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## TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 18, 1938, 11:30 A.M.

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, L.H.Christian, W.G.Turner, M.N.Campbell, E.D.Dick, H.T.Elliott, W.E.Nelson, W.H.Williams, I.H.Evans, W.E.Howell, M.A.Hollister, J.A.Stevens, W.H.Bergherm, R.Ruhling, H.A.Morrison, F.C.Gilbert, Dr. H.M.Walton, C.L.Bond, D.A.Ochs, W.K.Ising, W.H.Teesdale, A.W.Peterson, M.E.Kern, S.A.Wellman, H.E.Rogers, H.O.Olson, J.J.Ireland.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

D.E.Robinson, A.L.White, Miss Lora Clement.

Prayer by C.L.Bond.

## CHAPEL IN FLORENCE, ITALY:

The Treasurer told of investigation that had been made while he was in Southern Europe, of a chapel in Florence, Italy, for sale by the Methodists. The brethren in Southern Europe had secured an option on the property, which option is expiring and therefore they have cabled asking counsel in the matter. With a membership of nearly 2,000, we do not have a single church building in all of Italy. This chapel is in a good location, in the central part of the city, is in a good state of preservation, has a seating capacity of from 250 to 300, and is offered for sale at 280,000 lira, or about \$15,000.

There are eight or ten rooms above the chapel, which, if the property is purchased, it is planned to use for the offices of the Italian Union Mission, thus vacating the present union headquarters building and using that building as a school for the training of Italian workers. It was

VOTED, To cable the Southern European Division that we approve of the purchase of the chapel in Florence, Italy, it being understood that the purchase price will be the first charge against any appropriation made to the Southern European Division from the Church Extension Fund for 1939.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-SECOND MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 19, 1938

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, W.G.Turner, M.N.Campbell, H.T.Elliott, E.D.Dick, W.E.Nelson, W.H.Williams, H.H.Cobban, I.H.Evans, F.M.Wilcox, G.W.Wells, M.E.Kern, R.Ruhling, M.A.Hollister, H.O.Olson, J.A.Stevens, W.H.Bergherm, Dr. H.M.Walton, H.A.Morrison, F.C.Gilbert, H.E.Rogers, J.J.Ireland, W.H.Teesdale, W.K.Ising, W.E.Howell, S.A.Wellman, C.L.Bond, A.W.Peterson, H.H.Votaw, C.E.Weaks, E.E.Andross.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Miss Lora Clement, D.E.Robinson.

Prayer by H.O.Olson. Minutes of meetings held May 5, 9, 11 and 12 were approved.

## APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That we approve of the following appointments for General Conference workers:

Meade MacGuire, Pacific Union from early July to August 7.

H.H.Votaw and W.H.Williams to South Lancaster to meet with the Atlantic Union Committee.

W.P.Elliott and W.H.Williams to Oshawa, to re-value the building and equipment of the Canadian Watchman Press.

## MARIA TREVINO--MEXICO:

VOTED, To pass on to Miss Maria Trevino, now in Texas, the invitation from the Inter-American Division for her to connect with the work in Mexico. Inasmuch as this is a call to Miss Trevino to return to her homeland for service, it is understood it does not include outfitting allowance nor furlough privileges.

## GERTRUDE HANSCH--BROOKFIELD:

VOTED, To pass on to the South American Division the call from the Pacific Press for Miss Gertrude Hansch, of the Division office, to connect with the Brookfield Branch for German stenographic work, it being understood that the Bureau of Home Missions will share in the transportation expense.

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## C.W.BOZARTH--TANGANYIKA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern African Division the request from the Central European Division, Section II, to allow C.W.Bozarth to attend camp meetings in Tanganyika this coming season, and that on the same trip he audit the Tanganyika books.

## E.C.WOOD--TAKOMA PARK CHURCH SCHOOL:

The Takoma Park Church School Board placed a request for the services of E.C.Wood in connection with their school building program. Brother Wood is on furlough from China, and is planning to spend the summer in Takoma Park, and has expressed his willingness to undertake this work if the Committee consents. Some concern was expressed about Brother Wood's undertaking such a heavy building program, when he should for the sake of his health have a much needed rest. After some discussion, it was

VOTED, To agree to E.C.Wood's acting as supervising architect in connection with the construction of the Takoma Park church school building, with the understanding that the board will see that he has a good foreman and is relieved of as much responsibility as possible.

## WORKERS RELEASED FROM CALLS:

VOTED, That the following workers be released from calls:

G.C.Jorgensen from the call to Walla Walla College.

L.C.Evans from the call to evangelistic work in South Africa.

T.J.Michael from the call to Persia.

## AUTUMN COUNCIL--LOCATION:

The Spring Meeting referred to the Minority Committee the decision relative to the location of the coming Autumn Council. Inasmuch as it is very late to begin negotiations looking toward holding the Council in some city other than Battle Creek, it was

VOTED, To hold the 1938 Autumn Council in Battle Creek, provided satisfactory arrangements can be perfected. In case such arrangements cannot be made, that the officers be authorized to take such steps as may be necessary in negotiating for another location.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA JUNIOR COLLEGE  
MEN'S DORMITORY:

Request was presented from the Pacific Union Conference on behalf of Southern California Junior College, for authorization to proceed with the erection of a men's dormitory, to cost \$25,000. The plan is to erect the structure and roof it, but to go only as far this year in completing it as can be done for \$15,000, this amount to be supplied as follows: \$6,000 from the Southeastern California Conference, \$4,000 from the Southern California Conference, \$3,000 from the Union, and \$2,000 from operating funds of the College.

VOTED, That we approve of the plan for the erection of a men's dormitory at Southern California Junior College, it being understood that construction will proceed no faster than the funds are in hand.

ATLANTA NO. 2 CHURCH:

A proposition was submitted for the erection of a church building in Atlanta, Georgia, at a total cost for lot and building of \$22,000. They have 75% of the amount in hand.

VOTED, That we authorize the Georgia Conference to go forward with the erection of a church building in Atlanta, with the understanding that they will proceed no faster than funds are in hand.

PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE--GRAINGER HALL:

VOTED, That since they have the funds in hand and no debt will be created, we approve of the plan of Pacific Union College to build a thirty-eight foot addition to the north end of Grainger Hall.

JOHANNESBURG NURSES' HOME:

A committee that was appointed on the request of the Southern African Division for a special appropriation for a nurses' home in Johannesburg, submitted the following recommendation, which was adopted:

We recommend, That \$7,500 be advanced to the Southern African Division for a nurses' home in connection with the Johannesburg Hospital, this advance to be taken from the first special appropriation we are able to grant to the Southern African Division, with the suggestion that it may not be possible to include this in the 1939 appropriations.

J.L. McElhany, Chairman.  
H.T. Elliott, Secretary.  
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-THIRD MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 23, 1938

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, M.N.Campbell, W.G.Turner, E.D.Dick, H.T. Elliott, W.E.Nelson, W.H.Williams, H.H.Cobban, I.H.Evans, E.E. Andross, F.M.Wilcox, S.A.Wellman, G.W.Wells, M.A.Hollister, W.E. Howell, J.A.Stevens, C.E.Weaks, Dr. H.M.Walton, F.C.Gilbert, J.J.Ireland, M.E.Kern, A.W.Peterson, W.H.Teesdale, H.A.Morrison, W.K.Ising, H.E.Rogers, M.C.Taft, C.L.Bond.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

A.L.White, D.E.Robinson, W.L.Burgan, Miss Lora Clement.

Prayer by M.A.Hollister.

## E.G.WHITE ESTATE--MOVING EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to appropriate \$388.45 to cover additional expense not provided for in the budget, of moving the E.G.White Estate to Washington.

## EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to make the following emergency appropriations:

<u>Canadian Union:</u>	for conferences and institutions affected by the drought	\$12,750
<u>Central Union:</u>	for Wyoming	1,000
<u>Northern Union:</u>	for losses due to drought in North and South Dakota	5,000
<u>North Pacific Union:</u>	Walla Walla College	1,500
<u>Inter-American Division:</u>		
Nicaragua		2,500 cordobas
Venezuela		5,000 bolivars
Mexico		6,650 pesos

## CAMP MEETING APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, To adopt the following schedule of camp meeting appointments for the late camp meetings, with the understanding that the officers are authorized to make any changes or adjustments that may later be found to be necessary:

Late Camp Meetings

1938

NOTE Where the workers are assigned for the entire series of the camp meetings in a union their names appear in brackets, and it is understood that the union will arrange the schedule of attendance at the various camp meetings. In some cases, however, workers have been assigned to definite local meetings and not to the entire union series.

CANADIAN UNION

Maritime	August 18 - 28	({ A. W. Petersen
Newfoundland	Aug. 31 - Sept. 6	

CENTRAL UNION

Missouri	August 19 - 28	( H. T. Elliott
Union Colored Meeting, Kansas City	August 25 - 28	( F. L. Petersen

COLUMBIA UNION

West Virginia	August 4 - 14	({ W. H. Branson { H. H. Votaw { Steen Rasmussen { T. J. Michael { Kathryn Jensen	
West Pennsylvania	August 12 - 21		
Ohio	August 18 - 28		
		J. A. Stevens	West Virginia & Ohio
		M. E. Olsen	Ohio

LAKE UNION

Michigan	Aug. 23 - Sept. 4	( E. D. Dick ( E. E. Franklin ( Steen Rasmussen ( Wade MacGuire ( Kathryn Jensen ( M. E. Olsen
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NORTHERN UNION

Iowa, Cedar Falls	Aug. 26 - Sept. 3	( E. E. Andross ( J. J. Strahle ( W. H. Bergherm ( H. O. Olson
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N ORTH PACIFIC UNION

Oregon, Gladstone,	July 21 - 31	( M. N. Campbell
Washington, Auburn,	July 28 - Aug. 7	( H. L. Rudy
		( S. A. Wellman
		( F. A. Wyman

PACIFIC UNION

Central California, Santa Cruz	July 29 - Aug. 7	( H. L. Rudy
Southern California, Lynwood	Aug. 4 - 14	( M. A. Hollister
Central California, Arroyo Grande	Aug. 29 - Sept. 7	( William Butler

M. N. Campbell, Lynwood

(It is understood that Brethren Rudy, Hollister, and Butler will visit churches in the Pacific Union during the interim between Lynwood and Arroyo Grande meeting)

SOUTHWESTERN UNION

Arkansas-Louisiana	July 28 - Aug. 6	( W. G. Turner
Texico	Aug. 5 - 13	( D. A. Ochs
Oklahoma	Aug. 11 - 20	( W. H. Bergherm
Texas	Aug. 19 - 27	(

May 23, 1938

## D.N.WALL--OKLAHOMA CAMP MEETING:

VOTED, That we approve of D.N.Wall's attending the Oklahoma camp meeting, on the invitation of the Southwestern Union, it being understood that the General Conference is not responsible for the expense involved.

## APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That we approve of the following appointments for General Conference workers:

Steen Rasmussen to attend a district meeting in Rochester New York, June 11.

F.C.Gilbert to a regional meeting at White River Junction Vermont, June 10-12.

D.A.Ochs to attend a Youth's Congress at Palmer Lake, Colorado, June 13-18, and in order to make this possible that he be released from the assignment to the East Pennsylvania camp meeting.

W.L.Burgan to assist in publicity work at the Michigan camp meeting, August 23 to September 4.

## MEDICAL COLLEGE BOARD MEETING:

VOTED, That J.L.McElhany, M.N.Campbell and W.E.Nelson be authorized to attend a meeting of the Board of the College of Medical Evangelists, in July.

## FLOYD RITTENHOUSE--SOUTHERN JUNIOR COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union Conference and Washington Missionary College the call from the Southern Union for Floyd Rittenhouse to connect with Southern Junior College as teacher of history.

## MARGARETA AMBS--INDIANA ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and the Carolina Conference the call from the Lake Union for Miss Margareta Ambs, of Fletcher, to connect with the Indiana Academy as instructor in French and commercial subjects.

## ARTHUR KIESZ--BROOKLYN GERMAN CHURCH:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and the Upper Columbia Conference the call from the Atlantic Union for Arthur Kiesz to connect with the Greater New York Conference as pastor of the Brooklyn German church.

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## WILLIAM BURT RELEASED:

VOTED, That Williams Burt be released from the call to the Texico Conference.

## E.S.CUBLEY RELEASED:

VOTED, That E.S.Cubley be released from the call to Union College.

## AUSTRALASIAN DIVISION LEADERSHIP:

Whereas, Section 6 of Article X of the By-Laws of the General Conference provides that "As the Australasian field consists of only one union organization, the time and extent of the division feature of that organization shall be optional with the Australasian Union Conference, it being understood that until the divisional feature is developed, the president of the Australasian Union Conference shall be a Vice-President of the General Conference, and the Australasian Union Conference will function as a division of the General Conference in all phases of its relation to the world movement." And

Whereas, The brethren in Australasian now suggest that the leadership in that field consist of E.B.Rudge as union conference president, and C.H.Watson as Vice-President of the General Conference for the Australasian Division;

VOTED, That we approve of C.H.Watson's serving as Vice-President of the General Conference for the Australasian Division while E.B.Rudge serves as president of the Australasian Union Conference, this arrangement to continue until the time of the General Conference session, when the matter can be studied with the delegates from the Australasian field,

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 26, 1938

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, W.G.Turner, M.N.Campbell, E.D.Dick, W.E. Nelson, H.H.Cobban, I.H.Evans, E.E.Andross, F.M.Wilcox, M.A. Hollister, J.J.Ireland, J.A.Stevens, F.C.Gilbert, A.W.Peterson, W.K.Ising, C.L.Bond, H.E.Rogers, S.A.Wellman, W.E.Howell, H.A. Morrison, M.C.Taft.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, W.E.Phillips, D.E.Robinson, A.L.White, F.D.Nichol, Miss Lora Clement, L.W.Graham, W.L.Burgan.

Prayer by Claude Conard.

Minutes of meetings held May 13, 15 and 16 were approved.

## WIDENING OF EASTERN AVENUE:

Some time ago a request was received from the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, that the General Conference dedicate a 25-foot strip of our property, in front of our building, for the widening of Eastern Avenue, and a committee was appointed to study the request. The authorities are now asking for our decision in the matter. It was

VOTED, To recommend to the General Conference Corporation that they dedicate a 25-foot strip of our property for the widening of Eastern Avenue.

## POWER OF ATTORNEY:

VOTED, To grant power of attorney to the Bondholders Committee of the National Radiator Corporation, of Maryland, to care for certain securities held by the General Conference.

## COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION OF OFFERINGS:

The suggestion was made that it might be well to have a standing committee, appointed annually, whose duty it would be to arrange for the promotion of the various offerings that are scheduled for the year, and it was

VOTED, That the Chair be asked to appoint a standing committee, on the Promotion of Offerings, to serve during the year 1938.

Appointed: W.E.Nelson, M.N.Campbell, H.T.Elliott, J.A. Stevens, Steen Rasmussen, W.G.Turner, W.H.Williams, E.D.Dick, H.A.Morrison.

May 26, 1938

CARL BRUCK:

The committee appointed to give study to the request of Carl Bruck, to return to Germany, made the following report, which was adopted:

Whereas, Carl Bruck has not been satisfied to remain in North America to carry on evangelistic work among the German-speaking peoples here, but desires to be returned to Germany,

Resolved, That we arrange for his return to Germany in harmony with our usual custom to return workers to their homelands, but that neither the General Conference nor any of its subsidiary organizations shall be under further responsibility for employment or financial assistance other than the usual salary and transportation expenses allowed to returning workers according to our policy.

O.G. ERICH--ACTION RESCINDED:

VOTED, That inasmuch as arrangements have been made for O.G. Erich to continue in China, we rescind the action taken by this Committee on March 7, authorizing his permanent return.

PAUL BARTHOLOMEW--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That on recommendation of the China Division, we authorize the permanent return of Paul Bartholomew from China.

A.A. ESTEB--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That because of health conditions, the return of A.A. Esteb from China be changed from the furlough to the permanent return basis.

S. ARASON TO OSHAWA:

VOTED, To request the Washington Missionary College to allow S. Arason to join W.H. Williams in Oshawa, Canada, for the purpose of evaluating the building and equipment of the Canadian Watchman Press.

LOIS BURNETT--SHANGHAI SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To request the Washington Sanitarium to release Miss Lois Burnett, to connect with the China Division as superintendent of nurses of the Shanghai Sanitarium.

DR. A.W. TRUMAN--SHANGHAI SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To invite Dr. A.W. Truman, of Bellflower, California, to connect with the China Division as medical superintendent of the Shanghai Sanitarium.

May 26, 1938

## RICHARD SHIRNER--MINISTERIAL INTERNESHIP:

The Ministerial Interneship Committee submitted the application of Richard Shirner for interneship in the East Pennsylvania Conference, the application being submitted to this Committee because the applicant is a little past the thirty-year age limit. It was

VOTED, That ministerial interneship be granted to Richard Shirner, for work in the East Pennsylvania Conference.

## AGNES SORENSON--WALLA WALLA COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference and Southern California Junior College the call from the North Pacific Union for Miss Agnes Sorenson to connect with the faculty of Walla Walla College.

## T.R.WATERHOUSE RELEASED:

VOTED, That T.R.Waterhouse be released from the call to Minnesota.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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## TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 31, 1938

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, W.G.Turner, E.D.Dick, W.E.Nelson, H.H. Cobban, I.H.Evans, E.E.Andross, F.M.Wilcox, R.Ruhling, J.J. Ireland, A.W.Peterson, D.A.Ochs, C.E.Weaks, M.A.Hollister, H.E. Rogers, F.C.Gilbert, J.A.Stevens, M.E.Kern, H.H.Votaw, W.E.Howell H.A.Morrison.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, W.E.Phillips, A.L.White, D.E.Robinson.

Prayer by D.A.Ochs. Minutes of meetings of May 18, 19 and 23 were approved.

May 31, 1938

## WASHINGTON SANITARIUM BOARD:

VOTED, To place in nomination before the constituency of the Washington Sanitarium the following named persons as members of the Board of Directors of the Washington Sanitarium:

W.E.Nelson	H.E.Rice	B.G.Wilkinson
J.L.McElhany	Dr. D.H.Kress	H.T.Elliott
Dr. R.A.Hare	F.M.Wilcox	J.W.MacNeil
H.J.Nies	I.H.Evans	

VOTED, To recommend to the constituency of the Washington Sanitarium that the By-Laws be amended to provide for a board of twelve members, and that H.J.Detwiler be the additional member.

## INTEREST IN KHARTOUM:

Word has been received that some twenty or twenty-five people in Khartoum are definitely interested in the truth. Khartoum is in the territory of the Northern European Division, but that division has no means at present of making contact with this interest. The Central European Division, Section II, on the other hand, could quite easily send a worker in from Egypt, and the Northern Division states they would be glad to see this done. It was

VOTED, That we authorize the Central European Division, Section II, to make contact as they are able with the interest that has sprung up in Khartoum.

## APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That F.C.Gilbert be authorized to respond to the request for week end meetings in New Hampshire and Vermont, July 16 and 23.

## G.K.LASHIER--UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and the Florida Conference the call from the Central Union for G.K.Lashier, of Forest Lake Academy, to connect with Union College as foreman of the College Press.

## AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, That the opening hour for the coming Autumn Council be 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, October 18.

VOTED, That W.E. Nelson be authorized to attend a board meeting of Southwestern Junior college, en route to or from California.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.