

# Church Mission Is Topic

Approximately 600 lay and pastoral delegates will be attending the ninth annual convention of the South Pacific District of The American Lutheran Church May 20 through 23 at the Disneyland Hotel. "Confidence for Crises in Christ" II Corinthians 3: 4-6, is the theme of the convention which will call together representatives of the District's 292 congregations in the six southwestern states, including Hawaii.

THE REV. DR. James Kalas, professor of religion at California Lutheran College in Thousand Oaks is to be the convention lecturer. His lectures will have to do with the nature and mission of the church.

Representing the president of The American Lutheran Church, the Rev. Dr. Fredrick A. Schlotz, will be the assistant to the president, the Rev. Herbert Nottbohm. In addition, the Rev. Paul Boe, executive director of the Division of Social Services, and the Rev. Carroll Anderson, Director of LIFE (Lutheran Ingathering For Education), will appear.

A THURSDAY evening banquet will highlight the convention. Carl Terzian, director of public affairs for Charles Luckman Associates, and internationally prominent Lutheran layman, will speak on "What Has Faith in the Lutheran Church Ever Accomplished?"

The 600 convention delegates will spend Wednesday evening seeking guidance in interest groups that will deal with such subjects as campus ministry, California Lutheran College, urban crises and ministry, migrant ministries, and topics presented by the Research and Social Action Committee.



**FRANCING PUPPETS . . .** Jim Gamble, whose puppet presentations have delighted audiences all over the world, will stage a number of his rib-tickling puppet routines Sunday at 7 p.m. at Riviera Methodist Church. Gamble has constructed more than 200 puppet characters since he became "addicted" to puppeteering as a Boy Scout in East Texas. A pilot for Continental Airlines, Gamble has performed with his puppets in many parts of the world, giving his routines in Spanish, French, and Turkish as well as English. Tickets for Sunday's performance are \$1 for adults and 50c for children. Proceeds will benefit the church.

## Indians, Foreign-Born To Receive Literature

A special offering to provide Christian literature and services for those who make America the "melting pot" of many nations will be taken at Torrance Seventh-day Adventist Church, Saturday at 11 a.m. "There are millions in America who were born in foreign countries and have immigrated to our nation," said Pastor David H. Pillor in explaining the special activity at the local church this coming Saturday. "Among these millions are thousands who still feel most com-

fortable speaking or reading in the language of their former homeland," Pastor Pillor explained. "The purpose of the special offering on Saturday morning is to provide Christian literature in their own native tongue to these persons."

Pastor Pillor said that a portion of the Saturday morning offering will also be used to provide Christian literature and services to thousands of American Indians, many of whom have difficulty understanding the English language.

# Jim Gamble Players to Present Parade of Puppets

The Wesley Players of Riviera Methodist Church will present Jim Gamble and his Puppets Sunday at 7 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall.

Aimed at the entire family, the presentation will feature marionettes, hand-puppets, and newly-constructed rod puppets.

Gamble points to a 19-year career in presenting puppet routines. Some favorite friends are "Bones-a-part," a lovable skeleton; Dinky, a cuddly beagle; and Tina Watusi, a teeny bopper with a twist.

Tickets may be purchased at the door. Prices are \$1 for adults and 50c for children. Proceeds will finance construction of dramatic and staging facilities at the church.

Gamble began his puppeteering as a hobby when he was a Boy Scout in East Texas. He has designed and constructed all his own puppets and worked out the routines that have tickled audiences all over the world.

Employed as a pilot with Continental Airlines, Gamble recently moved to California following a four-year European assignment as an officer and pilot with the U.S. Air Force. During off-duty hours, Gamble appeared as a guest performer on England's BBC and on German television shows, in addition to performing for both American military and native audiences in Europe and the Middle East.

In February, 1966, Gamble won first prize in the all-European USAF talent contest in Wiesbaden, Germany. Gamble completed his bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering at the University of Oklahoma and earned his master's degree in aerospace oper-

ations management from the University of Southern California. During his college years, Gamble made frequent personal appearances on TV to finance his education. In 1959, he performed for an audience of 75,000 football fans on the 50-yard line of the Cotton Bowl in Dallas.

During the summers from 1956 to 1960, Gamble entertained more than a million tourists at Santa's Workshop near Pike's Peak, Colo.

In 1958, Gamble took a break from the workshop shows to make a summer tour under the auspices of the Methodist Church to Bolivia and other South American countries. In

addition to his shows, which he gave in Spanish Gamble taught English and crafts in the mission schools. Gamble has also given shows in Turkish and French, but explains that his proficiency in foreign languages has dwindled with lack of practice.

Since the puppets' expressions are largely fixed, Gamble depends on manipulation to the emotional responses he wants. "They laugh," Gamble says, "when my juggler loses his ball whether the show is for a group of peasant Bolivian Indians in a jungle clearing or for a group of American children at a local shopping center."

## Hammond Sisters Quartet Will Sing

The Hammond Sisters Quartet will be the guest singing group at the May Afterglow this Sunday evening at the Bethesda Assembly of God Church, 1473 W. 182nd St., Gardena.

Afterglow begins at 9:30 p.m. after the evening service, and continues to 11 p.m. Afterglow is sponsored by the music department of the church, and its purpose is to provide a time of Christian fellowship for all faiths on Sunday evening.

The Hammond Sisters Quartet is a family group, which has become known in this area for its presentation of gospel music. They will also be singing in the evening service at 7 p.m.

Also singing, will be the Bethesda Choir, Michael and Kevin Peters, and Helen Edmiston, playing piano and violin.

Also in the evening service at 7 p.m. the church will have as guest speaker, Rev. William

Robertson, district superintendent of the Southern California District Council of the Assemblies of God.

Pastor Elwyn Lewis invites the community to enjoy this evening of gospel music and the message by Rev. Robertson.

## Witness Convention Scheduled

Announcement for an International Convention of Jehovah's Witnesses was made by Ed Kezar and Leonard Olliff, overseers of the Torrance East and West congregations. In preparation for the assembly a kick-off meeting was held at the Dodger Stadium for 82 congregations to prepare them for the rooming work that will be organized to canvass the area.

"Rooms will be needed this summer when thousands of delegates from most of the United States and foreign countries will be streaming into Los Angeles," Kezar and Olliff said. The occasion will be the "Peace on Earth" Assembly to be held at Dodger Stadium during the seven days July 14 through 20. It is estimated that 55,000 will be in attendance.

This "kick-off" meeting will outline and dramatize the methods used by Jehovah's Witnesses in contacting Los Angeles and vicinity residents to reserve rooms for that week at nominal cost. Many, of course, will be put up in hotels and motels. But there will be thousands staying in private homes. There have been many expressions of appreciation by householders at previous conventions "for the orderly manner in which these Christians conduct themselves."

The convention will be managed by Shield Halvajian, veteran organizer of conventions such as the 1963 Rose Bowl which drew a crowd upwards of 118,000. "With such a large crowd coming in July, we have a giant task ahead of us during these next few weeks," said Halvajian.

## Collection To Benefit Children

Immanuel Lutheran, 706 Knob Hill, Redondo Beach, will join other congregations of its denomination this Sunday in a kickoff effort in the interest of raising \$5,500,000 to aid handicapped children who are residents of Bethesda Lutheran Home, Watertown, Wisconsin; Good Shepherd Home, Terra Bella, Calif.; and Mill Neck Manor Lutheran School for the Deaf, Long Island, New York.

The critical and urgent needs of these three church related institutions are brought into sharp focus in view of the fact that there are more than 6 million residents in the United States who are in some way retarded — enough to populate the states of Maine, Oregon, Mississippi, North Dakota, and Wyoming. Statistics indicate that one in every thirty-three children born will be severely retarded — 2,100 each week.

According to the Rev. E. M. Schoppa, The Crusade for funds will get underway this Sunday as the worshippers view a film titled, "His Too," indicating that these "special children" also belong to the Savior. Adults and children will be provided with special offering envelopes which they are to return the following Sunday.

## Memorial Services Planned

Memorial Day services will be held Friday, May 30, at 10:30 a.m. at Roosevelt Memorial Park, Vermont Avenue at 182nd Street, Gardena.

Participating will be American Legion Post 187; AMVETS Post 30; World War I Barracks 1772; Canadian Legion Post 13; Fleet Reserve Branch 204; Pearl Harbor Survivors Association; Fourth District Nisei Memorial VFW Post 1961; and VFW Post 3261.

Also participating will be members of Boy Scout Troop 253.

Invocation will be given by Father James Hansen of St. Anthony Church, Gardena.

Following the services, organist Lloyd Holzgraf will present a concert from 1 to 3 p.m.

## Nazarene Assembly Slated

The pastor and a delegation of leaders in the Church of the Nazarene in this area will take part in the annual assembly of the Southern California district to be held at memorial auditorium in Riverside on Wednesday through Friday, May 21-23, according to the Rev. Kornegay, local pastor.

Annual reports will be made by all 92 pastors on the district. Dr. Nicholas A. Hull, Orange, will give his annual message as district superintendent. He will outline plans for the 1969-70 year. District officers will be elected.

The presiding general superintendent will be Dr. Samuel Young of Kansas City, Mo. He has served continuously since 1948 in the highest elective office of the denomination.

The district will make plans for participation in denominational programs including a campaign to increase the church membership to 500,000 persons by the end of the 1970 calendar year.

The denomination's world membership has reached 465,000 persons. The combined Sunday school enrollment has passed the 1,050,000 mark.

The church maintains more than 600 missionaries, doctors, nurses, teachers, and builders in 48 countries and world areas where it conducts gospel work.

World offices and a publishing house are in Kansas City, Mo.

## Chaplain Slates Sunday Sermon

A retired Air Force chaplain will be guest speaker Sunday at the 11 a.m. service at Central Evangelical United Methodist Church. His topic will be "The Pastor's Prayer."

Stanley Stanton will preside. There will be an evening worship service Sunday evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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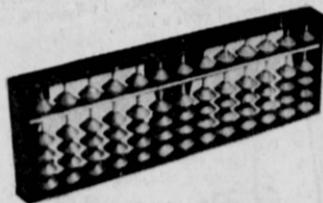
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