

## OFFICERS' MEETING OF THE AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION

Beirut, Lebanon

June 7, 1971

PRESENT: M. E. Lind, D. K. Bazarra, C. E. Schmidt

By Invitation: I. Yacoub, R. D. Pifer

Prayer by C. E. Schmidt

E. H. SEQUEIRA - CONSIDERED AS PRINCIPAL OF BUGEMA COLLEGE

News had been received that J. Bradfield, Principal of Bugema College had accepted the Presidency of Solusi College.

The EAU had by telegram recommended as Principal of Bugema College, the name of Brother E. H. Sequeira now studying for his B. Th. degree at Andrews University. It was

AGREED, that a person to head up Bugema at this stage more than at any other time in the College's history, must be capable and practical with good administrative talents as well.

Brother Sequeira who is a registered architect by profession, has been as SDA for 17 years with 5 years or more in the work in East Africa, and seems suitable for the position. It was

AGREED, to seek further counsel from Elder L. C. Robinson, President of the Tanzania Union, now en route to the USA on furlough and for the time being in Singapore, as well as the TU administration. The President of the Division was asked to communicate with both sources after which a decision would be made by the officers in the form of a call.

M. E. Lind, Chairman

Acting Secretary

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June 9, 1971

PRESENT: M. E. Lind, C. E. Schmidt, D. K. Bazarra

Prayer was offered by D. K. Bazarra

NICOLA YOUSSEF - ASSISTANCE IN MOVING

Nicola Youssif is our gateman. He recently moved to other rented quarters and does therefore not come under the Division Policy which states that if the Division requests a worker to move etc... then he is eligible to certain moving assistance. However, it was

AGREED, that on compassionate grounds to grant Brother Youssif the sum of LL 144. assistance in his moving.

DR. D. C. LUDGINGTON - RELEASED FROM RESIDENCY PLANS

AGREED, To again draw the attention of the General Conference to the fact that we are unable to employ Dr. D. C. Ludington and therefore must be released from his residency plans (See Officers' Minutes 71-54)

DR. GEORGE BENSON - INTERNSHIP PLAN

AGREED, To seek information from the General Conference regarding Dr. George Benson's internship plan.

F. MARTINSEN - EDUCATION OF CHILDREN

AGREED, to grant F. Martinsen (of Kamagambo) the equivalent of up to two trips, East Africa - Beirut, per year if he wishes to send his children to Helderberg College. Also to inform him that he will come under the AMD Educational Policy granting a discount of 25% for the first child, 35% for the second and 50% for the third child.

SITUATION IN TANZANIA

The situation in Tanzania was discussed. As developments in that country have a tendency of suddenly accelerating it was

AGREED, to permit the Tanzania Union to open an external account in shillings in Nairobi and further that permission be granted to TU to use any savings of Expatriate workers for current operation on the understanding that the necessary information be passed on to the Division Treasury so that a trust fund for such workers, who might agree to this arrangement, can be set up in the Division.

R. H. MILLS - QUESTION REGARDING PERMANENT RETURN

WHEARAS, having just received a letter from R. H. Mills in which he expresses surprise that the Division acted so soon on his permanent return and

that he would very much like to return to work in the Division, it was

AGREED, To inform Brother Mills that:

1. The news of his medical condition was passed on to us by the Ethiopian Union President, Elder H. Palm who came to Beirut in connection with the Midyear meetings.

2. The Ethiopian Union Overseas Committee took the following action:

VOTED, To recommend to the Afro-Mideast Division that the furlough voted for R. H. Mills in N.E.D. 228, p. 81, and A.M.D. 70-90, be cancelled, and that he be granted a permanent return to the United States, effective as soon as possible, for health reasons.

3. The Division officers held the matter in abeyance until the Medical Secretary of the Division, Dr. Sheffield who is located in Nairobi, had had a chance of studying the x-ray and report on R. Mills.

4. After medical consultation word was passed on to Ethiopia by TELEX for Bro. Mills to remain until the 20th or so of May, but instead it was learned that he left on the 8th of May in spite of counsel to delay his departure so that the Division auditor could take over from him.

5. This hurried exit gave added weight to the urgency of the physical condition of Bro. Mills.

6. Upon medical recommendation the Division Committee took an action on May 6, for R. H. Mills to go on permanent return.

7. A nominating committee was then appointed.

8. The nominating committee only reported on May 9, and Brother L. G. Diamond was appointed Treasurer of the Ethiopian Union.

The Officers wish to restate that the only reason for recommending R. H. Mills for permanent return was based on the very best medical counsel available.

M. E. Lind, Chairman

Acting Secretary