. The morning, noon, and evening devotions were very uplifting. The Power Hour conducted by Elder Shankel really moved the youth to uphold Christ. The timely sermons given by Elder Donato and Elder Jacobs brought inspiration to those present.

There were discussions conducted on Senior Youth Leadership by Elder Jacobs; Share Your Faith by Elder Shankel; the Spirit of Prophecy by Elder Bill Smith; Science and the Bible by Edmund Siagian; Love, Courtship, and Marriage by David Gouge;



Smiling Pathfinders display their art crafts to the Congress delegates.

Recreation and Social Planning by Pastor Donato, and Financial Problems by Pastor Pandjaitan.

Music festivals under the leadership of Edmund and Norma Siagian were vital parts of the program. They included quartets, choirs, and instrumental numbers on the trumpet, accordion, and musical saw.

A special program for the 450 children present was prepared by Nony Sha'ah, who was ably assisted by Linda Clements, Ann Gibson, and others from the Division and local schools. In a Bible Quiz competition under the direction of Pastor G. Laung, Allan and Lo Yu Tak of Sandakan came out champions.

On Friday afternoon an action-packed program was presented by the Pathfinder Clubs of the various churches of the Mission. On Sabbath morning three meeting halls were packed to overflowing. It was observed that this was the biggest gathering among Seventh-day Adventists in Sabah since the work began here years ago. Elders Jacobs, Shankel, and Donato conducted the church services for these groups.

At the Sabbath vesper hour, Bill Smith made an appeal for laymen to enter new areas to open up the work. Twenty laymen responded. This was followed by a commitment service, led by Elder Shankel. At the climax of his message the auditorium was darkened expect for the torch, which had burned continually during the Congress. Light from the torch was passed on to the fifteen torch bearers, who in turn lit the candles of all the delegates. As darkness vanished in yellow candle light, the charge was given to carry the light to every nook and corner, and **LIGHT SABAH NOW!**

—Edwin Siagian, M.V. Secretary  
Sabah Mission



Sabah youth demonstrate gymnastic feats taught them by David Gouge.



Chester Damron conducts Bible classes with Sabah workers.

## Sabah Workers Learn Inductive Method

**A**UGUST 8 to September 5 found the workers in the Sabah mission gathered in Tamparuli for a period of upgrading. Most of these workers have not had opportunity to attend formal classes in the study of the Bible at one of our schools.

Pastor C. H. Damron guided this enthusiastic group of ministers in the adventure of studying the Gospel of Matthew from an inductive approach. Although it was a new method of study for them, the "students" responded with eagerness and studied diligently. Several expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to study and said that Matthew had become a new book to them. Classes were held morning, afternoon and evening. Periods were also given for individual and group study. Although it was impossible to complete the classes due to lack of time, it is anticipated that early in 1972 there will be yet another opportunity for the workers to gather again to complete their course of study in the Gospel of Matthew.

—Chester H. Damron, Ministerial Secretary  
Southeast Asia Union

## Sabah Youth Set New Record

**G**AN Kin Siang and Joseph Thia, educators in the Sabah Mission, were the first two young people of the Far Eastern Division to receive the M.V. Gold Award medals, announced Bob Jacobs, Division M.V. Secretary, while granting awards for Physical and Cultural Excellence at the Sabah Youth Congress. M.V. Silver Award medals were handed out earlier that evening to 55 youth, composing the largest group to receive these coveted medals in the history of the Far Eastern Division.

This came as the grand climax of days of exhausting exercise and drill under the direction of Mr. David Gouge, Principal of the Elementary Department of Far Eastern Academy in Singapore. The Gouge family spent a two-month working vacation in Sabah, assisting the physical education program at both Sabah Adventist Secondary School and

Goshen Adventist School. Mr. Gouge and his students could often be seen out on the wet sports field at 6:30 in the morning doing calisthenics to the rhythmic grunting of Mr. Gan. The thirty-minute period always ended with a few laps around the field. Mr. Gouge also gave the students a working knowledge of softball, and took them out on the required 20-mile hike and camp-out. On a field between two streams among the mountains, the students set up camp. "It was interesting watching the students pretend to make waterproof shelters for their pioneering honor," writes Mr. Gouge. They got more interested in the project when rain clouds gathered and thunder rolled through the mountains. Fortunately the storm passed them by. All these experiences were memories as the students received their awards. Of the 90 who started the course in Physical and Cultural Fitness and Excellence, only 57 were able to complete the strenuous requirements.

—Edwin Siagian, M.V. Secretary  
Sabah Mission



Goshen Junior Academy classroom building.

## Progress in Goshen and Tambarulan

**H**AVING just arrived in Sabah, I was anxious to visit our Adventist people and churches as soon as possible. The opportunity soon came to visit Goshen, where we have not only a large concentration of Adventists, but a junior academy as well. For many years the W. E. Smith family lived in Goshen, giving strength to the work and building it on a solid foundation.

One of Elder Smith's most important projects was the Goshen Adventist School. For many years this school needed a new classroom building. The original structure was both inadequate and dilapidated.

Elder Smith took on this project with characteristic determination and dedication. Money was raised from various sources. Sacrifices were made by the Smiths and many others. Elder Smith invited his father, a builder in the States, to come out and

help with this and other building projects in the mission. This he gladly did, at great personal sacrifice, to help the Goshen School.

Soon construction was begun, and in a short time large, attractive classrooms could be seen. However, before the project was completed, because of circumstances beyond the control of the Smith family, both he and his parents had to leave Sabah. Now who was to carry on and complete the building so well started?

The teachers of the Goshen School, with a number of dedicated laymen, rose to the challenge and are now hard at work trying to complete the classroom building. On Sunday morning, October 10, as we visited this area, we were happy to see much activity taking place at Goshen. Teachers were painting the new classrooms. Laymen, students, and other teachers were hauling sand from the river not far away for plastering the cement-block walls in the classrooms. With such dedication, I believe it will not be long before the new building will be completed and the 262 students can have the much-needed space and new facilities for their school.

The day before, Sabbath morning October 9, we drove about 30 miles towards Kudat to a church at Tamarulan. Here Brother Tommy Golotoh is pastoring a district of three organized churches and three branch Sabbath Schools. This Sabbath was to be an important occasion for the church members in this area, for a baptism had been planned.

At the close of the church service, the writer had the joy of examining the 17 candidates before the church. After voting them in as members subject to their baptism, we closed the meeting and walked about half a mile to a stream running through the trees and brush. Though it was a little narrow, it was adequate for the baptism. It was a privilege to baptize these precious souls and have a part in preparing them for the coming of our Saviour.

Seven of those baptized were young people attending our church school at Tamarulan, who through the influence of a godly Christian teacher had given their hearts to Christ. Surely Christian education pays tremendous dividends. Though the facilities at that school are entirely inadequate, the 30 students are receiving an education that will lead to eternal life.

That afternoon we returned to the Goshen area for another meeting, scheduled at the Tagaroh church in the evening. How happy we were, as we arrived at the church just before 7 p.m., to find it packed with our faithful church members.

Here was another evidence of the work accomplished by Elder Smith and his father. A cement-block church and school now stand in this place. With such fine permanent buildings at Tagaroh, surely the work so well established will continue to grow and expand.

—W. L. Wilcox, President  
Sabah Mission



## THAILAND

### Youth Congress Draws Largest SDA Attendance in Thailand

WITH musical fanfare, the Thailand Mission Youth Congress opened on October 13 and closed on the 16th. More than 120 official delegates and a host of others from Laos and Thailand came to listen to Elders John Hancock and Bob Jacobs, M.V. Secretaries from the General Conference and Far Eastern Division. Pastor Bernie Donato, Union M.V. Secretary, and the writer planned and coordinated the program.

Musical numbers were contributed by a wide variety of vocal and instrumental groups. On the opening night a narration on the work in Thailand and Laos was given with colorful light effects. As the narration progressed, the places where the Adventist work is being carried on were lighted one after another on a big map of Thailand and Laos done up in luminous colors, which hung on the wall of the Ekamai School auditorium. Vast unentered territories also became evident, challenging the youth of Thailand Mission to "ARISE SHINE" with the light of the gospel in this generation. Boldly written in Thai and English on both sides of the map, the words "ARISE SHINE" were used by Elder Jacobs in his keynote message to challenge the delegates to greater youth participation in evangelism.

Elder Hancock inspired both young and old with music on his beloved 44-pound accordion and his narration of experiences of Seventh-day Adventist young people around the world. He and Elder Jacobs, with the assistance of Pastor Donato and the writer, conducted the congress workshops.



M.V. Secretary Abel Pangan (right) and Pastor Sunti open the Thai Youth Congress. John Hancock and Bob Jacobs sit under the map of Thailand.

On Sabbath morning a colorful mission pageant was presented by the Bangkok Sanitarium Sabbath School. The participants wore costumes of the various countries they represented. One very interesting part of the pageant came when two young men representing New Guinea stepped to the platform with greased bodies, their white teeth contrasting conspicuously with their dark skin. The unique native hats they wore were then used as collection plates for the Sabbath School offering. Elder Hancock preached the sermon that Sabbath morning to the largest group of Seventh-day Adventists ever gathered in the history of Thailand. The spacious auditorium was too small to accommodate them all.

To give an equal opportunity to all of the three churches in Bangkok, the first night of the congress was held at the Ekamai Church, the second at the Chinese Church, and the third at the Bangkok Sanitarium Church.

—A. V. Pangan, M.V. Secretary  
Thailand Mission



Even the children performed at the Thai Youth Congress.

## Bangkok Youth Form Association

ON June 26, 1971 the Missionary Volunteer Societies of the Bangkok Sanitarium Church, Bangkok Chinese Church, and Ekamai Church met at the Chinese Church to form an association of Seventh-day Adventist youth in the Bangkok area. After a stirring message from B. U. Donato, Union M. V. Secretary, A. V. Pangan, Mission M. V. Secretary called the meeting to order. A proposed constitution was read, followed by the election of Hiu Sir Ping as president, Ann Wick as treasurer, Jenny Vassanachart as auditor, Vickie Lim as music director, and Sunipa Sormin as public relations officer.

A week later the newly elected officers, M.V. leaders and sponsors, and church pastors of the three churches met with the Mission M.V. Secretary to give a closer study to the proposed constitution. For a name, BANGKOK SDA YOUTH ASSOCIATION was chosen. The aim and purpose of the Association is to coordinate and promote evangelistic activities by the youth of the three Bangkok churches.

—Sunipa Sormin



Capping ceremony for thirty-four nursing students of the class of 1974.

## Class of 1974 Capped

CAPPING exercises for the 1974 class of the School of Nursing were held during a solemn ceremony on October 19 at the Bangkok Sanitarium Church. Dr. G. L. Dybdahl, Medical Director of the hospital, addressed the class. He admonished the students to be diligent in learning the nursing arts and challenged them to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, the Master Physician.

Following the presentation of the class by Miss Salinee, School of Nursing Director, the class was capped by upper-division students. The candle-lighting ceremony was most impressive. As the girls came forward to have their tapers lighted by "Florence Nightingale," the church was slowly illuminated by the yellow flames.

Of the 34 students in this class, most of whom are of Buddhist background, 11 have made their decision for Christ during the recent Week of Prayer.

—John K. S. Lee, Assistant Chaplain  
Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital

## Week of Prayer at Bangkok San Wins Souls

THE fall Week of Prayer at Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital, held October 11 to 15, was conducted by Richard L. McKee, Union Publishing Secretary. Speaking on the theme "The Search of Mankind," he showed how man is searching for the true religion and how Christ is the answer to that search.

Each morning more than two hundred workers and student nurses attended the meetings. When a call was made on the last day, seven people decided to follow Christ and be baptized, and twelve others indicated a desire to learn more about Christianity. Thank God for the working of the Holy Spirit as seen this week! The Chaplain's Department will follow up the interests.

—John K. S. Lee, Assistant Chaplain  
Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital



## New Convert Evangelizes Rhade Tribe

**E**SON, rifle in hand, covered his assigned area. Being a first sergeant in the South Vietnamese Army meant that he was responsible for keeping his area secure, and his sharp eyes covered the area well. He looked into every suspicious place as he walked into the village of Dam-Rong near his base camp. Suddenly he was attracted by a sign. He read and re-read it. "What's this?" he asked half aloud. "Seventh-day Adventist Church!"

Eson belonged to the Rhade tribe of Montagnards and his home was off across the mountains. His people hadn't heard that there was a Creator, or that there were people in the world who worshiped on His Sabbath. So it was not strange that he should be attracted by such an unusual sign.

Something about that sign stirred his curiosity. He just couldn't shake it off. He had to know what it meant. As he investigated the building, he found Pastor Ha Quanh, also a Montagnard but of the Koho tribe. To Eson's question the pastor gave a ready answer. He had to make it brief as he knew that a soldier on duty couldn't spend much time talking. Yet he had to answer in such a way as to give this inquirer a little taste of eternal fruit. He saw the answer to his silent prayer as Eson's curiosity changed to an interest explosion. Eson promised to come back and talk further.



Eson, Pastors Duong Sau and Ha Quanh, and the chief of B EA Yong B Village in front of a Rhade home. Pastor Sau wears the Rhade costume.



The main gate of B Ea Yong B village.

Pastor Ha Quanh taught Eson as much as he could, but felt that his best was not good enough. He urged Eson to go with him to Dalat where the district pastor lived. There he could learn even more. But it was a day's journey on foot. Eson asked for a few days' leave from duty in order to make the trip.

In Dalat Eson was introduced to Duong Sau, the Vietnamese district pastor. Pastor Sau was impressed: any man who would take a leave and walk a day's journey to satisfy his curiosity about a church name, must be following Heaven's guidance. Without delay Pastor Sau launched into the studies. Eson was delighted. Not only was his own chronic thirst being satisfied, but an artesian well was springing up in his soul, a well that would overflow to others. His own people must hear this. (The Mission staff had been praying for an opening into the Rhade tribe, but they hardly expected this.)

Back to his post he went. His feet fairly flew; he could hardly keep from dancing along the trail. His heart was as light as the puffs of clouds that played in the sky above him. As he followed the familiar trail, he began composing his request for release from duty. The law says that Montagnards are not forced to serve in the armed forces. They serve on a voluntary basis.

The captain was dismayed by his request. He saw in Eson the qualities he needed in a soldier. He determined not to lose him without a struggle. When persuasion failed to work, he tried a raise in salary. The figure got precariously high. Eson had only dreamed of such a monthly check. But the young soldier stood his ground. He would not be lured. He could not be bought at any price, for he had in his hands a "pearl" of more value than the wealth of banks, the pride of rank, or the pleasures of sense. With his discharge clutched firmly in his hand, he made his way back to the village of B Ea Yong B, in Dar Lac Province.

What a change he had made! He had exchanged his I.D. card for a license from the district pastor, his M-16 machine gun for a picture roll, his grenades for a set of Bible lessons, and his rockets for a Sabbath School quarterly on the life of Christ. Armed



with these, he worked steadily for two months until he had covered his whole village. Then, feeling he had led his people as far as he could, he returned to Dalat for more help.

Pastor Sau petitioned the Mission for permission to go to this village to check on what was happening. So a short time later he, Pastor Ha Quanh, and Eson went back to B Ea Yong B. They began by giving free haircuts to all comers. They visited the sick, praying for them and giving them medicine. The medicine was something quite different to these people used to beating a gong and dancing wild dances to expel the evil spirits. How surprised they were to find that the sick got well without their devil ceremony! Songs and stories delighted the children.

After a long hard day, Pastor Sau went to his mat to get some sleep. He was so tired he could hardly keep his eyes open—but they opened in surprise to find Eson, lamp in hand, leaving the house. His jaw dropped in amazement when he learned that Eson was going out to pray for some of the sick people of his village. It was not until 1 a.m. that Eson dropped wearily onto his mat—he, a young Christian, **not yet baptized**, only three months re-



John Hancock delivers a stirring message while Le Cong Giao translates.

## Youth Congress Held in Saigon

**F**ROM the mountains to the delta, from Danang in the north to Vam Nhon in the south, they came—three hundred delegates—to an inspiring Youth Congress held at the Saigon Adventist School auditorium from October 6 to 9. In addition to Vietnamese and Chinese, a delegation of 80 Montagnards, representing the Koho and Rhade tribes, was present. The M.V. Secretaries in charge represented the whole chain of command, from John Hancock of the General Conference to B. E. Jacobs of the Division, Bernard Donato of the Union, and Le Toan Tho of the Mission.

The young people met to learn more effective ways to win souls for Christ. In addition to instructive and inspirational talks, the four-day program included a baptism, a Pathfinder Parade, an Investiture service, and a "Best Saturday Night in Town" musical program.

The Cholon Church Pathfinders demonstrated how to march in formation, how to tie knots, and how to give semaphore signals. The Danang Pathfinders reported a unique experience illustrating the text, "Be ready always to give . . . a reason of the hope that is in you." 1 Pet. 3:15. Returning from a hike one day, they came upon a farmer struggling unsuccessfully to pull his ox out of the mud. Recalling something Jesus said about oxen that fell in pits,



A group of Montagnard youth who attended the Vietnam Congress.



These Rhade Sabbath School members hope soon to have a church of their own.

moved from the day he had first set eyes on an Adventist church!

Soon a week's series of meetings was held in the local "town hall"—a building with tin roof and low walls made of grass. After preaching and visiting for a week, Pastor Sau made a call, inviting the villagers to accept Jesus Christ. More than one hundred stood, including the village chief.

Eson and six others from the Rhade tribe were brought down to the Youth's Congress held in Saigon in October. What a thrilling sight it was to watch the first seven of this new tribe baptized into Christ Jesus! And these are only the firstfruits: another 38 will follow soon. How splendid was the response to the appeal for funds to build a church in B Ea Yong B. Those present at the Congress contributed the equivalent of more than U.S. \$1,000 to erect the first Rhade church, on land contributed by the chief. We thank our God for another first in Adventist Mission Advance (and for a splendid example of 100 FOR CHRIST UNITED EVANGELISM, Ed.).

—Clyde R. Bradley, President  
Vietnam Mission



Pastor Duong Sau (center) with two Moutagnard soul-winners, Ha Brell and Eson.



Seventeen-year old Pham Thi Hong Hoa brought 35 souls to Christ.

the Pathfinders did not hesitate to slosh into the mud, uniforms and all, to help shove and pull the beast out. Not only was the ox grateful, but the farmer was amazed at this cherubic army that had come to his rescue. "Who are you?" he asked, "and what is that uniform you are wearing?" This gave them the opportunity to explain not only about the Pathfinders, but about their belief in Jesus Christ.

A most unusual Sabbath School service took place on October 9, when Pastor Duong Sau told the story of Eson, a three-month Christian from the Rhade tribe, who led his village to Christ (see story, page 16), and then introduced Eson and six of his converts in person. An electrified audience responded to Pastor Thien's appeal for funds to open up the work among the Rhades by contributing over U.S. \$1,000. And then, right during Sabbath School, Pastor Sau baptized those first seven Rhade Seventh-day Adventists.

During the Sabbath afternoon service, ten Master Guides were invested, including five pastors, three teachers, and several mission workers. The day climaxed by a musical program featuring choir numbers, instrumental and vocal solos, and John Hancock playing his accordion.



World Youth Leader John H. Hancock sings his way into the hearts of youth, accompanying himself on the accordion.

## Hong Hoa

**L**IFE for Hong Hoa was much the same as that of any other little girl along the Mekong. The tall palms were not only exotic silhouettes fringing a placid tropical river, but a source of food and materials for many household uses. The tributary by which she lived was not only a picturesque stream with quaint and graceful boats skillfully skimming its surface, but an important source of food, water, and commerce. The little grass house with its hard earthen floor was not just an inspiration for artist's brush, but a haven for the children and parents alike.

Although she was not a Christian, Hong Hoa joined many of her friends and rowed across the river and entered the little mission school that was erected beside the neat little church directly across from her home. It was fun to learn. She could see her life stretching out almost endlessly before her. The possibilities it held played hide and seek in her fertile imagination. But all of this came to a sudden, explosive halt!

War moved into their village. The neat little church was turned into a riddled wreckage during 20-minute shelling in the dead of night. Some of their homes were hit. The villagers took cover and huddled together until the dawning of the quiet morning. With hearts wildly pounding they fled to a more secure area, and there joined multitudes of other refugees. Hong Hoa's family was among them. How often their minds followed the winding road to the familiar river, and on up its placid waters to the peaceful home they had abandoned!

The diminutive pastor of that little church had great faith in his Heavenly Father. He had been saved from several scrapes with death the night of the shelling. Now he watched the fortunes of war until he felt led to go back and begin the rebuilding of the church. It wasn't long before he began to tear away the wreckage and move new building supplies in. This didn't pass unnoticed. As though it had been broadcast, the news traveled into the homes of the refugees from the village by the river. They came to see. They watched the pastor at work. They could see that he was demonstrating his faith in the God he served.

His courage and confidence and determination were contagious. If the pastor would come back, this was enough for them. Family after family followed his example. Soon the whole village was back restoring their homes and replanting their fields. Respect and esteem for the pastor who led them back was great, and their hearts went out in thanks to him.

Many of them began to attend his services, Hong Hoa among them. She was really interested in what the pastor had to say. She drank it in like the sun-baked land took the river water. Jesus became a real, interested Person. His love awakened the love in her heart. She could not resist His gracious invitation. Soon she followed her Lord into her familiar waters, now in the ceremony of baptism.

Hong Hoa couldn't sit still. Neither could she keep quiet. She had to go and tell someone how she felt.

Being a bit timid, she decided to begin with what was familiar to her. She brought one friend, then another, to Sabbath School. Then she sent Voice of Prophecy lessons home with them. First one friend became interested and then another. It wasn't hard to share her faith.

When the pastor of that small church on a tributary of the Mekong counted up the baptisms at the end of the year, he found that one 17-year-old girl had brought 35 souls to the Master that year. She was so timid that it took some coaxing to get her to come out of her mother's kitchen to be interviewed. Yet, with God's help, she introduced 35 friends to her Friend Jesus. Not a bad year's work, even for someone with more years and more experience, don't you think?

—C. R. Bradley, President  
Vietnam Mission

### Promises for Soul-Winners

"All who consecrate soul, body, and spirit to God will be constantly receiving a new endowment of physical and mental power. The inexhaustible supplies of heaven are at their command." DA 827.

"The gospel is to be presented, not as a lifeless theory, but as a living force to change the life. God desires that the receivers of His grace shall be witnesses to its power." DA 826.

"His (Christ's) blessings He presents in the most alluring terms. He is not content merely to announce these blessings; He presents them in the most attractive way, to excite a desire to possess them. So His servants are to present the riches of the glory of the unspeakable Gift." DA 826.

"Let us do faithfully the work that is nearest. Then let our efforts be extended as far as God's hand may lead the way. The work of many may appear to be restricted by circumstances; but . . . if performed with faith and diligence it will be felt to the uttermost parts of the earth." DA 822.

### New Division Authorized

A new world division of the church, to be known as the Euro-Africa Division of Seventh-day Adventists was authorized by the Autumn Council of the General Conference Committee in Washington, D.C. on October 8. The new division will begin to function on January 1, 1972.

Headquarters for the Euro-Africa Division will be in Berne, Switzerland. Fifty-six countries in Europe and Africa, formerly a part of the Trans-Mediterranean Division and the Central European Division, comprise the territory of the new division organization. The organizational meeting of the new division will be held in Berne, Switzerland, January 3-10.

The officers elected to serve the division are: C. L. Powers, president; H. Vogel, vice-president; J. Zurcher, secretary; O. Bremer, associate secretary; E. Amelung, treasurer, and L. L. Folkenberg, under-treasurer.

We believe that the organization of the Euro-Africa Division is a step forward and that it will bring many blessings and greater strength to our work in Europe and Africa. Economies of operation will be effected, bonds of unity and cooperation between people of many nationalities will be strengthened. For our members in West Germany and in the German Democratic Republic an opportunity will be afforded for direct participation in the mission program of the church which has not been possible for a number of years.

We ask your prayers that the special blessings of Heaven may be upon the membership of this new division as they move forward in the finishing of the work in the territory assigned to them.

—Clyde O. Franz, Secretary  
General Conference

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