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TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 18, 1948, 7:30 P.M.

All voices joined in singing "Crown Him with Many Crowns" for the opening of the first meeting of the 1948 Autumn Council, at 7:30 P.M., Monday, October 18, in the Central Seventh-day Adventist Church of Denver, which had very kindly been made available for all the meetings of the Council, with the exception of the Sabbath services, which were held in the City Auditorium. Following the opening song, prayer was offered by Frederick Griggs.

M.V.Campbell, president of the Central Union, being introduced by J.L.McElhany, the chairman, said he and his committee and constituency were most happy and greatly pleased that it had been decided to hold the Council in their midst this year, and N.C.Petersen, the president of the Colorado Conference, welcomed the delegates to Denver, where the conference headquarters office is located.

MESSAGES OF GREETING:

E.D.Dick, the secretary, who had been in Australia during the past summer, brought a message of greeting from C.H. Watson, former president of the General Conference, who wished to be remembered to the brethren assembled in this Autumn Council. Elder Dick read letters also from W.A.Spicer and F.M.Willcox, who felt it best not to make the journey to the Council, though they would greatly like to be present. It was

VOTED, To send greetings from the Council to these, our esteemed veteran workers.

Messages of greeting to the Council were also read from E.D.Hanson and F.G.Clifford, of Southern Africa, and it was

VOTED, To ask the secretary to acknowledge these messages, and to convey our greetings in return.

Elder J.L.McElhany, in welcoming the delegates to this Biennial Council, called attention to the fact that this is the first time in ten years that it has been possible for all our division leaders to be present at an Autumn Council, and therefore he was pleased to extend a special welcome to the following representatives:

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G.A.Lindsay, of the Northern European Division.
 A.Minck, O.Schildhauer, W.Mueller and A.Vollmer, of
 Central Europe.
 W.R.Beach, M.Fridlin and Robert Gerber, Southern Europe.
 W.H.Branson and R.H.Adair, China Division.
 C.W.Bozarth and E.A.Moon, Southern African Division.
 W.G.Turner and W.L.Pascoe, Australasian Union; and also
 L.C.Naden, H.White and W.T.Hooper as special delegates from
 Australia.
 V.T.Armstrong and F.L.Williams, Far Eastern Division.
 A.L.Ham and A.F.Tarr, Southern Asia Division.
 R.R.Figuhr and O.A.Blake, South America.
 E.F.Hackman, W.E.Murray and L.F.Bohner, of the Inter-
 American Division.
 E.B.Rudge, British Union Conference.
 E.L.Branson, Middle East Union Mission.
 N.E.Nielsen, Ethiopian Union Mission.
 William McClements, West African Union Mission.

In addition to these, he said, there are also present a number of missionaries who are home on furlough, as well as a number of workers who are under appointment to work in the overseas fields for the first time. Then there are in attendance representatives from the North American field as follows:

Union and local conference presidents; union secretary-treasurers and auditors and resident auditors; union colored evangelists; college presidents, representatives from the sanitariums and publishing houses, and certain workers to whom special invitations were extended. To all of these Elder McElhany extended a most cordial welcome, with an invitation to all to take part in the deliberations of the Council.

OPENING ADDRESS:

Addressing the Council, Elder McElhany spoke on the need of reconsecration and a recasting of their thinking on the part of the leaders in God's work, in the light of present-day conditions. "We find ourselves living in one of the most serious and solemn hours in human history," he said; "and if ever there was an hour in the history of this cause and movement when men should seek God earnestly, that hour is tonight. The issues we face are serious and solemn beyond all our ability to describe or even to estimate."

"We see the world today living in deadly fear of what may transpire at any hour, and we see no reason to alter or to change in the least degree the great objectives of this message. What we have been preaching for a hundred years is fulfilling before our eyes today. We have no need to revise our theological teachings or our view of Bible truth, for today the great fundamental principles of this truth are being buttressed and

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supported and fulfilled by what we see taking place about us. This cause is a movement of prophecy. Our work is a fulfillment of prophecy. We are a people of prophecy. Our destiny is fulfilled in the certainty of God's word. This fact needs to be reiterated over and over again until it becomes a very part of our being and of our faith. Our thinking today needs to be recast in the light of present-day conditions."

"I do not believe," continued the speaker, "that it is enough to say we believe in the second coming of the Lord Jesus. We must believe in the sudden, unexpected coming of the Lord. Otherwise there is no meaning to the exhortation in the thirteenth chapter of the Gospel of Mark, to 'Watch, lest coming suddenly, He find you sleeping.' In the light of these words I venture to set forth another proposition, and that is, that our activities as a religious body, and our approach to these activities also be recast in the light of present world conditions.

"We have come to a time when we need to find a proper balance between evangelism and institutionalism. I believe one of the greatest dangers we face today is our shifting emphasis, our tendency to depend for the finishing of the work upon institutional activities instead of upon evangelistic effort. We must not depend upon creating institutions and operating them as the major factor in the finishing of the work of God.

"The years 1946 and 1947 were outstanding in the matter of soul winning. We have great reason to be encouraged and to thank God for what has been taking place. But what we have done is not enough. We must see far greater accomplishments in the winning of souls. Our soul-winning endeavors must not be subordinated to anything else.

"I believe in our institutions. I believe in their divinely inspired place in connection with this movement. I believe they have been placed by the Lord in the framework of the movement, but I believe we must be careful against any over-emphasis upon this phase of the work, lest our resources be so drawn upon that we will not be able to give anything to our divisions for the expansion of their evangelistic work. We ought to be putting more money into all the divisions for vigorous soul-winning evangelism instead of less."

Elder McElhany then referred to two statements prepared by the brethren who had been meeting in Boulder, one a letter addressed to our workers, the other a letter of appeal to the believers in all the world, a portion of the latter of which he read, and then continued:

"I would have no heart in participating in the sending out of such a call unless I could first, in my own heart, feel that I had approached God in humility and in the spirit of re-

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penance for my lack of achieving the very objective we are here setting forth to others. I believe we are living in a time when, if we are to advance with invincible power in this program of leading the church into a greater soul-winning endeavor, we must get down to the fundamentals and seek those things that will bring to us the outpouring of the Spirit of God. I believe the greatest contribution that we as a group of leaders here tonight can make to the finishing of the work of God in all the world is to reconsecrate ourselves to the simple, fundamental, basic truths of God's message, and with heartfelt repentance seek Him for forgiveness, and for the outpouring of His Spirit that we may be able to show others the way. Shall we not solemnly reconsecrate and rededicate our lives to God?"

The meeting was concluded with an earnest prayer of consecration by A.V.Olson.

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

TWO HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 19, 1948, 10:00 A.M.

The time of the nine o'clock period Tuesday morning, October 19, was devoted to a Survey of the World Field, as presented by E.D.Dick, who used as his introduction verses 1 - 5 of the 60th chapter of Isaiah. The message in these verses is addressed to the people of God in a time of great spiritual darkness, when darkness covers the earth, and gross darkness the people, and that time is now, he said. He drew attention to the great gloom which envelops nearly all the countries of the world today, all this being a fulfilment of the prophetic word. It is in this time, Isaiah says, that "His glory shall be seen upon thee. . .Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."

In this, too, prophecy is being fulfilled. The post-war years have been years of blessing to the work of God, we were told. During the years 1946 and 1947, 104,052 persons were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church in the world field, the gains in baptisms and membership for these two years being larger than in any previous two-year period in our history.

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Elder Dick drew a vivid picture of a rapidly expanding and triumphant work, omens of which we see in many lands, he said. In the small island of Jamaica they baptized 1,416 in 1946, and 1,603 in 1947. In Burma, more were baptized in the first seven months of this year than in the first twenty years of our effort in that land. He spoke of the 100 evangelistic efforts in progress in China; 88 in the Southern Asia Division; a 30% increase in membership in Rumania during 1947; and of great strides forward in Germany during and since the war. During the years 1946 and 1947 there were sent out to the mission fields 729 new workers.

Our attention was then directed to the activities and attainments of the various departments of our work, stressing certain highlights, as the increase in membership and offerings in the Sabbath School Department, offerings in 1947 amounting to \$4,314,115.33; enthusiastic promotion of the relief work by the Home Missionary Department; retail sales of books and periodicals of \$11,477,499.76 reported by the Publishing Department; the effects of the Youth's Congress upon our young people; opportunities being taken advantage of for self-supporting medical missionary work by our medical workers; the influence resulting from the circulation of organs of the Religious Liberty and Temperance Departments; the wonderful results being realized through the Radio broadcasts and the Bible Correspondence Schools; and the increasing space given by newspapers to the work of Seventh-day Adventists; also the work of the Theological Seminary and Ministerial Association in the preparation of a better trained and stronger ministry.

"We rejoice," said Elder Dick, "in all that has been and is being accomplished, but we recall the words spoken to Joshua by the Lord, 'There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.' However, the Lord Jesus not only commanded His children to go forth to carry the gospel to all the world, but 'took upon Himself the responsibility of its success.' So this work will not fail -- it cannot fail. The servant of the Lord, speaking of the progress of the work, says: 'When divine power is combined with human effort, the work will spread like fire in the stubble.' It is for each of us to so yield himself to God, that in the words of the text, 'the glory of the Lord may be seen upon thee.'"

After song to open the second business session of the Council, at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, October 19, prayer was offered by W.G. Turner.

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DAILY PROGRAM:

The following Daily Program for the Council was adopted:

Devotional	9:00 -- 10:00 A.M.
Council Session	10:10 -- 12:30
Subcommittees and Boards	2:00 -- 3:15 P.M.
Council Session or Committees	3:30 -- 6:00
Council Session or Committees	7:30 -- 9:00

MESSAGES OF GREETING:

Further messages of greeting were read, from the East Visayan Mission, D.S.Kime, of the Netherlands East Indies, and F.R.Millard, of Japan, and it was

VOTED, To ask the secretary to acknowledge these messages, and to convey greetings from the Council in return.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Nominations of Standing Committees were presented, as made by the Committee in Washington, and the committees were by vote appointed as follows:

[Additions to the committees were made from time to time. For convenience the names of all members are given here.]

Guiding Committee:

J L McElhany, Chairman.
W P Bradley, Secretary.

Roger Altman	N W Dunn	A V Olson
H H Cobban	H T Elliott	J I Robison
A W Cormack	E J Johanson	E E Roenfelt
J F Cummins	W E Nelson	W H Williams
E D Dick	J J Nethery	N C Wilson
L K Dickson	W B Ochs	

Music Committee:

E.W.Dunbar, Chairman,

R A Anderson H H Cobban D H Spillman

Platform Committee:

F H Yost, Chairman

G E Hutches

D E Venden

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Assignment to Committees:

N C Wilson, Chairman.
T L Oswald, Secretary.

H W Lowe

K J Reynolds

Seating Arrangements and
Distribution of Materials:

J A Stevens, Chairman.

J E Edwards
Eric B Hare

George Huse
D A McAdams

Horace Shaw
L A Skinner
George Vandeman

Publicity:

J R Ferren

Donn Thomas

Editor of Resolutions:

E E Roenfelt

Auditing Committee:

J L McElhany, Chairman.
W.E. Nelson, Secretary.

Roger Altman	N W Dunn	N C Petersen
V G Anderson	H T Elliott	E L Place
G T Anderson	L C Evans	M L Rice
C L Bauer	L W Graham	J I Robison
W F Bradley	E J Johanson	E E Roenfelt
M V Campbell	L E Lenheim	H L Rudy
T Carcich	A E Millner	C A Scriven
H H Cobban	W B Mohr	J D Smith
A W Cormack	J J Nethery	J W Turner
J F Cummins	D A Ochs	W H Williams
E D Dick	W B Ochs	N C Wilson
L K Dickson	A V Olson	

Budget Committee:

W E Nelson, Chairman.
W H Williams, Secretary.

Roger Altman	G W Bowers	H H Cobban
V G Anderson	W P Bradley	A W Cormack
C L Bauer	M V Campbell	E E Cossentine
L H Bland	H G Childs	J F Cummins
H M Blunden	P W Christian	H J Detwiler

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E D Dick	C V Leach	W E Phillips
L K Dickson	L E Lenheim	J J Reiswig
E W Dunbar	Meade MacGuire	M L Rice
N W Dunn	A S Maxwell	J I Robison
H T Elliott	J L McElhany	E E Roenfelt
W P Elliott	H A Morrison	H L Rudy
I M Evans	H R Murphy	F O Sanders
T R Flaiz, M.D.	Chas. Nagele	H E Schneider
L E Froom	J J Nethery	C A Scriven
T R Gardner	F D Nichol	J D Smith
G T Harding, M.D.	R W Numbers	D H Spillman
H H Hicks	D A Ochs	J A Stevens
G E Hutches	W B Ochs	C L Torrey
E J Johanson	A V Olson	J W Turner
A W Johnson	T L Oswald	D E Venden
H C Kephart	G E Peters	H H Votaw
		N C Wilson

Distribution of Labor:

L K Dickson, Chairman.
H T Elliott, Secretary.

Roger Altman	E E Franklin	J I Robison
V G Anderson	Eric B Hare	E E Roenfelt
C L Bauer	E J Johanson	H L Rudy
W P Bradley	L E Lenheim	C A Scriven
W A Butler	J J Nethery	L A Skinner
M V Campbell	D A Ochs	J D Smith
E D Dick	G E Peters	J W Turner
N W Dunn	K J Reynolds	N C Wilson
W P Elliott	M L Rice	F H Yost

Finance Committee:

W E Nelson, Chairman.
Roger Altman, Secretary.

W E Abernathy	W R Beach	M V Campbell
R H Adair	L E Biggs	H J Capman
L R Alexander	O A Blake	H H Cobban
F K Ambs	H P Bloum	Claude Conard
V G Anderson	L F Bohner	J F Cummins
E E Andross	C W Bozarth	J E Cox, M.D.
V T Armstrong	W P Bradley	J G Dasent
R L Atcheson	E L Branson	W A Dessain
W E Atkin	W H Branson	E D Dick
R C Baker	A D Butterfield, M.D.	L K Dickson
H W Barrows	F Brennwald	N W Dunn
C L Bauer	Glenn Calkins	M K Eckenroth

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J E Edwards	R G Lewis	N C Petersen
H T Elliott	G A Lindsay	W E Phillips
W P Elliott	C S Longacre	L R Rasmussen
Harold Ermshar	T E Lucas	H E Rice
L C Evans	T K Lukens	M L Rice
H P Evens	W E Macpherson, M D	F H Robbins
R R Figuhr	R K McAllister	J I Robison
Chas. Fleming	C G Maracle	E E Roenfelt
L E Ford	B C Marshall	R F Rowe
C O Franz	S G Maxwell	E B Rudge
M Fridlin	Wm. McClements	H L Rudy
T R Gardner	L L McKinley	O Schildhauer
R Gerber	J L McElhany	H E Schneider
Jesse Gibson	A Minck	F W Schnepfer
R E Gibson	A E Mobley	C A Scriven
E L Green	L L Moffitt	H A Shepard
Frederick Griggs	W B Mohr	H L Shull
E F Hackman	E A Moon	A R Smith
A L Ham	F A Mote	J D Smith
G T Harding, M.D.	A G Munson	J C Shull
R A Hare, M.D.	W E Murray	A R Smouse
H C Hartman	Chas. Nagele	A F Tarr
Robert Hervig	M L Neff	H B Thomas
W B Hill	G B Nelson	C L Torrey
W T Hooper	N C Nelson	J W Turner
James Howarth	W A Nelson	W G Turner
G A Huse	J J Nethery	A Vollmer
E J Johanson	N B Nielsen	H H Votaw
H M Johnson	Edward Niemann	J H Wagner
H T Johnson	R W Nelson	W H Williams
C H Kelly	D A Ochs	P L Williams
J C Kozel	W B Ochs	N C Wilson
A C Larson	A V Olson	I J Woodman
Frederick Lee	E H Oswald	R W Woods
A A Leiske	T L Oswald	K A Wright
L E Lenheim	W L Pascoe	H A Young
H C Klement	G E Peters	

Nominations:

A.V.Olson, Chairman.
A.W.Cormack, Secretary.

V G Anderson	A L Ham	W B Ochs
C L Bauer	W T Hooper	T L Oswald
W R Beach	E J Johanson	M L Rice
H M Blunden	L E Lenheim	J I Robison
E E Cossentine	J L McElhany	H L Rudy
J F Cummins	H A Morrison	H White
E D Dick	L C Maden	N C Wilson
R R Figuhr	W E Nelson	

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Plans Committee:

W.O.Ochs, Chairman.
J.I.Robison, Secretary.

W M Adams	J R Ferren	A L Moon, M D
C V Anderson	R E Finney	R W Moore
G T Anderson	T R Flaiz, M D	W Mueller
R A Anderson	Vernon Flory	L C Naden
V G Anderson	S L Folkenberg	R G Nash
M L Andreassen	W D Fordham	H S Nelson
C E Andross	E E Franklin	J J Nethery
D Baird	L E Froom	G C Nickle
C L Bauer	O T Garner	R H Nightingale
K C Beem	L W Graham	D A Ochs
W A Benjamin	B L Grundset	H O Olson
E E Bietz	W E Guthrie	C L Paddock
R R Bietz	Louis Halswick	C E Palmer
H M Blunden	H K Halladay	C E Parrish, M D
G W Bowers	Dr Russell Hansen	J V Peters
R E Bowles	Eric B Hare	F L Peterson
J A Buckwalter	S C Harris	E L Place
C M Bunker	W J Harris	W E Read
Lois Burnett	C B Haynes	D E Reiner.
H M Burwell	H D Henriksen	D E Rebok
D C Butherus	J C Holland	Don Rees
George Butler	E S Humann	Leon Replogle
W A Butler	W K Ising	K J Reynolds
D A Butterfield, M D		M L Rice
J R Campbell	H E James, M D	H M S Richards
M V Campbell	Eric Jones	W M Robbins
T Carcich	C S Joyce	G A Roberts
L N Christensen	M E Kern	W Roberts, M D
L H Christian	Louise Kleuser	T M Rowe
R J Christian	C C Kott	H L Rudy
H K Christman	O W Lange	R Ruhling
Lora Clement	C H Lauda	G Rustad
C J Coon	L E Lenheim	W A Scharffenberg
R E Crawford	S H Lindt	C A Scriven
N O Dahlsten	E J Lorntz	L C Shepard, M D
M E Dawson	H W Lowe	W H Shepard
C W Degering	W R A Madgwick	J L Shuler
H J Detwiler	M O Manley	H J Shaw
N R Dower	Brother Marshall	H D Singleton
E W Dunbar	D A McAdams	L A Skinner
W P Elliott	W E McClure	C L Smith
A A Esteb	J L McConaughey	J D Smith
W D Eva	A P McDow	R A Smithwick
I M Evans	J R McMillan	J D Snider
E W Everest	A E Millner	W E Straw
M ID Fayard	W C Moffett	W E Strickland

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Plans Committee (Concluded)

Carl Sundin	T E Unruh	C C Weis
E A Sutherland, M D		R H Wentland
M C Taft	G E Vandeman	A L White
E W Tarr	L A Vixie	H White
W H Teesdale	David Voth	S G White
K Tilstra	J H Wagner	Paul Wickman
J A Toop	Elmer Walde	H G Woodward
O A Troy	H M Walton, M D	F H Yost
J W Turner	A Warren	A L Zumwalt
Donn H Thomas	R S Watts	

REORGANIZATION OF THE AUSTRALASIAN UNION CONFERENCE:

The following recommendations from the Home Officers of the General Conference, on the reorganization of the Australasian Union Conference, were presented, and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Australasian Union Conference assembled in quadrennial session in 1945 adopted a Memorial to the General Conference proposing the reorganization of the work in Australasia into a regular division of the General Conference; and

WHEREAS, The General Conference in the Fall Council of 1945 voted general approval of the plans submitted by the Australasian Union Conference; and

WHEREAS, Subsequent to the voting of such approval the brethren in Australasia were confronted with certain considerations which convinced them of the legal inadequacy under Australian law of the particular form of Division organization provided for in the General Conference By-Laws and were thus led to request the General Conference to "defer action on the Memorial until such time as careful study of the problems involved could be made by a representative group of General Conference leaders meeting in Australia with the Executive Committee of the Australasian Union Conference;" and

WHEREAS, In response to this request three representatives of the General Conference joined the brethren in Australasia during the late months of 1947 and the early part of 1948 and together gave exhaustive study to all the issues involved in endeavoring to bring to fruition the plans for divisional organization initiated by the brethren in Australasia; and

WHEREAS, As the outcome of these councils the original Memorial submitted in 1945 was withdrawn and a further Memorial was prepared and presented to the General Conference Committee in Spring Council in April, 1948, at which time tentative approval was voted by the Council to the proposals presented in

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the new Memorial, which proposals involved the reorganization of the present territory of the Australasian Union Conference on the following plan:

A. The present Australasian Union Conference to be known hereafter as the Australasian Inter-Union Conference;

B. The Australasian Inter-Union Conference to consist of two union conferences and two union missions to be created within its territory and to be known as:

1. The Trans-Commonwealth Union Conference - to consist of --

The South New South Wales Conference
The Victorian Conference
The Tasmanian Conference
The South Australian Conference
The West Australian Conference

2. The Trans-Tasman Union Conference -to consist of--

The Greater Sydney Conference
The North New South Wales Conference
The Queensland Conference
The North New Zealand Conference
The South New Zealand Conference
The North Queensland Mission

3. The Coral Sea Union Mission - to consist of--

The Solomon Islands Mission
The Bismark Archipelago
Papua
Northeast New Guinea

4. The Central Pacific Union Mission - to consist of--

The Fiji Islands Mission
The Samoan Mission
The Tongan Mission
The New Hebrides Mission
The French Islands Mission
(New Caledonia, Loyalty, and Tahiti groups)
The Gilbert Islands, the Ellice Islands
The Cook Islands, Pitcairn Island, and other scattered islands of Eastern Polynesia

C. The Australasian Inter-Union Conference to operate under its own constitution, which constitution shall provide (1) that the General Conference shall elect the officers, heads of departments, and field secretaries of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference; (2) that the Australasian constituency shall

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elect all other members of the executive committee, the number of whom shall always be equal to twice the number of those elected by the General Conference.

D. In all respects in which its constitution does not otherwise provide, the Australasian Inter-Union Conference, in its relations with the General Conference, to function as a regular division; and

E. This program of reorganization of the territory of the Australasian Union Conference to take effect as from the first day of January, 1949; and

WHEREAS, In pursuance of the tentative approval of these proposals given by the Spring Council of the General Conference Committee, a special session of the Australasian Union Conference convened in the State of New South Wales, Australia, on August 16-20, 1948, for the purpose of implementing these plans, at which delegate session there were present two representatives from the General Conference; and

WHEREAS, The said special session voted unanimous support of these proposals for the reorganization of the work in Australasia and the Islands of the South Pacific, adopting constitutions and working policies for the proposed new union organizations and requesting the General Conference in Fall Council to endorse their actions; therefore

We recommend, That we express to the brethren of the Australasian Union Conference our appreciation that they have found a satisfactory solution to the complex problems which confronted them in the consideration of the question of reorganization and that we hereby express our approval of the plans they have submitted together with the constitution of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference, a copy of which will be filed with this resolution. [See pages following Treasurer's Report]

It is further

Recommended, That the Nominating Committee be instructed to bring before this Fall Council nominations for those officers and departmental secretaries and field secretaries which the constitution of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference provides shall be regularly elected by the General Conference.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer presented the Balance Sheet and Operating Statement of Income and Expenses for the first six months of 1948, as follows:

(See four pages following)

Adjourned to 7:30 P.M., with the closing prayer by W.R. Beach. J.L. McElhany, Chairman. E.D. Dick, Secretary.
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

AUSTRALASIAN INTER-UNION CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1.--Name

This organisation formerly known as the Australasian Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists shall henceforth be known as the Australasian Inter-Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and is hereinafter referred to as "this Conference." This Conference is a division and part of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists hereinafter referred to as the General Conference and acknowledges its allegiance to and the authority and leadership of the said General Conference.

ARTICLE 2.--Territory

The territory of this Conference shall comprise the Commonwealth of Australia and its territories, the Dominion of New Zealand and its territories, the islands of the Southern Pacific, and such additional territory as may from time to time be allotted to this Conference by the General Conference.

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ARTICLE 3.--Composition of Conference

This Conference shall be composed of such Union Conferences and Union Missions as are now organised within its territory and such other Union Conferences and Union Missions as hereafter shall be organised within its territory and shall be accepted by the General Conference into its membership, and such unattached missions as shall be received into the membership of this Conference by vote of a session or by vote of the executive committee at an annual meeting, carried in each case by a three-fourths majority of those present and voting.

ARTICLE 4.--Sessions

Section 1.

This Conference shall hold regular sessions at intervals of about four years at such time and place as the executive committee shall determine. Such sessions shall be held subsequent to the holding of the regular quadrennial session of the General Conference, and within twelve months of the holding of such General Conference session.

Section 2. The Executive Committee or the General Conference or any representative of such General Conference duly authorised for such purpose may call a special session. The business to be dealt

with by a special session shall be

- a. The business specified in the notice convening such session; and
- b. Such further business as the special session may determine to admit by resolution passed by a majority of not less than three-fifths of those who vote thereon.

A special session may elect any such persons or committees and transact any such business and do any such other act as under this Constitution a regular session or the Executive Committee between sessions may elect, transact, or do.

Section 3. A regular or special session shall be called by notice appearing at least two weeks before the opening date of the session either in a newspaper published by or under the auspices of this Conference or if there be no such newspaper in such manner as the Executive Committee may determine. The Executive Committee may by notice given in like manner postpone the holding of any session in the event of special circumstances.

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ARTICLE 5.--Delegates to Session

The delegates to a session of this Conference shall be:

- a. The members of the Executive Committee.
- b. All ordained ministers holding credentials from this Conference in session or the Executive Committee, it being understood that delegates from the unattached missions shall attend only at the invitation of the Executive Committee.
- c. All members of the Executive Committee of the General Conference who may be present.
- d. Such persons as are duly appointed by the Executive Committee of each Union Conference and Union Mission. Each Union Conference or Union Mission shall be entitled to appoint not more than one delegate for each five hundred of its church members or major fraction thereof.
- e. Such other persons as may be present, who shall be received as delegates by vote of the session.

ARTICLE 6.--Voting

On all questions each delegate to the session shall have one vote. The Chairman of the session shall have a deliberative vote and in case of equality of votes shall have a casting vote.

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ARTICLE 7.— Powers of Session

This Conference in session shall have power to determine all matters and things for the order and good government of this Conference and the regulation of its affairs including the management and disposal of or dealing with all real and personal property and revenues held or proposed to be acquired for or on behalf or for the use, benefit or purposes of this Conference, subject however to any specific trusts relating thereto and for such purposes to give to the Australasian Conference Association Limited or to any company, corporation or person in whom any such real and personal property and revenues shall be vested such directions with reference thereto and as to the management and disposal thereof as this Conference shall deem expedient. This Conference in session may make rules to govern its own procedure.

ARTICLE 8.— Credentials and Licenses

Section 1. This Conference in regular session shall determine who are the approved ministers within the jurisdiction thereof, grant suitable credentials to such ministers and grant licenses to those whom it shall consider suitable to labour in the cause of this Conference, and recommend for ordination such men as shall have given proof of their call to the ministry. Between sessions the Executive Committee is authorized to perform such duties.

Section 2. Any credentials, licences, or certificates granted or issued by this Conference in session or by the Executive Committee shall remain in force and be valid until the next regular session unless previously terminated by this Conference in special session or by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 9.—Elections

Section 1.

a. Whereas this Conference being a division and part of the General Conference deems it expedient that certain of its leaders should be chosen by the General Conference from the world membership of the church, the General Conference is hereby requested and authorized to and accordingly shall elect the officers, field secretaries and departmental secretaries of this Conference and such elections shall with all due expedition be reported to the Executive Committee which shall report the same to the next following Session of this Conference and such election shall thereupon be recorded in the regular minutes of such Session.

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b. This Conference in session shall elect:

1. Associate and/or assistant officers of this Conference.
2. Officers and assistant officers of the Australasian Conference Association Limited.
3. Officers of the Union missions and unattached missions.
4. Associate and/or assistant departmental secretaries.
5. Secretaries of organized services, bureaus, and commissions.
6. Elective members of the Executive Committee of this Conference as provided for in Article 12.
7. Auditors.

c. Each person elected under Section 1(b) shall hold his office or appointment until the next regular session of this Conference unless his office or appointment is previously terminated by this Conference in special session or by the Executive Committee for reasons which this Conference or the Executive Committee as the case may be may deem to be sound and grave.

d. The certificate of the President that a person has been elected as an officer or assistant officer or other officer of the Australasian Conference Association Limited or of any of its activities shall operate as a direction to the Board of Management of the Australasian Conference Association Limited to appoint such person to the office to which he was elected under and in accordance with this Article.

Section 2.

a. This Conference in regular session shall elect the members of the following Committees and Boards:

1. Committees of unattached missions.
2. Board of Management of the following institutions and organizations: Signs Publishing Company - Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital - Australasian Missionary College - Voice of Prophecy - Advent Correspondence School & any other institution or organization as may be formed by this Conference.
3. General Board of Management of the Health Food Department.
4. District Boards of management of the Health Food Department.

b. Each member of such committees and boards shall hold his appointment until the next regular session of this Conference unless his appointment is terminated by this Conference in special session or by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have power to fill vacancies between sessions.

Section 3.

In addition to the offices mentioned in Article 9 this Conference in session and the Executive Committee between sessions may establish such other offices, positions, and committees as may be determined, prescribe the duties and functions thereof and elect persons thereto and vary or terminate any such office, position or committee and may remove any member of any such committee or any committee or board mentioned in Section 2 for any reason it shall deem to be sound or grave.

Section 4.

This Conference in session and the Executive Committee between sessions may elect nominate or appoint trustees of any real or personal property or revenues mentioned in Article 7.

ARTICLE 10. -- Officers, Field, and Departmental Secretaries

Section 1.

a. The officers of this Conference shall be a president, a secretary, and a treasurer.

b. Each such officer, field secretary and departmental secretary shall hold office until his successor is elected and commences upon his duties, unless his appointment is previously terminated by the General Conference in special session or by the Executive Committee of the General Conference or pursuant to Article 13, Section 3.

Section 2.

a. There shall be such associate and/or assistant officers, as this Conference in session or the Executive Committee between sessions may determine.

b. Each associate and/or assistant officer of this Conference shall hold office until the next regular session of this Conference or until his successor is elected and enters upon his duties unless his appointment is previously terminated by this Conference in special session or by the Executive Committee for reasons which this Conference or the Executive Committee as the case may be may deem to be sound or grave.

Section 3.

The president shall supervise the general work of this Conference; open and preside at all sessions of this Conference and also at all meetings of the Executive Committee, but should he desire a representative of the General Conference or any member of the Executive Committee to assist him in presiding at the sessions of this Conference or meetings of the Executive Committee, he shall have power to call him to the chair. Whenever circumstances arise which prevent the president from fulfilling his duties they may be exercised by some person chosen for such purpose by the Executive Committee of the General Conference. Until such provision is made the Executive Committee of this Conference may fill the position temporarily.

Section 4.

The secretary shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the sessions of this Conference and of the meetings of the Executive

Committee and perform such other duties as usually pertain to his office.

Section 5.

The treasurer shall receive all monies belonging to this Conference, keep an account of same, and disburse them as this Conference in session or the Executive Committee shall direct, and make full report thereof at all sessions of this Conference and at such other times as may be required by the Executive Committee and perform such other duties as usually pertain to his office.

Section 6.

The officers shall make provisions for the proper collection and tabulation of such statistics of the work within the territory of this Conference as may be deemed necessary.

Section 7.

The officers, field secretaries, and the departmental secretaries shall work under the direction of the Executive Committee of this Conference.

Section 8.

The field secretaries and departmental secretaries shall occupy an advisory relationship to the field.

ARTICLE 11. -- Appointments

This Conference in session and the Executive Committee between sessions

- a. Shall appoint such ministers, missionaries, agents, and other persons as may be necessary to carry on the work of this Conference; and
- b. May terminate or vary any such appointment.

ARTICLE 12. - Executive Committee

There shall be an Executive Committee of this Conference, the members of which shall consist of:

- a. The officers of this Conference, the field secretaries, the departmental secretaries, and such members of the Executive Committee of the General Conference as ordinarily reside in the territory of this Conference.
- b. The associate officers of this Conference, the associate departmental secretaries of this Conference; the presidents of the Union Conferences, the superintendents of the Union Conferences, the general manager, secretary, treasurer and assistant treasurer of the Australasian Conference Association Limited, the manager of the Signs Publishing Company; the manager of the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital, the principal of the Australasian Missionary College, the Radio secretary and
- c. Such assistant officers and/or such other persons as this Conference in session shall elect and the number of whom shall be such that they and the number of those that shall be members by virtue of paragraph (b) of this Article shall

together be twice the number of those who shall be members by virtue of paragraph (a) of this Article.

ARTICLE 13.- Authority of Executive Committee

Section 1.

Between sessions the Executive Committee shall manage the affairs of this Conference and may exercise such of the powers of this Conference in session as under this Constitution are not exclusively exercisable by this Conference in session, but subject to this Constitution and any directions as to policy or otherwise and any regulations given or made by this Conference in session.

Section 2.

In particular and without prejudice to the general powers conferred by Section 1, the Executive Committee may between sessions exercise the powers of this Conference in session under Article 7 with regard to the real and personal property and revenues therein referred to.

Section 3.

a. The Executive Committee, by direction of the General Conference Executive Committee, may, for cause considered by the General Conference Executive Committee to be sufficient, remove from office between sessions any officer of this Conference, field secretary, or departmental secretary. Any vacancies thus created shall be filled by the Executive Committee of the General Conference.

b. The Executive Committee between sessions for cause considered by it to be sufficient may remove from the Executive Committee any other member thereof, provided that such action has the consent of at least two-thirds of the members of the Executive Committee expressed by personal vote or by signature to a resolution in writing submitted to all the members of the Executive Committee. Separate copies of such resolution may be signed for this purpose.

c. The Executive Committee between sessions shall have power to fill vacancies occurring in the membership of those members of the Executive Committee who are elected or appointed by this Conference.

ARTICLE 14. - Meetings and Notices

Section 1.

a. Except as hereinafter provided, the Executive Committee shall meet at the headquarters office of this Conference at such times as the Executive Committee may determine.

b. In the absence of the president from headquarters, meetings of the Executive Committee may be called at any time by the secretary or the person for the time being carrying on his functions. At a meeting so called the chairman shall be appointed by the Committee.

c. Meetings of the Executive Committee may also be called by any officer of this Conference and held at any time and place, provided consent for such meeting is first obtained from a quorum of the Executive Committee present at head office.

Section 2.

Seven members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 15. - Annual Meeting

Section 1.

The Executive Committee shall hold an Annual Meeting with as full a representation of its members as possible.

Section 2.

The Executive Committee at its Annual Meeting

a. Shall receive reports on the progress of the work of this Conference in its various phases.

b. Shall lay plans and formulate policies for the development and extension of the work throughout the field.

c. Shall have power to authorize the formation of new conferences to form new missions, and to make such other adjustments of territory within its jurisdiction as it may deem advisable or necessary subject to the provisions of the policies of the General Conference.

d. Shall authorize the annual budgets, examine and if necessary adjust the wages schedule and set the wages of the employees of this Conference in harmony with the schedule.

e. May transact any other business.

ARTICLE 16. - Auditors

Section 1.

The books of this Conference shall be subject to the examination of the auditors of the General Conference in harmony with the General Conference policies.

Section 2.

At each regular session of this Conference shall elect such auditors as may be required whose duty it shall be

a. To examine at least annually the accounts and vouchers of this Conference and to report upon same to the Executive Committee

b. To examine the accounts and vouchers of each and all of the union conferences, union missions, unattached missions, and institutions under the jurisdiction of this Conference, at such times as the Executive Committee or the president may direct, and to report to the Executive Committee of this Conference or the Executive Committee of the Union Conference and the union mission or the managing boards of the respective bodies concerned.

ARTICLE 17 - Trustees

The Australasian Conference Association Limited, a corporation formed and controlled by this Conference, shall be the regular Trustee for this Conference to acquire hold manage dispose of or deal with real and personal property for and on behalf of or for the use benefit or purpose of this Conference but subject to any specific trusts relating to such property and generally to conform with such directions, if any, as are from time to time given to it by or on behalf of this Conference.

ARTICLE 18 - Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a resolution of this Conference in session passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the delegates who vote. No amendment shall be moved except with the consent of the Executive Committee unless notice thereof shall be given to the Secretary not later than two calendar months before the date of holding the session and the notice convening the session shall set out any intended amendment. Before any intended amendment which in the opinion of the Executive Committee may have legal complications and involvements is submitted to session it shall be referred by the Executive Committee to the Solicitors for this Conference for their advice as to the legal effect of such amendment and as to whether such amendment will require any and, if so, what consequential amendment of this Constitution.

--Minutes of Special Session of the
Australasian Union Conference, August 16, 1948
pp. 813-820

(Printed copy of Resolution relative to the
(Reorganization of the Australasian
(Union Conference attached to Minutes of
(the Special Session of the Union Conference)

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Balance Sheet
June 30, 1948

ASSETS

Cash, Banks & Securities

Cash and Banks	\$ 1 913 346 98	
Securities	8 595 428 60	\$10 508 775 58

Accounts Receivable

Divisions	\$ 1 135 013 24	
Publishing Houses	46 651 63	
Transportation Agencies	59 191 25	
Department of Purchase & Supply	280 585 63	
Personal & Miscellaneous Accounts	173 693 55	1 695 135 30

Inventories

Office Supplies and Stock	12 947 67
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$12 216 858 55
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LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable

Divisions	\$ 96 858 98	
Publishing Houses	3 546 60	
Personal and Miscellaneous Accts.	243 400 67	
Unexpired Subscriptions	6 302 07	\$ 350 108 32

Trust Funds

College of Medical Evangelists		
Building Fund	\$ 481 871 30	
Miscellaneous Funds	419 638 89	
Sustentation Funds	1 304 615 22	2 206 125 41

TOTAL LIABILITIES	2 556 233 73
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NET WORTH, June 30, 1948	\$ <u>9 660 624 82</u>
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GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Balance Sheet
June 30, 1948

DETAIL OF NET WORTH

Operating Capital, 1-1-48	\$ 4 381 413 84	
Net Gain for Six Months	895 684 10	
Operating Capital, June 30, 1948		\$ 5 277 097 94
<u>Reserves</u>		
Exchange Reserve	\$ 225 098 60	
Reserve for Fluctuation of Securities	115 461 91	
Reserve for 1948 Special Appro. \$ 2 044 340 00		
Disbursements to June 30	1 541 909 98	502 430 02
*Rehabilitation Funds:		
Total Receipts	7 126 082 83	
Disbursements	3 585 546 48	
Rehabilitation Funds on Hand	\$ 3 540 536 35	
Total Reserves		\$ 4 383 526 88
<u>NET WORTH, June 30, 1948</u>		<u>\$ 9 660 624 82</u>

*Rehabilitation Funds Balance:	
Assigned to Divisions but not disbursed	\$ 3 438 781 82
Unassigned & Displaced Persons & Specials	101 754 53
Rehabilitation Funds on Hand June 30, 1948	\$ 3 540 536 35

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AND COMPARISON OF ACTUAL AND AUTHORIZED
RESERVES

<u>Reserves and Operating Funds:</u>		
Rehabilitation Fund	\$ 3 540 536 35	
Trust Funds	2 206 125 41	
Exchange Reserve	225 098 60	
Securities Reserve	115 461 91	
1948 Special Approp. Unpaid	502 430 02	
Cash & Securities Available for		
Working Capital	3 919 123 29	
Total Cash & Securities		
on Hand June 30, 1948		<u>\$10 508 775 58</u>

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<u>Authorized Capital and Reserves:</u>		
Cash & Securities Available for Working Capital	3 919 123 29	
Additional Capital represented by Inven. & Accts	1 357 974 65	
Regular Working Capital, June 30, 1948		\$ 5 277 097 94

<u>General Conference Authorized Reserve:</u>		
Operating Fund - 20% of 1947 Appropriations		
And Operating Expense which amounts		
to \$13 492 633 91	\$ 2 698 526 78	
Reserve Fund - 20% of 1947 Appropriations		
And Operating Expense which amounts		
to \$13 492 633 91	\$ 2 698 526 78	
Total Authorized Reserve		\$ 5 397 053 56
Amount under Authorized Reserve		(\$ 119 955 62)

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Operating Statement
Six Months Ending June 30, 1948

INCOME

Tithes	1948	1947	Increase Decrease*
North America			
Unions 1%	\$ 91 659 56	\$ 82 540 05	\$ 9 119 51
Regular Percent of Tithes	1 781 871 28	1 579 483 46	202 387 82
Special Percent of Tithes	875 550 72	774 266 89	101 283 83
Miscellaneous	12 897 87	9 145 00	3 752 87
	<u>\$ 2 761 979 43</u>	<u>\$ 2 445 435 40</u>	<u>\$ 316 544 03</u>
Overseas Non-Revertible	41 902 76	32 668 35	9 234 41
Total Tithes	<u>\$ 2 803 882 19</u>	<u>\$ 2 478 103 75</u>	<u>\$ 325 778 44</u>

Mission Offerings

North America			
Seventy-Cent-A-Week Funds	\$ 4 120 148 87	\$ 3 839 910 68	\$ 280 238 19
Miscellaneous	22 494 54	5 439 93	17 054 61
General Conference Session	Planes 1 750 00	11 000 00	9 250 00*
	<u>\$ 4 144 393 41</u>	<u>\$ 3 856 350 61</u>	<u>\$ 288 042 80</u>
Overseas Non-Revertible	653 172 40	363 512 75	289 659 65
Total Mission Offerings	<u>\$ 4 797 565 81</u>	<u>\$ 4 219 863 36</u>	<u>\$ 577 702 45</u>

Miscellaneous Funds

Dividends, Interest etc.	\$ 126 198 85	\$ 143 272 01	\$ 17 073 16*
Funds Returned & Reclaimed		1 766 13	1 766 13*
Specific Mission Offerings Rec'd.	6 353 35	7 123 86	770 51*
Royalties	1 088 29	1 447 08	358 79*
	<u>\$ 133 640 49</u>	<u>\$ 153 609 08</u>	<u>\$ 19 968 59*</u>
Overseas Revertible Mission Off.	785 827 07	521 041 95	264 785 12
Total Misc. Income	<u>\$ 919 467 56</u>	<u>\$ 674 651 03</u>	<u>\$ 244 816 53</u>
 TOTAL INCOME	 <u>\$ 8 520 915 56</u>	 <u>\$ 7 372 618 14</u>	 <u>\$ 1 148 297 42</u>
Total Expenses-For Details see R4	<u>7 625 231 46</u>	<u>6 786 115 56</u>	<u>839 115 90</u>
Net Gain for Six Months	<u>\$ 895 684 10</u>	<u>\$ 586 502 58</u>	<u>\$ 309 181 52</u>

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GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Operating Statement
Six Months Ending June 30, 1948

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TWO HUNDRED NINETY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 19, 1948, 7:30 P.M.

"O Christian, Awake," was sung to open the third session of the Council, at 7:30 P.M., October 19, and prayer was offered by W. Mueller, of Central Europe, followed by an inspirational message from the Spirit of prophecy, read by Elder McElhany.

LETTER TO THE ADVENT BELIEVERS:

VOTED, That the following letter be sent as from this Autumn Council to the advent believers in all the world:

A PASTORAL LETTER TO THE ADVENT BELIEVERS IN ALL THE WORLD FROM THE AUTUMN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED IN DENVER, COLORADO

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Beloved Brethren and Sisters:

For the first time in ten years we are gathered together from virtually every division of the world field to study and pray over the many problems and the many opportunities that present themselves to us in the work of God. Our hearts have burned within us as we have listened to reports of progress and appeals for support. Foremost in our thinking has been the desire, not simply to protect and direct the work that God has given us, but to finish it speedily.

This has led us to the renewed conviction that amid all the holy tasks and objectives presented to us in our ever-expanding world work, one stands out above all else, the task of evangelism, the preaching of the everlasting gospel to all men everywhere. We realize the exceedingly great soul-winning service that our institutions render and the worth of many plans and procedures for successfully operating our present church organization. However, we believe that the hope and success of the Advent Movement must ever be found in a heaven-inspired urge to expand our soul-winning endeavors in active field evangelism both at home and abroad. To be content simply to hold our own is to condemn the Movement to creeping paralysis. Indeed, how can we correctly speak of it as a Movement unless we are constantly moving onward and outward. The Advent Cause must journey forward on the feet of an ever-increasing army of converts to the blessed hope of Christ's soon coming.

Is it not time that we gained a new realization of what it means to be a Seventh-day Adventist? We are here in the world not by the accident of human devising and debate, but in response to the voice of divine prophecy. Daniel foretold the time this

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Movement would arise, and John described the message we would preach. Prophecy speaks of no movement beyond this, but only of the coming of Christ. Is it a light thing that God should commission us to finish His work in the earth, complete a task so gloriously begun by holy prophets and apostles?

The apostles and laity of the early church were not content simply to engage in Christian service and cheer each other in church fellowship. They filled Jerusalem with their doctrine and pressed outward with such holy vehemence that they were accused of turning the world upside down. What a glorious accusation! The Scriptures are almost silent as to the internal life of the early Christian Church. We conclude that men and women scattered by persecution and going out everywhere to preach the gospel must have confined their inner church life to the most simple essentials. But how real and how vital their spiritual life, and how amazing their expansion! The very vigor of the persecution that descended upon them is eloquent proof of the vigor of their preaching.

We realize that the great majority of you who read this letter are lay-members. And perhaps you are tempted to feel that the question of effective, crusading evangelism should be focused on the ministry and the conference leadership. We would not for a moment minimize their responsibility, and at this very time a letter is going forward to them on this theme. But let us ask: Who were those that went out from Jerusalem to preach at the time of the first persecution? The answer is that they must have been largely laymen, for the apostles at that particular time remained in the city.

We need to do some very straight and solemn thinking on this matter of our individual responsibility in evangelism. Proper and important as conference organization and the regular ministry are in the plans of God, they do not release even the most obscure laymen from a personal accountability in this matter. Has God given to us a voice with which we can witness, hands and feet with which we can carry truth-filled literature to homes, the opportunity of bringing some neighbor to services? Then the ledger above will bear record of how we used these opportunities.

Forgive us, dear brethren and sisters, for the earnestness and the directness of our speech. But is this a day in which to be at ease, a day in which to speak smooth things, a day in which to be content with our past achievements and present pace? With the world sinking into darkness, with the black horror of atomic destruction casting its baleful shadow over international assemblies, shall we, the people of God, view with snug contentment our present evangelistic endeavors? As the lengthening shadows warn of earth's soon coming millennial night, ought not the light of the advent message to shine out with a new brilliance from every Adventist home and church?

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We do not minimize in any degree the proper place of finance in the world task, for the Scriptures are explicit as to the spiritual significance of sacrificial gifts. But it takes more than cash to "turn the world upside down." It takes tremendous conviction, the kind of conviction that spontaneously produces both gifts and action for God, the kind of conviction that possessed Paul when he said: "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The world stands at the edge of an abyss. There is only one of two ways that men can go, down to the bottomless pit, or up to the heavens. Our message from God is to point men heavenward, to prepare them to meet the Lord in the air. That must be the answer of the Advent Movement to the threat of the yawning abyss. And shall we wait in irresponsible ease for the conference or mission personnel alone to point men upward from the pit? No conference anywhere is large enough to man the full length of the precipice edge. That life and death task must be shared by every member.

We have, today, the dread setting for our warning and saving message. The blackness, the destruction, the fear, and the desperate preparation for renewed conflict all combine to make appealing the divine promise of a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Are we workers in a sanitarium? Our task is not simply to provide more abundant temporal life, but to bring to our patients the assurance of life everlasting. Are we teachers in our schools? Our task is not simply to impart knowledge of secular things, but to instill a knowledge of the only true God. Are we engaged in some trade or profession? Our first responsibility is to practice and promote our religion. The disciples prayed for greater boldness in Jesus Christ. What victories might be won for God today if we displayed more holy boldness in witnessing! But no matter what your special calling, or whether you be a mother in the home, or a youth in an army camp or in school, you can all make contacts with men and women who are soon to stand, along with you, before the judgment bar of God.

We know that many of our members are active in missionary labor, and for this we thank God. But perhaps you say that you believe the truth yet cannot discover within you the power to witness for God. Or perchance you feel that your life does not conform to your profession and that you must therefore remain silent.

Dear advent believers, is this not the time for each of us to call upon Heaven for victory in our lives that we may be able to witness for Him and be ready to meet Him in peace.

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What better are we than the world about us if we are not making ready to gaze unafraid upon the face of God. Is this a time in which to live as half-way Adventists, neither hot nor cold? Can we hope to win others to God with a lukewarm testimony?

What was it that set the apostles ablaze and made their witness well nigh irresistible? It was the fire kindled by the outpouring of the Spirit of God. That same Spirit today "awaits our demand and reception." Without that holy power we cannot succeed in our evangelistic task; with it, we cannot fail. Our great need is not so much better methods or better equipment for our holy task, but more of the blazing glory and power of that Spirit that proceeds from the throne of God.

Do we sincerely desire an enlarged measure of this power? Do we long to make both our lives and our words witness for the truth? Then we may have our request. The price is unreserved allegiance to Christ. We cannot serve God and Satan. We cannot walk safely toward the New Jerusalem if our eyes are turned backward to Sodom. God can do mighty things for and through the man who resolutely sets his face toward heaven and turns his back upon everything of this world. As the messenger of the Lord has declared: "When we bring our hearts into harmony with His will, and our lives into conformity to His service, the Spirit that fell upon the disciples will fall upon us."--Christian Service, chapter, "Holy Spirit."

When the world is marshalling its forces, when every earthly nation is calling upon its citizenry to be ready for loyal service, is it not time for the subjects of the kingdom of God to stand up and be counted? We cannot win victories on divided allegiance. We cannot advance upon the enemy's entrenchments to win captives for God unless the power of Heaven is with us.

Will you not join with us who are here at the Autumn Council, to put away everything that might interfere with the full entrance of God's Spirit into your life, and then to claim the promise of that Spirit that you may witness effectively for Heaven? We have no time to waste. We have passed virtually all the prophetic waymarks. It is later than we think. The days are evil. We may redeem the time by the power of the Holy Spirit.

In the name of the living God, whose children we are, and upon whose face we hope soon to gaze in peace, we appeal to you to join with us in a larger, more Spirit-filled evangelizing crusade than we have ever known before,

Yours in the blessed hope,

The General Conference Committee
in Autumn Council Assembled.

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Recommendations from the Home and Foreign Officers were presented, and adopted as follows:

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION FOR SELF-SUPPORTING DOCTORS:

We recommend, That when a doctor is called to a mission field on a self-supporting basis and it is necessary for him to obtain additional qualifications in order to practice in the country to which he is called, such doctor be authorized by the General Conference Committee in counsel with the division concerned to secure the required qualifications at the nearest examination center, the expense involved to be advanced by the division concerned and amortized over a period of five years; it being understood that should the doctor enter denominational work permanently, any portion of the amount remaining be written off in harmony with the policy relating to doctors entering denominational work.

REVISION OF CHURCH MANUAL:

WHEREAS, The Church Manual contains a considerable amount of matter that because of local conditions and circumstances, cannot be applied in some sections of the world field; and

WHEREAS, The best interests of the field are not served, because of the resultant confusion, by following our past practice of from time to time making amendments to the text and bringing out revised editions of the Church Manual; and

WHEREAS, There is in consequence a definite need for a Church Manual which in its entirety is applicable in all sections of the world field and which will not need frequent revisions but will be a more permanent and standard publication on our church polity;

We recommend, 1. That the home officers appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to prepare a manuscript for a new Church Manual; incorporating into this from the present edition such matter and adding such other as is universally applicable in the church, that will be more or less permanent and not in need of frequent revision or amendment.

2. That this committee be instructed to prepare this manuscript in time for critical reading by the home and foreign officers before the next General Conference session and for adoption by the session.

3. That this new Church Manual be the Manual for the world field and that the Divisions take in hand the matter of making it available in the languages of their respective language areas.

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4. That fields which are planning to bring out abridged editions of the present Church Manual or translations of it, be asked not to proceed with their plans, but to wait for the new Manual.

5. That each division, including the North American Division of the world field prepare a "Supplement" to the new Church Manual not in any way modifying it but containing such additional matter as is applicable to the conditions and circumstances prevailing in the division; the manuscripts for these Supplements to be submitted to the General Conference Committee for endorsement before being printed.

APPOINTMENT OF EDITORS OF DENOMINATIONAL PERIODICALS:

We recommend, That all editors of denominational journals be appointed with the approval of the Division Committee concerned.

SELECTION OF WORKERS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION IN OTHER DIVISIONS:

We recommend, That when overseas divisions send male workers or young men to other divisions for advanced education, the selection be restricted to those who are married, and that when the period of absence is to extend to one year or more, consideration be given by the sending division of providing additional financial assistance so that the wife may accompany her husband.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE POLICY:

We recommend, That the following be the procedure in respect to the outworking of the Leave of Absence Policy which appears on page 150 of the General Conference Working Policy:

1. That the salaries of workers on leave of absence be borne during the period of absence by the respective employing organizations.

2. That the transportation expense of workers in the North American field who are granted leave of absence be met by the General Conference.

3. That the length of the leave of absence for workers entitled to such leave be a matter of arrangement as between the worker concerned and his employing organization.

4. That the Budget Committee of the Autumn Council be asked to provide annually a fund from which to meet the transportation expense involved under section 2.

Adjourned to 10 A.M., Wednesday, with closing prayer by W.F. Bradley.

J.L. McElhany, Chairman, E.D. Dick, Secretaries.
E. Zoidler, Recording Secretary.

THREE HUNDREDTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 20, 1948, 10:10 A.M.

A.L.Ham, president of the Southern Asia Division, was the speaker in the nine o'clock service Wednesday morning. He stated that his division had adopted as their theme text for the year Exodus 14:15: "And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto Me? Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." Elder Ham then reviewed the experiences of the children of Israel, their lack of faith when they saw the obstacles in the way, until the time of Joshua and Caleb, when in the spirit of trust in God they went across the Jordan and possessed the land.

He then referred to many incidents and experiences indicating that a new day has dawned for our work in Southern Asia. New freedom has come to the people politically, and this is bringing greater opportunities for the preaching of the gospel and the presentation of the message for this time. A great program of evangelism throughout the field has been entered upon, by workers and lay members, and these efforts are meeting with very favorable results. Elder Ham read an extract from the Spirit of prophecy which says: "From quarters where we least expect will come voices urging us forward in the work of giving to the world the last message of mercy." "Truly," he said, "the voices are urging us forward in our field, voices from quarters where we least expect them to come. Pakistan is a political-religious state. It is a Mohammedan state, and yet there the doors are wide open for us and our work. Government officials are offering to make donations of considerable sums toward the establishment of our medical work in Karachi. Similar offers are coming from other places.

"The Voice of Prophecy Correspondence School is yielding marvelous results. They have the names of 24,000 enrollees in the Poona office, and about 8,000 more in the office in Ceylon. Through this means the Brahmans, who stand apart, on the highest rung of the caste ladder, are being reached. Many of them have written to tell us that they are glad that now a way has been found whereby they too may come and learn of Christ. Many are asking for prayer.

"And so the work goes on. A new day has dawned. Our need at home and abroad is that we ministers and people wake up, that we be quick to recognize and seize every opportunity and advantage offered in the turning wheel of Providence. I believe God is speaking to us as workers, as He did to Moses, saying, 'Speak unto the children of Israel [the church] that they arise and go forward.'"

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The fourth business session of the Council, at 10:10 A.M. Wednesday, October 20, was opened with song, followed by prayer by L.Halswick.

STATISTICAL SUMMARIES:

From the Statistical Summaries of the denomination for 1947, as presented by Claude Conard, the statistical secretary, we quote the following:

Throughout the world field at the close of 1947, Seventh day Adventist work was being administered in 71 union conferences and union missions, 136 local conferences and 205 regularly organized mission fields, and 545 institutions. There were 9,554 churches and 628,594 members.

During 1947, 54,715 persons were added to the church by baptism, of which 14,455 were in North America, and 40,260 in division fields. This was the largest number of baptisms ever recorded in one year, and was a gain over 1946 of 330 in the United States and Canada, and 5,048 in foreign divisions. The net church membership growth of 29,911 was a record in church gains.

The fields at home and abroad at the end of 1947 reported 16,551 laborers engaged in evangelistic and colporteur work; and 18,684 more workers employed in schools, medical centers, publishing houses and other institutions. Of these 35,235 workers, 21,717 were in territories outside of North America, and 13,518 in the United States and Canada.

Contributions in 1947 in tithes and offerings amounted to \$39,718,709.69, including \$740,213.13 for famine relief. This was \$2,287,791.22 - 6.1% - above the 1946 returns. Throughout the world in 1947, each Seventh-day Adventist church member paid an average tithe of \$37.94; mission offerings, \$14.79; home donations, \$9.29; and relief contributions, \$1.18, making a total per capita funds of \$63.20.

The asset value of all denominational properties in the world territory at the beginning of 1947 was \$138,440,570.51; \$92,962,583.30 representing investments in denominational properties in the United States and Canada, and \$45,477,987.21 outside of North America. The increase in property values was \$19,874,478.81 over the amount reported the previous year.

FINANCIAL SUMMARIES OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS:

E.J.Johanson, assistant treasurer, presented the Financial Summaries of Educational Institutions in North America for the school year 1947-48. The comparative statement submitted indicates that total liabilities have increased during the last

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school year a further \$249,461.14, so that at the close of the school year in June, 1948, the total liabilities of the 65 colleges and academies amounted to \$2,107,741.03. The increase for the 1946-47 school year amounted to \$994,967.19, so that the two-year increase amounts to \$1,244,428.33. It will therefore be seen that the trend is one which can well give continued concern.

While the earned income of the educational institutions shows a very substantial increase for the year under review, operating expenses have increased to a still greater extent, with the result that the loss without subsidy, amounting to \$469,431.03, is 427.3% higher than for the previous year, actually the heaviest loss on record.

SANITARIUMS AND HOSPITALS:

Elder Johanson reported that gross earnings of the sanitariums for the first eight months of 1948 were \$286,997.75, which was \$65,510.94 less than for the corresponding period of 1947.

BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSE SUMMARIES:

G.L.Huse, associate secretary of the Publishing Department, reported that the year 1947 records the highest sales ever attained by the Book and Bible Houses of the North American Division, or \$4,032,460.88. This is an average sale of \$12,842.23 for every day in the week. Twelve Book and Bible Houses passed the hundred thousand dollar mark in sales, Southern California leading the list with \$225,452.08, the largest amount ever sold by any of our Bible Houses. Of the 60 Bible Houses listed, 41 showed a profit of \$172,033.67; 18 showed a loss of \$40,011.86; making a net profit of \$132,000. Total donations to conferences amounted to \$61,206.97. Present worth at the end of 1947, \$1,343,954.58.

The following further recommendations from the Home and Foreign Officers were adopted:

CARE OF GRAVES OF PIONEERS AND OTHER WORKERS:

We recommend, 1. That the divisions be requested to accept the responsibility of caring for the graves of missionaries and members of their families who have been sent out from home bases and have died in service when the remaining members of such families have left the field.

2. That the expense involved in the care of these graves be met by the divisions concerned.

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3. That in order to provide a record of the graves of workers which should receive regular care, each division be requested to provide complete information regarding such graves to the statistical secretary of the General Conference, who shall be responsible for the recording of this information.

4. That information concerning the graves of pioneers of the Advent Movement in North America be brought to the General Conference Committee, and that where no provision is made by the relatives of the pioneers for the care of these graves, financial provision be made by the General Conference for their proper upkeep.

5. That a committee to be known as "Memorial Committee" be set up comprising the following persons: General Conference Treasurer, General Conference Secretary, General Conference Statistical Secretary; and that it shall be the responsibility of this committee to gather the information received by the Statistical Secretary, to prepare and pass on the necessary information to the General Conference Committee, and to decide upon or recommend to the Committee what expense shall be met by the General Conference for the upkeep of the pioneer graves in North America.

TITLE OF THE WORLD REVIEW;

We recommend, That section 8 of the World Review enabling act as passed by the 1946 General Conference session, be interpreted to read as follows:

1. That in countries publishing a language edition of the World Review where the law or local conditions make it unwise to retain the English title, Review and Herald, the title be translated.

2. That the translated title suggested by the particular country shall be submitted to the General Conference Committee for approval.

3. That the subtitle be retained as set forth in the action of the 1946 session, except where, after counsel with the General Conference Committee, it is considered inexpedient to include it.

Adjourned to 7:30 P.M., M.E.Kern offering the closing prayer.

J.J.Nothery, Chairman.
E.D.Dick,
H.T.Elliott, Secretaries.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

THREE HUNDRED FIRST MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 20, 1948, 7:30 P.M.

After the opening song for the fifth session of the Council, at 7:30 P.M., October 20, prayer was offered by V.T. Armstrong, and Elder McElhany read a selection from the Spirit of prophecy with reference to the work of the church for this time, and containing assurances that the Lord can and will remove all obstacles to the advancement of His work when His people go forward in faith.

The committee that had met in Boulder to give study to Religious Liberty Problems submitted their report, which was adopted as follows:

BASIC PRINCIPLES OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY:

WHEREAS, In our increasingly troubled world there are powerful forces in the religious, social, and political realms, which are advocating views that jeopardize religious liberty;

We recommend, That we reaffirm the principles of religious liberty that have been held throughout the years by Seventh-day Adventists, as follows:

1. We believe in God, in the Bible as the word of God, and in the separation of church and state as taught by Jesus Christ; namely, that the church and the state have been placed side by side, each to work in its respective sphere. (Matt. 22: 21; John 18:36.)
2. We believe that the Ten Commandments are the law of God, and that they comprehend man's whole duty to God and man.
3. We believe that the religion of Jesus Christ is comprehended in the principle of love to God and love to our fellowman, and thus this religion needs no human power to support or enforce it. Love cannot be forced.
4. We believe in civil government as divinely ordained to protect men in the enjoyment of their natural rights, and to rule in civil things, and that in this realm it is entitled to the respectful and willing obedience of all.
5. We believe it is the right and should be the privilege of every individual to worship or not to worship, or to change or not to change his religion, according to the dictates of his own conscience, but that in the exercise of this right he should respect the equal rights of others.

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6. We believe that all legislation which unites church and state is subversive of human rights, potentially persecuting in character, and opposed to the best interests of the church and of the state; and therefore, that it is not within the province of human government to enact such legislation.

7. We believe it to be our duty to use every lawful and honorable means to prevent the enactment of legislation which tends to unite church and state, and to oppose every movement toward such union, that all may enjoy the inestimable blessings of religious liberty.

8. We believe in the individual's natural and inalienable right of freedom of conscience, and the right to profess, to practice, and to promulgate his religious beliefs; holding that these are the essence of religious liberty.

9. We believe that these liberties are embraced in the Golden Rule, which says, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

RELATION OF CHURCH AND STATE:

WHEREAS, "the union of the church with the state, be the degree never so slight, while it may appear to bring the world nearer to the church, does in reality bring the church nearer to the world," (G.C., p. 297); and

WHEREAS, The state should never invade the distinctive realm of the church to affect in any way the complete freedom of conscience, or the right to profess, practice, and promulgate religious beliefs; and the church should never invade the distinctive realm of the state,

We recommend, 1. That we, the representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in biennial Autumn Council assembled, reaffirm our full belief in the historic doctrine of the separation of church and state, and our resolute purpose as a church to maintain that doctrine unimpaired in our relations with all earthly governments, remembering always that the trend toward union may be gradual and subtle.

2. That we reaffirm our belief that this fundamental principle of the separation of church and state should be world wide in application; recognizing, however, that the applying of certain details of the principle may be different in different parts of the world, due to varied forms of government.

3. That in view of these considerations, it must, therefore, be left to the discretion of Division Committees to determine just how this principle shall be applied in their respective fields; but maintaining that in any overlapping of activities, the state should not enter the spiritual realm of the church, nor the church, the civil realm of the state.

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LOYALTY TO GOVERNMENT:

WHEREAS, Governments have been set up among men, under God, to regulate human relationships (Rom. 13:1-3; 1 Peter 2:13-17); and

WHEREAS, Civil government includes the exercise of the police powers inherent in sovereignty, to prevent whatever may jeopardize the health, morals, safety and general welfare of society;

We recommend, That we reaffirm our loyalty to civil government, pledging our sincere obedience to its laws, and praying for the peace of the country and for all those in authority. That we reaffirm, however, at the same time, our inalienable right to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience and to promulgate our religious beliefs to all men. (Acts 5:29; Mark 16:15).

TAX EXEMPTION OF CHURCH PROPERTIES:

We recommend, 1. That we accept, as being no violation of the principle of the separation of church and state, an exemption from taxation of our church properties, as places of worship, and of our non-profit denominational institutions, such as schools, sanitariums, hospitals and publishing houses, which are integral parts of the church's organization, maintained for the upbuilding of the church, and for the training of personnel for the dissemination of its teachings.

2. That we believe that a state which exempts one church, or one non-profit institution, from taxation should in equity, exempt all churches and all non-profit institutions from taxation.

LAWS AGAINST LITERATURE AND SOLICITATION ACTIVITIES:

WHEREAS, The Gospel Commission lays upon every Christian the duty of going into all the world and preaching the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15); and

WHEREAS, Laws and ordinances are being enforced in many places to hamper or prevent the distribution, by sale or gift, of religious literature, and the solicitation of funds for religious propagation and church welfare work;

We recommend, 1. That every legitimate and appropriate effort be made to defeat the adoption, procure the repeal or resist the enforcement of such restricting laws and ordinances, as contrary to the Biblical principles of freedom of conscience, by educational activities with legislative bodies and responsible officials, through interviews, and by the circulation of

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Liberty, Conscience et Liberte (Conscience and Liberty) and other appropriate literature; and

2. That where feasible, and in keeping with General Conference actions, the constitutionality of such laws or ordinances which cannot be otherwise dealt with be challenged in the courts, with the aid of expert legal counsel.

SUNDAY LAWS:

WHEREAS, The writings of the Spirit of prophecy counsel Seventh-day Adventists to avail themselves of every opportunity presented by agitation concerning Sunday laws to preach the truth (Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 51); and

WHEREAS, The law courts are taking the position that complaints concerning injustice to religionists resulting from Sunday laws must be presented to the legislatures rather than to the courts;

We recommend, That Seventh-day Adventists make every effort through preaching, through personal interviews, through the press, and by the distribution of Liberty, Conscience et Liberte, and other suitable literature, to acquaint the public and their legislators with the true nature of Sunday laws, as menaces to freedom of conscience, and that we seek appropriate opportunities to aid in having them repealed, and to have proposed Sunday laws defeated.

RELIGION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

We recommend, That while we reaffirm our historic position of opposition to the teaching of religion in state-supported schools, we also go on record as believing that religion fills a most important place in the lives of all the citizenry, and that more diligent attention should be given to the teaching of religion in the home, by the church, by private schools, and all other nongovernmental agencies concerned with tutoring the youth. Further, we believe that state-supported schools may properly teach morality and ethics without violating the principle of separation of church and state.

SABBATH ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS:

WHEREAS, Every individual has the God-given and inalienable right to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, and this right includes the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath of the Bible; and

WHEREAS, In some places students in public and professional schools are required to pursue studies on the seventh-day Sabbath, or to attend other school appointments on that day:

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We recommend, 1. That Sabbath keepers in pursuit of their studies be admonished to maintain a firm stand in respect to faithful Sabbath observance, and that parents of pupils required by school regulations to attend public schools on the Sabbath assert their right to have their children observe the Sabbath; and

2. That state or school authorities be petitioned to recognize the right of conscience in Sabbath observance, and to grant to Sabbath keepers, or the children of Sabbath keepers, the privilege of freedom from school appointments on the Sabbath, with the opportunity of making up the studies missed.

***FREE TEXTBOOKS AT GOVERNMENT
EXPENSE IN THE UNITED STATES:**

WHEREAS, We believe that the furnishing to church-related schools of free textbooks purchased with public funds, constitutes an invasion of the state into the province of the church, and therefore violates the principle of the separation of church and state;

We recommend, That in the United States, Seventh-day Adventist educational institutions of all grades be asked to avoid becoming agencies for the lending or giving of textbooks furnished from public tax funds.

***MONETARY GRANTS TO SECTARIAN
SCHOOLS IN THE UNITED STATES:**

We recommend, That in the United States where constitutional separation of church and state exists, our schools of all grades refrain from accepting monetary grants from public tax money for the salaries of teachers or for the maintenance, operation or support of the services which the schools supply. However, this shall not be construed to prejudice the acceptance of the regular functions of the public health department, such as public health nurses' services, vaccination, inoculations, tuberculosis surveys, etc.

***MONETARY GRANTS TO MEDICAL
INSTITUTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES:**

WHEREAS, Our medical institutions are an integral part of our denominational program,

We recommend, That in the United States our medical institutions refrain from accepting any government aid for operating or maintaining these institutions.

*The above three recommendations are submitted by the enlarged Committee on Religious Liberty which met in Boulder, October 15.

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

THREE HUNDRED SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 21, 1948, 10:10 A.M.

W.R.Beach, president of the Southern European Division, took as his text in the nine o'clock service Thursday morning, Acts 3:19, emphasizing "the times of refreshing" that "shall come from the presence of the Lord." "The affairs of the universe and the affairs of God's people," he said, "follow a timetable, a program. Jesus and His disciples spoke about the times of the nations, and the restitution of all things. I believe that God has slipped in between the time of the nations, fast drawing to a close, and the time of the restitution of all things, a short, fleeting time, freighted with possibilities and power--a time of refreshing--and that our great aim ought to be to get in step with God, and to lay hold of His power to help us to finish this work."

He then spoke of the progress of the work in the Southern European Division, with its large cities, many of them with a million or more inhabitants, and of how God is moving upon the hearts of these millions. When the war closed, he said, they had some 31,000 members in the division. At the present time the membership is 56,000. During the years 1946 and 1947 they baptized 18,000, many being brought to the point of baptism through the efforts of lay members. The youth in Southern Europe also, as in other parts, are organizing for service, and in some places are even the exclusive force in bringing about evangelistic results.

The radio work is being promoted, with broadcasts in French, German and Italian, and the Bible Correspondence School is proving a great means of reaching the people with the message, doctors, lawyers, and even a judge receiving the lessons. "These people," said Elder Beach, "would never come to our meetings. They would lose their standing and prestige in the eyes of their fellow citizens. But the postman becomes the foremost Adventist preacher and evangelist." "I believe," he concluded, "that we are in the day of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and that the day is not far distant when we will be baptizing 20,000 souls a year in the Southern European Division."

"I Would Be, Dear Saviour, Wholly Thine," was sung to open the sixth business session of the Council, at 10:10 A.M. October 21, and prayer was offered by A.V.Olson.

INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY:

Immediately after the opening, the Council recessed and a meeting of the International Insurance Company of Takoma Park,

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Maryland, was called by the president, J.L.McElhany, and a report of the financial standing of the Company and its affiliated General Conference Insurance Agency, as of September 30, 1948, was rendered by W.A.Benjamin, the secretary. On recommendation from the Nominating Committee, J.L.McElhany, E.D.Dick, W.E.Nelson and H.T.Elliott were reelected members of the Board of Trustees for the ensuing three-year term, and the meeting adjourned sine die.

The Council resumed.

Elders Minck, Vollmer, Schildhauer and Mueller, of Central Europe, were called to the platform by Elder McElhany, the chairman, and these brethren spoke of the property losses they have suffered through the war, and of the special difficulties they are experiencing now, brought about by the change in currency. Elder Minck reported that in Berlin, until the summer of the present year their finances were pretty good. They were able to pay salaries and meet expenses, and had a little capital saved. But when the change came in the value of the mark, of every 100 marks only ten were left, and of these ten five were blocked, so that they lost 95% of all the money they had. They told of the destruction of 133 chapels or churches, and estimated that in the western part of Germany it would require 150,000 German marks to rebuild these churches.

Sixty per cent of the publishing house plant in Hamburg was destroyed, and anything in the way of equipment that was left is very old. The sanitarium and the food factory in Berlin will not need help. But Elder Schildhauer estimated it would take eight million marks to meet their losses and restore the 136 buildings that were damaged and destroyed. While expressing great appreciation for all that has been done for them, they hoped it might be possible to receive assistance from the Rehabilitation Fund to meet their present situation.

W.E.Nelson, the treasurer, spoke of what has been done in the way of raising the Rehabilitation Fund, and of the allocation of that fund, which, though large, is still far short of meeting what would be needed to restore all that was lost as a result of the war.

J.L.McElhany spoke of the great blessing the Rehabilitation Fund has been to the fields that suffered such losses, and expressed appreciation to the union and local conference leaders in North America for what they and their constituencies have done to make this help possible.

ORGANIZATION OF CENTRAL EUROPEAN DIVISION:

The following recommendations from the Home Officers reference to the organization of the Central European Division were adopted:

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WHEREAS, In our opinion the time has come when it is possible and when it would be in the interests of the work in Central Europe, again to tie it more closely into our general organization,

We recommend, 1. That the three German Union Conferences be at this time organized into a division of the General Conference on a provisional basis; this division to be known as the Central European Division.

2. That the Nominating Committee of this Autumn Council be asked to nominate the officers, the committee, and the departmental officers for this re-constituted Central European Division.

MESSAGE OF GREETING:

A cable was read from O.O.Mattison, conveying greetings from the South India Union Mission to the Autumn Council, and it was

VOTED, To ask the secretary to acknowledge the message and send greetings from the Council in return.

VISITS TO OVERSEAS FIELDS:

The following recommendations from the General Conference officers were adopted:

We recommend, 1. That L.K.Dickson be authorized to visit India on his way to China and the Far East.

2. That W.A.Butler be authorized to visit India this winter, attending the division council, and union constituency meetings thereafter.

3. That Dr. W.E.Macpherson be asked to visit the China Division, and also the Far East if appointments can be arranged, some time next summer.

4. That L.R.Rasmussen be authorized to respond to the invitation from the South American Division to join L.M.Stump in conducting educational councils in that division this winter.

Adjournment was taken to 7:30 P.M., with the closing prayer by W.F.Hooper, of New Zealand.

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

THREE HUNDRED THIRD MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 21, 1948, 7:30 P.M.

"O Worship the King" was sung to open the seventh session of the Council, at 7:30 P.M., Thursday, October 21. Prayer was offered by C.B.Haynes.

Further recommendations from the Home and Foreign Officers were submitted, and adopted as follows:

FREIGHT AND OUTFITTING ALLOWANCE:

We recommend, That the "Freight and Outfitting Allowance" policy be amended as follows:

1. Class B on page 126 be amended to read: Families who are being sent where living quarters are equipped with essential heavy furniture.
2. That the words "up to" be omitted in line 7, Section I, page 127, of the Working Policy.
3. That lines 7 and 8, Section I, page 127, be amended to read as follows: "On 4000 pounds gross weight for couples and 500 pounds for each child over two years of age for Class A, 2500 pounds for couples and 300 pounds for each child for Class B and 2000 pounds for Class C."
4. That amounts under "Outfitting Allowances" p. 128, be amended as follows:

Single workers, full term of service	\$250 00
Less then full term	175 00
Families without dependent children	500 00
With children, for each dependent child	60 00

5. That these amended provisions of the "Freight and Outfitting Allowance" policy apply as from January 1, 1948.

VISITS TO OVERSEAS DIVISIONS:

We recommend, 1. That, when the officers of an overseas division make a request for a visit of a General Conference worker, or when the General Conference officers feel that the work in some division would be benefitted by a visit from one of the General Conference representatives, the General Conference secretary shall take up the matter with the worker or head of the department concerned and also with the division officers and arrange such visits as seem advisable; authorization to be given by action of the General Conference Committee.

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2. That when General Conference departments have men available for overseas visits or when suggestions come in from division departmental secretaries that a visit would be appreciated from one of the General Conference departmental secretaries, the head of the department shall inform the secretary of the General Conference, making suggestions as to the secretaries available for, and the time of, such visits, but that no commitments be made by the department to the division concerned.

3. That division committees, in planning for visits of General Conference workers, give due consideration to the various needs of the whole field and plan for a balanced development of the work as a whole, recognizing also that only a limited number of General Conference workers are available for visits abroad.

4. That all correspondence with the division officers in regard to overseas visits be carried on by the General Conference Secretarial Department and that requests for such visits be placed by the division officers with the Secretarial Department.

5. That in planning for an overseas visit of a General Conference worker provision be made for him to spend sufficient time in the field to enable him to make a real contribution in helping to build up the work in the division.

EDUCATION OF WORKERS WHILE ON FURLOUGH:

When workers on furlough are recommended by their respective division committees to take graduate or other special courses of study and they attend an institution other than the Theological Seminary approved by the committee;

We recommend, That expenses be met on the following basis:

1. That the transportation expense of the worker and his family, if they accompany him, from the place of furlough to the institution be paid by the division.

2. That full matriculation fee be paid by the division.

3. That the worker and the division share equally the tuition and laboratory fees, the cost of textbooks and the graduation fee, and local transportation from his place of residence to the school.

4. That rent allowance be granted as provided in the rent policy.

5. That food allowance of \$1.50 a day be granted if the worker is unaccompanied by his family.

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ASSIGNMENT OF MISSION TERRITORIES:

WHEREAS, The Northern European Division has addressed a Memorial to the General Conference requesting that consideration be given to the desirability of assigning certain mission field territory to that division;

We recommend, 1. That Southern Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, south of the 15th parallel north latitude be assigned to the Ethiopian Union Mission.

2. That the Ethiopian Union Mission as thus constituted be assigned to the Northern European Division; this to be effective as from January 1, 1949.

ASSISTANCE FOR EDUCATION OF
OLDER CHILDREN OF MISSIONARIES:

We recommend, That the policy on page 139 of the Working Policy be amended to read as follows: [Note: Underlined portions indicate changes or new matter.]

Division committees shall make educational grants to missionaries on the following conditions:

1. a. The student on whose behalf the grant is made must have completed the secondary school work offered in the divisions where his parents labor (unless in the opinion of the division concerned it is advisable for the student to take a portion of his secondary work elsewhere) or shall have reached the age of eighteen.

b. The grant may be continued for a maximum period of four years (except when suitable secondary educational facilities are not available in the field as under a above) or until the student finishes his college course, except as provided in Section 5.

2. The student receiving a grant must be an unmarried dependent child of a missionary and must attend one of our denominational colleges or training schools, grants being made only for the period the student is actually attending school.

3. a. The maximum amount to be granted each college student attending one of our colleges in North America shall be \$200 for the first year, and for each succeeding year \$200 for girls and \$150 for boys, provided the student is taking full school work and resides in the school home.

b. College students residing outside the school home may receive a maximum of \$100 per year for the first year, and \$75 per year for each succeeding year.

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c. Three fourths of the above amounts shall be granted to students attending one of our academies in North America.

d. When children attend schools in home divisions other than North America the division committees shall work out a plan for assistance for education of missionaries' children granting assistance in harmony with the spirit of the provisions made in Section 3 "a" and "b" above provided that the grant shall in no case be less than the educational grants that are made to workers in such home division.

c. All grants made are payable to the school concerned by the division employing the parents of the student, the money being sent forward in nine equal payments.

4. These grants are available to children of missionaries who attend one of our secondary schools or liberal arts colleges in the homeland, or during their first year's training in one of our nurses' training schools or the College of Medical Evangelists.

5. Division committees shall make available educational grants within the provisions outlined above to children whose parents are on furlough and to children for one year whose parents have returned home permanently.

6. Division committees are authorized to grant to children above eighteen years of age who continue full-time work in one of our boarding schools within the field, an educational allowance equal to the child allowance.

REHABILITATION:

We recommend, That Section I, page 159, lines 9 to 11 under Rehabilitation Allowance, be amended as follows: "on a maximum 2500 pounds gross weight for a missionary couple and 300 pounds additional for each dependent child or 1250 pounds for a single worker. In case a worker does not elect to take home the full freight allowance provided above he shall be compensated in cash at the rate of \$10.00 per 100 pounds on the difference between the freight actually carried and the maximum allowance."

FREIGHT INSURANCE AND CUSTOMS CHARGES:

We recommend, 1. That the policy on "Freight Insurance and Customs Charges," page 127, Section IV, be amended to read as follows: "'All risk' marine insurance and 'war risk' insurance which must be secured in every case at the replacement value of the goods allowed in paragraph 1. Insurance will also be allowed on personal baggage in the case of new appointees, furloughing workers and those permanently returned except on articles intended for sale or articles carried for other persons."

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2. That Section 13 under "Financial Arrangements", page 144, of the Furlough Policy, be amended as follows: "all expense, including insurance, of carrying up to 300 pounds of personal effects for each full-fare ticket, less the amount allowed by the carrying company," etc.

DIVISIONS TO ADHERE TO FREIGHT AND OUTFITTING POLICIES:

WHEREAS, Conditions are becoming more normal and the necessity of special freight and outfitting allowances because of war conditions seems now to have passed,

We recommend, That all divisions be requested to adhere to the freight and outfitting allowance policy of the General Conference.

ORGANIZATION OF A CONFERENCE IN A MISSION FIELD:

In harmony with the provisions of the Working Policy (Par. 10, p. 32), requiring division approval for the organizing of new local conferences and missions,

We recommend, That where the question arises as to the advisability of organizing a conference within a mission field, the matter shall come for study to the union, which shall bring it to the division committee for final decision, on the merits of each particular case.

DESIGNATION OF HEAD OF ORGANIZED MISSION:

INASMUCH as a close similarity exists between the duties of the administrative head of a mission field and a conference,

We recommend, That the head of an organized local or union mission field be designated as "President."

ALTERNATIVE NAME FOR "MISSION":

We recommend, That in fields where it is deemed advisable, the respective division committees be authorized to adopt an alternative term for "Mission" in the designation of the union or local organization, and where this is done it is suggested that the term "mission-conference" or "association" might be employed.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ORGANIZATIONS:

We recommend, That the following changes be made in the Working Policy, pages 30 and 31, under the heading "Relationship between Organizations";

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Paragraphs 3 and 6 to be combined and revised so as to read [the underlined is new matter]:

3. Local and union mission organizations are similar to conference organizations, the principal difference being that officers of missions are elected by the next higher body. Local conferences and missions are responsible to the union organizations of which they are a part; and union conferences and missions, together with all other organizations and institutions within the territory, are responsible to the respective division committees, and are administered in harmony with the operating policies adopted by the General Conference.

Paragraph 4 to read:

In local conferences the churches are united in local conference organizations, appointing to the local conference session delegates who are duly authorized to represent the churches in the councils of the conferences. The conference session elects officers, grants licenses, adopts or changes the constitution, and transacts other business. One of its most important acts is the election of the executive committee, whose duty it is to function for the constituency during the interim between sessions. Thus vested in the committee is the delegated power and authority of all the churches within the conference.

MISSION APPOINTEES RELATIONSHIP TO NATIONAL LEADERSHIP:

IN ORDER to better prepare new workers and missionary appointees to fit harmoniously and intelligently into the working relationships that exist in our developing mission program, in which the worker may be appointed to labor under the direction of a leader of another nationality,

We recommend, 1. That in the theological courses in our colleges, instruction be included which will broaden the outlook of the future worker, develop a feeling of mutual esteem and brotherhood between workers of different nationality, and promote unity of purpose and effort in every mission field.

2. That the Secretarial Department of the General Conference arrange for the preparation and publication of an orientation leaflet on the topic of international and interracial working relationships, which can be used in the colleges and placed in the hands of missionary appointees.

3. That where calls for workers are placed with the General Conference, the calling field shall supply as full information as possible regarding the responsibilities and duties to be assigned to the appointee so that these can be explained in advance and taken into consideration by him in his planning with respect to his work in the field.

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COST OF SECURING HIGHER STANDING BY DOCTORS:

We recommend, That when physicians, who by authorization of and arrangement with the employing divisions in the overseas fields or the employing institutions in the homeland, undertake special studies with a view to acquiring advanced professional standing, whether this work is done while carrying regular institutional work or while on furlough, and such studies involve expense such as examination fees, books, and association fees, these expenses be shared equally by the employing organization and the physician and that the amount allowed be not considered as post graduate work or deducted from the regular post graduate allowances made to physicians according to the policy.

TRANSFER OF WORKER FROM ONE DIVISION TO ANOTHER:

We recommend, 1. That when a worker connected with an overseas division is called to another division when his furlough is due, or during his furlough, the releasing organization shall pay the transportation of the worker and his family to the homeland and his salary for one half of the furlough period; the calling organization to pay the salary for the balance of the furlough period. In no case shall the salary be paid by the releasing organization for a period longer than six months.

2. That a worker who is called from one overseas division to other when his furlough is due or during his furlough shall be allowed freight allowance on the basis of the freight allowance policy covering permanently returned workers.

3. That no rehabilitation allowance be granted to workers so called but that the calling division allow the regular outfitting and freight allowance from the homeland and pay transportation to the field on the same basis as for new appointees.

4. That, when a worker is called during his term of service in an overseas division directly to another division, the calling division shall meet the transportation of the worker and his family to his new field and the total expense and salary during his furlough when it becomes due in harmony with the furlough policy.

VISITS TO PARENTS:

We recommend, 1. That Section 4 of the Policy entitled "Arrangement with Missionary Appointees" appearing on pages 122-124 of the Working Policy be amended to read as follows:

"4. Appointees whose parents are living in the home division from which the worker was called, shall be entitled to visit them before entering upon mission service. Transportation

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expense of the family to visit both parents shall be allowed; the time for such visits to be included in the 30 days granted for preparation and visiting prior to departure. Appointees with grown children residing in the home division shall be allowed the time and expense in visiting them on the same basis as visits to parents. In cases where parents live in other than the home division of the appointees, the visit if allowed may be arranged by the General Conference as the special situation involved may seem to justify."

2. That Section 8 of the "Furlough Policy" appearing on page 143 of the Working Policy be amended to read as follows:

"The worker and family on furlough are allowed transportation expense to visit the homes of both parents resident in the homeland, or to such other destination as may be arranged with the division concerned; travel being by the most direct route, and by such class of travel as the division committee shall approve. Furloughing workers who have grown children living in the home division are allowed transportation expense in visiting them on the same basis as in the case of visits to parents. In cases where parents live in other than the home division of furloughing workers, the visit, if allowed, may be arranged by the General Conference as the special situation involved may seem to justify."

OUTFITTING AND FREIGHT ALLOWANCE FOR MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH:

We recommend, 1. That an outfitting allowance on the following basis be granted to workers returning from furlough: Ten per cent of the regular outfitting allowance shall be granted for each year of service during the previous term, the maximum allowance to be 50 per cent of the regular outfitting allowance for new appointees. This does not apply to workers on leave of absence.

2. That no regular freight allowance be granted to returning furlough workers except that in some divisions where it is considered that because of special circumstances a freight allowance should be granted, some assistance may be allowed after consultation with the General Conference.

3. That these provisions be applicable as from January 1, 1948.

CUSTOMS CHARGES:

We recommend, That the customs charges to be borne by the division in the case of a new mission appointee as listed in Section 2 under "Freight, Insurance, and Customs Charges," appearing on page 127 of the Working Policy be amended as follows: "\$700 for classes A and B and \$350 for Class C."

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CHILD ALLOWANCE:

We recommend, 1. That the child allowance grants to missionaries provided for in the policy appearing on page 129 of the Working Policy be raised from \$50.00 to \$60.00 per annum for children under ten years of age, and from \$75.00 to \$90.00 per annum for children from ten to eighteen years of age.

2. That no child allowance be granted for children where overseas educational allowances are granted.

Adjourned to 10:10 A.M., Friday, October 22, with the closing prayer by Meade MacGuire.

L.K.Dickson, Chairman.
E.D.Dick,
W.F.Bradley,
H.T.Elliott, Secretaries.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

THREE HUNDRED FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 22, 1948, 10:10 A.M.

E.F.Hackman, president of the Inter-American Division, was the speaker in the nine o'clock service Friday morning. He used as a text the parable found in the 13th chapter of Matthew, and likened the growth of the advent message, as it swings its way around the world, to the growth of the mustard seed, this being borne out by a statement from the servant of the Lord: "And in this last generation the parable of the mustard seed is to reach a signal and triumphant fulfilment. The little seed will become a tree."

Elder Hackman then spoke of the remarkable growth of the "mustard seed" (the progress of the advent message) in the Inter-American Division. "From the first records we have concerning the beginnings of our work," he said, "we find that in 1918 we had 6,325 members. Since that time the membership has doubled every ten years, until at the present time it stands at 67,000, and may go to 70,000 before the end of the year. We have 850 organized churches, with a membership of 67,000, and 1,650 Sabbath schools with a membership of 85,000. Most of this remarkable growth has come about in the past eight years, in which time we have baptized 50,000 souls."

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Incidents were related showing that this wonderful progress is not attained without opposition on the part of the enemy in these Latin-American countries, though in some cases the opposition works to the advancement of the cause of God.

A Seventh-day Adventist church has been established on Devil's Island, the former penal colony operated by the Republic of France. Ours is the first Protestant church to be organized on the island. On the island of Jamaica, only 140 miles long, there are 185 churches. The Seventh-day Adventist denomination is the best known denomination in the island, with 12,000 baptized members. There are more than 300 lay preachers. Of the twenty-five churches under the care of one minister, seventeen were raised up by lay preachers. 532 lay efforts are in progress in the division at the present time, with 2,000 in the baptismal classes, and since January 1, 626 souls have been baptized as the result of the lay preachers' activities.

"Onward, Christian Soldiers" was sung to open the eighth business session of the Council. Prayer was offered by L.E. Lenheim.

DRAFT LAW EXEMPTIONS:

C.B. Haynes, of the War Service Commission, called attention to differences in the 1948 Draft Law as passed by the Congress of the United States, as compared with the Selective Service Act, under which Act we were able to secure many concessions. Under the present law it may not be possible to secure exemptions for colporteur evangelists, church school teachers and other classes of workers who were granted exemption under the former Act. He spoke also of the inadvisability of our young men claiming exemption as conscientious objectors. He spoke also earnestly against any of our young men who go into the service as noncombatants training with the gun, stating that if enough of our young men refuse to do so, it may be possible to get a change in the directive that has been issued in that respect. He solicited the cooperation of all conference and institutional officials with the War Service Commission in giving the same advice along these lines to the young men in our ranks who are affected by the Draft Law.

CIRCULATION OF REVIEW AND HERALD:

F.D. Nichol, editor of the Review and Herald, spoke of the 110,000 Seventh-day Adventist homes in the United States and Canada, into only about 40,000 of which goes our church paper, the Review and Herald, regularly by subscription. He reviewed the plan that was inaugurated and put into operation early this year, of sending the Review into the other 70,000

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homes, by a special quarterly two-color number, the objective being to bring appeal, counsel and inspiration into these homes. He referred to plans the editors have as regards articles for future numbers, and appealed for the support of conference officials in continuing the plan, stating that upon them rests the real responsibility for the success of this Review and Herald campaign.

Adjournment was taken to 10:10 A.M., Sunday, N.K.Eckenroth offering the closing prayer.

L.K.Dickson, Chairman.
E.D.Dick,
E.E.Roenfelt, Secretaries.
E.Zoidler, Recording Secretary.

THREE HUNDRED FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 24, 1948, 10:10 A.M.

We were privileged to have the Voice of Prophecy group with us during part of the Council, and it was a great inspiration at 8:30 Sunday morning to listen to the live broadcast, on the subject "The Harp of Ten Strings" (the Ten Commandments) as it went out over the air waves to the many thousands of listeners in their homes.

The speaker in the nine o'clock service was R.R.Figuhr, president of the South American Division. He read 1 Cor. 16:8,9, where the apostle Paul says: "For there is open for me a door, great and effectual, and adversaries there are many." He reported open doors for the work in South America, and spoke of the adversaries,--some of their difficulties and problems.

One of the difficulties is the political uncertainty that exists in the Latin-American countries, which has a certain effect upon our work. Sometimes even a conservative government results in hindering our work. He told how in Peru the constitution provides that all religious bodies shall enjoy liberty to practice their respective cults, but that all religious services must be held exclusively in the temples of the respective bodies, except always the Catholic religion, which is protected by the state. It is prohibited to hold meetings in public, and those who disregard this decree are threatened with prosecution.

Another problem is the law requiring the teaching of religion in the schools, and that the teacher must be qualified

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by the Catholic church. Priests have appeared in some of our schools, demanding that they be allowed to examine the children. It takes courage to withstand the enforcement of this law, said Elder Figuhr, but there is no disposition on the part of our educators to submit to such a thing. Rather than submit, they would close the schools.

Elder Figuhr reported the evangelistic work onward as never in the past, and that this year will be the best year in soul winning in the history of our work in South America. To meet the great need for medical and health work, there are in the division six hospitals and sanitariums, two treatment rooms, one privately operated medical institution, and six medical launches on three of the great rivers of Brazil, with another ready to be put into service as soon as personnel is available. "The work is onward in every way," said Elder Figuhr, and our workers and people in South America are of good courage."

The ninth business session of the Council, at 10:10 A.M. Sunday, October 24, was opened with song, followed by prayer by C.L. Evans.

SPRING MEETING:

VOTED, That we look with favor upon Takoma Park as the place for the 1949 Spring Meeting, and that the Executive Committee be asked to set the date.

1949 AUTUMN COUNCIL:

After some discussion with reference to the place for the 1949 Autumn Council, it was

VOTED, To reaffirm the decision to hold the 1949 Autumn Council in St. Louis, October 10-20.

REORGANIZATION OF RADIO WORK:

The following recommendations from the Home and Foreign Officers were adopted:

WHEREAS, The remarkable development and expansion of the radio work makes it advisable that it be placed on a more satisfactory organizational basis,

We recommend, 1. That our radio work be organized as a regular department in common with other departments of our world work,

2. That in view of the foregoing recommendation the International and North American Radio Commissions be dissolved.

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3. That the Voice of Prophecy broadcasting enterprise in North America be operated by a general board of directors, to be designated "The Voice of Prophecy General Board," with a local operating board to be appointed by the General Board.

4. That the Voice of Prophecy General Board consist of not less than eighteen nor more than thirty-five members.

5. That the Voice of Prophecy General Board and its officers be appointed by the General Conference Committee, the term of the Board and its officers to be concurrent with the General Conference term.

6. That the Nominating Committee of the Autumn Council be requested to make nominations in respect to the personnel of the Voice of Prophecy General Board and its officers for the remainder of the present term.

PRESS RELATIONS WORK:

J.R.Ferren, Donn Thomas and Miss Helen Smith spoke of the work being done by the Bureau of Press Relations, and of the many possibilities offered through the press for bringing our message and work to the attention of the public. They stressed the importance of the appointment of church secretaries, and Brother Ferren and Miss Smith offered the services of their office in connection with the training of such secretaries.

REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The Nominating Committee submitted a partial report, which was adopted as follows:

We recommend, 1. To fill vacancies on the Board of Regents, for the term ending in 1949, W.A.Howe; for the term ending in 1952, J.T.Porter, Miss D.Loie Burnett,

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2. As president of the Central European Division, A. Minck; secretary, O.Schildhauer; treasurer and auditor, M.Voigt; field secretary and secretary of the educational department, W. Mueller; Sabbath school, home missionary and Missionary Volunteer secretary, M.Busch; medical secretary, Dr. L.E.Conradi; executive committee, A.Minck, O.Schildhauer, A.Vollmer, M.Voigt, W.Mueller, M.Busch, Dr. L.E.Conradi, H.Nieman, O.Brozio, E. Müller, and the union conference presidents.

3. As president of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference, N.C.Wilson; treasurer, W.L.Pascoe; field secretary, W.G.Turner; publishing department secretary, H.G.Moulds; secretary of the Missionary Volunteer and educational departments, A.W.Peterson; radio secretary, L.C.Naden; secretary of the health food department, B.O.Johanson.

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4. As associate secretary of the General Conference Department of Education, G.M. Matthews.

5. As field secretary of the Far Eastern Division, R.S. Watts.

Adjourned to 10:10 A.M. Monday, with the closing prayer by A.V. Olson.

J.L. McElhany,
W.B. Ochs, Chairmen.
E.D. Dick,
N.W. Dunn, Secretaries.
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

THREE HUNDRED SIXTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 25, 1948, 10:10 A.M.

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" was sung to open the nine o'clock service Monday morning, and G.A. Lindsay, president of the Northern European Division, read the 46th Psalm, a scripture, he said, that has been read and quoted more than any other by our people, and others, in Europe who have passed through the troubled experiences of the past few years. He told of an incident he witnessed, when a high army officer stood on the platform in a railway station in Finland and read aloud the 46th Psalm, and then the crowd of more than 5000 people who were in the station sang together, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God."

Elder Lindsay called special attention to verses four and five of the Psalm, ending with the words: "God shall help her, and that right early," and related numerous instances where God did in a signal way come to the help of His believing and trusting children, "not too late," he said, "but in time, in good time, -- 'right early.'"

He reported the Advent Movement marching on in a strong way in Northern Europe, notwithstanding the effects of the war. Everywhere, he said, there is a spirit of revival. In Finland, a number of lay brethren, doctors and teachers, have organized Bible classes for men of the more intellectual class, and they are having wonderful results. Speaking of Poland, he said that our church is recognized as on a par with the Catholic Church, as is every other well organized Protestant society, but there are still restrictions and difficulties, mainly as regards foreign or western influence. So far as our people are concerned, however, they can carry on their work, and they are doing so in a strong way.

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"We in Northern Europe are of good courage," said Elder Lindsay, "notwithstanding that we know there are still difficult experiences to come. We do not know how long the doors will remain open, but as long as they are open we are determined to work the works of Him that sent us."

After the opening song for the eleventh business session of the Council, at 10:10, Monday, October 25, prayer was offered by R.S.Watts.

GRATITUDE TO GOD:

A resolution of gratitude to God, coming from the Plans Committee, was adopted, delegates and visitors standing silent a moment, followed by a word of prayer by Elder Meade MacGuire:

As we gather in this 1948 Biennial Council, amid the turmoil and uncertainty of a world distraught by fear of another devastating war, our hearts first of all turn to our heavenly Father in gratitude and praise for His manifold blessings and tender mercies.

We thank God for the prosperity that has attended the work in all lands and for the mercies and blessings showered upon our members and workers in every division. We rejoice that in these trying times our believers are standing faithful and true to the message, are growing in spiritual experience and in devotion to the cause of God, and are making unprecedented gifts to the advancement of the truth of God.

We thank God for the outpouring of His Spirit which has resulted in gathering into the fold thousands of souls, the number surpassing anything that we have previously seen in connection with our work. While thankful to God for these showers of blessing, yet with humble hearts we confess our need of a deeper experience in Christ's grace and a preparation for the fulness of the promised blessing in an outpouring of the Spirit of God that will awaken in the hearts of earth's teeming millions a desire to give attention to this last message of salvation.

We thank God also for the providences and deliverances that have attended our work in lands where serious peril has at times threatened the cause and the lives of our workers, and hereby express our gratitude for the divine protection that has been over our workers in travel and service in every part of the world.

While we mourn the loss of many devoted fellow laborers both at home and abroad who have fallen during the past year,

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we thank God for their lives and service and for their helpful fellowship and counsel and are assured that, although they rest from their labors, "their works do follow them."

For these and other mercies, more than can be numbered, with grateful and humble hearts, we praise God from whom all blessings flow.

GENERAL CONFERENCE AUTHORIZED RESERVE:

W.E.Nelson, the treasurer, drew attention to the serious situation as regards financing our world-wide work, showing that not only has all the regular income of the General Conference during the past year been used in the operation of the work, but the Reserve Fund called for by the Constitution in order to meet any possible financial depression, has been drawn upon to the extent of \$119,955.62. There is therefore nothing with which to meet the requests for special appropriations as presented to the Budget Committee, which requests amount to more than three million dollars, and which special appropriations can only be made from surplus funds on hand.

The Finance Committee, at the request of the Budget Committee having given study to the question, presented the following recommendations, which were adopted:

We recommend, 1. That Article 17, Section 1, of the By-Laws of the General Conference be submitted to the next quadrennial session for amendment to read as follows:

"To tide over a possible financial depression, the treasurer of the General Conference shall carry in cash and in readily convertible securities, the following funds:

"(a) A Reserve Fund equal to 20 per cent of the regular appropriations for the preceding year, including revertible funds.

"(b) A Working Fund equal to the Reserve Fund.

"The basis for computing the Reserve and Working Funds shall be the latest annual financial statement.

"The Reserve and Working Funds shall not fall below this figure except on authorization of an Autumn Council of the Executive Committee."

2. That the proposed amendment guide our financial operations pending ratification by the General Conference session.

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The adoption of the foregoing recommendations, which base the Reserve Fund on the regular appropriations of the preceding year, instead of on the total of regular and special appropriations, reduces the General Conference authorized Reserve by \$700,000, and therefore makes that amount available for meeting some of the most urgent requests for special appropriations this year.

The following further recommendations from the Home and Foreign Officers were adopted:

RADIO CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS:

We recommend, 1. That the policy adopted at the 1947 Autumn Council in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and appearing on page 39 of the Autumn Council pamphlet under the caption "Correspondence Schools," be amended to read as follows:

"That in North America the Home Missionary Department be requested to foster the organization and direction of the Conference Bible Correspondence Schools, and that a report of all these Correspondence Schools be gathered in the regular way and compiled annually by the General Conference Home Missionary Department."

2. That a paragraph reading as follows be added to this policy:

"That in all other fields the matter of arranging for the direction of the Bible Correspondence Schools within their territories be left to the discretion of the division committee concerned."

A further partial report from the Plans Committee was submitted, and adopted as follows:

MAGAZINE SALES ORGANIZATION:

WHEREAS, There are vast multitudes in the cities and towns of the United States who can be reached most advantageously with the message as presented in our magazines; and

WHEREAS, The fine array of journals including Life and Health, Liberty, Our Times, Message, and Listen, provide a suitable approach with our complete message to these waiting millions; and

WHEREAS, There is a vast reserve of latent sales talent in our churches that could be harnessed for this type of literature ministry;

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We recommend, 1. That intensive efforts be made in every conference to recruit and train a large army of full and part-time workers to engage in club subscription work with these magazines.

2. That the publishing houses collaborate in the preparation of a master prospectus and other selling aids essential to the successful conduct of this program.

3. That training and sales plans provide for single-copy distribution of either one or all of our journals as occasion may offer.

We further recommend, That renewed emphasis be placed on the use of our health and evangelical journals in combination with the various units of larger books sold by our colporteur-evangelists.

INGATHERING GOAL FOR 1949:

WHEREAS, The Lord has signally blessed the Ingathering effort during the last four decades in raising forty-four million dollars and in contacting many millions of homes; and

WHEREAS, The annual Ingathering is an important endeavor and a mighty factor in the support of our world-wide mission program; and

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WHEREAS, We today/unprecedented calls in mission fields to open work in new regions, and overwhelming opportunities of soul winning at home and in foreign lands;

We recommend, 1. That the Ingathering goal for the North American Division for 1949 be \$2,500,000, this sum to be apportioned on the same basis as last year.

2. That each conference vigorously promote a successful six weeks' campaign, as far as possible recognizing the official dates and thereby assuring unity of effort and avoiding any conflict with other important campaigns.

3. That on Ingathering Rally Sabbath we endeavor to enlist every church member in the Ingathering cause, urging them to make every contact count for Christ and His message, and emphasizing the need of raising larger amounts for our mission uplift program.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The Nominating Committee submitted a further report, which was adopted as follows:

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We recommend, 1. Australasian Inter-Union Conference: for secretary, F.A.Mote; for home missionary and Sabbath school secretary, G.R.Nash.

2. Medical Department Advisory Board: to fill vacancies on the board, for the term ending in 1952, A.C.Larson, Miss Ethel Walder, Dr. Fred Norwood.

3. Radio Department: for secretary, Paul Wickman.

4. Board of the Voice of Prophecy: for officers and general board of the Voice of Prophecy:

a. Officers: W.B.Ochs, chairman; C.L.Bauer, vice-chairman; W.E.Atkin, secretary; I.E.Gillis, treasurer.

b. General Board: E.D.Dick, H.T.Elliott, W.E.Nelson, H.M.S.Richards, T.L.Oswald, C.L.Torrey, Owen Troy, Paul Wickman, E.R.Walde, W.H.Williams, and the union conference presidents.

5. Central European Division: for secretary of the ministerial association, A.Minck; for secretary of the welfare association, O.Brozio.

Adjourned to 10:10 A.M., Tuesday, with the closing prayer by W.G.Turner.

J.J.Nethery, Chairman.
E.D.Dick,
J.I.Robison, Secretaries.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

THREE HUNDRED SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 26, 1948, 10:10 A.M.

"Say ye not, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are ripe already to harvest" was the text chosen by C.W.Bozarth in introducing his report concerning the work in the Southern African Division. The harvest in Africa is truly ripe, ready to be garnered in, he said. It is only waiting for the messengers of God to go out in the power of the Spirit to bring in a great harvest of souls for His eternal kingdom.

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"We have never seen in all the history of the work in Africa," he continued, "so many calls, so many people reaching out for God as we do today. If we had two, three or four hundred new workers to place in Africa, we have plenty of places for them today. We have 110,000 Sabbath keepers, 60,000 are baptized church members, 50,000 are in our Bible classes. We do not baptize the African as soon as he accepts the message, but he enters the Bible class. One third of the Seventh-day Adventist young people in schools around the circle of the earth are in our schools in Africa. A great responsibility therefore rests upon the workers in Africa in looking after those 50,000 men and women, boys and girls, who are in training.

"We in Africa are also great believers in evangelism. By the end of the year we will have held 992 evangelistic efforts. In Cape Town we are having more than 800 in attendance. Up in the Transvaal more than 1000 attend every night. They are not all efforts like those, but they are all genuine evangelistic efforts. In Angola, which we have considered the hardest field we have, they conducted ten efforts, and in those ten efforts brought in 1,500 new people from Catholicism and heathenism.

"The Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School is one of the outstanding features of our work. 165,000 people have taken the course. There are only two ways of getting out of the Voice of Prophecy Bible School. One is by request of the individual that his name be dropped. The other is by baptism. We have today in Africa between two and three thousand people waiting to be baptized as the result of the Voice of Prophecy work."

Following the nine o'clock service and before the beginning of the business session, Mr. Newton, the Mayor of Denver entered and was introduced by N.C. Petersen, of the Colorado Conference. The Mayor said pressing duties had prevented his visiting the Council earlier, but that it was a pleasure to him to represent the people of Denver in extending a welcome to the delegates, and best wishes for the success of our meeting.

Elder McElhany responded, thanking the Mayor for his kind words, and expressing appreciation for the facilities made available for our convenience in Denver, and for the many courtesies extended to us.

Prayer was offered by H.T. Elliott at the beginning of the twelfth business session of the Council, at 10:10 A.M., Tuesday, October 26.

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DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

The first business to come before the Council was a report from the Committee on Distribution of Labor, which was adopted as follows:

We recommend, 1. That F.K. Erlecke, missionary returned from the Netherlands East Indies, be invited to connect with the Atlantic Union and Greater New York Conference, to serve as pastor of the Brooklyn German church.

2. That the Southern Union and the Carolina Conference be requested to release J.M. Hoffman to connect with the Atlantic Union to labor in the Greater New York Conference.

3. That the Lake Union and the Illinois Conference be requested to release Jody Ketterman to connect with the Atlantic Union to serve as Bible instructor in the Southern New England Conference.

4. That the Lake Union and the Illinois Conference be requested to release O.J. Dahl to connect with the Central Union for service in the Colorado Conference; that the Central Union and the Colorado Conference be requested to release Claude Turner to connect with the Lake Union to serve in the Illinois Conference.

5. That the Southern Union and the Carolina Conference be requested to release Clyde O. Henson to connect with the Columbia Union for colporteur work in the Chesapeake Conference.

6. That V.C. Brown, returned missionary from West Africa, be invited to connect with the Columbia Union for service in the New Jersey Conference.

7. That the Atlantic Union and the Greater New York Conference be requested to release Ralph D. McGann, Sr., to connect with the Columbia Union to serve as publishing department secretary of the Chesapeake Conference.

8. That the Southern Union and the Florida Conference be requested to release Martha Ferree to connect with the Southwestern Union to serve as Bible instructor in the Texas Conference.

9. That Leon Replogle, returned missionary from South America, be invited to connect with the Spanish-American Seminary as its principal.

10. That the Southern Union be requested to release Helen Jones to connect with the General Conference office for stenographic work.

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11. That the Columbia Union and Washington Missionary College be requested to release A.J. Robbins, to connect with the China Division to serve as head of the Bible Department of the China Training Institute.

12. That the Lake Union and the Hinsdale Sanitarium be requested to release Mr. and Mrs. W. Nix to connect with the British Union for service in the health clinic in Dublin, Eire.

13. That the Rural Education Association be requested to release George Norris to connect with the British Union to serve as assistant manager of Granose Foods.

14. That the Columbia Union and the West Pennsylvania Conference be requested to release A.R. Norcliffe to connect with the Inter-American Division for evangelistic work in the Colombia-Venezuela Union Mission.

15. That the Central Union Conference and the Porter Sanitarium be requested to release Harold Eichman to connect with the Northern Union to serve as treasurer of the North Dakota Conference; and that the Northern Union and the North Dakota Conference be requested to release I.E. Anunsen to connect with the Porter Sanitarium as credit manager.

16. That the Columbia Union and the Allegheny Conference be requested to release Frank L. Bland to connect with the Central Union to serve as president of the Central States Mission; and that the Central Union and the Central States Mission be requested to release T.M. Rowe to connect with the Columbia Union for evangelistic work in the Allegheny Conference.

17. That C.L. Powers, returned missionary from Inter-America, be invited to connect with the Central Union and the Missouri Conference to serve as business manager of Sunnydale Academy.

SCHOOL OF TROPICAL AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE:

A subcommittee which was appointed by the Home and Foreign Officers, to give study to the proposition of the establishment of a School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine, submitted their report, which, being amended, was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, Preventable diseases are often responsible for inefficient service or suffering on the part of mission appointees and their families, sometimes necessitating premature return to the homeland; and

WHEREAS, It is believed that much expense to the denomination can be spared by providing practical instruction in

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preventive measures for both medical and non-medical appointees; and

WHEREAS, The only existing school of tropical medicine in the United States no longer grants Sabbath privileges to Seventh-day Adventist students; and

WHEREAS, The establishment of our own school of tropical medicine would result in a closer bond between the College of Medical Evangelists and our medical work in foreign countries,

We recommend, 1. That a School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine be established at Loma Linda, California, as proposed by the Board of Trustees of the College of Medical Evangelists, this school to be known as the "School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine of the College of Medical Evangelists."

2. That this School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine shall sustain the same relationship to the College of Medical Evangelists as do other schools connected with this institution.

3. That the purpose of this School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine shall be:

a. To provide appropriate instruction in tropical hygiene and preventive medicine for our doctors and other workers going to warm climates, and

b. To implement our medical work in foreign countries by assisting mission stations with their problems of sanitation and wherever possible by helping to initiate community health programs.

Public Relations Department

WHEREAS, We are instructed by the Spirit of prophecy that proper persons should present the needs of the work of God to men of wealth and influence for they will do many things in behalf of His people; and

WHEREAS, The School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine, as a scientific-missionary enterprise with great humanitarian appeal, would constitute a logical avenue of approach to men of wealth and influence; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That a Public Relations Department be developed within the School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine with the following objectives:

a. To relieve the denomination of a portion of the financial burden in operating and maintaining the School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine.

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b. To provide funds with which to meet the needs that will arise in the normal expansion of the School.

c. To provide funds which will contribute to the best interests of the medical work of the denomination as a whole.

2. That the work of the Public Relations Department be conducted in such a way as will not in any way interfere with established denominational systems of fund-raising.

Financing the School of Tropical and
Preventive Medicine

WHEREAS, The responsibility for financing the School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine is to be divided between its Public Relations Department and the denomination,

We recommend the following as a basis for financing the School:

1. That all capital costs (such as for the construction of buildings and for purchasing specialized equipment) be met entirely by the Public Relations Department of the School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine.

2. That the General Conference appropriate up to a maximum of \$30,000 yearly to the College of Medical Evangelists for the development and support of the School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine.

3. That budgetary expenses above the amount appropriated by the General Conference be met by the Public Relations Department of the School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine.

4. That denominational workers authorized by their employing organization to take this course in tropical and preventive medicine be permitted to apply to their sending organization for a grant to cover the cost of tuition.

TEMPERANCE:

A report of the International Temperance Association was rendered by W.A. Scharffenberg, the secretary, following which the American Temperance Society and the Canadian Temperance Society were by vote admitted as members of the International Association.

W.A. Scharffenberg rendered also a report on the activities and progress being made by the American Temperance Society. He also suggested that a committee be appointed to draft a resolution reaffirming our historic position on the question of total abstinence, and another resolution endorsing local option.

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Further recommendations from the Plans Committee were submitted, and adopted as follows:

ADVISORY COMMITTEES:

We recommend, 1. That the Advisory Councils as now listed in the Year Book under the various General Conference departments be listed in future as Advisory Committees.

2. That a meeting of a departmental Advisory Committee be not considered a convention or a council in the terms of the Autumn Council action of 1946, which requires approval by the preceding Autumn Council for the holding of departmental conventions; and further, that these Advisory Committees be authorized to meet at least once a year, the time and place of meeting to be approved by the General Conference Committee.

CONVENTIONS AND COUNCILS, 1949:

We recommend, That the following councils and conventions be approved for 1949:

1. Spanish Workers' Council, time and place to be arranged.

2. College teaching groups in the fields of English, Foreign Languages, and Teacher Training, in the summer of 1949, time and place to be arranged.

3. Meeting of college presidents, deans, and registrars in North America, one week during latter part of June, 1949

4. Meeting of Department of Education with union and local educational secretaries, three days in March, 1949, meeting with the Missionary Volunteer Council.

5. Meeting of the Missionary Volunteer Department with the union and local Missionary Volunteer secretaries, three days in March, 1949, meeting with the Educational Council.

6. Meeting of the union and local Temperance secretaries, time and place to be arranged.

7. Auditors' Council, in connection with the 1949 Autumn Council.

8. Four regional publishing conventions to be attended by the Publishing Department secretaries of the General Conference, the managers of the publishing houses, managers of the Book and Bible Houses, and the union and local Publishing Department secretaries in their respective territories; to be held during the fall and winter of 1949-50 in connection with the

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constituency meetings of the publishing houses; the General, union and local Home Missionary secretaries to meet with the publishing representatives in these regional meetings.

9.- Meeting of the General, union, and local War Service Commission secretaries in the event of an emergency arising which in the judgment of the General Conference Committee seems to warrant such a meeting.

10. Meeting of the local and union conference presidents in North America, time and place to be arranged.

11. Meeting of college accountants, between January and March, 1949.

A partial report from the Finance Committee was presented, and adopted as follows:

PROPOSED EXCHANGE RATES FOR 1949:

We recommend, That the fixed rates of exchange for 1949 be as follows:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>Rate 1949</u>
<u>Australasia</u>		
Australia	Australian L	3.30
New Zealand	New Zealand L	4.10
New Caledonia and Society Islands	Colonial franc	.0056
Fiji	Fijian L	3.70
<u>British Union</u>	English L	4.10
<u>Canadian Union</u>	Dollar	1.00
<u>Central Europe</u>		
Germany	Deutschmark	.30
<u>China</u>		
*China	Yuan	--
HongKong	HongKong \$.25
<u>Far Eastern</u>		
British N. Borneo	BNB \$.48
Sarawak	Sarawak \$.48
French Indo-China	Piaster	.0575
*Japan	Yen	---
*Korea	Wan	---
Netherlands Indies	Guilder	.38
Philippine Islands	Peso	.50
Siam	Tical	.0525
Malaya	Singapore \$.48

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<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>Rate 1949</u>
<u>Middle East Union</u>		
Egypt	Egyptian L	4.20
Iran	Rial	.035
Iraq	Dinar	4.10
Palestine	Palestine L	4.10
Syria	Syrian L	.46
Turkey	Turkish L	.36
Cyprus	Shilling	.205
<u>Inter-American</u>		
Bahamas	Pound	4.10
Barbados	Dollar	.85
British Guiana	Dollar	.85
Colombia	Peso	.40
Costa Rica	Colon	.18
Curacao	Florin	.55
Cuba	Peso	1.00
French West Indies	Metropolitan franc	.0033
Guatemala	Quetzal	1.00
Haiti	Gourde	.20
Jamaica	Pound	4.10
Mexico	Peso	.15
Nicaragua	Cordoba	.155
Panama	Balboa	1.00
Puerto Rico	Peso	1.00
Santo Domingo	Peso	1.00
Salvador	Colon	.40
Spanish Honduras	Lempira	.50
Trinidad	Dollar	.85
Venezuela	Bolivar	.30
<u>Northern European</u>		
Denmark	Kroner	.21
Finland	Markka	.008
Holland	Florin	.38
Iceland	Kroner	.15
Norway	Kroner	.21
Poland	Zloty	.0025
Sweden	Kroner	.28
Ethiopia	Dollar	.41
Eritrea	Shilling	.205
<u>South America</u>		
Argentina	Peso	.21
Bolivia	Boliviano	.0166
Brazil	Cruzeiro	.054
Chile	Peso	.02
Ecuador	Sucre	.065
Paraguay	Guarani	.32
Peru	Sol	.075
Uruguay	Peso	.42

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<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>Rate 1949</u>
<u>Southern Africa</u>		
Angola and Mozambique	Angolar	.04
Belgian Congo	Belgian franc	.025
Kenya	E.African shilling	.205
N. & S. Rhodesia	Rhodesian pound	4.10
Nyasaland	Pound	4.10
South African Union	Pound	4.10
Tanganyika	E.African shilling	.205
Uganda	E.African shilling	.205
<u>Southern Asia</u>		
India	Rupee	.31
Pakistan	Rupee	.31
Burma	Rupee	.31
Ceylon	Rupee	.31
<u>Southern Europe</u>		
Belgium	Belgian franc	.023
**Bulgaria	Leva	.0035
France	French franc	.0033
Greece	Drachma	.00011
Hungary	Forint	.086
Italy	Lira	.00175
Madagascar	Colonial franc	.0056
Portugal	Escudo	.0404
Reunion	Colonial franc	.0056
**Rumania	Leu	.007
Spain	Peseta	.06
Switzerland	Swiss franc	.235
**Jugoslavia	Dinar	.02
Mauritius	Rupee	.31
Czechoslovakia	Koruna	.02
Austria	Shilling	.10
French Cameroons	Colonial franc	.0056
Fr. Equatorial Africa	Colonial franc	.0056
<u>West African Union</u>		
Gold Coast	West African L	4.10
Liberia	Dollar	1.00
Nigeria	West African L	4.10
Sierra Leone	West African L	4.10

*Rate to be fixed later

**No business

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In these days of upheaval of the currencies of many countries,

We recommend, That the General Conference Committee be empowered to make such adjustments or revisions of the exchange policy as they may deem necessary for the efficient operation of our work, any changes made to be reviewed at the following Autumn Council.

Adjourned to 7:00 P.M., E.E.Roenfelt offering the closing prayer.

A.V.Olson, Chairman.
E.D.Dick,
E.E.Roenfelt, Secretaries.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

THREE HUNDRED EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 26, 1948, 7:00 P.M.

After the opening song for the thirteenth meeting of the Council, prayer was offered by L.A.Skinner.

A committee that had been appointed on questions pertaining to Dorcas Welfare Work submitted their report, which was adopted as follows:

LEGITIMATE WAYS OF RAISING AND
DISTRIBUTING DORCAS WELFARE FUNDS:

We recommend, That the following statement setting forth guiding principles in connection with our Dorcas work be incorporated into the new Dorcas Leaflet:

In connection with Dorcas fund raising activities, three questions frequently arise:

1. How and where should Dorcas sales be held?
2. Under what circumstances and at what places should meals be served by the Dorcas Welfare Society?
3. For what purposes should Dorcas funds be used?

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Dorcas Sales: We recognize that the Dorcas Welfare Society, as an important missionary organization in the church, has its financial needs in carrying forward its good Samaritan work. To function properly in its service to humanity, these needs must be met. The sale of food, needlework, etc., constitutes a proper and legitimate way in which funds can be raised by the Dorcas Welfare Society for its service without in any way lowering the high standard that it should at all times maintain.

As the denomination stands against the conduct of any activities within the church which would tend to make the Lord's temple a house of merchandise, such sales should not be held in the house of God or on the church grounds. To do so is contrary to the spirit of reverence and worship which should characterize God's sanctuary. Christ earnestly remonstrated with the money changers and merchants in the Jerusalem temple and drove them out for their desecration of God's house. While no objection might be raised to holding a sale in the church school building, if it be separate from the church, yet it is preferable that Dorcas sales be held in some other location.

The customary method of arranging for a Dorcas sale is for a committee, appointed by the Dorcas Welfare Society, to secure the use of an empty store or building, or a well-located counter in a large store which would be suitable for the sale.

The prices charged for articles sold should not be exorbitant. Full value should be given for the prices charged. Expecting higher than prevailing prices is out of harmony with Christian principle and will create prejudice and dissatisfaction.

The Dorcas Welfare Society sales should be made soul-winning agencies. When feasible a display of our attractive small books and magazines should be arranged in connection with every sale to which the public is invited. Tracts and periodicals should be distributed to those who come to buy.

If the sale is of food, it should be selected and prepared in harmony with health reform principles. Our high standard of health reform as presented in the Bible and the Spirit of prophecy is to be followed, thereby acquainting people with the principles of our message.

Health lectures, demonstrations, and cooking schools may be conducted by competent persons. In these various ways, many contacts may be made with those who perhaps would never be reached by a series of evangelistic meetings. Thus this work can, if carried on in a dignified way, be made a direct missionary effort.

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If the Spirit of Christ activates those who engage in this work, if soul-winning literature is provided, if health reform principles are maintained, and if the sale is carried on away from the premises of the church building, no objections should be raised to this way of increasing the income of the Dorcas Society and good sums may be realized.

Serving Meals: Meals may be prepared and served by the Dorcas Welfare Society for the purpose of raising funds. In such efforts we should studiously avoid the common practice often employed by church groups of resorting to the "appeal to the lust of appetite" and "carnal amusements" to "influence the heart to engage in works of benevolence." (Evangelism, pp. 253, 254.) The following declaration of the messenger of the Lord concerning such common practices employed by many religious affiliations may well serve as warning and counsel to us:

"When money is raised for religious purposes, to what means do many churches resort? -- To bazaars, suppers, fancy fairs, even to lotteries and like devices. Often the place set apart for God's worship is desecrated by feasting and drinking, buying, selling and merrymaking. Respect for the house of God and reverence for His worship is lessened in the minds of the youth. The barriers of self-restraint are weakened. Selfishness, appetite, the love of display, are appealed to, and they strengthen as they are indulged." -Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 91

The meals or dinners prepared by the Dorcas Welfare Society may be served in homes or halls. Such meals should not be served in the church building. These meals should be prepared according to our health reform principles and full value should be given for the charge made. In connection with a "vegetarian" meal, especially prepared and served to the public, a trained nurse or dietitian might give a brief lecture and cooking demonstration, and thus attract many who might not otherwise be interested.

The Spirit of prophecy counsel quoted above and the advice of the foregoing paragraphs should not be construed to prevent the members of a church partaking of a lunch on the premises of the church or within the building, nor should it be construed to prevent the serving in the church building of a meal to workers and others who may be attending a special gathering.

Often the Dorcas Welfare Society is called upon to serve meals at workers' meetings or church conventions. With the accommodation of workers and delegates uppermost in the thinking of the Dorcas Welfare Society, meals may be served in the classrooms of the church, usually in the basement. The primary purpose of this arrangement is not the raising of Dorcas funds but rather the accommodation of workers or delegates to facilitate the work of the convention and to advance the cause of God.

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Dorcas Funds: Dorcas funds should be used for the specific work of the Dorcas Welfare Society and for other church enterprises when specifically raised for such projects.

The Dorcas Welfare Society must ever maintain its true objective in loving, sympathetic ministry to widows, orphans, the needy and friendless, and properly emphasize first things first in its every service. The Dorcas Welfare Society must ever focus its activities to carry out its prime purpose of Good Samaritan service as expressed in Christ's Object Lessons, p. 393: "Multitudes are so sunken in sin that they have lost the sense of eternal realities, lost the similitude of God, and they hardly know whether they have souls to be saved or not. They have neither faith in God nor confidence in man. Many of these can be reached only through acts of disinterested kindness. Their physical wants must first be cared for. They must be fed, cleansed, and decently clothed. As they see evidence of your unselfish love, it will be easier for them to believe in the love of Christ."

Ministry to the poor, the needy, the hungry, the naked is clearly admonished by God: "Is not this the fast that I have chosen? . . . Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward." Isaiah 58:6,7,8.

The comment of Mrs. E.G. White on James 1:27 is as follows: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Good deeds are the fruit that Christ requires us to bear,--kind words, deeds of benevolence, tender regard for the poor, the needy, the afflicted. When hearts sympathize with hearts burdened with discouragement and grief, when the hand dispenses to the needy, when the naked are clothed, the stranger made welcome to a seat in your parlor and a place in your heart, angels are coming very near, and an answering strain is responded to in heaven." The Home Missionary, Vol. 1, No. 11, Nov., 1889. "Ye Have Done It Unto Me."

In view of the counsel from the Bible and the Spirit of prophecy concerning our responsibility to aid the needy, the sick, the orphan, and the widow, the Dorcas Welfare Society uses its funds to minister, in many avenues of service; clothing the destitute, for giving succor to the poor in emergencies (medical clothes, food, winter coal, or fuel), famine relief, disaster aid (flood, fire, earthquake), support of visiting nurses' service, in the placement of children in Seventh-day Adventist homes, etc.

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There may be cases when the Dorcas Welfare Society would cooperate in a particular church project. In such cases, the Society should make the raising of such funds a separate project, not appropriating regular Dorcas funds to any other than welfare or Dorcas items.

The prosperity of each church depends upon the "patient, prayerful and persevering fidelity as was possessed by these saints of God (Dorcas and her associates). Dorcas knew who needed comfortable clothing and who needed sympathy, and she freely ministered to the wants of both classes."--Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 304.

The following further recommendations from the Plans Committee were adopted:

RECLAIMING FORMER CHURCH MEMBERS:

WHEREAS, Many former Seventh-day Adventists, stirred by rapidly fulfilling prophecies and knowing that they face the close of probation in the near future, may be influenced by an earnest heart appeal again to join with us in the fellowship of Jesus our Lord; and

WHEREAS, There rests on conference workers, church officers, and members the grave responsibility of doing everything possible to reclaim these former church members; and

WHEREAS, The Lord's servant has told us that "self-denying efforts will be put forth to save the lost, and many who have strayed from the fold will come back to follow the great Shepherd." (Testimonies, Vol. 6, p. 401);

We recommend, 1. That conference and mission committees enlist the entire force of workers and laymen in seeking out and winning back to Christ and the church those who formerly fellowshiped with God's people.

2. That we call on our conference officers everywhere to initiate, during 1949 at workers' and camp meetings, methods whereby these former members of all age groups might be reached; and further, that through public and personal appeals, the use of our church periodicals, and the maintenance of an atmosphere of Christian love and genuine revival in all church services, earnest endeavors be made to reclaim these one-time believers.

The Finance Committee submitted further recommendations, which were adopted as follows:

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WORKING FUND FOR BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSES:

We recommend, 1. That the authorized Working Fund of Book and Bible Houses be set at 40% of the annual net sales; and that at least 25% of the Working Fund be in cash for operating purposes, and that investments in Accounts Receivable, Inventories, and Prepaid Expenses make up the balance.

2. That the Working Fund shall not at any time be absorbed in capital expenditures.

3. That in addition to the cash in the Working Fund, sufficient additional cash or securities be provided to cover the Liabilities and Surplus Reserves.

4. That where a Book and Bible House does not now meet the provisions of the above standard for Working Fund, and where it is possible for the conference to do so, it appropriate the essential funds.

5. That where a conference does not have sufficient funds to make such an appropriation, the net earnings of the Book and Bible House be allowed to accumulate until the provisions of the above standard for a Working Fund have been achieved.

OPERATIONAL EXPENSE:

In order to show the true operating status of the Book and Bible House,

We recommend, 1. That the entire expense of its operation be charged to the Book and Bible House.

2. That in conferences in which the Book and Bible House workers' time is divided between the work of the conference and the Bible House, their salaries and other expense be apportioned according to the time worked in each.

3. That any appropriation for operating made to the Book and Bible House by the conference be designated as such on the accounts of the recipient.

TRAVEL EXPENSE SEMINARY

FOR NON-FURLOUGH OVERSEAS WORKERS:

We recommend, That the following be added to paragraph 11, page 71, of the General Conference Working Policy:

"It is understood that this provision is made on behalf of those who attend the Seminary for at least six months, and

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that in the case of those attending for a shorter time the portion of travel expense borne by the Student Subsidy Fund will be proportionately reduced."

The following further recommendation from the Home Officers was adopted:

ORGANIZATION OF PAKISTAN UNION MISSION:

WHEREAS, The division of India into the dominions of India and Pakistan, and the difficulties that our workers are experiencing in passing from one dominion to the other make it expedient to organize the work in West Pakistan as a separate unit,

We recommend, That that portion of the North West India Union which is now contained in West Pakistan be detached from the said union and be organized into a union mission, to be known as the West Pakistan Union Mission.

A further recommendation from the Home and Foreign Officers was submitted and adopted as follows:

TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN SPECIAL CASES:

We recommend, That paragraph 20 of the Exchange Policy, Working Policy, page 236, be amended to read as follows:

"20. Workers located in countries in which the living standards are low, with the result that salaries in low currency have a very low value in the currency of the home country, and workers transferred from one field to another who face financial embarrassment at the time of such transfer because of these or similar conditions, may be given special assistance in the transfer of funds on the merits of each case by action of the division or General Conference Committee."

GRADUATE WORK IN OUR COLLEGES:

A committee that was appointed on Graduate Work in Our Colleges submitted a report, which was adopted as follows:

We recommend, That Walla Walla College be permitted to offer a graduate program in biology with supporting cognates, and that this program be reviewed at the end of the first two years of operation.

We further recommend, That the General Conference Committee be asked to appoint a standing committee--

1. To submit to the General Conference Committee recommendations covering the standards or criteria for offering graduate work in Seventh-day Adventist colleges.

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2. To survey denominational needs for such graduate work as the colleges may be able to offer.

3. To consider specific requests from colleges wishing to carry graduate programs, and to make recommendations to the General Conference Committee on the subject of such requests.

4. To review existing graduate programs and to make recommendations concerning them to the General Conference Committee.

A further report from the Finance Committee was submitted, amended, and adopted as follows:

EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS TO BIBLE SOCIETIES:

We recommend, That a special appropriation for the year 1949 be made to the Bible Societies, \$5,000 to the American Bible Society and \$2,500 to the British and Foreign Bible Society; the total amount of \$7,500 to be supplied by the North American union conferences on the basis of the 1947 tithe receipts.

MEDICAL ALLOWANCE FOR HEARING AIDS:

We recommend, That assistance on the expense of hearing aids be granted under the terms of the regular medical policy.

SALARY TRANSFERS AT FIXED RATE:

We recommend, That the percentage of salary referred to in the Working Policy, page 233, paragraphs 10 and 11, as eligible for transfer at fixed rates of exchange, be increased from 20 to 40 as from July 1, 1948.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS AT CURRENT RATE:

We recommend, That special appropriations be made available at current rates of exchange except in cases where an accumulation of General Conference funds in local currency makes a cash remittance unnecessary.

FUND TO ASSIST SMALLER CONFERENCES:

We recommend, That the General Conference policy regarding the Fund to Assist Smaller Conferences, as recorded on page 174 of the Working Policy, be amended to read as follows;

"1. Local conferences contribute 1 per cent on annual tithe receipts in excess of \$250,000, union conferences add 1 per cent of the amount so contributed by the local conferences in their field, and the General Conference contributes an amount equal to the total received from the union and local conferences.

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"2. Only the local conferences with an annual tithe of less than \$175,000 benefit from this fund."

UNIFORM PLAN FOR COLLEGE ACCOUNTING:

WHEREAS, In the colleges of the North American Division there is considerable diversity in titles and contents of accounts, definitions of terms, and forms of financial statements; and

WHEREAS, There is need of comparative and analytical studies of financial operations and results among our colleges, as well as the necessity of reporting financial information to external organizations, including the government; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That the colleges and junior colleges of the North American Division be asked to adopt the uniform accounting plan as developed and approved by the Committee on College Accounting.

2. That a committee be appointed by the General Conference Executive Committee to prepare a working manual for the guidance of college accountants, this committee to include a General Conference auditor and a representative of the Department of Education; that K.J.Reynolds be the chairman; that the membership include Earl Beaty, C.H.Kelly, and James Howarth; and that the committee meet at an early date, preferably before January 1, 1949.

3. That the Autumn Council authorize a meeting of the chief accountants and managers of the colleges and the auditors of the respective unions with representatives of the Auditing and Educational Departments of the General Conference, between January and March of 1949, for the purpose of acquainting the accountants and auditors with a uniform plan of accounting; the place of the meeting to be determined by the General Conference Committee upon the recommendation of the committee referred to in No. 2 above.

4. That June 30 be the closing date of the fiscal year in our colleges, and that the calendar month be the basis of the Operating Statement.

SPECIAL THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING:

WHEREAS, The Thirteenth Sabbath of the fourth quarter of 1948 falls on December 25, and the General Conference Sabbath School Department is promoting a special Christmas offering to average \$5.00 a member in North America; therefore

We recommend, That in view of the open doors and unprecedented opportunities for mission advance in many lands,

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the leadership throughout the world field give immediate study to the promotion of this coming Thirteenth Sabbath offering as of unusual importance, and that every church member be encouraged to plan for and where necessary begin to lay aside for a special Thirteenth Sabbath offering on December 25.

SPECIAL OFFERING ANNUALLY FOR MEDICAL COLLEGE:

We recommend, That there be included in the 1949 list of Special Offerings for North America an offering for the benefit of the College of Medical Evangelists, the date of the offering to be set by the Committee in Washington.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE VOICE OF PROPHECY:

We recommend, That our organizations in North America be invited to continue their contributions to the Voice of Prophecy during 1949; the amount from conferences to be prorated on the basis of the 1947 tithe receipts. On this basis the quotas for the respective unions will be as follows:

Atlantic	\$4 827 67
Canadian	2 004 06
Central	4 078 55
Columbia	8 304 35
Lake	7 766 52
Northern	3 002 89
North Pacific	8 400 39
Pacific	16 467 85
Southern	5 666 42
Southwestern	3 508 70
Total unions	64 027 40

<u>Publishing Houses</u>	
Pacific Press	1 600 00
Review and Herald	1 600 00
Southern	800 00
Christian Record	1 200 00
Total publishing houses	5 200 00

Total for North America \$69 227 40

TRAVEL EXPENSE OF THOSE VOLUNTARILY LEAVING THE WORK:

We recommend, That in the case of those who voluntarily withdraw from the organized work in the North American Division, the denomination is under no obligation to return the individual to a former location.

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A further report from the Plans Committee was submitted, amended, and adopted as follows:

CHURCH OFFICERS' GAZETTE:

WHEREAS, The Church Officers' Gazette has through the years been a great benefit to our church officers; and

WHEREAS, Since the field of the Church Officers' Gazette has recently been widened by greatly enlarging this publication and adding departments so as to give guidance to all the officers of the church; therefore

We recommend, 1. That a renewed emphasis be placed on its importance,

2. That a more general use be made of the information and help that it contains,

3. That efforts be made to increase its circulation by placing it in the hands of all church officers,

PRESS RELATIONS:

Recognizing the value of getting information to the public that will lay the foundation for more effective evangelism; and being aware of the power of the secular press which seems to be so providentially opening to us at this time,

We recommend, 1. That our leaders give time and study to a more extensive program by which as a denomination our message and work shall be brought more widely to the attention of the public through newspapers, magazines, and radio,

2. That the following suggestions be adapted according to local conditions, and worked out in cooperation with the General Conference Bureau of Press Relations as a working policy:

a. The assignment in each conference of definite responsibility so that press activities may be fostered at closer range than is possible from the General Conference office,

b. The laying of definite plans for giving instruction to regularly appointed church press secretaries, by arranging group meetings of these secretaries in cities and in areas where it is possible for them to convene,

c. That special study be given to the plan of appointing in cities and metropolitan areas where churches are grouped, a person to serve as press representative to handle correlated news for the several churches in the area.

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d. That arrangements be made in connection with gatherings of our workers to place the subject of press work on the agenda, and that time be given at such gatherings for practical instruction that will better qualify ministers and other workers to work intelligently with their newspapers.

e. That plans be laid to give every meeting of public interest good newspaper coverage. That at camp meetings the best help available be provided, even when a Press Bureau representative is present, so that the local worker or workers may benefit from the relationship and experience, thereby becoming more valuable to his conference in furthering press relations.

f. That all larger institutions such as colleges, sanitariums and hospitals, make immediate arrangements for a public relations department if this has not yet been done.

"PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS" BOOKLET:

WHEREAS, The Publishing Department Recommendations published as a booklet to govern the policies and practices of our publishing work, have been voted over a period of years and have been quoted in the booklet as actions of the General Conference Committee; and

WHEREAS, They sometimes overlap in statements and therefore need editing in order to present a clear outline of policies;

We recommend, That the General Conference Committee appoint a committee to edit and rearrange these recommendations in the interests of conciseness and clarity.

INDEPENDENT PUBLICATIONS:

WHEREAS, The policy on "Independent Publications" in the Working Policy, pages 59-62, seems to need some revision and clarification,

We recommend, 1. That a representative committee be appointed by the General Conference Committee in Washington to restudy this policy and report to the next Autumn Council.

2. That the membership of this committee include representatives from the General Conference officers, the Ministerial Association, the General Conference Publishing Department, the publishing houses in North America, conference administrators, and Book and Bible House managers.

APPRECIATION:

We recommend, That the Secretary be asked to convey our whole-hearted appreciation --

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1. To the newspapers, the wire services and radio stations for their courtesy and willingness to report the news of this meeting.

2. To the Boulder Sanitarium, the Denver Convention Bureau, the Denver Central Church, the Porter Sanitarium, the Colorado Conference and the Central Union Conference for their kind cooperation and willing help in finding accommodations for delegates and in providing the facilities of the Sanitarium and Denver Central Church with its ample facilities for the 1948 Pre-Council and Autumn Council meetings.

3. To the ladies of the Central Church Dorcas Society for the splendid lunch service provided each day for the accommodation of the delegates.

4. To the stenographic force for their faithful and efficient service in connection with the work of this Council.

DISTRIBUTION OF COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS GRADUATES:

We recommend, 1. That a policy be established which will permit conferences and institutions to extend aid on a loan basis to medical students from the beginning of their third year. That a maximum of five hundred dollars each for the third and for the fourth years and two hundred and fifty dollars for the intern year be provided on this plan. That a contract agreement be entered into as between the conference or the institution that makes a loan to a medical student and the student concerned, binding the latter to locate in the conference or to connect with the institution that makes the loan. This recommendation shall not affect the present plan of extending aid for the location of physicians in our conferences.

2. That the Medical Department of the General Conference and the officers of the College of Medical Evangelists be asked to give special study to the problem of directing the interest of the graduates of the School of Medicine to seeking locations which will result in a more even geographical distribution of this group, and that this study be directed more specifically to (a) the question of existing, and possible, inducements offered by conferences, institutions, and private individuals, and (b) to the assignment of internships.

CALL TO CONSECRATION:

We recommend, That as we close this great Council where the presence and power of God have been so evident, we as delegates return to our fields of labor determined to carry into effect these plans and recommendations, believing that through such plans God is leading His people forward.

Moreover, sensing the need, both for ourselves and our people, of a deeper spiritual life and freedom from the power

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of sin in preparation for the latter rain, we appeal to our members the world around to join with us in seeking an endowment of grace and spiritual power without which we cannot meet the need in this great hour. The counsel of the Lord to His remnant church is clear and unmistakable. We must press together, and laying aside all differences and self seeking, must seek the experience of true sanctification in preparation for the latter rain.

The delegates stood as the Call to Consecration was read, and prayer was offered by J.L.McElhany.

MESSAGE OF GREETING:

A message was read from H.E.Piper, conveying greetings to the Council from the Australasian Inter-Union Conference, and it was

VOTED, That the message be received, and that we reciprocate with greetings from the Council.

Adjourned to 10:10 A.M., Wednesday. W.E.Nelson offered the closing prayer.

A.V.Olson, Chairman,
E.D.Dick,
W.F.Bradley, Secretaries.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

THREE HUNDRED NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 27, 1948, 10:10 A.M.

The nine o'clock service Wednesday morning was in the nature of a symposium by the North American union conference presidents. Following song, a brief scripture reading and prayer, Elder N.C.Wilson introduced the president of each of the ten unions in turn. While recognizing the needs within their own fields, they bore a united testimony of loyalty and devotion to the mission program, growing out of the more intimate and fuller understanding of the needs of the foreign fields as the result of the stirring reports from these fields, brought by the division leaders in the morning and Sabbath meetings of the Council.

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At the close of the nine o'clock meeting, the Hon. Edwin C. Johnson, United States Senator from Colorado, entered and was introduced by M.V. Campbell, of the Central Union Conference.

Addressing the delegates, Senator Johnson spoke of the conditions in the world today, the low moral standards among men and women, the race for rearmament among the nations, and the preparations generally for a third world war. It is a sad situation indeed that we face, he said. He expressed his own personal conviction that what the world needs most today is more genuine religion. He said he was glad to greet a group whose thinking is along the line of answering the world's need by the promulgation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Elder McElhany, responding, spoke in appreciation of the Senator's earnest words. He also thanked Senator Johnson for his interest in our work, and wished him prosperity, and the blessing of God as he endeavors in his high office to uphold the great principles that we as a people hold so dear.

The fourteenth business session of the Council was opened with song and prayer, at 10:10 A.M., Wednesday, October 27.

PHYSICIANS' SALARIES:

A committee that had been appointed on the question of physicians' salaries reported, and their report was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The absence of a unified plan for the remuneration of our physicians has resulted in a degree of confusion which we feel may be harmful to the best interests of our medical institutions; and

WHEREAS, There is evidence of a desire for greater unity and uniformity in our objectives and policies among many of our physicians, members of our boards, and denominational leaders who are responsible for the administration of our medical institutions; and

WHEREAS, All departments of our denominational work have been established and developed on self-sacrificing principles and a spirit of missionary endeavor;

We recommend, 1. That the General Conference officers arrange to call together during this winter or spring a representative group of our physicians and medical administrators, who, with a number of our leading officers of the General Conference shall retire to a suitable place for the purpose of study and prayer over the entire problem of our medical institutional organization and physician employment, and that the

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results of this study be reported to the forthcoming session of the General Conference..

2. That all our medical institutional boards at home and abroad be urged to make no change in their plan of physician employment before the 1950 General Conference session at which time the report of the study recommended above shall be presented.

A final report from the Finance Committee was submitted, and adopted as follows:

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS TO COLLEGE BOOK STORES:

WHEREAS, Our college book stores are maintained at considerable operating expense principally to provide textbooks and other supplies to meet the school requirements of teachers and students; and

WHEREAS, This often requires stocking these supplies in quantity;

We recommend, That our college book stores in North America be granted the following special discounts on text and trade books for the school requirements of teachers and students:

Textbooks	20%
Trade books	30%

2. That college book stores refrain from supplying from stock purchased at these special discounts the needs of the local church or other than the school requirements of individuals.

3. That in the interests of prompt service the college book stores be authorized to order textbooks and trade books direct from the publishers, a duplicate copy of the order to go to the Book and Bible House and the billing to be made through the Book and Bible House unless otherwise agreeably arranged.

4. That in order that the Book and Bible House may have complete records of sales of denominational literature within its territory the college book store sales of such literature be included in the Book and Bible House report.

DISCOUNTS TO ACADEMY BOOK STORES:

We recommend, That the action taken at the 1948 Spring Meeting in respect to the discount allowed to academy book stores and which now reads,

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"Textbooks - less than 5 copies, net
5 or more copies at one purchase 5%"
be changed to read:

"Textbooks. 5%."

OPERATING SURPLUS LOCAL AND UNION CONFERENCES:

We recommend, 1. That the operating surplus of local conferences in North America be not less than 20% of the operating expense of the previous year, including the percentages; and further, that at least 50% of this surplus be held in cash or readily convertible securities.

2. That the respective union conferences in North America make provision for an operating surplus adequate to meet their respective requirements.

SUBSIDIZED SUSTENTATION BENEFICIARIES:

We recommend, That in view of the large number of young men and young women graduating from our colleges who should be employed by the denomination, the number of sustentation beneficiaries employed on a subsidy basis be reduced to a minimum.

DEPRECIATION POLICY FOR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS:

We recommend, That a representative committee be appointed to give study to the depreciation policy for educational institutions; this committee to report to the 1949 Autumn Council.

MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIPS:

We recommend, That provision be made for 99 ministerial internships for 1949; the allotment to be as follows:

1. That 79 internships be assigned to the several union conferences as follows:

Atlantic	7	Northern	6
Canadian	6	North Pacific	8
Central	7	Pacific	13
Columbia	10	Southern	8
Lake	8	Southwestern	6

2. Eleven internships to be assigned for colored workers and to be distributed by the General Conference Internship Committee in counsel with the several union conferences and the Colored Department.

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3. Nine internships to be assigned to the Home Foreign Bureau for distribution by the General Conference Internship Committee in counsel with the Home Foreign Bureau.

AMENDMENTS TO SUSTENTATION POLICY:

A committee that had been giving study to Sustentation problems submitted a number of amendments to the Sustentation Policy, which were adopted as follows:

We recommend, 1. That beginning January 1, 1949, the family rate of workers in North America eligible for sustentation be \$65.00 a month for fifteen years of service, and that for each year of service from fifteen to forty there be added \$2.75 a month, making a maximum of \$133.75 for forty or more years of service. In the case of applicants who have rendered service in the Hinsdale Sanitarium 50% of \$2.75 shall be deducted for each year of service at the Hinsdale Sanitarium prior to 1932.

2. That the child allowance be increased to \$15 a month.

3. That the maximum monthly medical allowance be increased from \$15 to \$20 a month.

4. That the following be added to the Sustentation Policy: "An individual who has reached the age of sixty years and who has given thirty-two years of service may elect to retire on sustentation; or the employing organization may elect to recommend him for admittance to the Sustentation Fund provided that in the event of his being admitted to the fund, the said organization pays to the Sustentation Fund the equivalent of his salary for six months in addition to supplementing him sustentation allowance for six months. This provision shall not be interpreted to be a guarantee of continuous employment up to the time a worker reaches the age of sixty years. In case of retirement because of physical infirmities the six months' appropriation to the Sustentation Fund shall be waived."

5. That paragraphs 90 and 91 of the Sustentation Policy be revised to read as follows:

"Advanced age shall not be accepted as a basis for sustentation unless the applicant has reached the age of sixty-five years, or at the age of sixty has given not less than thirty-two years of service to the cause. All applicants for sustentation who are under sixty-five years of age, unless they have reached the age of sixty and have thirty-two years of service to their credit, shall submit with their application a medical report from a physician recognized by the Sustentation Committee, and no worker shall be admitted to the Sustentation Fund who is below sixty-five except for serious disability unless he is past sixty and has thirty-two years of service.

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"This regulation which provides that advanced age shall not be a basis for sustentation unless the applicant has reached the age of sixty-five or sixty in the case of workers who have given thirty-two or more years of service to the denomination, is not intended nor should it be interpreted as suggesting that these are retirement ages irrespective of health, ability, and opportunity for service, but the regulation should be understood as merely setting a minimum limit when age alone may be considered a determining factor in granting or electing sustentation.

6. That the following paragraphs be added to the Sustentation Policy;

a. "When a widow who is a beneficiary of the Sustentation Fund because of having been left with one or more dependent children finds it possible to secure full-time work for a denominational organization, the Sustentation Committee may adjust her allowance so that it may be considered as applying primarily for the benefit of her dependents, and under these conditions the employing organization should pay her salary or wages that do not take into account the fact that she is receiving assistance from the fund, and the period of time during which she serves as a full-time employee will be added to any service credit which she may already have. A widow who is receiving benefits from the fund because of having dependent children and who is able to work only part time in a denominational institution or office, may also be paid wages which do not take into account the fact that she is receiving assistance from the fund, but such part-time service will not add to any service credit which she may already have."

b. "Sustentation beneficiaries who are employed temporarily in a conference or institution for a period not to exceed three months in any one year may be paid up to full salary, including their sustentation, at the discretion of the employing body."

c. "Regularly appointed field representatives of the Religious Liberty Association who work a minimum of 30 hours a week, 120 hours a calendar month, or a minimum of 1200 hours a year based on at least forty weekly reports, be recognized as being in active denominational service; such service to be credited on their eligibility for benefits from the Sustentation Fund. In case the representative is a woman, the minimum monthly requirement shall be 100 hours, and a minimum of 1,000 hours from at least forty weekly reports for a year."

7. That a note be inserted in the sustentation application blank making it clear that those who have reached the age of retirement need not answer Questions 14, 15 and 16 pertaining to the ownership of a home, other property, and independent income.

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The following recommendations from a Committee on Publishing Problems were adopted:

TRANSLATION OF AMERICAN WORKS BY OVERSEAS HOUSES:

WHEREAS, Our various denominational books published in the United States are covered by royalty agreements as regards the text, and by copyright restrictions as regards each illustration, which bind the publishers by certain legal restrictions;

We recommend, That we request our overseas publishing houses that wish to republish in the original language or translate and publish any of our books published in the United States to secure permission and make proper arrangements, both with the original publisher and the author, both as to text and pictures, before taking any steps to translate or publish.

WHEREAS, Certain of our journals published in the United States contain copyrighted articles and pictures;

We recommend, That we request our overseas editors to communicate with the editors of the American journals from which they may wish to draw material, to make sure of a mutual understanding on legal rights.

LEGAL CORPORATION FOR
PROPERTIES OF SELF-SUPPORTING UNITS:

From a meeting of the Home Officers and the Union Conference Presidents the following recommendation was presented, and was by vote adopted:

WHEREAS, The Autumn Council of 1945 recommended that the General Conference Committee cooperate in organizing a legal corporation to serve as a holding corporation for properties of the various self-supporting units; and

WHEREAS, Further study in an effort to develop this organization has led to the opinion that it is inadvisable and impractical for the General Conference to assume responsibility in this organization as recommended in the 1945 Autumn Council action;

We recommend, That while continuing in our endeavors to cooperate with the self-supporting units in their work in every way deemed advisable, we hereby rescind our action concerning the development of a general legal holding corporation contained in the actions entitled, "Seventh-day Adventist Self-Supporting Institutions," in the Autumn Council Minutes of 1945, Section 2, paragraphs a, b, c, and d, and Section 3.

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DIVISION OF WEST AFRICAN TERRITORY:

The following recommendations on the division of the West African territory were adopted:

We recommend, 1. That all of the French territories located in West Africa and at present included in the West African Union Mission, with the exception of the Ivory Coast, Togoland, and Dahomie, be transferred to the Southern European Division.

2. That the matter of the division as between the Southern European Division and the West African Union Mission, of the assets related to these territories, be referred to the Budget Committee where the budget is concerned and to the General Conference Committee in respect to other assets.

THE BUDGET:

The report of the Budget Committee was presented, and adopted as follows:

THE BUDGET FOR 1949

We Recommend, That the base and special appropriations for 1949 to the world fields be made from the following estimated income and available funds:

Regular General Conference income	9 281 290 00
General Conference Surplus	706 000 00
Institutional Relief Funds	155 000 00
Church Extension Funds	<u>207 500 00</u>

Total Estimated Income and Available Funds for 1949	10 349 790 00
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We Recommend, 1. That the regular base appropriations for 1949 be as follows:

OVERSEAS:

Australia	100 000 00	
China	823 200 00	
Far East	677 200 00	
Inter-America	655 300 00	
No. Europe (Including Ethiopia)	257 250 00	
South America	710 500 00	
Southern Africa	810 200 00	
Southern Asia	804 000 00	
So. Europe (Including French W.Afr.)	668 300 00	
Unattached Union Territories:		
British	79 250 00	
Middle East	270 750 00	
West Africa	193 250 00	
World Edition Review & Herald	75 000 00	
Reconstruction Base	<u>165 000 00</u>	6 289 200 00

INTERNATIONAL RADIO:

Production Expense and Specials	76 000 00	
Australia	5 000 00	
China	35 000 00	
Far East	25 000 00	
Inter-America	48 500 00	
No. Europe	25 000 00	
South America	64 000 00	
Southern Africa	25 000 00	
Southern Asia	30 000 00	
So. Europe (Including French W.Afr.)	42 000 00	
Unattached Union Territories:		
British	18 000 00	
Middle East	10 000 00	
West Africa	<u>9 000 00</u>	<u>412 500 00</u>

Total Overseas Base Appropriations	6 701 700 00
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NORTH AMERICA:

Canada		56 750 00	
Southern:			
Colored	35 000 00		
Rural Schools	<u>3 000 00</u>	38 000 00	
Oakwood College		21 500 00	
Riverside Sanitarium		17 800 00	
Southwestern:			
White	5 000 00		
Colored	14 000 00		
Spanish-American Seminary	<u>10 140 00</u>	29 140 00	
Home-Foreign Department		102 700 00	
S.D.A.Theo.Seminary		63 000 00	
College Medical Evangelists		100 000 00	
<u>Review and Herald Quarterly Issue</u>		<u>7 000 00</u>	435 890 00

GENERAL:

Missions Extension	150 000 00	
Administration	990 000 00	
Miscellaneous & Fixed	<u>1 003 700 00</u>	<u>2 143 700 00</u>

Total Base Appropriation for North America and General	2 579 590 00
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Total Base Appropriations for 1949	9 281 290 00
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2. That Special Appropriations be as follows:

OVERSEAS:

Australia	25 000 00
China	150 000 00
Far East	40 000 00
Inter-America	40 000 00
No. Europe (Including Ethiopia)	42 500 00
South America	40 000 00
Southern Africa	40 000 00
Southern Asia(Including Velore M C)	45 000 00
So. Europe (Including French W.Afr.)	42 000 00
Unattached Union Territories:	
British	12 500 00
Middle East	12 500 00
West Africa	<u>10 500 00</u>

Total Special Appropriations Overseas	500 000 00
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NORTH AMERICA AND GENERAL:

Atlantic Union:	
Evan.Funds, Gr.New York (White and Colored)	15 000 00
Central Union:	
Evan.Funds (Colored Miss.)	1 000 00
Southern Union:	
Evan.Funds (Colored Miss.)	2 000 00

Southwestern Union:

Evan.Funds (Colored Miss.)	1 000 00	
College Medical Evangelists	90 000 00	
Funds for Small Conferences	25 000 00	
Ministerial Internships, War Emergency	20 000 00	
North American Radio	50 000 00	
Oakwood College	<u>2 000 00</u>	206 000 00

North American Sanitariums:

Boulder	15 000 00
Florida	20 000 00
Hinsdale	20 000 00
New England	20 000 00
Paradise Valley	20 000 00
Portland	40 000 00
St. Helena	<u>20 000 00</u>

Total Appropriations from Institutional Relief	<u>155 000 00</u>
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Total Special Appropriations, Foreign, North America and General	861 000 00
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3. That the following appropriations for 1949 be made from the Church Extension Fund to Overseas and North American Division:

OVERSEAS:

Australia	6 500 00	
China	13 500 00	
Far East	13 500 00	
Inter-America	13 500 00	
N. Europe (Including Ethiopia)	12 500 00	
South America	12 500 00	
Southern Africa	11 500 00	
Southern Asia	11 000 00	
So.Europe (Including French W.Afr.)	13 500 00	
Unattached Union Territories:		
British	7 500 00	
Middle East	4 500 00	
West Africa	<u>4 000 00</u>	124 000 00

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NORTH AMERICAAtlantic Union

Greater New York	12 500 00	12 500 00
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Canadian Union

Moncton, N.B.	3 500 00	
Toronto, Ont., Ukr.	3 500 00	7 000 00

Central Union

Los Animas, Colo.	90 00	
La Junta, Colo.	90 00	
Boulder, Colo.	900 00	
Hutchinson, Kans.	1 100 00	
Bethel, Kans.	550 00	
Fairmont, Mo.	180 00	
Kansas City, Mo., Park Mem.	550 00	
Kansas City, Mo., Central	550 00	
Frederickton, Mo.	340 00	
St. Joseph, Mo., colored	550 00	
North Platte, Nebr.	550 00	
Grand Island, Nebr.	550 00	
Pine Bluffs, Wyo.	1 000 00	7 000 00

Columbia Union

Washington, D.C., Penna Ave.	571.50	
Spencerville, Md.	571 50	
Baltimore, Md.; Brooklyn	571 50	
Silver Spring, Md.	571 50	
New Brunswick, NJ	761 50	
Washington, Pa.	381 00	
Carlisle, Pa.	976 50	
Williamsport, Pa.	1 500 00	
Newport News, Va. colored	571 00	
Petersburg, Va.	381 00	
Parkersburg, W.Va.	1 143 00	8 000 00

Lake Union

Danville, Ill.	750 00	
Streator, Ill.	1 000 00	
Tell City, Ind.	750 00	
Seymour, Ind.	750 00	
Battle Creek, colored	750 00	
Jackson, Mich.	2 500 00	
Almond, Wis.	500 00	
Fond du Lac, Wis.	1 000 00	8 000 00

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<u>Northern Union</u>		
Waterloo, Iowa	1 500 00	
Glenwood, Minn.	750 00	
Wadena, Minn.	900 00	
Ellendale, N.D.	1 500 00	
Bottineau, N.D.	500 00	
Hot Springs, S.D.	<u>850 00</u>	6 000 00
 <u>North Pacific</u>		
Tacoma, Wash.	<u>10 000 00</u>	10 000 00
 <u>Pacific Union</u>		
Tempe, Ariz.	5 000 00	
Kekaha, Hawaii	2 800 00	
Wahiawa, Hawaii	<u>1 200 00</u>	9 000 00
 <u>Southern Union</u>		
Charlotte, N.C.	4 500 00	
Mobile, Ala.	<u>4 500 00</u>	9 000 00
 <u>Southwestern Union</u>		
Fort Smith, Ark.	1 000 00	
Harrison, Ark.	1 000 00	
Baton Rouge, La., colored	1 200 00	
Wichita Falls, Tex., col.	1 200 00	
Enid, Okla.	1 400 00	
Shawnee, Okla.	700 00	
Tucumcari, N.Mex.	<u>500 00</u>	<u>7 000 00</u>
Total for North America		83 500 00
Total for Overseas Fields		<u>124 000 00</u>
Total appropriations from Church Extension Fund		207 500 00

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

Base, all Divisions		9 281 290 00
Specials:		
Overseas Divisions	500 000 00	
North America and General	<u>361 000 00</u>	861 000 00
Church Extension Fund:		
Overseas Divisions	124 000 00	
North America	<u>83 500 00</u>	207 500 00
Estimated Revertible Funds:		
Overseas, Basis 1947	1 405 324 78	
North America, Basis 1947	<u>1 691 686 83</u>	<u>3 097 011 61</u>
Total Appropriations for 1949 including Reversions 1947 Basis		13 446 801 61

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The following further recommendations from the Budget Committee were adopted:

We recommend, 1. That the Home Study Institute and the Spanish-American Seminary be granted the regular junior college operating comeback subsidy beginning January 1, 1949.

2. That the amount to be furnished by the General Conference for small conferences in North America for 1949 be reduced to \$25,000 instead of matching dollar for dollar as provided for in the regular policy.

3. That the Central European Division be authorized to use all mission funds collected during 1949 in reconstruction and building chapels in Germany, giving report of funds received and expended to the General Conference.

4. That we authorize the General Conference Treasurer to pay from the sustentation trust fund a sufficient sum to appropriate \$15,000 to each of our senior and junior colleges in the North American Division for 1949.

5. That an operating budget for the School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine, amounting to \$10,000, for the year 1949, be granted to the College of Medical Evangelists, from the 1949 Contingency Fund.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The Nominating Committee submitted a final report, which was adopted as follows:

We recommend, 1. For associate secretary of the General Conference Medical Department, Dr. J.W. McFarland.

2. That the filling of any other positions be referred to the General Conference Committee.

MISSIONS EXTENSION PROJECTS:

VOTED, That the selection of the projects to benefit by the Missions Extension Offering in 1949 be referred to the General Conference Committee.

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As the Council drew to a close, Elder McElhany expressed his appreciation of the faithful work done by the various committees, and of the good attendance at all the meetings of the Council. He referred to the good reports from the overseas divisions, and the response from the North American representatives, in which they declared their devotion to the work of foreign missions as well as to the work at home. The success of this work, he said, must ever rest in the fact that the work is a unit the world around. He appealed for a renewed consecration and rededication of our lives, and that all should pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit for the speedy finishing of the work.

The Council adjourned sine die, and as all stood, signifying their purpose to reconsecrate and rededicate their lives to the work of God, and their desire for an outpouring of His Holy Spirit, earnest prayer was offered by W.H.Branson and A.W.Cormack.

J.L.McElhany,
L.K.Dickson, Chairman.

E.D.Dick,
N.W.Dunn, Secretaries
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

THREE HUNDRED TENTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Denver, Colorado, October 27, 1948, 1:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

J L McElhany, L K Dickson, A V Olson, J J Nethery, C W Bozarth, W R Beach, A L Ham, R R Figuhr, V T Armstrong, G A Lindsay, E L Branson, E D Dick, H T Elliott, J I Robison, E E Roenfelt, W F Bradley, N W Dunn, A W Cormack, W E Nelson, W H Williams, E J Johanson, J F Cummins, M E Kern, M K Eckenroth, W A Scharffenberg, Claude Conard, K J Reynolds, D E Rebok, C S Longacre, C L Bauer, H L Rudy, T E Lucas, L A Skinner, A F Tarr, V G Anderson, L E Froom, E J Lorntz, E W Dunbar, P L Williams, C B Haynes, R Ruhling, M Fridlin, J A Stevens, J W Turner, O A Blake, F Griggs, M V Campbell, G A Roberts, W E Phillips, J D Smith, Miss Lois Burnett, Dr T R Flaiz, H M Blunden, W F Elliott, H P Bloum, D A McAdams, E A Moon, L E Lenheim, F Brennwald, F D Nichol, E B Hare, H A Morrison, R Gerber, G A Huse, E E Andross, W E Murray, C A Scriven, J A Buckwalter.

Prayer by R.R.Figuhr.

NORTH AMERICAN FIELD--W.B.OCHS:

Inasmuch as N.C.Wilson, who has been serving as Vice-president of the General Conference for North America, has accepted the call to the presidency of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference,

VOTED, That W.B.Ochs be asked to devote as much of his time as may be possible to the interests of the North American Division until the time of the 1950 General Conference session.

EQUALIZATION OF RENT SUBSIDY:

VOTED, That it shall be considered no violation of the policy with respect to subsidies and bonuses when adjustments are made in order to equalize the rent subsidy as between the worker who owns his own home and the worker who rents, effective as from January 1, 1948; it being understood that such adjustment shall apply only to the rent subsidy.

PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL AND SPRING MEETING:

VOTED, That the date for the union and local conference presidents' council and the Spring Meeting be April 5 - 14, 1949, in Takoma Park.

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CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH'S PERIODICAL:

VOTED, That no plans be initiated for bringing out a proposed Children's and Youth's Periodical until the matter can be studied at the Spring Meeting; and that the Committee in Washington be asked to appoint a committee to give preliminary study to this question and be prepared to make recommendation.

HOME FOR THE BLIND:

M.V.Campbell reported on the desire of the Christian Record Benevolent Association to erect a home for needy blind, in Lincoln, with some of the money they receive through solicitation in behalf of the blind, the home to accommodate sixty persons. It is estimated that the cost of erecting the home would be \$235,000, and the plan is not to begin construction until the \$235,000 is in hand. It is understood that such a home will not be self-supporting, but rather will have to be subsidized by the Christian Record from funds received through solicitation.

VOTED, That we approve of the plan as outlined of accumulating the funds necessary for the establishment of a home for the blind before any steps are taken toward its construction.

J.J.NETHERY--RELEASED FROM VISIT TO WEST AFRICA:

VOTED, That J.J.Nethery be released from the assignment to visit the West African Union Mission.

H.M.BLUNDEN--WEST AFRICA:

VOTED, That H.M.Blunden be asked to make the visit to the West African Union.

COLLEGE SURVEY COMMISSION:

VOTED, That J.J.Nethery, E.E.Cossentine, K.J.Reynolds, E.J.Johanson and W.H.Williams be the General Conference representatives on the College Survey Commission; J.J.Nethery to serve as chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The following recommendation from the Plans Committee of the Autumn Council was presented, and adopted:

WHEREAS, Union Sabbath School Department Secretaries in the North American Division have been considered as members of the Advisory Committee of the General Conference Sabbath School Department,

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We recommend, That the phrase "and Union Conference Sabbath School Secretaries in the North American Division" be added to the Advisory Committee of the General Conference Sabbath School Department as listed in the current Year Book.

E.L.GRAFF--FLORIDA SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union Conference and the Hinsdale Sanitarium the call from the Southern Union for E.L. Graff to connect with the Florida Sanitarium as head of the X-ray Department.

VERNON DUNN--WALLA WALLA COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union Conference and Union College the call from the North Pacific Union for Vernon Dunn to connect with Walla Walla College in the business department.

W.A.DUNN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That we authorize the permanent return of W.A. Dunn from the Southern Asia Division, for health reasons.

L.A.VIXIE--RELEASED:

VOTED, That in view of his condition of health, L.A. Vixie be released from the call to the Publishing Department of the Northern European Division.

R.S.LOWRY--RETURN TO SOUTHERN ASIA:

VOTED, To rescind our action of September 2, 1948, granting permanent return status to R.S.Lowry, and that Brother Lowry be invited to return to the Southern Asia Division.

TEMPERANCE SECRETARIES' COUNCIL:

VOTED, That the Temperance Secretaries' Council, authorized by the Autumn Council, be appointed to meet in Washington, January 2-6, 1949.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That we approve of the following appointments and itineraries:

W.B.Ochs: Pacific Union, November 6-13; Hinsdale, November 22, 23, to joint Lake Union and Hinsdale Sanitarium Board meeting; New Brunswick, New Jersey, church dedication, November 27; month of February in Pacific Union for constituency meetings.

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L.K.Dickson: Pacific Union following Autumn Council, including week-end rally in Southeastern California, San Diego, November 13, and remaining until November 30 for the opening of the Oakland Central Church.

M.L.Andreasen: Oakwood College, week end early in December; Hawaii, annual workers' meeting, and visit the field, December 15 - January 15.

Meade MacGuire: Canadian Union College Week of Prayer, November 26 - December 4; British Columbia, December 6 - 11.

N.W.Dunn: Week of Prayer at New England Sanitarium, November 13 - 20.

W.E.Phillips, H.F.Bloum, F.Brennwald: Union College audit en route from Denver to Washington.

W.E.Phillips: Southwestern Union Treasurers' meeting, Fort Worth, November 22, 23.

J.A.Buckwalter: Pacific Press, Temperance magazine matters, November 2-12; Ontario-Quebec Conference, December 11-20; Minnesota, December 8, 9.

G.M.Mathews: Michigan Elementary Teachers' institute, Holly, November 21-24.

Mrs. Arabella Moore: Charleston, West Virginia, November 4-6; Ohio teachers' institute, Mt. Vernon, November 7 - 9.

E.J.Lorntz: Arkansas-Louisiana, in connection with Dorcas Federation meetings, October 30 - November 7.

T.L.Oswald: Greater New York, week end of December 4-6, to visit churches and attend workers' meetings; East Pennsylvania, November 6, lay preachers' institute.

J.E.Edwards: Southern Union, November 3-10, for workers' meetings in South Atlantic and Carolina Conferences; West Pennsylvania layman's rally in Pittsburgh, November 12-14.

Dr. T.R.Flaiz: Vancouver, British Columbia, November 28-29, in connection with trip to West Coast.

R.A.Anderson: La Sierra College and College of Medical Evangelists for brief evangelistic institutes, November 12-28; Wisconsin workers' meeting, December 19-22.

Louise C.Kleuser: Bible instructors' institutes at Pacific Union College and La Sierra College, in November.

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G.E.Peters: visit Northern Union some time in December.

Paul Wickman: Glendale, on radio matters, following Autumn Council; Union College Week of Prayer, March 3 -10.

H.W.Lowe: Atlantic Union College Week of Prayer, November 14-20; Northern New England Sabbath School convention, December 13-15.

E.W.Dunbar: Missionary Volunteer secretaries' councils, Lake Union, December 16-19; Northern, November 19-22; Central Union, November 23-24.

T.E.Lucas: East Pennsylvania Missionary Volunteer institutes and rallies, November 5-13; Southwestern Union, November 19 - December 4.

L.I.Skinner: Canadian Union, rallies and institutes, November 12-27; Pacific and North Pacific Union joint Missionary Volunteer secretaries' convention, December 1-8.

C.B.Haynes: Illinois Conference workers' meeting, November 9 - 11; Carolina Conference, Charleston, ten days or two weeks' evangelistic effort, November 21 - December 5.

A.L.White: Spanish Bronx church in New York City, week end of November 6.

D.E.Robinson: Southern Missionary College, February 21-26; Carolina, February 28 - March 12.

A.Minck: Pacific Union, October 30 - November 6; Chicago November 13; New York City, November 20.

W.Mueller: Pacific Union, October 30 - November 8; Oklahoma, November 12,13; Philadelphia, November 19; New York City, November 20.

O.Schildhauer: Pacific Union, October 30 - November 6; New York City, November 20.

Representative of Bureau of Press Relations: Southern and Southwestern Union secretaries' council, Nashville, November 29 - December 2.

The meeting was closed with prayer, by R.Ruhling.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.

E.D.Dick, Secretary.

E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.