

1. RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN POLAND: Concerns for equal opportunities and non-discrimination of religious minorities in Poland were strongly voiced during the first conference of the Polish Religious Liberty Association meeting at the Christian Academy of Theology on May 27. Recent statements by representatives of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, that would divide Polish society into representatives of the majority and minorities along religious lines, prompted calls for legal guarantees of religious freedom.

The importance of religious guarantees is evident only when the intentions of the state, expressed in the constitution, are also present in the conscience of society. The conference met at a time when Polish legislators are discussing a new constitution. Seven drafts are being studied, among them a strong push to include a Christian invocation to the constitution as well as the phrase "Christian values" which would become binding for all citizens, believers and non-believers alike. Such a statement would limit religious freedom for some citizens. [ANR]

2. CHINA REPORT: On returning from China Shirley Burton reported 28,000 baptisms during the past two years. Since 1990, the annual distribution of Bibles and other religious books has increased from 4,665 to 17,367.

3. RUSSIA: THE MEDIA CENTER reports receiving thousands of letters asking for Bible studies and information about the Seventh-day Adventist Church along with 200,000 rubles per month in donations (a sizeable amount for that economy). Six hundred of the 25,000 enrollees recently graduated from the Bible correspondence school.

EVANGELISM is in full swing in the Euro-Asia Division. Of the many campaigns currently under way, one is of unusual interest. About 1,000 are attending Elder Arturo Schmidt's meetings in largely-Muslim Baku, Azerbaijan. We thank God for this exciting breakthrough.

SOURCE OF LIFE PUBLISHING HOUSE: "We're here to pick up Sabbath School Quarterlies, Teachers Quarterlies, Mission Quarterlies, Acts of

the Apostles, Morning Watch, and Jesus, Friend of Children for the Vladivostok church," said the young man in halting English. "No problem," replied Larry, "Just drive your truck around back and we'll load it up." "We don't have a truck," answered the young man. "But it's a pile of books about 1.5 meters (5 ft) square!" "That's all right, we came by train and we'll take the books home with us by train." While they worked to pack up the books, the young men explained they had been traveling across that vast continent for six days, and it would take them another six days to return. Then they made several trips, carrying the books by hand, two kilometers to the train station.

Since it began printing October 15, 1992, the **Source of Life Publishing House** has printed 2-3 million pamphlets, tracts, magazines and other material in addition to over one million books including: Steps to Christ, Impending Conflict, Desire of Ages, The Great Controversy, Christ our Saviour, Acts of the Apostles and too many others to list. A few of the books scheduled for publication during 1993 include, the remaining volumes of the Conflict of the Ages series, 27 Fundamental Beliefs, Education, Ministry of Healing and Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing. So, when the question is asked, "Is the Publishing House in Russia in production yet?" The answer is a hearty, "YES!"

4. GLOBAL MISSION THAILAND: Thailand, one of the most populated Buddhist countries in the world, is a major challenge for Global Mission. However, during the past three years many congregations have been organized in previously unentered areas. For the first time, congregations have been organized among the E-Gaw and Lahu tribes for which chapels have recently been completed. One person baptized was the Baptist church leader for the Lahu. The Thailand Mission has been requested to conduct a Bible Conference on Last-day Events for 20 Baptist pastors and many lay-leaders in the Lahu area.

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