



Discussing follow-up materials to be used in Tokyo Crusade are (from left): Akira Hatori, prominent Japanese radio evangelist; Phillip Tsuchiya, evangelist and interpreter; Koji Honda, evangelist who has held 125 city-wide crusades in Japan; and Dan Platt, Crusade director



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to 29, in the 15,000-seat Budo-kan in the heart of the world's largest city (population 11,021,000). Dr. Tsugio Tsutada, executive chairman of the Crusade, says, "We need a special visitation of the Spirit in this country. May this occasion be the time for the Lord to start a long-lasting revival in our land, spreading to all Asian lands as well." Adds Paul Ariga, manager of the Crusade office, "God is surely at work. We hear the sound of revival."

Interviewed at press time, Crusade Director Dan Platt said, "The interest seen in Japan and the dedication of the Christian workers is unbelievable. There are not many more than 150,000 active Christians in the Japanese islands. Of this number, 15,000 are in Tokyo, where the Sunday morning congregations are well attended but small. Today these amazing Christians have visited over two million homes in the Tokyo area, and expect to visit 1,500,000 more. They are inviting people to the Crusade and leaving Scriptures and Christian literature."

For five weeks the Christian people have been taking counselor training in 12 separate districts of Tokyo from two of Japan's beloved soul winners, Koji Honda (see page 3) and Akira Hatori. A 1,500-voice choir—possibly Asia's largest—will sing under Cliff Barrows' direction. Sixty-one per cent of Tokyo's Protestant churches are involved in the Crusade.

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"I wish you could see what God is doing here," Mr. Platt told DECISION over the transpacific telephone. "One engaged couple postponed marriage for six months in order to make a contribution to the Crusade. Love offerings, unasked for, are coming in from sister churches in other Asian countries. Four- and five-year-old children are writing us. Farmers tell us they are saving up for bus fare. We hear of delegations planning to come by chartered buses and trains from as far north as Sapporo."

A highlight of the Crusade will be the ministers' school of evangelism, October 24 to 26, and it is predicted that nearly every minister in Japan will be attending. Two thousand are expected. Speakers will include Mr. Graham, Dr. Tsutada, Mr. Hatori, Mr. Honda, Associate Evangelist Joe Blinco, Dr. Harold Ockenga of Boston's Park Street Church, and Howard Butt of Corpus Christi, Texas. Dr. Victor Nelson is coordinator.

Among the special platform guests to give their witness at the Greater Tokyo Crusade will be Dan Liu, Honolulu's chief of police; Bobby Richardson, former New York Yankees baseball player; Cliff Richard, star of the new World Wide film based on the London Crusade; and Mrs. Mildred Dienert (see DECISION, August, 1967). Mrs. Dienert made a visit to Tokyo in August and addressed 2,200 ladies in two preparatory meetings at a school auditorium. She also visited eight other areas of Greater Tokyo.

We ask our readers to remember Tokyo this month. Pray that hundreds of future missionaries will be won to Christ at the Budo-kan and be challenged to take the Gospel of his salvation to every part of Asia.

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Let the Fire

Fall

by Billy Graham

Fire has ever been the symbol of deity. God's Presence was symbolized by the flaming sword placed at the east entrance of the Garden of Eden. God revealed himself to Moses in the burning bush which was not consumed. He was manifested to the children of Israel in the pillar of fire by night. When Elijah staged the test of deities on Mount Carmel, God displayed his power and glory with a Niagara of fire. God has promised to build a "wall of fire" to protect his people, and he has prophesied that in the last days he will avenge the righteous by fire. He dispenses the fire which refines, the fire which empowers, the fire which destroys. Down through *continued on page 14*

*It takes place
every night in
Yosemite Valley.
What would
happen if it
took place in
the church?*

