

**1. Nominating Committee report:** The Annual Council on Friday morning voted the following individuals to serve in a variety of General Conference and Division positions:

! **Israel Leito**, Inter-American Division president, effective January 1, 1994. He formerly was director of GC Church Ministries. Born in the Netherlands Antilles, he speaks four major languages of the IAD fluently.

! **Juan Prestol**, Euro-Asia Division treasurer. Born in the Dominican Republic, he served most recently as treasurer of the Atlantic Union Conference.

! **Ray Dabrowski**, GC Communication director, formerly Communication and Public Affairs director of the Trans-European Division. Before that, he served in a variety of administrative, communication and public affairs positions in his native Poland.

! **Ron Flowers**, GC Church Ministries director. During the past three years, he has been deeply involved in management of GC Church Ministries, where he has served as an associate director. He and his wife, Karen, will continue to provide Family Life services.

! **Sergio Moctezuma**, GC Church Ministries associate director, formerly Church Ministries director in the Inter-American Division. Born in Mexico, Elder Moctezuma has served for many years as department director in both IAD and the South American Division.

! **Francisco Ottati**, GC Ministerial Association associate secretary, formerly Ministerial Association secretary of the Columbia Union. Born in Ecuador, Elder Ottati is an enthusiastic preacher and evangelist in both Spanish and English.

! **Ellen Nixon**, General Conference Auditing Service associate director, formerly an assistant director in the same office. As a specialist in trust auditing, she will direct this area of the auditing service.

! **Valery Ivanov**, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Director of the Euro-Asia Division. An engineer by training, he formerly served as PARL director in the Russian Union.

! **Bogdan Kachmer**, Trust Services director of the Euro-Asia Division. This adds to his responsibilities as ESD director of Communication

and ASI. He is a physician by profession.

**2. 1995 GC Session Offering:** The motto of the GC Session Offering will be "Hands Across the World." Its objective will be to establish 2000 new congregations, many with church buildings, by the year 2000. The North American and Inter-American Divisions will conduct model projects during 1994. The implementation and success of the program to a large extent will depend on volunteers. The financial goal is US\$15 million, including \$10 million from four GC Session Offerings in 1994, 1995, and 1996, and \$5 million from Global Mission at \$1 million per year beginning in 1995.

**3. Auditing Service restructured:** The Annual Council approved a plan under which all audits and related professional services worldwide will be performed by or under the direction of the General Conference Auditing Service. The objective is to provide church administrators and members with credible and independent financial, trust, and compliance information to assist them in proclaiming the Gospel.

**4. Weekend services:** Friday night's big meeting in the open-air Tennis Stadium was washed out, literally. Just as the meeting had begun, a tropical downpour brought proceedings to an abrupt, but reluctant, end. Because seats at the Tennis Stadium were still wet on Sabbath morning, Sabbath services were transferred to a much smaller hall where the week-day evening meetings had been held. As Sabbath School began, however, thousands of members from across the Southern Asia Division gathered patiently at the hall, which already was filled beyond capacity. After consultations between Southern Asia and General Conference officers and police officials, the still growing crowd was directed again to the Tennis Stadium for a special program keyed by Elder Neal C. Wilson. The Division distributed 9,000 box lunches to those assembled at the stadium. During the afternoon, the stadium again was the site for the SUD's exciting Centenary Celebration.

**5. Next stop, Mongolia:** Annual Council ends tonight. On the way home I will spend Sabbath in

Ulan Bator, capital of Mongolia. I'll report on that stop in the next edition.