

1. AID MISSIONARY KILLED: Gilsenberg Pereira de Araujo, a 28-year-old missionary from Brazil and four nationals traveling with him, were killed by rebel fire last Wednesday evening during a house-hunting trip in Lome, Togo, according to word received by Leo Ranzolin. A Brazil College graduate, Araujo first went as a Student Missionary to Cape Verde about four years ago but returned as an evangelist to Benin where he had just completed an evangelistic campaign with 50 baptisms. Twenty more were continuing to study. He also worked briefly in Burkina Faso. In Togo, Araujo was to have led the Ministerial Association and evangelism. Tragically, incidents such as these are occurring with increasing frequency—evidence of growing civil unrest. Please remember the father in Miami and brother in Rio de Janeiro as they grieve at this loss and find comfort in the promise of our Lord's soon return.

2. THREE NAD UNIONS (North Pacific, Mid-America and Canadian) have requested the Pacific Press (PPPA) to manage their literature-evangelism sales program. Whereas, in the past, these unions had been contributing between 2% and 3% of their tithe to this publishing program, this will be reduced to 1.25% beginning January 1. On the third year of operation, it will decrease further to 1%. This will lead to a savings of US\$350,000 in the first year alone. Meanwhile, book prices under the new system are lower in some areas than before, and literature evangelists selling on a cash program will receive a 60% commission (adjusted in Canada to meet specific legal requirements). Qualifying LEs will receive the same medical insurance program as that of salaried denominational workers.

Territory has been divided according to population and sales potential, rather than traditional conference/union lines. While all staff connected with the current publishing program were offered positions in the new program, some declined because of not wanting to move. PPPA personnel met with literature evangelists during year-end meetings; morale is high with excellent support for the new program.

3. TWO NEW CHURCHES have been organized at

Madawaska in French-speaking northwestern New Brunswick, Canada. Less than five years ago Pastor Robi Robichaud pioneered this unentered territory. On November 6 the Middleton church was organized, followed on December 4 by Madawaska, the first French-speaking church in the Maritime Conference.

4. THE ARABIC TRANSLATION of *Seventh-day Adventists Believe* is just off the press, reports Elder Svein Johansen, president of the Middle East Union. Three thousand copies have been printed for distribution to our members and prominent religious leaders in the Middle East.

5. WEIMAR IN NORTH VIETNAM: When the Vietnamese Center of Agricultural Extension Volunteer (CAEV) invited Weimar Institute to visit Hanoi, the Institute's president and college dean responded. Now they have returned with a contract for establishing a community agriculture college for the largely rural area with little Christian presence and virtually no Seventh-day Adventists. Knowing that Weimar is a Christian organization, CAEV (a government-sponsored, nonprofit organization) has asked for classes in agriculture, business, English, entrepreneurship, and "moral values" though religion classes are not part of the invitation. CAEV was impressed with Weimar's work-study program.

Weimar's next challenge is to design a curriculum and build a modest campus for the anticipated 1,000 students on 800 acres to be donated by the government about 25 miles north of Hanoi. Weimar, a supporting ministry of ASI, will work closely with Global Mission and the Far Eastern Division.

About 80 percent of Vietnam's 70 million people are farmers, struggling to learn how to become part of the world economy. Though agriculture has changed from communes to small private farms, per capita income remains at about US\$200 per year. Please pray that, as happened in the former Soviet Union and China, these changes will give opportunity for the Gospel to be heard.