

## Board Plans Joint Action for Alaska

**C**OOPERATION, evangelism, and appropriations were some of the concerns of the denomination's board of missions when it met last month at Des Moines, Iowa.

As a result of a consultation held early in February at Covenant Headquarters in Chicago involving five groups that support missionary work in Alaska—Arctic Missions, Inc., the American Lutheran Church, the Moravian Church, the California Meeting of Friends (Quakers), and the Covenant Church, the board's division of world missions voted to ask the Quakers to cooperate in the use of Covenant High School, Unalakleet, and radio station KICY at Nome to investigate the cost of increasing its power to 10,000 watts in order to cover the wider area represented by the five groups.

The division voted to recommend to next June's annual meeting that Miss Esther Szeto, a native of Malasia and currently a student at North Park Seminary, be called to work in Hong Kong under the missionary charter of the Evangelical Free Church. Other candidates approved for call were Dr. and Mrs. Roger Thorpe of Belaire, Texas, Congo; Mr. Stanley Summers of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and Miss Elizabeth Backlund of Cromwell, Connecticut, station KICY in Alaska; and Mr. and Mrs. Jerold F. Reed, also students at North Park Seminary, Ecuador. Mr. Kenneth Wicklund of Minneapolis, who has been employed directly by the cooperative literature agency in Congo, LECO, for the past ten years, will be called to the Covenant staff.

The chairman of the Congo mission, the Rev. Franklin Lindquist, brought a report to the full board, saying that "on the surface everything seems to be good" and that "there is a good relationship with the natives. The decision to bury Paul Carlson in Africa made a tremendous impression."

The division approved the re-entry of Lindquist and five colleagues into the Ubangi for a six-month period (see the COMPANION, February 26).

Constitutional changes were approved which give more control to the national church in Ecuador (see pages 4-6). A \$50,000 loan was granted to the Covenant Missionary Society of Japan for the purchase of property in strategic centers. And the division learned that the Formosa mission, by invitation of the 100-year-old Presbyterian work, is to share in a program of "evangelism at depth."

For its discussions of evangelism the home missions division of the board was enlarged by the chairmen of the conference evangelism committees and the conference superintendents. The group heard about an emphasis currently under way in the Middle East Conference, "Evangelism through Koinonia," as well as about the evangelism emphasis and prayer program for 1965 and a pilot laymen's leadership training conference on evangelism held early

last month in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The division and superintendents went over all appropriation requests for aided churches and new work in preparing the next home missions budget. Funds for new work are designated for Davis and Rocklin-Sunset in California; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Iowa City, Iowa (or possibly Davenport); Manhattan, Kansas; and Somerset-West, Oregon, and Federal Way, Washington. A sum of \$1,000 was included for a new inner-city project planned for Chicago's north side. Also, the division decided to provide direct support for the staff of native workers—seven couples and two single women—attached to the Mexican Mission.

A program committee was named to plan the third town and country conference to be held next November 8-10 at Red Oak, Iowa.

### Christian Education

## Board Votes to Postpone CLC Decision

Upon recommendation of a committee studying the new Covenant Life Curriculum produced by the Presbyterian Church in the United States and four other denominations, the Covenant board of Christian education decided at sessions held last month in Des Moines, Iowa, to postpone bringing a recommendation regarding the curriculum to an annual meeting until 1966.

The committee pointed out that the children's materials will not be available until next fall and should be used in the 18 churches that have been experimenting with the CLC since October, 1963, before an evaluation is made. Also, all churches could be brought into the same place in the cycle of materials in 1967.

"With this in mind," the board announced, "we shall not open the program to any new churches in October of this year, but we shall concentrate on helping the churches now using the material."

College student work was the sub-

ject of two sessions which the board opened to all interested persons attending the midwinter conference in Des Moines. A statement giving "Conceptional Foundations of Covenant College Student Work" was released.

The paper assigns this work to the whole church, not a local enterprise, and centers it in "the congregation," which is "an enabling group through which the Holy Spirit forms the fullness of Christ in each person." The congregation is defined as the "student-group," and "success in such a program may be judged only by the way in which each individual is built up so that he will feel adequate in the student group and adequate to meet his personal problems in a Christian approach during the year."

The board laid plans for a Christian education conference and the annual meeting of Covenant Youth of America to be held next October 8-10 in Seattle, Washington.