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work in Portugal. I was 6 months old when our ship cast anchor in the majestic Tagus River on September 26, 1904.

One of my childhood friends in Lisbon, Eugenio Melo (now 80 years old), sent me a copy of the anniversary brochure recalling the event. My father had baptized Melo's parents. His older sisters, teenagers then, were among the first literature evangelists in Portugal. (See "A Letter From Portugal," *Our Little Friend*, June 12, 1914.)

To commemorate the eightieth anniversary of Adventism, the Portuguese Conference, led by Joaquim Morgado, had scheduled simultaneous gatherings in north and south Portugal.

The second event being commemorated was the sixtieth anniversary of the first Adventist church building, dedicated in Lisbon on November 29, 1924. The general theme of the celebrations was "To Renew the Spirit of the Pioneers."

With prophetic insight, Ellen White had urged preaching of the gospel in various Southern European countries, including Portugal, where today's freedom to evangelize has brought vitality to the church. Today, 80 years after the first SDA Adventist missionary arrived, Portugal has more than 6,000 Adventists.

CHARLES A. RENTFRO



Hymn features priesthood of Christ

It has been said that any church worth its salt will be creating its own distinctive hymns. Yet as the hymnal committee looked through some 75 hymnals from various Christian communions, they discovered little on the second coming of Jesus, preparedness for His coming, the sacredness of the Sabbath, or Christ's ministry in the sanctuary.

To fill this need, the hymnal

committee, in the early stages of the project, invited Adventist poets to submit original hymns dealing with these Bible topics emphasized by the Adventist Church. C. Mervyn Maxwell, chairman of the Department of Church History at Andrews University, accepted the challenge and submitted the words of the hymn printed here (see box).

The hymn is unique in the way it combines three major events in the life of Christ: His ascension, the beginning of the pre-Advent judgment, and His second coming.

Dr. Maxwell tells his purpose in writing the hymn: "This hymn is offered in the interest of the sanctuary message, which has been described as the foundation of our faith (E. G. White

manuscript 20, 1906). The particular point of the hymn is the correlation of Biblical language used to describe Christ's ascent to heaven, His 1844 approach to the Ancient of days, and His second coming.

"Identical language is used in Daniel 7:13, for His approach to the investigative judgment, and in Matthew 24:30, for His second coming. Adventists,

Christ, the Lord, all power possessing

Matt. 28:18-20; Dan. 7:9-14; Rev. 1:7
C. Mervyn Maxwell, 1984 (1925 -)

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.
John Hughes (1873 - 1932).



1. Christ, the Lord, all power pos - sess - ing, Part - ing, mount - ed heav - en's height,
2. Dan - iel views earth's judg - ment hour, An - gels gath - ering, o - pen books.
3. Rev - e - la - tion's word ful - fill - ing, Trum - pet, voic - es pierce the air.



Gra - cious hands out - stretched in bless - ing, Clouds re - ceived Him from their sight.
God, en - throned in flam - ing pow - er, For His Son's ar - riv - al looks.
Saint and sin - ner faint - ing, thrill - ing, Ev - ery eye be - hold Him there.



Christ as - cend - ed, Christ as - cend - ed, Christ as - cend - ed on the
Christ ap - proach - es, Christ ap - proach - es, Christ ap - proach - es on the
Christ is com - ing, Christ is com - ing, Christ is com - ing on the



clouds (on the clouds), Christ as - cend - ed on the clouds.
clouds (on the clouds), Christ ap - proach - es on the clouds.
clouds (on the clouds), Christ is com - ing on the clouds.



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Alternate tune, UNSER HERRSCHER

without question, believe in the historicity of Christ's cloudy ascent to heaven and in the reality of His forthcoming cloudy return from heaven. Calling attention to the similarity of language used for all three events helps confirm the historicity and reality of the 1844 event.

It is hoped that this hymn can aid our new hymnal in its goal of building confidence in the fundamentals of Seventh-day Adventism.

"Stanza one is based on Matthew 28:18-20, Luke 24:50-52, and Acts 1:9-11; stanza two, on Daniel 7:9-14 (compare *Early Writings*, pp. 54-56); and stanza three, on Matthew 24:30, 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18, and Revelation 1:7.

"When I began teaching the development of Seventh-day Adventist beliefs (at the Seminary, 1968), I suddenly realized

for myself the essential relationship of 1844 to the existence and message of our movement. It led me to take a second look at Daniel 7:9-14 and to see in it a dramatic, cosmic, Christ-on-the-clouds event comparable in style and possibly in magnitude to the Second Coming. Seventh-day Adventist pioneers and prominent early preachers likewise called attention to the dramatic literal wording of the passage."

The hymnal committee has matched this hymn-poem with the stirring Welsh tune *CWM RHONDDA*, which probably is familiar to most readers. (The same tune is being used for the text "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah.")

Readers are free to reproduce this hymn so it can be used by either individuals or congregations.

WAYNE HOOPER
Executive Secretary
Church Hymnal Committee



Ron Stretter, Columbia Union Conference youth director, and Les Pitton, director of North American Youth Ministries, prepare for the upcoming camporee at Camp Hale in Colorado.

NAD Pathfinder Camporee plans being finalized

By NORM MIDDAG

The U.S. Forest Service and county officials have approved the final draft of the site plan and other details relating to the 1985 North American Division Pathfinder Camporee, to be held at Camp Hale in Colorado.

Camporee organizers expect an attendance of nearly 20,000 Pathfinders, club leaders, and volunteers, which will make this short-term city the largest concentration of people in the county between July 31 and August 6. It virtually will be a city, with utilities, a police department, medical services, and even a "farmer's market" providing fresh produce (pre-ordered, of course) each morning. The campsite, high in the Rocky Mountains between Vail and Leadville, was used by the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division

for winter training during World War II.

Camporee planners have been working for more than three years to make the theme, "Adventure in Service," one that will lead the Pathfinders into greater action for Jesus.

Among various features of the camporee will be a working model of the wilderness sanctuary built by the children of Israel; theme trails for handicap awareness, conservation, and Pathfinding; an Indian village; a wagon camp; a wilderness camp; and a mining camp.

All the Pathfinders at the camporee will gather each evening and on Sabbath morning at an amphitheater where programs will emphasize adventures in service both inside and outside the church.

The camporee's organizers believe that when the Pathfinders return to their homes after the camporee they will have a

greatly expanded vision of the Adventist Church and their own potential for service for Jesus Christ.

Spread throughout the three-mile-long (five-kilometer-long) valley will be an array of activities ranging from Olympic-type events, hiking, archery, and canoeing to an obstacle course, biking, rock climbing, and team games. Other attractions include exhibits of recreational, spiritual, cultural, and historical interest, as well as a midway featuring 100 Adventist Youth honors.

Because Camp Hale is centrally located in a recreational and historical area, clubs will plan sightseeing trips, rafting, horseback riding, and many other activities. Just 75 miles (121 kilometers) to the west is Glenwood Springs, with a large, hot spring-fed pool, which may seem more inviting as the week wears on. (Although Camp Hale will have plenty of showers and water spigots, none of the water will be heated.)

Many clubs, perhaps whole conferences, already are arranging transportation. For instance, Idaho clubs plan to travel by Boise-Winnemucca Stage Lines buses. But each Pathfinder must raise the \$90 round-trip fare in addition to entry fees and other living costs. A group of Michigan clubs are coming on a train pulled by a steam engine. Adult church members and friends have been responding generously as local clubs raise the needed funds.

Because all Camp Hale buildings were removed in the 1950s, any structures to be used during the camporee must be erected. Members of Maranatha Flights International will come to Camp Hale a month before the camporee to erect bridges and other structures; then they will take them down afterward.

The camp, located in the Holy Cross Recreational Area, is managed by the U.S. Forest Service. So special care must be taken to preserve the site for future use.

Although most of the camporee will be limited to registered participants, guests are welcome to observe. Sunday has been designated Visitor's Day, when guests may see conference, union, and club camping areas, with their gateways, layout, and displays. A hospitality center will be operating throughout the camporee to provide guided tours of the valley and to answer visitors' questions.

Many volunteer workers will be needed to make the camporee function smoothly. People who love children and wish to volunteer should contact their local conference youth department for an application.

Categories where help is going to be needed include food service, maintenance, security/parking, camp store, post office, crafts, treasury, health/medical, family camp, sanitation, transportation, hospitality, communication, news reporting/photography, and programming.

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