

Heartbeat

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Board Approves Seven New Missionary Candidates

The Board of Foreign Missions met here May 3-6 in their annual session. The approval of seven missionary candidates for Missionary Internship this fall and the final appointment of six missionary candidates to missionary service were among the most significant actions taken by the board.

Those approved to begin Missionary Internship included Ledge Ferguson of Blaine, Ky.; Tom McCullough of Detroit, Mich.; Charolette Tallent of St. Louis, Mo.; John and Pansy Murray of Hampton, Va.; and Jim and Karen Cowart of Nashville, Tenn.

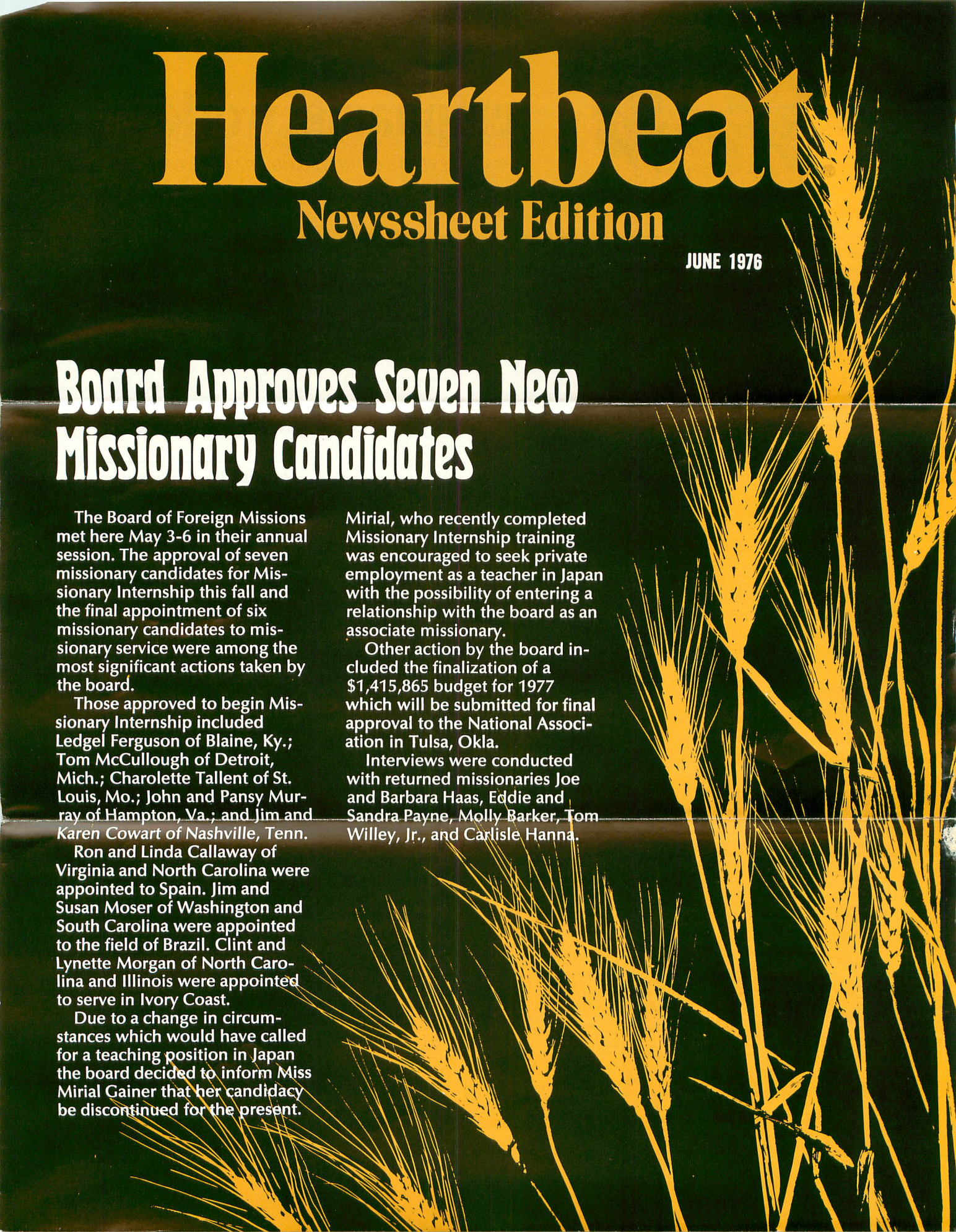
Ron and Linda Callaway of Virginia and North Carolina were appointed to Spain. Jim and Susan Moser of Washington and South Carolina were appointed to the field of Brazil. Clint and Lynette Morgan of North Carolina and Illinois were appointed to serve in Ivory Coast.

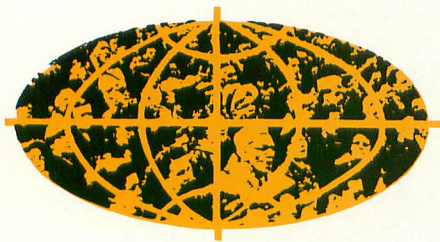
Due to a change in circumstances which would have called for a teaching position in Japan the board decided to inform Miss Mirial Gainer that her candidacy be discontinued for the present.

Mirial, who recently completed Missionary Internship training was encouraged to seek private employment as a teacher in Japan with the possibility of entering a relationship with the board as an associate missionary.

Other action by the board included the finalization of a \$1,415,865 budget for 1977 which will be submitted for final approval to the National Association in Tulsa, Okla.

Interviews were conducted with returned missionaries Joe and Barbara Haas, Eddie and Sandra Payne, Molly Barker, Tom Willey, Jr., and Carlisle Hanna.





emphasis: world

EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

new records set

Nashville, Tenn.—Combined receipts and reports of Call-a-thon reveal a record single offering as well as a record total for this Foreign Missions Sunday event held Easter Sunday, April 18.

Special Easter services at Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tenn., netted a record Call-a-thon offering of \$3,575 which was designated to bring three missionary accounts out of the red: Jim McLain, Walter Ellison, and Howard Filkins.

At the latest count Call-a-thon offerings reported had totaled \$25,574.19 from 206 churches in 23 states.

The following churches and individuals reported offerings: (Churches are listed according to location without regard to the association of which they are members.)

Alabama

Bardsdale
Belview
Bethel
Cave Springs
Center Point
Eastside
Forestdale
Free Waters
Goodwater
Holmes
Liberty
Maple Grove
Montgomery First
(Aux.)
Mt. Zion (Aux.)
Pleasant Grove First
Pleasant Valley
(Aux.)
Russellville First
Sulphur Springs
Union Grove
Union Hill
Vernon First

Arizona

Trinity

Arkansas

Alice Brooks
Catcher
Conway First
Eighteenth Street
Mt. Harmony
Northside
Ozark First
Pine Hill
Pirtle
Pleasant Hill
Pocahontas First
Pools Chapel
Russellville First
Searcy First
Sheridan
Slaty Crossing
Thorn Grove
Victory
Walnut Ridge First
Willoughby

California

Mountain View First
Norwalk
Petaluma
Porterville

Florida

Christian Home,
McDavid
Haines City First
Harmony
Pensacola First
Pleasant Ridge
Sneads
Vero Beach First

Georgia

Alabama
Bainbridge
Bellview
Calvary
Christian Hill
Crossville
Jesup First
Macedonia
New Salem
Patmos
Pine Level
Wilson Chapel

Illinois

Linda Beaty
Bethel
J. Luther Hudson
Ina
Kankakee Mission

Kansas

West Side

Kentucky

Shady Lawn

Michigan

Benton Harbor First
Fellowship
Garden City
Kirby
Ten Mile

Minnesota

St. Paul First

Mississippi

Columbus First
New Gauley
Poplar Springs

Missouri

Beacon
Calvary
Central
Cuba Mt. Zion
DeSota First
Fellowship
Lebanon First
Liberty
Little Vine
Low Ground
Macedonia
Macedonia (Aux.)
Mountain Grove First
Myrtle
New Harmony
Sedalia First
South Fremont
Victory

Montana

Billings First

New Jersey

Hope

North Carolina

Ahoskie
Canton
Hope
Immanuel
Lowell (Aux.)
Marion First
Mt. Bethel
Mt. Holly
Mt. Olive
Palmetto Chapel
Parker's Chapel
Sandy Acres
Swannanoa
West Duplin
Winterville

Ohio

Antioch
Cleveland Youth
Dayton First
Fairborn
Germany Hollow
Hillsboro
Island Road
Liberty
McArthur
Northridge
Springfield First
Troy
West Dayton
Westside
Weststate (Aux.)
Youngstown First

Oklahoma

Ardmore Mission
Calvary
Christian Grove
Collinsville
Guymon
Highland Park
Locust Grove
McAllister First
Moore First
Oilton
Prague
Silver City
Skiatook
Spencer Road
Stobtown
Vera
Wilburton
Zion Hill

South Carolina

Calvary
Chester First
Horse Branch
St. Johns
William Hills (Aux.)

Tennessee

Appalachian Assoc.
Bethany
Bristol First
Lela Burton
Cofer's Chapel
Crossville Mission
Donelson
East Nashville
Erwin First
Fairview
Faith, Columbia
Faith, Knoxville
Faith, Manchester
(Aux.)
Faith, Nashville
Fellowship
Friendship
Goodsprings
Gorman
Greystone
Harris Memorial
Horton Heights

Island Road
Laverne
Liberty
Loyal Chapel
Mt. Zion
North Memphis
Oaklawn
South Side
Trinity, Erwin
Trinity, Nashville
Woodbine

Texas

Austin First
Bryan First
Christ
Friendship
Grand Prairie
Mesquite First

Pleasant Mound
Vernon First

Virginia

Bedford First
Chestnut Hill
Faith

West Virginia

Dry Branch
Kilsyth
Lick Branch
Pierpoint
Pleasant Valley
Sophia
Sprattsville
Winifrede

christian life conference

Barbacena, Brazil—A Christian Life Conference was conducted here April 23-25 by missionary Earnie Deeds of Conselheiro Lafaiete. Average daily attendance for the conference was 34. Of these, 23 actually participated in the written study, and 15 completed it.

"The conference served as a yardstick to measure Christian growth," writes Jim Sturgill. "The results were tremendous."

special visitor

Goumere, Ivory Coast—Robert and Judy Bryan were surprised recently when they returned from Abidjan after bidding farewell to Eddie and Sandra Payne. Christians handed the Bryans a calling card which said the Ambassador of the United States had been by to see them the day before.

Robert and Judy rushed to Bondoukou and found the ambassador

deeds speaks at christian life conference



before he left town. "In fact," writes Robert, "it was before he and his wife got up, so they invited us to drink some coffee with them while they ate breakfast. We accepted and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves."

Robert also indicated that the ambassador appeared interested in the work and "seemed very approachable." He invited them to call on him when they were in Abidjan.

summer missionaries

Nashville, Tenn.—Ten students departed in May to serve as summer missionaries in various countries: **Brazil**—Neil Gilliland, Wheelersburg, Ohio; **France**—Rebecca Rigby, Pensacola, Fla.; Cathy Crawford, Minford, Ohio; **Ivory Coast**—Paula Coffman, Jenks, Okla.; Rick Sirico, Portsmouth, Va.; John Rhodes, Granite City, Ill.; and Mike and Deleen Cousineau, Billings, Mont., and Odessa, Tex.; **Panama**—June Lytle, Swannanoa, N.C.; Sandra Tittle, Oakman, Ala.

rock-a-thons for missions

Nashville, Tenn.—Youth groups around the country have taken to the rocking chair in a new fun and fund-raising effort for foreign missions.

Sparked by the enthusiasm and vision of high school senior Gayle Livingston, 24 young people from the West Dayton Free Will Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio, rocked for 12 hours on March 26 to accumulate \$1,180.55 for foreign missions.

Eight girls (Actionettes) from Loyal Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Columbia, Tenn., rocked 24 hours April 9-10 for the Bill Fulcher ac-

rolla smith receives west dayton rock-a-thon check from gayle livingston



count. Their efforts netted \$410 for the Fulchers.

Participants in the rock-a-thons secured sponsors who paid from 10¢ to as much as \$3 per hour for the efforts put forth.

professions crack door

Madrid, Spain—Two people made professions of faith here recently according to a report given by missionary Dock Caton. These professions crack the door for establishing a Free Will Baptist work in Spain.

Dock requested prayer for wisdom concerning the first steps to establishing a work here. He also requested prayer for the Larsson family which has shown an interest and a hunger for the gospel.

spiritist medium attends

Livramento, Brazil—A recent report indicated a spiritist medium has started attending the Livramento church as a result of a Christian witness. The medium reportedly lost her daughter through suicide recently. Spiritists tried to convince her that her daughter has been reincarnated. She has sought the church in her confusion. The Ellisons request prayer that she might be saved.

news briefs

Goumere, Ivory Coast—Robert Bryan has been elected to the board of the Centere de Publications Evangeliques (Center of Evangelical Publications) in Abidjan. The mission in the Ivory Coast is a participating member of the publication center.

Rivera, Uruguay—The combined Livramento-Rivera youth went to the

"actionettes" of loyal chapel rock for bill fulcher account



camp at Aguas Buenas on Good Friday for a time of fellowship and fun.

Goumere, Ivory Coast—Robert and Judy Bryan have started their study of the Koulango language.

Rivera, Uruguay—Brazilian pastor Laercio da Silva of Campinas conducted a revival at the Rivera central church during the week of April 25. Details of the meeting were not available at press time.

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financial facts

Through April 30

On deposit April 1	\$ 262,347.52
Receipts through April 30	410,716.75
Disbursements through April 30	407,357.98
Projected receipts through April 30	410,669.00
Total 1976 Foreign Missions Budget	\$1,232,007.00

Missionary Deficit Accounts

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:			
Deeds	\$3,502.18	Moser	\$ 523.15
Dickens	324.47	Palmer	4,987.06
Gibbs	2,326.17	Pinkerton	2,182.64
Haas	7,218.13	Poole	5,451.71
Hersey	6,409.21	Sturgill	1,689.35
Inscoe	7,592.35	Waid	591.16
Lee	1,414.89	Wode	90.60
Morgan	124.83	S. India	626.62

State Quotas—1976

State	Quota 1975	Receipts thru Apr. 30	Receipts thru Apr. 30
Alabama	\$ 45,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$17,203.39
Arizona	6,000.00	2,000.00	1,378.89
Arkansas	50,500.00	16,833.32	21,144.09
California	50,000.00	16,666.64	16,335.20
Canada	1,000.00	333.32	.00
Colorado	1,000.00	333.32	365.09
Florida	40,000.00	13,333.32	10,255.62
Georgia	45,000.00	15,000.00	12,454.66
Hawaii	1,000.00	333.32	610.00
Idaho	1,000.00	333.32	138.09
Illinois	35,000.00	11,666.64	11,863.25
Indiana	9,500.00	2,374.98	3,807.72
Iowa	1,500.00	500.00	594.53
Kansas	6,500.00	2,166.64	2,078.28
Kentucky	21,500.00	7,166.64	5,482.36
Louisiana	1,000.00	333.32	81.32
Maryland	5,000.00	1,666.64	754.73
Michigan	75,000.00	25,000.00	21,284.70
Minnesota	500.00	166.64	107.00
Mississippi	21,000.00	7,000.00	5,868.22
Missouri	96,000.00	32,000.00	39,449.48
Montana	100.00	33.32	513.00
New Mexico	1,000.00	333.32	92.87
*Northeast	3,150.00	750.00	1,090.34
**Northwest	2,500.00	833.32	325.87
North			
Carolina	165,000.00	55,000.00	64,507.24
Ohio	45,000.00	15,000.00	9,617.58
Oklahoma	100,000.00	33,333.32	43,608.52
Pennsylvania	100.00	33.32	60.00
Puerto Rico	100.00	33.32	.00
South			
Carolina	70,000.00	23,333.32	22,800.59
Tennessee	175,000.00	58,333.32	55,811.71
Texas	20,000.00	6,666.64	9,860.33
Virginia	50,000.00	16,666.64	18,278.42
West			
Virginia	45,500.00	15,166.64	13,014.55
Other States	1,000.00	333.32	294.77
Miscellaneous	40,557.00	13,519.00	895.49

*Northeast Assn.
New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine

**Northwest Assn.
Alaska, Oregon, and Washington

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Nantes, France—Don and Billie Sexton have initiated services here and report a total of 14 adults attended on April 4, the second or third Sunday since they began.

Bondoukou, Ivory Coast—Jimmy Aldridge recently assisted in a two-week campaign to reach new villages. Two Koulango evangelists, Anani Victor and Tea Koffi Theodore, as well as at least seven laymen from Bondoukou and Kpanan and several students from Bondoukou took part in the effort.

franks baptizes four

Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil—Missionary Dave Franks informed the mission office that he baptized four people here on Easter Sunday. "Three of them were young men, two of which are studying with us in our special instruction classes," writes Dave. "The fourth was the mother of four who were baptized last year."

Franks related that students from their special training classes recently participated in house-to-house visitation for their first time. "They came back from the visitation excited about the new experience," Dave continued. "This is part of the practical work in my personal evangelism class."

In the same correspondence Dave indicated the possibility of arriving

in the United States earlier than last reported. They hope to arrive in the United States some time near the end of June.

russian believers speak out

Europe—Earlier reports which indicated Russian Christians were dissatisfied with Christian mission radio broadcasting evidently did not give the whole story according to Center for Study of Religion and Communism. Actually Russian believers call programs "fountain of life." They report "millions of believers," including many government Nicodemuses "who listen in the privacy of their own room."

Eastern European Mission broadcaster Earl Poysti reports that Russian Christians estimate "at least a million" people have found Christ through radio programs since they began.

workshop to be held

Farmington, Mich.—Missionary Internship is to host a workshop in late summer for Christian personnel who anticipate overseas service with secular corporations. The workshop is designed to provide orientation for Christian men and women who, because they do not bear the title "missionary," may not have had the opportunity of specific Christian

training for cross-cultural service.

Although the date has not officially been set, the workshop will probably be held the second and third weeks of August, according to the MI announcement. Persons interested may write to Missionary Internship, Box 457, Farmington, Mich. 48204.

decision percentage high

Brazil—While 85 percent of Brazil's 100 million people are claimed by the Roman Catholic Church, few attend mass; and witchcraft controls 20 percent of the people. Reports by Campus Crusade workers indicate that over half the Brazilians who hear a personal presentation of the gospel receive Christ.

missionaries asked to leave

Lima, Peru—The Peruvian government has ordered 227 members of the Wycliffe Summer Institute of Linguistics to leave the country by 1977, a recent news report disclosed.

Liberation theology, nationalism, CIA revelations, rivalry of Peruvian linguists, and anthropologists have all been cited as contributing to the order issued by the government. Wycliffe's SIL expects to finish 10 or 11 New Testaments by the end of this year, making work in jungle areas 95% finished after 30 years.

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