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ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 9, 1952

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W H Branson, R H Adair, Roger Altman, R A Anderson, V G Anderson, H W Barrows, C L Bauer, W A Benjamin, H P Bloum, C W Bozarth, W P Bradley, F Brennwald, N F Brewer, H F Brown, M V Campbell, A W Cormack, E E Cossentine, J F Cummins, E D Dick, L K Dickson, E W Dunbar, N W Dunn, J E Edwards, H T Elliott, A A Esteb, L C Evans, J R Ferren, R R Figuhr, T R Flaiz, L E Froom, A L Ham, E B Hare, W J Harris, G A Huse, A W Johnson, M E Kern, H W Klaser, Louise Kleuser, F B Knight, L E Lenheim, E J Lorntz, H W Lowe, T E Lucas, G M Mathews, D A McAdams, J L McElhany, J W McFarland, L L Moffitt, H A Morrison, C E Moseley, W A Nelson, W E Nelson, F D Nichol, D A Ochs, W B Ochs, A V Olson, T L Oswald, G E Peters, W E Read, K J Reynolds, M L Rice, J I Robison, E E Roenfelt, H L Rudy, J D Smith, J A Stevens, Carl Sundin, M C Taft, W H Teesdale, J C Thompson, C L Torrey, H H Votaw, B E Wagner, E R Walde, A L White, R M Whitsett, Paul Wickman, W H Williams, G J Appel, V T Armstrong, W R Beach, O A Blake, L F Bohner, Glenn Calkins, F G Clifford, Duncan Eva, M Fridlin, R Gerber, R H Hartwell, M E Kemmerer, G A Lindsay, Alf Lohne, C C Morris, F A Mote, W Mueller, W E Murray, L H Olson, W L Pascoe, R H Pierson, Milton Robison, A H Roth, Walter Schubert, O Schuberth, C P Sorensen, A F Tarr, R S Watts, P L Williams, Neal C Wilson

Prayer by G.J.Appel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting of August 28 were approved.

RALPH L JONES--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Ralph L. Jones be released from the call to connect with the Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference for secretarial work, since health conditions in the family make it impossible for him to accept.

HAROLD KURTZ--CAMP PASTOR FOR GERMANY:

VOTED, To invite Harold Kurtz of Takoma Park to serve as camp pastor in Germany to assist Seventh-day Adventist boys in the armed services, in harmony with our action of November 1, 1951.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT--WORKBOOK FOR PRIMARY DIVISION:

VOTED, That the Sabbath School Department be authorized to proceed with the preparation and publication of a workbook for use in the Primary Division of the Sabbath school.

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E D DICK--THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY:

Consideration was given to an action that was taken by the Board of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in a meeting held on September 8, requesting the General Conference to release E.D.Dick from the secretaryship of the General Conference in order that he might serve as the president of the Seminary. The chairman made reference to the long, faithful, and efficient service that Brother Dick has given to the cause and the loss that the General Conference would sustain should it lose him from its secretaryship. He pointed out, however, that the Seminary is in great need of the kind of leadership that Brother Dick is qualified to give. Brother Dick spoke of the pleasure and satisfaction that he has derived from his work as Secretary of the General Conference, but assured the Committee that he is prepared to serve wherever it is felt that his services are most needed and where, in the opinion of the Committee, he can at this time make his best contribution to the cause. He stated that he was informed of the Seminary's request for his services as its president and that he has intimated that he is resting the decision relative to his future service in the hands of the Committee. It was

VOTED, That we invite E.D.Dick to respond to the call of the Theological Seminary to serve as its president, and that we hereby with regret accept his resignation from the secretaryship of the General Conference.

E D DICK--EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION TO:

VOTED, That we express to E.D.Dick our sincere appreciation of the faithful and efficient service, the wise counsel, and the strong but kindly and understanding leadership that he has given to the cause of God during the sixteen years that he has served as Secretary of the General Conference.

APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL CONFERENCE SECRETARY:

VOTED, That the matter of appointing a Secretary for the General Conference be listed on the Autumn Council agenda.

E D DICK--TO CONTINUE AS SECRETARY DURING AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, To request E.D.Dick to continue in the secretarial work of the General Conference during the time of the coming Autumn Council, or until his successor can take over his responsibilities.

ASSOCIATION OF SELF-SUPPORTING INSTITUTIONS--RESOLUTIONS:

VOTED, To place on record the resolutions adopted by the fifth annual meeting of the Association of Self-Supporting Institutions, held in Loveland, Colorado, August 13-16, 1952, as follows:

"Voted, That this Fifth Annual Convention of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Self-Supporting Institutions, in a resolution to the General Conference, express our determination to do all that we can to help in finishing the work of God, and that we pledge our wholehearted cooperation with the General Conference and all related organizations and endeavors to this end.

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"Voted, That we express appreciation to the General Conference for the men and funds that have helped to make this meeting possible."

AUTUMN COUNCIL--INVITATIONS:

VOTED, That the following persons be invited to attend the Autumn Council: John Anderson, N.B.Nielsen, R.J.Roy, Dr. L.A.Senseman, and Mrs. Theodora Wangerin.

A W JOHNSON--SEMINARY FALL TERM:

VOTED, To grant the request of the Theological Seminary Board that A.W.Johnson teach certain classes during the fall term.

W E READ--SEMINARY WINTER TERM:

VOTED, To grant the request of the Theological Seminary Board that W.E.Read teach during the winter term.

WEST INDIAN TRAINING COLLEGE:

VOTED, To approve the plan of the Inter-American Division Committee to continue the West Indian Training College at its present location in Mandeville, Jamaica, in view of the improved water supply and other conditions.

W CADIZ--PUERTO RICO:

VOTED, To request the Southwestern Union and Texico Conference to release W. Cadiz to return to Inter-America to connect with the Puerto Rico Conference as a department secretary.

D M INGERSOLL--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of D.M.Ingersoll of the Ecuador Mission as recommended by the South American Division.

H A MUNSON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of H.A.Munson of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital for health reasons.

H E R SCHELL--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of H.E.R.Schell of the Indonesia Publishing House at his own request and on recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

SVERRE SVENSON--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Sverre Svenson be released from the call to the Baghdad Hospital in view of the fact that the family is not given health clearance.

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DR. IRA E BAILIE--PARAGUAY:

VOTED, To invite Dr. Ira E. Bailie of California to connect with the South American Division for medical work in Paraguay.

G W GREER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That authorization be given for the permanent return of G.W. Greer from Australia as recommended by the Division.

R W COON--WEST AFRICAN UNION:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and Southern California Conference to release R.W.Coon of Lynwood, Calif., to connect with the West African Union Mission as radio evangelist.

R E HANKS--ETHIOPIA:

VOTED, To invite R.E.Hanks of Los Angeles, Calif., to connect with the Northern European Division as X ray and laboratory technician in the Ethiopian Union Mission.

VENESSA BOVEY--SOUTHERN ASIA:

VOTED, To request the Atlantic Union and Southern New England Conference to release Miss Venessa Bovey to connect with the Southern Asia Division as Bible instructor in the South India Union Mission.

ROY L HENRIKSON--SOUTHERN ASIA:

VOTED, To request the North Pacific Union and Upper Columbia Conference to release Roy L. Henrikson to connect with the office of the Southern Asia Division for treasury work.

OPAL WHITEAKER--SINGAPORE:

VOTED, To invite Miss Opal Whiteaker of Los Banos, California, to connect with the Far Eastern Division for nursing service in Singapore.

MRS. JUANITA HODDE--GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE:

VOTED, To request the Columbia Union and East Pennsylvania Conference to release Mrs. Juanita Hodde to connect with the General Conference office for stenographic work in the Home Missionary Department.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That we approve the following appointments:

Dr. Wayne McFarland to American Hospital Administrators' Council, Philadelphia, September 16.

Dr. H.M.Johnstone, of Jamaica, to Washington from New York at General Conference expense.

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F.L.Peterson to Lake Region Youth's Congress, Chicago, October 17-19.

Henry Brown to Dorcas Federation Meeting, Michigan, November, date to be arranged.

H.P.Evens of Southern Publishing Association, to Michigan Conference, October 3-24.

J.E.Edwards to Home Missionary Rally, Pittsburgh, Pa., October 11,12; to Parkersburg, W.Va., October 18.

Percy W. Manuel to New Jersey Conference for Sabbath appointment, September 13 or 20, one half expense to New Jersey Conference.

Wesley Amundsen to Wytheville, Va., September 12-14.

P.F.Lemon to Wilmington, Delaware, September 27, one half expense to Chesapeake Conference.

W.J.Harris to Sabbath School Centennial program, Battle Creek, Mich., October 25.

H.W.Lowe to Richmond, Va., November 1.

C.B.Haynes to Workers' Meeting, Greater New York Conference, October 6; to Southern Missionary College October 17.

ADJOURNED.

W.H.Branson, Chairman
E.E.Roenfelt, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

AUTUMN COUNCIL

Sligo Church
Takoma Park, Maryland, September 17-25, 1952

ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 17, 1952, 7:45 P.M.

The first business session of the Council convened in the Sligo church at 7:45 Wednesday evening, September 17.

PRESENT:

There were present during the Council representatives of all the overseas divisions, including the presidents, treasurers, secretaries, and a number of delegates to the Bible Conference held in Takoma Park September 1 to 13, together with nearly all the members of the General Conference Committee resident in North America and the North American local conference presidents, union conference treasurers, auditors and assistant auditors, the union colored evangelists, representatives of the College of Medical Evangelists, the presidents of junior and senior colleges, representatives of the publishing houses and medical institutions, teachers of the Theological Seminary, representatives of Faith for Today and the Voice of Prophecy, and the pastors of churches in the Washington area.

Elder W.H.Branson, the Chairman, greeted the delegates following a short devotional service which included the singing of a hymn, a Scripture reading by V.T.Armstrong, prayer by J.L.McElhany, and a duet by M.E.Dawson and V.B. Engeberg of the Review & Herald.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

C.L.Torrey, the Treasurer, reviewed briefly the state of turmoil and confusion in the political and financial worlds which inevitably has its effect upon our denominational financial situation and plans. He urged that throughout the world all conferences, missions, and institutions set a goal of liquidating all indebtedness as soon as possible. He stated that the total requests for appropriations for 1953 amount to \$20,075,286.86. Speaking of tithe and mission offerings, he said that the ten years 1941-1951 show an increase of 234.7% in tithes and 151.9% in offerings. The total mission offerings received by the General Conference in 1951 from the world field amounted to \$10,556,681.18. "I wish to pay tribute to the administrators of our work right around the world for their untiring efforts in keeping before our people the goal of this denomination, 'The gospel to all the world.'" Concerning baptisms, church and Sabbath school membership, he presented the information that 70,473 persons were baptized in 1951, making a total membership of 803,720, with a Sabbath school membership of 1,034,160. In conclusion he stated: "It is not by financial might, but by His Spirit and power that the work will be finished."

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W.H.Williams then presented the Financial Statement for the first six months of 1952, as follows:

(See four pages following.)

The Estimated Needs for Foreign and North American Fields for 1953 were also presented by W.H.Williams, the Undertreasurer.

J.F.Cummins reported on securities held by the General Conference, which at the present time have a market value \$440,000 in excess of the book value. During the past twelve months 335 missionaries were sent out by travel arrangements made by the Transportation Department of the General Conference, said F.B.Knight, who added: "We are thankful to God for His watchcare over these workers as they traveled."

R.H.Adair, Assistant Treasurer in charge of sustentation workers and office personnel, reported a reserve in the Sustentation Fund of \$1,900,000, and that we have in North America 1,792 beneficiaries, or a total for the world field of just over 3,000 beneficiaries. He then reported briefly on the personnel problems of the office, with a departmental staff of 84 and a clerical staff of 145.

C.W.Bozarth, Assistant Treasurer caring for furlough and permanently returned workers, spoke of the satisfactions experienced in the most pleasant contacts with these groups.

DAILY PROGRAM:

The following Daily Program was adopted:

Devotional	8:30 - 9:30 A.M.
Council Session	10:00 - 12:30
Committees and Boards	2:00 - 3:15 P.M.
Council Session or Committees	3:30 - 6:00
Evening	7:45 - 9:00

STANDING COMMITTEES:

On nomination by the Executive Committee the following committees were appointed (names of those added from time to time being included here with those originally nominated):

Auditing Committee:

W.H.Branson, Chairman
C.L.Torrey, Secretary

R H Adair	W R Beach	A W Cormack	L C Evans
Roger Altman	L E Biggs	J F Cummins	R R Figuhr
V G Anderson	C W Bozarth	E D Dick	H C Hartman
G J Appel	W P Bradley	L K Dickson	F B Knight
V T Armstrong	Glenn Calkins	N W Dunn	A C Larson
C L Bauer	M V Campbell	H T Elliott	L E Lenheim

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Balance Sheet
June 30, 1952ASSETS

Cash, Banks & Securities			
Cash and Banks	2 840 954 07		
Securities	<u>10 772 543 30</u>	13 613 497 37	
Accounts Receivable			
Divisions	255 408 44		
Publishing Houses	213 830 44		
Transportation Agencies	83 751 66		
Personal and Miscellaneous	<u>259 519 44</u>	812 509 98	
Inventories and Prepaid Items			
American Temperance Society Stock	6 237 37		
Esda Sales & Service Inven. 6/30	192 558 51		
Miscellaneous Items	1 406 87		
Office Supplies and Stock	<u>10 238 68</u>	<u>210 441 43</u>	
Total Assets			<u><u>14 636 448 78</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable			
Divisions	958 762 70		
Publishing Houses	99 96		
Personal and Miscellaneous	<u>153 191 68</u>	1 112 054 34	
Trust Funds			
CME Building Funds from Organ.	950 376 83		
Famine Relief Funds Net	273 414 20		
Miscellaneous Funds	825 646 80		
Sustentation	<u>1 937 239 91</u>	3 986 677 74	
Deferred Items			
Blue Cross	321 90		
Unexpired Subscriptions	<u>8 590 19</u>	<u>8 912 09</u>	
Total Liabilities			5 107 644 17

NET WORTH

Regular			
Surplus Balance 1/1/52	6 502 343 66		
Net Gain for Six Months	<u>1 230 351 83</u>		
Total Operating Surplus		7 732 695 49	
Restricted Reserves			
Total Reserves (for itemization, see p. 2)		<u>1 796 109 12</u>	
Total Net Worth			<u>9 528 804 61</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Worth (Equal assets)			<u><u>14 636 448 78</u></u>

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Balance Sheet
June 30, 1952

Restricted Reserves Itemization

Equalization Fund	100 000 02
Exchange Reserve	474 867 73
General Conference Building	51 769 89
General Conference 1954 Session	30 000 00
Missions Funds Reserve	50 532 64
Securities Fluctuation Reserve	363 443 85
1952 Special Appropriations Reserve	2 300 000 00
Less: Payments made during 6 mos.	2 217 501 06
Rehabilitation Funds:	
Assigned to Divisions but Unused	363 054 29
Unassigned General Funds	256 137 30
Publishing Houses Restoration(net)	23 804 46
	<u>642 996 05</u>
Totals	<u>1 796 109 12</u>

Statement of Financial Position
and Comparison of Actual and Authorized Reserves

Reserves and Operating Funds

Restricted Reserves (Itemization above)	1 796 109 12
Trust Funds	3 986 677 74
Cash & Securities Available for Working Capital	<u>7 830 710 51</u>

Cash & Securities on Hand, June 30, 1952 13 613 497 37

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Working Capital

Cash & Securities Available for Working Capital	7 830 710 51
Excess of Accounts Payable over Accounts Receivable and Inventories	<u>98 015 02</u>
Actual Working Capital, June 30, 1952	7 732 695 49

General Conference Authorized Reserves

Operating Fund - 20% of 1951 Appropriations and Operating Expenses which amounted to	
20% of	14 047 668 61
Reserve Fund: 20% of	2 809 533 72
	<u>14 047 668 61</u>
	<u>5 619 067 44</u>

Working Capital in Excess of Authorized Reserves, June 30, 1952

2 113 628 05

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Operating Statement
For Six Months Ending June 30, 1952

	<u>INCOME</u>			<u>Increase Decrease*</u>
Tithes	<u>1952</u>	<u>1951</u>		
North America				
Union Tithes	122 378 42	113 536 22		8 842 20
Regular Percent of Tithes	2 409 543 71	2 221 780 43		187 763 28
Special Percent of Tithes	1 136 840 22	924 487 14		212 353 08
Miscellaneous	10 210 89	7 202 15		3 008 74
	<u>3 678 973 24</u>	<u>3 267 005 94</u>		<u>411 967 30</u>
Overseas				
Non-Revertible	40 758 04	32 065 71		8 692 33
Total Tithes	<u>3 719 731 28</u>	<u>3 299 071 65</u>		<u>420 659 63</u>
Mission Offerings				
North America				
Eighty-Cent-Per-Week Funds	5 337 514 81	5 033 976 91		303 537 90
Miscellaneous	5 873 68	5 900 95		27 27*
Gen. Conf. 1950 Session Pledges	1 500 00	702 75		797 25
	<u>5 344 888 49</u>	<u>5 040 580 61</u>		<u>304 307 88</u>
Overseas				
Non-Revertible Offerings	727 462 86	639 665 05		87 797 81
Total Mission Offerings	<u>6 072 351 35</u>	<u>5 680 245 66</u>		<u>392 105 69</u>
Miscellaneous Funds				
Dividends, Interest, etc.	153 384 60	110 746 28		42 638 32
Funds Returned & Reclaimed	5 200 54	52 198 16		46 997 62*
Legacies and Matured Annuities	2 572 76	22 123 99		19 551 23*
Miscellaneous Income	762 29	3 704 75		2 942 46*
Royalties	1 073 58	994 70		78 88
Specific Mission Funds Received	10 484 03	17 658 24		7 174 21*
	<u>173 477 80</u>	<u>207 426 12</u>		<u>33 948 32*</u>
Overseas				
Revertible Mission Offerings	593 492 74	554 014 97		39 477 77
Total Miscellaneous Funds	<u>766 970 54</u>	<u>761 441 09</u>		<u>5 529 45</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>10 559 053 17</u>	<u>9 740 758 40</u>		<u>818 294 77</u>
Less: Total Expenses	<u>9 328 701 34</u>	<u>8 630 452 74</u>		<u>698 248 60</u>
NET GAIN FOR SIX MONTHS Ending 6/30/52	<u>1 230 351 83</u>	<u>1 110 305 66</u>		<u>120 046 17</u>

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For Six Months Ending June 30, 1952

	<u>EXPENSES</u>			<u>Increase Decrease*</u>
	<u>1952</u>	<u>1951</u>		
Administration				
Salary & Expense of Departments	516 114 14	489 851 92	26 262 22	
Transportation Agencies	23 267 55	27 366 47	4 098 92*	
General Operating	40 101 74	38 394 00	1 707 74	
Totals	<u>579 483 43</u>	<u>555 612 39</u>	<u>23 871 04</u>	
Appropriations, Regular				
Overseas	3 955 624 86	3 831 748 22	123 876 64	
Home	322 332 40	250 920 06	71 412 34	
Miscel. & Fixed - Overseas Actual	189 870 00	201 846 83	11 976 83*	
Miscel. & Fixed - Home Actual	320 936 90	294 471 06	26 465 84	
E.G.White Publications - Actual Exp.	9 985 72	7 149 51	2 836 21	
Totals	<u>4 798 749 88</u>	<u>4 586 135 68</u>	<u>212 614 20</u>	
General and Specific Expenses				
Specific Mission Offerings				
Disbursed	10 484 03	17 658 24	7 174 21*	
General Items	13 121 56	8 205 56	4 916 00	
Totals	<u>23 605 59</u>	<u>25 863 80</u>	<u>2 258 21*</u>	
Appropriations by Reversion				
Home				
Ingathering Overflow	1 460 067 13	1 346 624 81	113 442 32	
Institutional Comeback	526 767 60	506 768 52	19 999 08	
N. Amer. Mission Funds Reverted	42 087 73	35 425 51	6 662 22	
Non-Tithe Funds Exchanged	1 136 840 22	924 487 14	212 353 08	
	<u>3 165 762 68</u>	<u>2 813 305 98</u>	<u>352 456 70</u>	
Overseas				
Regular Revertible Mission Offer.	593 492 74	554 014 84	39 477 90	
Special Reversions, Mission Offer.	75 234 11	66 446 42	8 787 69	
Spring in Tithes & Offerings	92 372 91	29 073 63	63 299 28	
Total Overseas Reversions	<u>761 099 76</u>	<u>649 534 89</u>	<u>111 564 87</u>	
Total Reversions	<u>3 926 862 44</u>	<u>3 462 840 87</u>	<u>464 021 57</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES - 6 mos. to June 30	<u>9 328 701 34</u>	<u>8 630 452 74</u>	<u>698 248 60</u>	

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Dr. W E Macpherson	R H Nightingale	M L Rice	A F Tarr
F A Mote	D A Ochs	J I Robison	R S Watts
W Mueller	W B Ochs	E E Roenfelt	W H Williams
H R Murphy	A V Olson	H L Rudy	I J Woodman
W E Murray	R H Pierson	C A Scriven	
W A Nelson	J J Reiswig	J D Smith	

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N F Brewer	H H Hicks	G R Nash	L A Skinner
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W T Crandall	Ivar Johnson	W B Ochs	

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V T Armstrong	G A Huse	D A Ochs	J D Smith
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M V Campbell	L L Moffitt	R H Pierson	

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G J Appel	C D Forshee	L L Moffitt	E E Roenfelt
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R L Atcheson	M Fridlin	C C Morris	Robert Rowe
H W Barrows	T R Gardner	H A Morrison	H L Rudy
C L Bauer	T S Geraty	H H Morse	A F Ruf
W R Beach	R Gerber	F A Mote	E R Sanders
Carl Becker	A J Gordon	W Mueller	V L Sanders
E L Becker	E L Green	A G Munson	B L Schlotthauer
K C Beem	W E Guthrie	W E Murray	E A Schmidt
W A Benjamin	A L Ham	C J Nagele	H E Schneider
R L Benton	H C Hartman	G R Nash	F W Schnepfer
R R Bietz	R H Hartwell	N C Nelsen	C A Scriven
L E Biggs	H D Henriksen	A N Nelson	Beaman Senecal
O A Blake	H H Hicks	G B Nelson	H A Shepard
F L Bland	C W Higgins	H S Nelson	E H Shull
H P Bloum	L N Holm	W A Nelson	John Shull
L F Bohner	James Howarth	W E Nelson	H D Singleton
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W P Bradley	E S Humann	L H Netteburg	J D Snider
E L Branson	J J Ireland	F D Nichol	C P Sorensen
W H Branson	A A Jasperson	N B Nielsen	Dr. R W Stromberg
F Brennwald	E B Jewell	D A Ochs	A F Tarr
R B Caldwell	H D Johnson	W B Ochs	Norman Taylor
Glenn Calkins	H T Johnson	A V Olson	W H Teesdale
M V Campbell	Ivar Johnson	L H Olson	J Thompson
Theodore Carcich	R S Joyce	E R Osmunson	E A Trumper
P W Christian	C H Kelly	T L Oswald	
E C Christie	M E Kemmerer	C E Palmer	C F L Ulrich
F G Clifford	H C Kephart	W L Pascoe	T E Unruh
C C Cleveland	H W Kibble	H J Perkins	H H Votaw
H H Cobban	H W Klaser	G E Peters	J H Wagner
A W Cormack	F B Knight	W E Phillips	Luiz Waldvogel
J F Cummins	J C Kozel	E L Place	R S Watts
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L C Evans	John McCartney	M L Rice	

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Nominating Committee:

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N F Brewer	E W Dunbar	K J Holland	H H Mattison
R H Broderson	C A Edwards	L N Holm	A S Maxwell
H F Brown	J E Edwards	S H Horn	H E McClure
L D Brown	M K Eckenroth	G A Huse	J L McConaughy
K S Brown	W P Elliott	G E Hutches	Dr. J W McFarland
J A Buckwalter	W L Emerson	I H Ithrig	B H McMahon
J M Bucy	L E Esteb	Dr. H E James	E M Meleen
T G Bunch	I M Evans	A A Jasperson	Darren Michael
C M Bunker	W A Fagal	T H Jemison	A E Millner
H M Burwell	G R Fattic	Ethel Johnson	Merle Mills
M J Bureaud	A C Fearing	G E Jones	A E Mobley
D C Butherus	Daniel Feder	C S Joyce	Dr. E A Moon
Glenn Calkins	J R Ferren	S A Kaplan	E L Moore
R G Campbell	R A Figuhr	J E Kelchner	R W Moore
C A Canada	R E Finney	M E Kemmerer	Philip Moores
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W E Murray	C N Rees	F R Scott	Luiz Waldvogel
M L Neff	L L Reile	L A Skinner	E H Wallace
J Lee Neil	D E Reiner	R A Smithwick	Mary E Walsh
A N Nelson	Fernon Retzer	J D Snider	Dr. H M Walton
Mrs. K J Nelson	K J Reynolds	F A Soper	Mrs. T Wangerin
Dr. J Nussbaum	L B Reynolds	C P Sorensen	R S Watts
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L H Olson	Benjamin Riffel	W A Sowers	Howard Weeks
K S Oster	A J Robbins	J A Stevens	H J Welch
C L Paddock	E A Robertson	J J Strahle	C E Weniger
W L Pascoe	D E Robinson	W E Strickland	R H Wentland
A J Patzer	Milton Robison	Dr. W R Stromberg	C E Westphal
J V Peters	A H Roth	Carl Sundin	A L White
N C Petersen	R J Roy	Dr. E A Sutherland	R M Whitsett
F L Peterson	R Ruhling	A G Sutton	Paul Wickman
W D Pierce	A H Rulkoetter	Jose Tabuenca	P L Williams
R H Pierson	J S Russell	A F Tarr	J O Wilson
J L Pogue	G H Rustad	E L Tarr	K H Wood, Jr.
J T Porter	F O Sanders	G E Taylor	K A Wright
Dr. O B Pratt	F Scarcella	M R Thurber	F H Yost
Dr. M W Prince	W A Scharffenberg	H M Tippet	
Russell Quackenbush	E A Schmidt	Owen Troy	
G S Rapp	Walter Schubert	M V Tucker	

AGENDA:

Various items on the Agenda were allocated to the several Standing Committees.

Adjourned, with the singing of the hymn, "A Year of Precious Blessings," and closing prayer by E.D.Dick.

W.H.Branson, Chairman
 E.D.Dick,
 H.T.Elliott, Secretaries
 Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 18, 1952, 10:00 A. M.

At the morning devotional meeting, Elder R.R.Figuhr, vice-president of the General Conference, used as a foundation for his remarks the words of the angel to the women on the morning of Christ's resurrection: "Go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen." Matt. 28:7. The speaker emphasized the fact that the early church was so full of love for the risen Saviour that the believers gladly suffered severe persecution and joyfully made whatever personal sacrifices were necessary in order to carry the good news to all nations. There was scarcely a family in any part of the great Roman Empire that did not have at least one member who accepted Christianity. Armed with the weapons of truth the early believers "went forth conquering and to conquer."

A similar spirit of devotion, love, and sacrifice characterized the pioneers of the Advent Message. Elder Figuhr mentioned the meager financial resources of the church in those days as compared with our present income. In 1879, according to the treasurer's report, the "present worth" of the General Conference was only \$258.00, whereas today the annual income is more than 19 million dollars. The speaker affirmed, however, that the same spirit of complete dedication to the work, the same willingness to sacrifice, and the same carefulness in expenditures are as essential today as when the message began a hundred years ago. Only as the spirit of sacrifice takes possession of our hearts can we look forward with confidence to the finishing of the work.

The second business session of the Council convened at 10:00 A.M., Thursday, September 18. Prayer was offered by Meade MacGuire.

STATISTICAL REPORT:

The Seventh-day Adventist Statistical Summaries for 1951 were presented by the Statistical Secretary, H.W.Klaser, copies being distributed in printed form, as were also copies of the Eighty-ninth Annual Statistical Report of Seventh-day Adventists.

MESSAGES OF GREETING:

The Secretary read messages of greeting from C.H.Watson, former president of the General Conference, and from J.W.Turner, until recently president of the Southwestern Union. It was

VOTED, That the Secretary be asked to acknowledge these greetings, expressing our appreciation and our greetings to these workers.

PHYSICIANS' WAGE SCALE:

The Committee on Physicians' Wage Scale presented recommendations which were adopted as follows:

We recommend, 1. That institutions in North America operating on the incentive plan of physicians' remuneration, incorporate in that plan the

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regular automobile depreciation and insurance allowances provided for under General Conference policy governing the same.

2. That under the provisions of the present incentive plan, the physicians' average weekly wage shall be calculated on the basis of his total yearly earnings excluding vacation time, and the full average be paid during vacation time. This same principle shall apply to loss of time due to illness or absence from the institution on official institutional business except in the case of postgraduate time, which will be remunerated at the base rate in harmony with General Conference policy.

3. In no case shall the wage paid to doctors in institutional employ exceed the amount allowed by the incentive plan with its inclusive benefits.

INGATHERING FOLDER:

A committee appointed to study Ingathering problems was asked to report, and the following recommendation was adopted:

WHEREAS, The North American colleges and academies and medical institutions, in their Ingathering campaigns are required to cover the same territory as the adjacent churches,

We recommend, Beginning with the 1954 campaign, the publication of a twelve-page Ingathering folder in color, depicting overseas activities as well as the educational and medical progress in the homeland, this folder to be used only in our colleges, academies and sanitariums, in their Ingathering campaign. It is understood that the use of this institutional folder would proportionately reduce the orders for the regular Ingathering magazine.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER PUBLICATION KIT:

A series of recommendations was presented by a committee on Cost of Departmental Magazines, and was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The net estimated subsidy required for 1952 is \$5,338.96 including the cost of the special edition of Kit containing the MV Spring Week of Prayer materials,

We recommend, 1. That beginning with the 1953 first quarter issue of Kit the subscription price of \$1.25 be advanced to \$1.50 per year to include the publication and mailing of the MV Week of Prayer special edition.

2. That the income from advertisements, the maximum of six pages per issue solicited by the publishers, accrue to the Southern Publishing Association.

3. That the preparation of galley proofs for foreign translations together with postage for foreign use be billed to the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department at cost.

4. That a quarterly circulation report of Kit be sent to the General Conference and the union and local conference Missionary Volunteer secretaries one week after the close of the quarter.

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5. That a guiding committee of seven members be appointed for Kit magazine, consisting of: a vice-president of the General Conference; two additional officers, one from the Treasury Department, and the other from the Secretarial Department; one representative from the General Conference Publishing Department; one representative from the Southern Publishing Association; two representatives from the Missionary Volunteer Department; and that this committee meet at least once a year to consider the production and circulation of the periodical.

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS:

The Committee on Bible Correspondence Schools presented recommendations which were adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The radio and conference Bible Correspondence Schools throughout the world are an effective agency in our soul-winning programs; and,

WHEREAS, The activities of these schools are closely integrated with the Home Missionary and Radio departments of our work; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That we reaffirm the policy adopted at the 1948 Autumn Council which reads 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 schools be gathered in the regular way and compiled annually by the General Conference Home Missionary Department."

2. That the General Conference Radio Department foster the interests of the radio Bible Correspondence Schools in the overseas divisions, the Voice of Prophecy and Faith for Today in North America.

3. That the Radio Department of the General Conference compile the reports of the radio Bible Correspondence Schools, combining therewith the report of the union or local conference Bible Correspondence Schools of North America gathered by the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference.

RECLAIMING FORMER CHURCH MEMBERS:

A committee which had been appointed to give study to a plan for reaching former church members submitted a series of recommendations which were adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The church of God in every land is beset with increasing problems as the day of Christ's return draws near, and backsliding and indifference are prevalent everywhere, and

WHEREAS, The church must "yield their dignity and pride, and go after the wandering ones," weeping over them, praying for them, imploring them to be faithful to God and the truth, as we have been counselled in Testimonies, vol. 2, page 219, and that ministers must realize that preaching is only the beginning of our work for the flock, which must be visited regularly, prayed with, and cared for by sympathetic personal contact (Testimonies, vol. 3, page 558), and

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WHEREAS, The problem of reclaiming former Adventists is a pastoral problem requiring the help of the whole church in carrying out a spiritual revival which will involve regular visitation of non-attending members and former members,

We recommend, 1. That we request the administration of union and local conferences to assume responsibility for an intensive and sustained plan of visitation, laying upon local ministers and elders the burden of caring for the souls of those who once fellowshiped with us, and of seeking to arouse the spiritual life of those members who are indifferent in church attendance and are therefore in danger of backsliding.

2. That names of such persons be obtained by ministers or elders from the church clerk, from the conference office, and from church members who may know of former members still living in the locality.

3. That our conferences cooperate closely with each other by passing on names and information regarding members and former members who remove from one place to another, recognizing that this is a world-wide problem demanding the most conscientious collaboration between divisions, unions, and local conferences.

4. That this list of names be divided into small groups by the minister or elder, who shall call together the best lay visitors in the church, assigning to them an agreed number of names for personal visitation. This assignment should be based on the suitability of the visitor for the type of visit involved rather than on geographical location.

5. That the minister present to this group of visitors the great need for and the importance of this type of work, instructing them in some of the main points of successful visiting, praying with them, and that he keep in touch with each visitor, checking at least once a quarter on results at similar meetings.

6. That where possible this intensive visitation plan be linked up with local evangelistic campaigns, the persons concerned being invited to attend such public meetings. Such a plan could well culminate in the regular church Week of Prayer, in the testimony and prayer meetings which would afford opportunity for praising God for the home-coming of His children.

7. That our conference presidents be asked to present this matter to their workers' meetings, urging them to take this on their hearts as a part of our duty as shepherds of God's flock, and that some plan of reporting and checking on this work be worked out in each conference. These reports, passed in by pastors to local conferences, should be passed on by local to union presidents as a matter of evangelistic concern.

8. That a committee be appointed in each division to make a careful analysis of the causes of indifference and apostasy in their respective fields, and suggest methods as to how apostasy may be minimized, or at least drastically reduced.

9. That in seeking the straying sheep we make the Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer an avenue of approach and an opportunity of reviving the

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interest of our indifferent youth, and also emphasize the importance of the missing member plan of the Sabbath school as a means of reclaiming these straying ones.

10. That our churches be encouraged to use the plan of temporary subscriptions to our church and missionary periodicals in their respective languages as an aid to reviving the interest of former members in the teachings of the church and the progress of the work.

11. That a committee be appointed by the General Conference officers to study the problems of this delicate work and also to serve as a continuing committee of encouragement and guidance to our whole world field in this important work.

Adjourned until 10:00 A.M. September 19. Benediction by J.E.Weaver.

W.H.Branson, Chairman
E.D.Dick,
H.T.Elliott, Secretaries
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

OVERSEAS DIVISION REPORTS

The Far Eastern Division report was given Thursday evening, September 18, with V.T.Armstrong presiding, C.P.Sorensen and P.L.Williams assisting. In spite of the fact that war has raged in some part of their territory for twenty years, the work of God goes forward. In Korea, said Brother Armstrong, we do not have as many missionaries as we had before the war, but we are baptizing more souls than ever before. The war has not stopped the work. Even in the far-flung island fields, the message is gaining a foothold. The medical, educational, and publishing institutions throughout the Division are prospering, and their influence has contributed mightily to the success of the evangelistic program. During the year 1951 there were 6,327 persons baptized. Our brethren in the Far East are not waiting for a more favorable opportunity to give the message. They say, "Perhaps conditions will never be more favorable than they are now. The time has come to finish the work, and under God we are going to do it."

Southern Asia. At the 8:30 A.M. meeting on Friday Elder R.H.Pierson, president of the Southern Asia Division, made an earnest appeal on behalf of the millions of India, using as his text 2 Cor. 6:2: "Now is the accepted time." He called attention to the economic and political trends in Southern Asia which threaten to close the doors to missionaries, as has already occurred in China and other countries. Every available means--the radio, the Bible correspondence schools, the publishing work, as well as direct evangelism--are being utilized to bring the Advent message to the attention of India's multitudes. In 1951, fourteen hundred souls were baptized in India. Several missions have doubled their membership during the past year. Everything indicates that a great upswing in soul-winning is to be seen in Southern Asia as the workers and laymen in that division go "all out" for evangelism.

ONE HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 19, 1952, 10:00 A.M.

The third business session of the Council was opened by prayer offered by H.D. Singleton, following the singing of a hymn.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

VOTED, To adopt the recommendation of the Nominating Committee as follows:

We recommend, That Elder D.E. Rebok be appointed as Secretary of the General Conference.

Recommendations from the General Conference officers were presented, and after discussion and amendment were adopted as follows:

WORKERS' POSTGRADUATE STUDY:

We recommend, That when workers on furlough or on leave of absence are authorized by their division committee to take graduate or other special courses of study in an institution other than the Theological Seminary, but which has been approved by the division or General Conference Committee, the expenses involved be met as follows:

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

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

3. That the following expenses be shared equally between the worker and the division: textbooks, tuition, laboratory and graduation fees, and local transportation by public conveyance from the place of residence to the school.

4. That when the worker is unaccompanied by his family, making it necessary for him to pay rent in two places, the division continue the rent arrangements for the family and also pay up to \$18 a month or its equivalent in local currency on the fixed rate of exchange to apply on the rental of the worker's single room; that if the worker is accompanied by his family, the General Conference rent subsidy apply.

5. That one-half of the regular daily travel allowance, at the rate prevailing in the division where the postgraduate work is done, be granted the worker if unaccompanied by his family, and be borne by the employing division.

RELEASING UNPUBLISHED E.G. WHITE MATERIALS:

We recommend, That the following be the Working Policy for the further publication of hitherto unpublished materials to be found in the E.G. White vault:

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1. That the Ellen G. White Trustees shall release for general use excerpts from unpublished manuscripts and letters, and shall undertake to bring forth new books, pamphlets, or papers, consisting in whole or in part of hitherto unpublished materials only after the request or need for such has been studied at a joint session of the White Trustees and the General Conference officers and a plan of procedure has been mutually agreed upon.
2. That such documents or compilations thus prepared and approved by the Trustees shall be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the General Conference.
3. That the Secretary of the General Conference shall promptly place said documents and compilations in the hands of the General Conference officers for careful examination.
4. That final approval of such documents or compilations shall be at a joint session of the General Conference officers and the Board of Trustees, This group shall also decide the time, manner, and channel of release of material approved. The carrying out of such a decision shall be in charge of the White Trustees.
5. That in the event the relationships between the White Trustees and the General Conference officers ever come to an impasse, the matter in question shall be referred to the General Conference Committee or if need be to the General Conference Session for study and counsel.
6. That this policy supersede the policy adopted December 3, 1934.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ORGANIZATIONS:

We recommend, 1. That the General Conference Working Policy, page 22, paragraph 3, be amended to read: "Local and union mission organizations are similar to conference organizations, the principal difference being that the officers of missions are elected by the next higher body. Local conferences and missions are responsible to the union conference or mission organization of which they are a part, and are administered in harmony with the policies which govern the union, and union conferences and missions are responsible to the respective division committees, and are administered in harmony with the operating policies adopted by the General Conference. Institutions operated by the local conferences and missions are responsible to the controlling organization; institutions conducted by union conferences or missions are responsible to their respective unions; General institutions are responsible to the respective division committee or to the General Conference Committee."

2. That the General Conference Working Policy, page 23, be revised by the insertion of the following paragraph between present paragraphs 9 and 10: "When it is desired to make territorial adjustments in any local mission or conference organization within a union mission the change shall first be considered and approved by the union committee at a time when official representatives of the local fields concerned are present. The matter shall then be referred to the division committee for final approval. When the territorial adjustment desired involves two union missions the proposed change shall first come to the division committee for study, and final approval shall

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be given at an annual or full meeting of the division when official representatives of the union missions concerned are present."

3. That the General Conference Working Policy, page 147, paragraph 2, be revised to read as follows: "Inasmuch as the committee appointing workers must share with the field a portion of the responsibility of advising and dealing with a laborer whose service is discontinued, it is understood that except on grounds involving possible reproach upon the cause and so requiring immediate action, a local mission or conference committee should counsel with the union committee before discontinuing the services of a worker secured from outside its own territory and shall be responsible for his support until such a time as he may be assigned to new duties, or to a time agreed upon, and similarly a union should counsel with the division in the case of contemplated dismissal of a worker secured from without the union, the division in such cases having to assume responsibility of advising as to the worker's future service."

TRAVEL INSURANCE--APPOINTEES, FURLOUGHED WORKERS
OR THOSE ON PERMANENT RETURN:

We recommend, The acceptance of the Travel Insurance proposal made to the General Conference Insurance Department by a reliable company with satisfactory world-wide facilities, whose schedule of benefits to missionary appointees, furloughed workers and those on permanent return status, is as follows:

Schedule of Benefits

- \$10,000 Principal Sum for Total Disability or Accidental Death, same being applicable to the husband, or other head of the family.
- \$2,000 Principal Sum for Total Disability or Accidental Death, same being applicable to the wife, if the husband be living.
- \$1,000 Principal Sum for Total Disability or Accidental Death, same being applicable to any or all children from ages 1 to 21.
- \$500 Hospital or Other Medical Expense incurred because of accidental injury. Same to represent blanket coverage for any or all members of the immediate family. Total Liability for Medical Expense shall in no event be more than the designated family limit.

1. The above schedule of benefits shall apply to any ONE Family Unit.
2. Every kind of accidental injury to a member or members of such family is covered.
3. Coverage commences at the date the missionary was placed under appointment by the General Conference Committee and covers all the trips from that time until arrival at the mission station to which the worker is assigned. In the case of workers on furlough, coverage commences from the date of leaving the inland station and continues until arrival at the first place of settlement in the homeland. (It is assumed that such travel period will not normally exceed four to six months.)
4. Dismemberment and Partial Disability cases shall be treated in accordance with the standard schedule usually applied to claims arising out of accidents while traveling or while on "travel status."

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5. The yearly average of appointees to overseas mission service is approximately 100 families. On this basis, the cost for this travel protection will not exceed \$10.00 per family.

6. In case of accidental death, the benefit shall accrue to the heirs.

7. Treasurers of organizations concerned shall be responsible for conveying to the General Conference Insurance Service the pertinent data required regarding the movement of missionaries for whom travel insurance coverage is expected.

8. That in each division deciding to apply the policy for moves within the division, where families and single workers are moved within local or union territories the names and dates of such transfers shall be furnished to the division treasurer by the respective union and local fields.

MEDICAL EXPENSE WHEN COVERED BY POLICIES OF INSURANCE:

In the interest of clarity and uniformity of interpretation in calculating the amount of medical expense to be allowed,

We recommend, 1. That the denominational medical policy shall apply only to such medical expense as remains after first deducting sums reimbursed to the worker as medical payments by policies of insurance provided by the employing organization.

2. That in cases of accidental death or total disability, the corresponding benefits shall accrue to the next of kin, or designated heirs.

FURLOUGHS AND TERMS OF SERVICE:

We recommend, That the following changes in the furlough policy be approved:

<u>Southern Europe</u>		Years	Furlough
Madagascar	highland	6	9 months
"	coastal	4	7 "
Reunion		4	7 "
Mauritius		5	8 "
Seychelles		4	7 "
Angola		5	8 "
Portuguese East Africa		5	8 "
<u>Northern Europe</u>			
West Africa (all fields)		2½	6 "
<u>Inter-America</u>			
Guiana		4	6 "
All other fields		5	6 "
Educational workers		3	14 weeks

We further recommend, That the General Conference Committee set up a committee to study the whole question of length of furloughs and terms of service in all fields in their relationship to climatic conditions, mission personnel, and distance from home bases, and report to the next General Conference session.

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PROCEDURE IN RETIREMENT OF WORKERS:

We recommend, That if during the term for which a worker was elected, some condition of health develops which prevents his discharging his duties efficiently, the employing body, after due consultation with physicians, and with the approval of the responsible higher organizations, shall have the authority to effect retirement of such worker before expiration of the term for which he was elected.

SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS
NOT INCLUDED IN BUDGET:

WHEREAS, Reports continue to come in of individuals and groups of church members who promote the raising of funds for special projects not included in the budget of mission of lands; and

WHEREAS, This practice weakens the support of the general mission budget and hence endangers the development of the whole mission program of the denomination;

We recommend, 1. That our union and local presidents in the home base countries discourage the practice of individuals and special groups raising funds for projects not included in the regular mission budget.

2. That division presidents present the matter to all missionaries urging them not to make requests or appeals to their personal friends in their homeland.

3. That conference and mission presidents call the attention of workers in the homeland and mission lands to the General Conference Working Policy under "Solicitation of Funds" and to the statement entitled "Private Solicitation of Funds," adopted at the Autumn Council of 1951, which statement is hereby reaffirmed. It reads as follows:

"Questions have arisen from time to time with reference to fund-raising activities in our churches and among Seventh-day Adventists by persons not authorized to undertake such solicitation. This problem is well covered by existing policies, and we would therefore call the attention of our elders, pastors, and conference workers to the policy on the solicitation of funds as found on pages 186-188 of the Working Policy, and on pages 189-191 of the Church Manual.

"We wish to call attention of our elders and pastors to the fact that even though a person may be a duly credentialed representative of an organization sponsored by Seventh-day Adventist church members, that does not in itself give such a person the right to go to our churches to raise money for his enterprise. The solicitor may be a member in good and regular standing and be able to exhibit letters of encouragement from some of our leading workers, but such solicitation is a violation of the spirit of the regulations set forth above.

"These policies are not drawn up to govern our people arbitrarily in their giving but to protect them from inroads on their generosity by those who are collecting funds for enterprises or for personal uses which are never

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audited by the denomination, as are all our regular church funds, and for which no account is ever given either to the denomination or to the donors.

"We wish to appeal, therefore, to our workers to guard carefully the liberality of our people and not to allow the funds which they are so ready to give to the work of God to be directed into channels of unauthorized enterprises or for the establishing of personal projects."

COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE WORK IN THE COLLEGES:

The Committee on Graduate Work in the Colleges submitted a report which was discussed briefly, but it was felt that more definite information should be secured before making a decision on the matter. Therefore it was

VOTED, That a committee be appointed to give further study to the matter of graduate study in the colleges, this committee to include representation from Pacific Union College, the College of Medical Evangelists, and the General Conference Medical and Education departments; that the personnel of this committee be suggested by the present Committee on Graduate Study and brought for appointment to the General Conference Minority Committee; and that this committee when appointed be asked to report to the 1953 Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee.

Adjourned until 10:00 A.M. Sunday, September 21.

Benediction by J.J.Nethery.

W.B.Ochs, Chairman
E.D.Dick,
H.T.Elliott, Secretaries
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

ONE HUNDRED NINETY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 19, 1952

This meeting was held immediately following the third session of the Autumn Council, in the Sligo church.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W B Ochs, R H Adair, R A Anderson, V G Anderson, G J Appel, V T Armstrong, H W Barrows, C L Bauer, H P Bloum, H M Blunden, L F Bohner, C W Bozarth, W P Bradley, W H Branson, F Brennwald, H F Brown, M V Campbell, F G Clifford, E E Cossentine, C W Degering, E D Dick, L K Dickson, E W Dunbar, N W Dunn, J E Edwards, H T Elliott, Duncan Eva, L C Evans, J R Ferren, R R Figuhr, T R Flaiz, A L Ham, E B Hare, W J Harris, R H Hartwell, C B Haynes, A W Johnson, M E Kemmerer, H W Klaser, F B Knight, L E Lenheim, G A Lindsay, Alf Lohne, E J Lorntz, H W Lowe, T E Lucas, W E Macpherson, G M Mathews, D A McAdams, L L Moffitt, C C Morris, H A Morrison, C E Moseley, W Mueller, W E Murray, W A Nelson, J J Nethery, F D Nichol, L H Olson, T L Oswald, W L Pascoe, F L Peterson, W E Phillips, D E Rebok, H E Rice, M L Rice, H M S Richards, J I Robison, E E Roenfelt, A H Roth, H L Rudy, A H Rulkoetter, W A Scharffenberg, Walter Schubert, C A Scriven, J D Smith, C P Sorensen, Carl Sundin, A F Tarr, W H Teesdale, J C Thompson, C L Torrey, H H Votaw, B E Wagner, R S Watts, A L White, Paul Wickman, P L Williams, W H Williams, Neal C Wilson, K A Wright

OTHERS PRESENT:

W H Bergherm, R Ruhling.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting of September 9 were approved.

D H HUGHES--WEST AFRICA:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and Northern California Conference to release D.H.Hughes to connect with the Northern European Division for service in West Africa, in the Liberian Mission.

R A EVANS--GUAM:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and Southeastern California Conference to release R.A.Evans to connect with the Far Eastern Division for self-supporting work on the island of Guam.

KATHLEEN WEAVER--VINCENT HILL SCHOOL:

VOTED, To invite Miss Kathleen Weaver to serve as preceptress and teacher of French in the Vincent Hill School of the Southern Asia Division.

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MARILYN PETERSEN--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, To place Miss Marilyn Petersen under deferred appointment, with the understanding that after further educational preparation she will proceed to the Vincent Hill School in the Southern Asia Division to serve as elementary teacher.

DR. MAHIR BASHAI--LYBIA:

VOTED, To invite Dr. Mahir Bashai to return to the Middle East for medical service in Lybia.

SVEN O SJOBERG--BAGHDAD:

VOTED, To request the Northern European Division and Skodsborg Sanitarium to release Sven O. Sjoberg to connect with the Middle East Division as physiotherapist at the Dar El Salaam Hospital in Baghdad.

V E GARBER--PHILIPPINE UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To request the Lake Union and Michigan Conference to release V.E.Garber, principal of Adelpian Academy, to connect with the Far Eastern Division as president of the Philippine Union College.

MRS. LITA ROGERS--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Mrs. Lita Rogers from the appointment to India, since she is not able to go forward at this time.

ADELE STICKLE--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Miss Adele Stickle from the call to Ethiopia because she is not given medical clearance.

NEW YORK TRANSPORTATION OFFICE--ADDITIONAL HELP:

VOTED, To authorize the securing of additional help for the New York Transportation Office, with the thought that no additional expense will be involved since it is planned to make certain adjustments in the assignment of work there.

OVERSEAS VISITS--RELEASES:

VOTED, To release E.D.Dick from the scheduled visit to South Africa; W.E.Nelson from the visit to South America; L.K.Dickson from the visit to the Middle East and Southern Asia; and T.R.Flaiz from the visit to Australasia and the Middle East.

BANKING FACILITIES--CENTRAL EUROPEAN DIVISION:

The General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists desires to close its account in the Disconto Bank in Berlin, Germany, and to deposit these funds in the Hessische Bank in Frankfurt on Main. Therefore,

We recommend, To the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists that they open an account with the Hessische Bank in Frankfurt on Main, Germany, in the name of the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists.

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KATHLEEN BUDDE--LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

VOTED, To grant leave of absence for seven months to Miss Kathleen Budde, on furlough from Southern Africa, in order that she may complete work to secure her degree in nursing.

E L LONGWAY--SOUTH CHINA ISLAND UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Far Eastern Division the request of the South China Island Union for the services of E.L.Longway in Formosa for a period of up to two weeks, as soon as possible, to assist in certain emergencies that have arisen.

AUTUMN COUNCIL--INVITATIONS:

VOTED, To invite E.A.Trumper and E.B.Jewell to attend the Autumn Council.

B F KNEELAND--MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE:

VOTED, To request the Secretary to convey a message of condolence and sympathy to B.F.Kneeland of Morganton, N.Car., in the death of his wife and his own serious injury incurred in an automobile accident recently.

ELDER AND MRS W MUELLER--ITINERARY:

VOTED, To approve an itinerary for Elder and Mrs. W. Mueller which will make it possible for them to visit churches in Chicago, Illinois, and in California, as may be arranged.

ELLA MAE MEAD--CENTRAL CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Transportation Bureau in San Francisco the call from the Pacific Union for Miss Ella Mae Mead to connect with the Central California Conference.

MRS. W R MARNELLA--MEDICAL EXTENSION OFFICE:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and Central California Conference to release Mrs. W.R.M arnella to connect with the General Conference for secretarial work in the Medical Extension Office.

MRS. JUNE NORTON--MEDICAL DEPARTMENT:

VOTED, To request the Home Study Institute to release Mrs. June Norton to connect with the Medical Department of the General Conference for secretarial work.

MILDRED HEE--TRANSPORTATION BUREAU:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and Northern California Conference to release Miss Mildred Hee to connect with the Transportation Bureau office in San Francisco.

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That we approve the following itineraries:

12 L.R. Rasmussen to Orlando, Florida, for teachers' institute, October 10-

W.A.Scharffenberg to Lincoln, Nebraska, November 12-15; Flint, Michigan, November 16-18; North Pacific Union, November 19-22.

Request for J.M.Jackson to Kentucky-Tennessee, October 15-18

John Thompson to Northern Union, November 1-15

Louise Meyer to West Virginia, September 13

R.M.Whitsett and Louise Kleuser to conduct Weeks of Prayer, Walla Walla College, October 17-25; Pacific Union College, October 31 to November 8

W.B.Ochs to Pacific and Canadian unions for October

C.E.Moseley to Oakwood College, September 14-17

H.L.Rudy to Walla Walla College for Sixtieth Anniversary Celebration, December 5-7

C.W.Bozarth to Southern Missionary College, October 17, Founders' Day Program

MADELINE NOGEIMIE--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, To extend the necessary sponsorship to Miss Madeline.Nogeimie as recommended by the Middle East Division, to enable her to enter the United States as a student.

A G RATCLIFFE--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, To provide the necessary sponsorship for A.G.Ratcliffe to spend some time in the United States to secure evangelistic experience, as recommended by the Australasian Inter-Union Conference.

ARNE MUDERSPACH--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, To grant sponsorship to Arne Muderspach, recommended by the Southern African Division, in order that he may enter the United States on a student visa.

ADJOURNED.

W.B.Ochs, Chairman
E.E.Roenfelt, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

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Southern Africa. On Friday evening Brethren W.P. Bradley and R.H. Nightingale gave a report of their recent visit to South Africa. Elder Bradley related experiences of missionaries who have suffered persecution and have even jeopardized their lives in order to carry out the Saviour's Commission to go into all the world with the saving gospel of Christ. He also emphasized the fact that these brave soldiers of the Lord face their task with full assurance that "Christ is Lord" of the self-sacrificing and persecuted workers who are pressing on to the completion of the assigned task.

R.H. Nightingale, president of the Florida Conference, told a thrilling story of the progress of the work in Africa, where nearly 200,000 Sabbath school members are rejoicing in the light of the gospel. Large camp meetings are held each year where thousands of precious souls are brought to a decision to serve the living God. The responsibility of leading these thousands into full church membership and of giving them adequate pastoral care presses heavily on the hearts of our leaders in Africa. Though greatly overburdened, the hearts of these workers are cheered to see the ripened harvest fields in Africa, and with God's blessing they hope to gather in the golden grain while the day lasts.

SABBATH SERVICES
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Sabbath Morning Sermon by W.H. Branson

At the Sabbath morning service of the Council, W.H. Branson, President of the General Conference, thrilled the hearts of the delegates with an earnest appeal, based on the words of Caleb as recorded in Num. 13:30: "Let us go up at once, and possess it."

When these courageous words were spoken to a discouraged people by God's faithful servant, the situation from a human standpoint looked very dark. There were cities opposing the entrance of Israel into the promised land. But Caleb urged the people to put their trust in God and assured them that apparently insuperable obstacles would be overcome through faith, and that under God they were well able to "go up and possess the land."

Elder Branson pressed home the thought that today, even though gigantic forces of evil are arrayed against us and even though fearful giants block our way to possession of the Heavenly Canaan, God is on our side, and therefore we must go up at once to possess the land.

The speaker urged the delegates to keep their eyes fixed on God, for His hand has not waxed short. "All God's biddings are enablings." (Col 3:33) The urgency of a quick work was emphasized by the reading of selections from the writings of the Spirit of prophecy which indicate that the message might have been finished long ago, had we not become indifferent to the blessings of the promised land.

He appealed for the utilization of every available agency for the advancement of the message before the judgments of God fall upon the earth.

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We must get to the people quickly with the message that is to prepare them for the coming of the Lord. This must ever be our main objective.

A strong appeal was made for the leaders of our work to arise as did Caleb and Joshua, and encourage our people to believe that if we put our trust in God it will not be necessary for us to wait for another generation to arise and finish the work, but may ourselves "go up at once" and possess the land.

Symposium, Sabbath Afternoon

Inter-America. The Secretary of the Inter-American Division, A.H. Roth, served as chairman of the group, assisted by L.F. Bohner, L.L. Reile, and Fernon Retzer. They reported excellent progress in that Division. During 1951 more than 10,000 souls were added to the church by baptism, and their battle cry for 1952 is "A thousand baptisms each month in Inter-America." The 90,000 baptized members and 140,000 Sabbath school members have been won during the past fifty years. But there are 65,000,000 souls in Inter-America who are still waiting for the message of salvation. "Now is the moment of opportunity in Inter-America," said Brother Roth. In some countries of their field our workers have to face terrible persecution, and some have lost their lives at the hands of fanatical enemies. But the work goes forward in spite of difficulties and dangers.

In the island fields similar progress was reported. In Jamaica, a small island only 150 miles long and 50 miles wide, there are 20,000 Seventh-day Adventists. Trinidad--only 50 miles long and 35 miles wide--is the home of 7,500 Adventists. Barbados, 21 miles long, 14 miles wide, 3,000 Adventists. In Colombia where fierce persecution has frequently broken out against the remnant church they expect to baptize a thousand souls this year, which is double the number of any previous year in the history of our work in that country.

Fernon Retzer then related an experience in Colombia where a priest circulated a handbill warning Catholics against the Adventists. This handbill, giving an outline of Adventist beliefs, went into every Catholic home in the city. Of course it aroused the interest of many, who would not otherwise have known that one of our young national workers was there holding an evangelistic effort. As a result, the attendance was far beyond expectations and a church has been raised up.

L.F. Bohner mentioned the faithfulness of our people in tithe paying. Though the average income of our believers in Inter-America is only \$2.00 per week, they pay over \$1,000,000 a year in tithe.

South China Island Union Mission. H.H. Morse reported for China with one fourth of the population of the globe. While we have no foreign missionaries on the mainland, we are still able to concentrate on the island of Formosa and in Hong Kong. A school for the training of Chinese workers is being established on Formosa, and the opportunities for evangelistic work look bright. Such information as we receive from China proper seems to indicate that our believers on the mainland are continuing faithful to the message.

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North America. The last speaker on the symposium was W.B.Ochs, vice-president of the General Conference for North America. He made a strong appeal for the continued support of the foreign mission program on the part of this, the great Home Base. Drawing upon his knowledge of the situation throughout the world field, he pressed upon the hearts of the conference leaders in North America the obligation not only to support the work already established but also to "lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes" in the worldwide mission field.

"The surest way," said Brother Ochs, "for the church in the homeland to wither and to die spiritually and financially is for her to cease the support of foreign missions. And the brighter we keep the torch of missions burning the more we will strengthen our stakes at home."

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Northern European Division. At the 8:30 meeting on Sunday morning, September 21, Elder A.F.Tarr, president of the Northern European Division, gave an encouraging report of advancement in all their fields. Since the General Conference session in 1950 they have baptized more than 9,000 souls. During the past two years over 800 public efforts have been conducted. In Finland and Lapland very successful evangelistic work has been done by women. One woman raised up a church of 55 members in a recent effort. Another lady evangelist who has won twenty souls in the far north, said, "The northern lights of the Advent message have appeared on the borders of Lapland." In their mission territory of West Africa, 1,124 persons were baptized on a single Sabbath. Elder G.E.Vandeman and his corps of selected workers are just beginning an effort in the heart of London, and all are earnestly praying for a rich harvest of souls.

TWO HUNDREDTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 21, 1952, 10:00 A.M.

The fourth session of the Council opened with the singing of "Lead On, O King Eternal," and prayer by H.L.Rudy.

REPORT ON THE HARRIS PINE MILLS:

C.J.Nagele, manager of the Harris Pine Mills with headquarters in Pendleton, Oregon, reported briefly on the work of this enterprise during the past year. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Harris, donors to the denomination of this multi-million dollar industry, were also present by invitation of the General Conference. At the close of his report Brother Nagele presented to the Treasurer of the General Conference a check for \$100,000 for the world work, representing a part of the profits after the heavy taxes and other expenses incurred during the year have been provided for. It had not been anticipated that there would be any funds coming to the General Conference for the first two years of denominational ownership of the Harris Pine Mills, due to certain investments being made in new equipment and the costs of special legal counsel necessary at this juncture.

After C.L.Torrey had accepted this check, W.H.Branson presented Mr. and Mrs. Harris. Each spoke of their pleasure and satisfaction in giving to the cause of God during their lifetime this large part of the wealth the Lord has blessed them in acquiring, in order that the message of truth may be hastened to the ends of the earth. Beginning with a small box factory, Mr. Harris and his brother (now deceased) at first had one employee. At the present time the Harris Pine Mills employs 650 persons, approximately two thirds of whom are Seventh-day Adventists, with an annual pay roll of two and a quarter million dollars. Brother Harris himself is now serving as general manager of the plant, on a denominational salary.

The delegates were given an opportunity to express appreciation for the generosity of Brother and Sister Harris by a standing vote. In concluding his remarks, in which he recounted the providences of the Lord in the conduct of the business through the years, Brother Harris requested that the delegates to the Autumn Council on return to their respective fields, call on Seventh-day Adventists of wealth and give them opportunity to contribute of their funds, and he urged that wealthy persons not of our faith be approached also with the message of salvation and with a presentation of the needs for funds in the world work.

The Chairman suggested that the delegates stand to express the gratitude of the Council for the worthy example of Brother and Sister Harris and in appreciation for the generous check. All joined in singing, "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow," and bowed while C.L.Torrey offered prayer.

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CALENDAR REFORM ISSUE:

Dr. J. Nussbaum of the Southern European Division spoke concerning his findings in connection with meeting the Calendar Reform issue in various places. He mentioned what he considers mistakes in this particular phase of our battle with the enemy--agitating the question publicly and among people who have no particular convictions in the matter. He urged that we act wisely, pressing our opposition by a quiet campaign of education among persons of influence and at the proper time to produce the desired results.

Further recommendations submitted by the General Conference officers were presented and adopted, as follows:

ADOPTION OF CHILDREN:

We recommend, That the last sentence of paragraph 3 on page 126 of the General Conference Working Policy be deleted so that the paragraph on adoption of children by missionary families will read as follows: "Missionary families without children of their own may adopt two children, and those with one child may adopt one other child to whom transportation to the field, furlough privileges, child allowance, and transportation within the field shall apply."

CHILD ALLOWANCE TO SUSTENTATION BENEFICIARIES:

We recommend, That the child allowance for Sustentation beneficiaries be increased from \$15.00 monthly to \$25.00 monthly.

EDUCATIONAL ALLOWANCES TO STUDENTS OF NURSING:

We recommend, That paragraph 4, page 128 of the Working Policy be amended to read as follows: "These grants are available to children of missionaries who attend one of our secondary schools or liberal arts colleges in the homeland, or during the first year's training in the College of Medical Evangelists, or to students attending one of our nurses' training schools on the following basis:

"(a) If the student is enrolled in a regular school of nursing leading to an R.N. certificate, then full educational allowance will be granted for the pre-nursing college year and the first year of training in the nurses' course."

"(b) If the student is enrolled in one of our schools of collegiate nursing in the regular course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing (not Bachelor of Science in Nursing Education), then the educational grants shall be made as follows:

"1. Full grant shall be allowed as provided in the policy during the first year of training while the student is resident at the college."

"2. One-half the full grant shall be made during the period of training while the student is resident at the hospital which is usually a period of ten quarters or two and one-half years."

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"3. The full educational grant shall be allowed during the last year of the course when the student is again resident at the college."

AUTHORIZATION FOR LEGAL ORGANIZATIONS:

We recommend, That in the future all organizations planning to form legal corporations shall secure approval from the General Conference Committee in North America or the division committee in overseas divisions.

SALARY OF MISSIONARIES CALLED TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE:

We recommend, That in the case of missionaries who are called to join the staff of the General Conference, the salary shall be assumed by the General Conference on the date of their joining the staff thus giving the division from which they come the benefit of any salary budget remaining to cover the six-month period which the division is ordinarily required to provide.

The Plans Committee submitted recommendations and these were adopted as follows:

MV LEGION OF HONOR:

WHEREAS, There is startling evidence that the forces of evil are directing a mighty assault upon the youth of the remnant church:

1. Through the invasion of the home by radio and television, with the sights and sounds of the theater, of the wrestling and boxing rings, the race track, and the tavern;
2. Through the availability of cheap and immoral reading matter designed to destroy youth's high ideals and moral integrity;
3. Through the presentation of seductive and debasing motion pictures;
4. Through the growing appeal of commercialized sports and amusements; and
5. Through the brazen advertising of liquor and tobacco; and

WHEREAS, Young people are counseled by the Lord's servant, "Say firmly: 'I will not spend precious moments in reading that which will be of no profit to me. . . . I will devote my time and my thoughts to acquiring a fitness for God's service. I will close my eyes to frivolous and sinful things. . . . I will not listen to the subtle reasoning of the enemy. My voice shall not in any way be subject to a will that is not under the influence of the Spirit of God. My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, and every power of my being shall be consecrated to worthy pursuits.'"--Messages to Young People, p. 270.

Resolved, That we endorse the plan of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference to organize a world-wide movement among the youth to be known as the MV LEGION OF HONOR to meet the need created by these conditions, this organization to include the following:

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1. The objectives of the MV LEGION OF HONOR shall be:

a. To reaffirm God's laws of living for youth as declared in His Word and the Spirit of prophecy; and

b. To arouse our youth to the importance of right decisions in this final conflict and to their high destiny in the plan of God.

2. The plan shall be:

a. To recruit the youth by personal covenant into the MV LEGION OF HONOR, this covenant to be:

I volunteer now to join the MV LEGION OF HONOR, and by the grace and power of God do solemnly promise to:

Honor Christ in that which I choose to BEHOLD
Honor Christ in that to which I choose to LISTEN
Honor Christ in the choice of places to which I GO
Honor Christ in my choice of ASSOCIATES
Honor Christ in that which I choose to SPEAK
Honor Christ in the CARE I give my body temple

b. That we appeal to all workers and the entire church membership to participate fully in this crusade against the exploitation of our youth and homes.

c. We recommend that all divisions adapt the MV LEGION OF HONOR to their conditions and needs.

LAWS AGAINST LITERATURE AND SOLICITATION ACTIVITIES:

WHEREAS, The adoption and enforcement of state laws and city ordinances restricting or preventing the distribution of literature by sale or gift, or the solicitation of funds for church welfare work are on the increase; and

WHEREAS, This legislation interferes with the dissemination of the gospel, which Christ commands us to bring to all men;

We recommend, 1. That where practicable, through interviews and the use of Liberty and other literature, a special effort be made to encourage legislators and civic officials to uphold the principles of religious freedom as guaranteed under the federal and state constitutions, and to allow unhampered the circulation of the gospel of salvation.

2. That every legitimate effort be made to aid in the defeat and repeal of such legislation, and that where necessary or feasible, legal steps be taken in counsel with the local, the union, and the General Conference to accomplish that end.

SUNDAY LAWS:

WHEREAS, An active program for the promotion, adoption, and enforcement of Sunday laws by municipal and state legislative bodies is being planned,

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We recommend, That our conference officers and workers be alert to the first signs of such movements in their fields and that by an extensive circulation of our Liberty magazine and other literature on this subject, they keep legislators, educational leaders, leading Protestant and Jewish clergymen and public officials informed as to the true nature of Sunday laws and their ultimate consequences.

A series of recommendations from the Finance Committee was adopted as follows:

BIBLE TEXTBOOK APPROPRIATION:

WHEREAS, The General Conference Committee at the Spring Meeting on April 13, 1951 (General Conference Committee Minutes, pp. 382,383), voted to recommend to the Budget Committee of the Autumn Council that it set up a subsidy of \$10,000 for each of four elementary Bible books--this money to be paid to the publishers at the rate of fifty cents per copy for the first 20,000 copies; and

WHEREAS, The Pacific Press Publishing Association finds it impossible to publish and distribute the remaining two Bible textbooks of this series at a price which the Department of Education feels is the maximum price that parents should be asked to pay for these books, namely, \$3.25 per book; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That we approve in principle a like subsidy for each of the two remaining books of the series; and

2. That we request the Budget Committee at this Autumn Council to provide the funds required for these subsidies.

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

LITERATURE EVANGELISM--DIVISION-WIDE LITERATURE COVERAGE:

WHEREAS, We believe that the coming of the Lord is near and that the message of His coming must be given quickly to every creature,

We recommend, 1. That all conferences in the North American Division unite in a division-wide literature program with the objective of placing a selected piece of literature in every home in as short a time as possible.

2. That for this purpose the booklet, "Survival Through Faith," be used.

3. That this literature be distributed both by personal visitation and through the mails.

4. That such adaptations be made in the format of this booklet as will facilitate its distribution by mail, without the use of an envelope.

5. That each conference definitely plan to cover at least one-fourth of the homes within its territory each year, beginning January 1, 1953.

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6. That the working out of the financial aspects of this plan be referred to the Finance Committee.

WORK WITH THE PRESS:

WHEREAS, The public press is opening widely to this denomination, not only in America, but in many other countries; and

WHEREAS, The extent to which we take full advantage of this powerful agency for advancing our work depends very largely on efficiency of organization, and on persons qualified to work intelligently with the press;

We recommend, 1. That our leaders in divisions and in union and local conferences give intensive study to the formation of plans and to obtaining effective and competent leadership for this work;

2. That in order to engage effectively in this specialized line of work we recognize the need of our ministers and other workers having an understanding of successful press relations;

3. That arrangements be made in conferences for the holding of short training institutes with workers, in which they may receive practical instruction, and benefit by exchange of experiences;

4. That the holding of one-day church press secretaries' workshops be continued, and that these be held in places where groups may receive personal practical help in their local church press work;

5. That special study be given to the preparation of certain types of copy that feature points of truth for publication in newspapers on a paid advertising basis; the purpose of this being to arouse interest and to bring responses by way of requests for literature or for enrollment in one of our Bible correspondence courses.

GREETINGS FROM SOUTHERN ASIA:

The Secretary read a cable from O.O.Mattison which read: "GREETINGS FROM SOUTH INDIA WORKERS AND BELIEVERS. UNION-WIDE PRAYERS FOR OUR WORLD LEADERS GATHERED IN COUNCIL."

VOTED, That we instruct the Secretary to reciprocate with an appropriate message.

Adjourned to 2:00 P.M., with prayer by W.H.Branson, who remembered especially Elder G.E.Vandeman and his associates who were then opening their evangelistic effort in London.

A.V.Olson, Chairman
H.T.Elliott,
E.E.Roenfelt, Secretaries
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

TWO HUNDRED FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 21, 1952, 2:00 P.M.

The fifth business session of the Council opened with a hymn, and prayer by J.J.Reiswig.

Several recommendations from the Plans Committee, after discussion and some amendment, were adopted as follows:

SURVIVAL THROUGH FAITH RALLIES:

WHEREAS, There are in the North American Division many thousands of individuals who have listened to the Voice of Prophecy and other radio programs, and the Faith for Today telecast, many readers of the Signs of the Times, These Times, and other Seventh-day Adventist publications, and many students of our Correspondence Schools, who are prospective candidates for membership in the Seventh-day Adventist Church; and,

Believing that the splendid beginning which the conferences throughout the North American Division have made in holding Survival Through Faith rallies has proven this plan most successful in (a) reaching thousands of homes of individuals who are interested in the truth for today, (b) gathering numerous enrollees for our Bible Correspondence Schools, and (c) acquainting the public with the meaning of these times as viewed by Seventh-day Adventists; and,

WHEREAS, A more intensive effort should, we believe, be put forth to realize our objective of reaching with these rallies every city in North America with a population of 5,000 or over,

We recommend, 1. That all union committees in the North American Division counsel with their respective local fields with the object of carrying this plan on to completion and that earnest endeavors be made as quickly as possible to reach all of the cities in North America in which at least one of the Survival through Faith rallies has not yet been held.

2. That as far as it is possible outstanding union and local speakers be used in these rallies and that the General Conference continue to co-operate in answering calls for speakers and organizers as brethren may be available for this work.

3. That earnest efforts be put forth in advertising the rallies more thoroughly in order to contact the homes of the people by organizing our churches for concentrated visitation covering as nearly as possible the entire city territories.

4. That we urge all union and local conference workers to assist in making these rallies a still greater success by endeavoring, in every way possible, to swell the attendance of both our own people and the public at these important meetings.

5. That the main objective of these city rallies continue to be the making of contacts in the homes of the people with those who desire help in

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Bible study or in learning more of the truths to which they have had an introduction through radio broadcasts, television, colporteur work or the reading of our different periodicals and other publications, and that careful plans be laid and carried into effect for following up any interests in the message that are created or discovered.

6. That we continue the use of the booklet Survival Through Faith in connection with these rallies.

RELATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS TO WAR:

In response to the request of the Northern European Division and in harmony with the action of the 1952 Spring Council,

We recommend, That the statement on "The Relation of Seventh-day Adventists to War" which was adopted at the 1951 Autumn Council be amended to read as follows:

"The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a religious body that devotes its energies and resources exclusively to spiritual and humanitarian work. It teaches its members in every land to live blameless lives, to honor their country and obey its laws and to deport themselves in every way as loyal, peaceable citizens. Very particularly, the church teaches its members to pray for the welfare of the state, and for its rulers, in accordance with the instruction of Christ and the holy apostles.

"In time of war Seventh-day Adventist church members seek even more zealously to carry out these teachings. In many lands they offer group training in first-aid medical cadet service, and other forms of relief work, to enable them to give most effective assistance to the wounded, the sick, and the needy--the kind of assistance that they conscientiously believe they should give to their fellow men and to their country.

"When called by their country, Seventh-day Adventists have ever been willing and ready to render faithful service, except as it involves training for, and engaging in, combat service and activities which would contribute to the taking of human life. They do not hesitate to risk their lives; they fear only to disobey God. And they believe they would be disobeying their conscientious Christian convictions if they took human life. The same holy apostles who instruct them to pray for rulers, also instruct them that they should obey God rather than man if there is a conflict between the two. Indeed, they do not know how they can give genuinely loyal service to their country unless they first are loyal to their God." (Note: Underlined words or phrases indicate revisions.)

FIFTIETH INGATHERING ANNIVERSARY PLANS:

WHEREAS, The year 1953 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the inception of the idea of gathering funds from the general public for the support of our worldwide missions; and,

WHEREAS, God moved upon the heart of Jasper Wayne, a layman of Sac City, Iowa, to initiate this plan just when additional sources of funds were necessary for a greater expansion of our world mission program; and,

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WHEREAS, The Ingathering plan has been signally blessed by God in furnishing more than sixty million dollars for world evangelism, resulting in the salvation of many souls who could not have been reached except for the fact that this layman fifty years ago dared to attempt something new; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That during the year 1953 the fiftieth anniversary of the plan of Ingathering for missions be commemorated with a suitable program to be given in all our churches, and with special publicity in our denominational periodicals.

2. That all divisions join in the fiftieth anniversary celebration with a world goal of \$5,000,000, \$3,500,000 of which shall be the goal for the North American Division.

3. That a representative committee be appointed by the General Conference officers, in counsel with the General Conference Home Missionary Department, to work out the details of the anniversary plans and programs.

4. That we encourage our individual church members to make this fiftieth Ingathering Jubilee a deeply spiritual campaign and the greatest soul-winning endeavor we have ever had.

CARE IN ORDERING INGATHERING SUPPLIES:

WHEREAS, Action has been taken to provide a twelve-page folder for use in place of the Ingathering magazine by the colleges, academies, and medical institutions in North America in connection with the annual Ingathering campaign; therefore;

We recommend, That all fields be urged to exercise care in ordering Ingathering supplies with a view to reducing the number of magazines ordered so that the lesser cost of the regular magazines actually needed might make possible the meeting of the cost of the new folder without an increase of the Ingathering expense.

INGATHERING SUPPLIES--COMMITTEE:

In this connection it was

VOTED, That a committee be set up to study the possibility of curtailing the heavy expense incurred in providing supplies to be used by the fields in North America in the Ingathering program, and to bring a recommendation to the Council. The committee of seven was named by W.H.Branson: R.R.Figuhr, C.L.Torrey, T.L.Oswald, C.A.Scriven, G.E.Hutches, L.E.Lenheim, H.E.Schneider.

INGATHERING MINUTEMAN GOAL:

WHEREAS, During the past few years there has been considerable fluctuation in the minuteman goal; and,

WHEREAS, The occasional decrease of the goal results in perplexity both to our laity and those in charge of promotion; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That in order to bring greater stability to the individual goal while still retaining the essential minuteman idea, we use the

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average of the actual minuteman figure for four years as the goal for each succeeding year; and further,

2. That this plan commence with the 1954 campaign, the minuteman goal to be based on the appropriations made at the Autumn Councils for the four years ending in 1952.

EMPHASIS ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

WHEREAS, Our schools have with the blessing of God demonstrated great strength in soul-saving among the children and young people and will continue to do so; and

WHEREAS, The denomination is greatly dependent on the schools for consecrated and trained leaders, laymen as well as denominationally employed workers; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That our denominational workers, particularly evangelists and pastors, be invited to intensify their efforts to make clear to our people, church members and new converts alike, the fact that Christian education is regarded as essential and fundamental among Seventh-day Adventists.

2. That our people, particularly parents and church officers, be urged to own and study the book Education, which contains the pattern and philosophy of Christian education.

3. That for this purpose the Book and Bible Houses feature and promote the inexpensive Christian Home edition of Education.

ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW SCHOOLS OF NURSING:

WHEREAS, There arises from time to time in our mission fields the question of the advisability of developing new schools of nursing; and

WHEREAS, The initiation of such training schools involves significant commitments for the future in both funds and personnel; therefore,

We recommend, That whether the school of nursing under consideration be under the sponsorship of a local, union, or division organization, the authorization for such a school reside with the division administration in consultation with the General Conference Committee.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE TEACHERS:

We recommend, That a representative committee be set up by the General Conference Committee to develop a plan for more satisfactory recruitment, training and placement of Bible teachers for the colleges and academies of the North American Division; this committee to report to the Spring Meeting in 1953.

CALL TO EVANGELISM:

A committee appointed to prepare a recommendation on World Evangelism presented recommendations, and after discussion of the proposed recommendation, it was

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VOTED, To refer the recommendation back to the committee for further study, and that the union and local presidents be invited to meet with the committee.

Adjourned. Benediction by H.C.Klement.

A.V.Olson, Chairman
E.E.Roenfelt,
H.T.Elliott, Secretaries
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

OVERSEAS DIVISION REPORTS

The Australasian Division, F.A.Mote, presiding. W.L.Pascoe, treasurer of the Division, reported a membership of almost 30,000, with 50,000 in the Sabbath schools. Many of these are in the South Sea islands. When the gospel gets hold of them it transforms their lives. Elder Mote told the story of one of our Adventist "Fuzzy-Wuzzies" who testified to the transforming power of the gospel in these words: "Me can savvy Seven-day boy. He got mark. Me look 'im face belong Seven-day boy, 'im e clean, teeth belong 'im 'e white and calico (loin cloth) belong 'im 'e clean."

Less than twenty years ago it was dangerous to visit the Island of Mussau. Today all the inhabitants, more than 2,000, are members of our Seventh-day Adventist Sabbath schools, and it is perfectly safe to travel among them. When these natives accept the message they immediately become missionaries, carrying the gospel story to neighboring islands. Elder Mote expressed the belief that in the near future they will be able to bring a report of thousands of baptisms each year in these island missions. Having seen the fruitage of our mission work, the natives refuse to admit missionaries from other churches, preferring to "wait for Seven-day boys to come." (This report was given Sunday evening, September 21.)

Central European Division. During the 8:30 hour on Monday morning, September 22, Elder W. Mueller, president of the Central European Division, reported 4,143 baptisms during the past two years, 2,511 of which were in eastern Germany behind the Iron Curtain from which the Division officers are now completely cut off. A certain degree of religious liberty is granted to the people in eastern Germany by the Russian occupation authorities, thus making it possible for the work to go forward, though with difficulty.

In western Germany, the allies have granted full religious liberty, but the people manifest considerable indifference to religious things, which makes the work really more difficult than in the Eastern Zone. There is an extreme shortage of suitable meeting halls and church buildings in both areas. This is their greatest material need. Hundreds of church groups are holding their meetings in private homes which are entirely inadequate as evangelistic centers.

The workers in Germany are of good courage and are pressing forward in spite of difficulties, realizing that "the night cometh when no man can work."

TWO HUNDRED SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 22, 1952, 10:00 A.M.

"Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling," was sung to open the fifth business session of the Council, Monday, September 23, and A.V.Olson offered prayer.

The Council recessed immediately to give time for the legal meetings advertised for this hour.

INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY:

A meeting of the International Insurance Company of Takoma Park, Maryland, and its affiliated General Conference Insurance Service, was called by H.L. Rudy, president of the board. A report of the business of the Company was rendered by W.A.Benjamin, the secretary, showing a most encouraging growth since the establishment of the Company in 1936. The Nominating Committee of the Council was asked to make nominations of persons to serve on the board of directors in place of those whose terms expire at this time, and the following directors were re-elected for a term of three years, 1952-1955: H.S.Nelson, J.F.Cummins, C.H.Kelly.

The Insurance Company meeting adjourned sine die.

INTERNATIONAL TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION:

A.V.Olson, chairman of the International Temperance Association, called a meeting of that organization. An interesting report was given by the secretary, W.A.Scharffenberg, and eight new overseas societies were accepted into membership. It was also voted that Francis A. Soper be invited to serve as a member of the executive council of the Association.

The International Temperance Association adjourned.

AMERICAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY:

A meeting of the American Temperance Society was called by H.L.Rudy, chairman. W.A.Scharffenberg, secretary, mentioned in his report the various publications of the Society, and the Council expressed appreciation for the very effective work done by J.A.Buckwalter while editor of Listen.

The American Temperance Society adjourned.

The Council adjourned until 10:00 A.M. September 23, the closing prayer being offered by F.L.Bland.

H.L.Rudy, Chairman
N W Dunn,
H T Elliott, Secretaries
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

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OVERSEAS DIVISION REPORTS

South American Division, Monday evening, September 22, W.E. Murray presiding. The report of South America was presented by Brethren Murray, Scarcella, and Schubert. L.H. Olson, secretary, and O.A. Blake, treasurer, presented a delightful series of kodachrome slides representing the work in various parts of the division. Pastors Schubert and Scarcella related experiences showing the power of God's grace in connection with their evangelistic efforts in the large cities of South America. In the Sao Paulo effort in Brazil they sold 127 Bibles and expect to baptize two hundred souls by the end of the year.

Elder Murray, the president, told of the wonderful work accomplished by the Voice of Prophecy in Spanish and Portuguese. The programs are being broadcast on 58 stations, thus blanketing almost the entire continent with the Advent message. Seventy-one thousand persons have enrolled in the three Bible schools, and nearly a thousand souls have been baptized as a direct result of this effective means of penetrating homes otherwise closed to the Advent message.

He also gave a good report of the self-sacrificing labors of our nurses and doctors who ply up and down the mighty rivers of South America in their "floating clinics" or medical launches. Not only do these medical launches bring relief to those who suffer physically but they also serve as an entering wedge for the message. At a recent boatmen's convention in Belem, one man reported seven groups of believers won by his launch work. Another reported ten churches, and another fifteen Sabbath schools and still another reported having raised up a church and sixteen groups as a result of his medical work.

The church membership in South America has now reached 62,000, with 80,000 in the Sabbath school.

Middle East Division, reporting Tuesday morning, September 23, G.J. Appel in charge. One of the most difficult fields on earth is the Middle East Division--a vast territory with a population of over 90 million, most of whom are Mohammedans. The problem of reaching these millions calls for prompt and courageous planning. Only through the use of every available means of effective labor can the message be given to the millions who live in those historic lands of the Bible. There are many hindrances in the way of progress, some of which seem almost insurmountable, but there are evidences that a brighter day is dawning for the advancement of the message in these ancient lands. Today there are 90,000 persons enrolled in the Bible correspondence courses, many of whom are persons who would otherwise be absolutely inaccessible. Work is soon to begin in two new countries, the Sudan and Libya, where formerly we were denied entrance. This change in attitude on the part of government officials is due to the favorable influence of the Voice of Prophecy. Though the number of evangelistic workers is small, and the opportunity for public evangelism limited, the workers in the Middle East are confident that under God they will be able to gather in a rich harvest for the kingdom of heaven.

TWO HUNDRED THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 23, 1952, 10:00 A.M.

The sixth session of the Council was opened by the singing of a hymn, and prayer by R.J.Christian.

INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATION:

The Council was recessed immediately for the holding of the meeting of the International Religious Liberty Association called for this hour. H.L.Rudy, president of the Association, called upon the secretary, A.W.Johnson, to present the items of business. The Nominating Committee of the Council, being called upon to make nominations for the board of trustees of the Association, presented the following names: L.K.Dickson, A.V.Olson, W.B. Ochs, A.W.Johnson, H.H.Votaw, M.C.Taft, F.D.Nichol, H.A.Morrison, J.F. Cummins, R.L.Benton, G.A.Huse, A.H.Rulkoetter, F.H.Yost, D.A.Ochs, G.E. Hutches. The meeting was adjourned.

REVIEW AND HERALD CIRCULATION:

The editor of the Review, F.D.Nichol, announced plans for making the Review and Herald a still stronger factor in the task of upholding the hands of the General Conference by helping our people to think together, act together, and believe together so all may work in unison, and the further task of protecting our members against heresies and apostasy. R.J.Christian, Periodical Department manager of the Review & Herald, followed with suggestions for increasing the circulation of the Review.

MEDICAL CADET TRAINING:

J.C.Thompson and E.N.Dick spoke of the importance of the Medical Cadet Training program and urged that it be continued in a vigorous way.

UNIFORM FIRE, WINDSTORM, AND EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE
FOR OVERSEAS PROPERTIES:

Recommendations from the Plans Committee were discussed and adopted as amended, as follows:

WHEREAS, It is deemed advisable to unify the insurance protection of denominational buildings, equipment, and supplies throughout the overseas fields, and

WHEREAS, The most economical method of providing adequate uniform protection for such property is through use of the General Conference Master Fire, Windstorm, and Earthquake Policy;

We recommend, 1. That overseas fields be encouraged to insure denominational buildings and equipment through these facilities.

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2. That when this plan is adopted properties and equipment not now insured, be listed for insurance under this plan commencing at once, and that completed lists be mailed not later than March 31, 1953.

3. That as new buildings, or major additions and improvements to existing buildings are approved, these also be listed promptly for the same uniform protection.

4. That when this plan is adopted all fire and related insurance now in force be placed with the General Conference without lapse in coverage at present expiration date of each policy now held.

5. That in harmony with the General Conference Working Policy, it shall be the duty of each overseas division treasurer in cooperation with union and local help to

a. Compile promptly a list of all denominational insurance needs for each respective field giving the effective date for commencing the insurance, and the amount to be placed on each risk.

b. Audit all insurance in force at least once each year, giving especial attention to amounts of insurance which fall below the 80% co-insurance requirement.

FAITH FOR TODAY:

A Finance Committee recommendation was adopted:

WHEREAS, Success has attended the efforts of the Faith for Today television program during the two years' trial period, and it is recognized that this project offers excellent opportunity for evangelism,

We recommend, That the Faith for Today television project be continued and that the appropriation from the conferences for the support of this project be on the basis of 9/10 of one per cent of the 1951 tithe receipts, \$64,000 to be allocated to the Voice of Prophecy and the balance to Faith for Today.

Further recommendations of the Plans Committee were considered and adopted, as follows:

CHURCH RADIO SECRETARY:

WHEREAS, In these eventful days when the thoughts of men and women are influenced by radio and television we must meet the challenge of reaching the multitudes through these mediums; and

WHEREAS, The medium of radio and television is a high potential for soul saving which this denomination is using to a great extent, and for which there is limited direction from the local church level; and

WHEREAS, Many of our people, if given the opportunity, would gladly lead out in the promotion and coordination of our radio and television programs in our churches, ever keeping before them the constant developments and opportunities,

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We recommend, That as far as possible each church appoint a Radio Secretary whose responsibility shall be to foster the local promotional projects of radio and television; and that the radio secretary cooperate fully with the pastor in harnessing the talents and enthusiasm of the church members in developing the interests which are created through these programs.

WRITING OF TELEVISION SCRIPTS BY COLLEGE STUDENTS:

WHEREAS, Faith for Today needs constant variety and practical appeal in its approach to non-religious young people of this country; and

WHEREAS, Adventist young people with talent and zeal need to explore the areas in which their service may be most fruitful; and

WHEREAS, The departments of English, Speech, and Radio in Adventist colleges are the logical avenues through which Faith for Today and Adventist young people may make contact; therefore

We recommend, That some method of encouragement be devised by the Radio Department and the Faith for Today Board; this to be approved by the General Conference Committee, and instituted among Adventist colleges, through the cooperation of the Radio Department, the administrative officers of the institution and the teachers in these areas, for the preparation in college English, Speech, and Radio classes of television scripts following the present format of the Faith for Today presentation.

CALL TO EVANGELISM:

The report of the committee appointed to draft a resolution on World Evangelism was presented for discussion, and after some amendments the following was adopted:

These are staggering times. Millions face Christ or chaos! They live in the shadow of impending doom. Many are in the valley of decision. In the cities, on the highways, across great expanses of countryside and inlands afar, millions on the brink of eternity have not heard the Advent message.

The Spirit of prophecy declares:

"Now is the time for the last warning to be given. . . . All are now deciding their eternal destiny. . . . Decided efforts should be made to bring the message for this time prominently before the people. The third angel is to go forth with great power."--Vol. 6, p. 16.

"In this country and in the foreign countries the cause of present truth is to make more rapid advancement than it has made." We "must go as far and as fast as possible with a determination to do the very things that the Lord has said should be done. . . . The world must hear the warning message."--Ms. 162 (1905).

We believe the time has come for the fulfillment of this prediction by the messenger of the Lord:

"Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven.

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By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given." -- Great Controversy, pp. 611, 612.

This is the time for the church of the living God to go forward in unity and in the fellowship of service. The "everlasting gospel" must go now to "every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." Rev. 14:6. To this we pledge our lives and our all in renewed dedication. We come to the cross repentant sinners; we leave it exultant witnesses. And we sound a solemn call to the world church and ministry to unite with us in this last-hour experience. Mantled with the promised power, we shall cause the glory of God to shine forth to the ends of the earth.

WHEREAS, This call to evangelism brings the Advent Movement face to face with God's last summons to universal action; and

WHEREAS, Every resource in men and means must be harnessed now and utilized to the very best advantage, so that "terrible as an army with banners" we can "be strong and do exploits" with a maximum efficiency and success,

We recommend, 1. That division, union and local field committees proceed immediately to survey their territories and to marshal their forces with a view to organizing an overall program of integrated evangelism by which the total strength of the ministry, the activities of every department and the resources of every institution shall be focused on soul-winning fruitage.

2. That local fields organize yearly institutes under the direction of the president and the departmental secretaries at which this program of integrated evangelism can be developed, soul-winning techniques presented, and church leaders trained more efficiently, thereby allowing ministers to devote their major time and interest to leadership of public evangelism and to rallying the church, the Sabbath school and the youth in concerted action.

3. That we encourage union and local committees to occasionally invite experienced evangelists to meet with them in counsel.

4. That when and where practicable, executive committees and boards arrange the duties of all credentialed and licensed workers so that they can conduct, or be associated with, at least one public effort yearly.

5. That an ever-increasing evangelistic mold be placed on our colporteur work, and that colporteur evangelists be encouraged to cooperate with ministers in soul winning by preparing the field with literature prior to a public evangelistic campaign, by reporting the names and addresses of those who have purchased literature in the area, and by personally inviting to the meetings those who have manifested an interest in the message.

6. That every Seventh-day Adventist church be organized as an evangelistic center in which a year-round program of public evangelism is carried forward by either the conference worker or trained laymen, and that unless a major evangelistic effort is conducted in the vicinity, the lights be on in our churches each Sunday evening where an evangelistic program can be conducted consistently.

7. That the responsible leaders in local, union and division fields keep this program of expanding evangelism constantly before their committees, workers and churches, informing them of progress made in achieving the objective.

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WHEREAS, The best ministerial talent of the church must be encouraged to think evangelism, plan evangelism, and remain in public evangelism as a life work,

We recommend, 8. That yearly workers' meetings be organized in such a way that a definite part of such meetings shall be reserved for a planned consideration of public evangelism and its problems.

9. That study be given to the organization, on the local, union or division level, of special evangelistic teams, for larger city evangelism, in which evangelistic workers of experience can continue with unchanging service, and that the assignments of these teams be worked out on a long-range basis, thus making better and more satisfactory planning possible for this evangelistic personnel.

10. That the program of public evangelism be kept before the church as the essential activity to which all other activities must be contributory, care being taken lest it be overshadowed by other denominational undertakings or programs.

11. That recognition be given to experienced evangelists called to leadership of teams on a union or division level that will classify them along with other workers who carry major responsibility in conference leadership.

12. That union and local fields give study to a plan for making regular financial provision to enable evangelistic workers to secure and protect essential evangelistic equipment.

13. That, as far as is practicable, each union field be invited to send one evangelist of experience to the biennial division council, and that the General Conference Ministerial Association Advisory Committee meet, with as full attendance as possible, in connection with each General Conference session, the purpose of these arrangements being to provide for a general survey of our evangelistic endeavors and to maintain bright and high our evangelistic ideals and devotion.

CIVIL DEFENSE PROGRAM:

At this point General William L. Wilson, Assistant Administrator of the Civil Defense Program, entered the auditorium and was escorted to the platform where he was introduced to the Council by Carlyle B. Haynes. In his brief presentation of the program of Civil Defense in the United States, General Wilson commended the Seventh-day Adventist Church for its live participation especially in training in first aid, and suggested another line of service for consideration--training of suitable persons for work in mass feeding in catastrophe situations. He mentioned also training in home nursing and nurse-aide work, and closed his remarks with these words: "You have done me a favor to let me come here." Attention was called by Dr. W. E. Macpherson to an article in Medical Arts and Sciences, an address given by General Wilson to the National Conference of Chairmen, Seventh-day Adventist War Service Commission, St. Louis, Missouri, November 5, 1950.

Adjourned, with prayer by W.H. Branson.

R.R. Figuhr, Chairman
H.T. Elliott, N.W. Dunn, Secretaries
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

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OVERSEAS DIVISION REPORTS

Southern African Division, R.S.Watts, presiding - Tuesday evening. The report of the Southern African Division was given by R.S.Watts, F.G.Clifford, W.P.Bradley, and W.D.Eva in the form of a dialogue, after which a moving picture in kodachrome gave a vivid impression of the work accomplished by Seventh-day Adventist missions in Africa. Thirty years ago there were only 2,705 members in the entire African Division. By the middle of this year, there were 87,439 members with a Sabbath school attendance of 211,441. There are 90,403 members in the baptismal classes. Many new missionaries both national and foreign are needed to care for this multitude of seekers after truth. With a little extra help it is believed that the number of baptized members in Southern Africa can be doubled by 1954. "Today is the day of the open door in Africa."

Southern European Division, morning hour September 24, 1952. Elder W.R.Beach, assured the delegates to the Autumn Council that the future is bright with promise of a great ingathering of souls from among the 220,000,000 people of their territory. The baptized membership is nearing 90,000, with 115,000 enrolled in the Sabbath school. They are baptizing almost a thousand souls each month.

The speaker stated that their objective in Southern Europe is to carry forward a well-balanced, integrated program of evangelism with each department doing its full share toward the achievement of their soul-winning goal. The Lord is blessing their efforts, in spite of serious obstacles which threaten to curtail their achievements. In Portugal their training school has recently been closed. In Spain the doors to two of our churches have been padlocked by the police, and the same fate threatens others. In Yugoslavia, which is behind the Iron Curtain, more than half of our workers have never attended one of our schools. Public evangelism is strictly forbidden in some countries, though even behind the Iron Curtain it is still possible to hold meetings in a regularly authorized church or hall. Stringent laws against religious meetings except in officially recognized churches or halls, urge upon us the necessity of moving forward at once in the erection of permanent church homes for our congregations. Otherwise our churches in Southern Europe face the constant threat of having their rented meeting places closed by the authorities. News coming to the Division from behind the Iron Curtain indicates that in spite of the curtailment of religious liberty, and in spite of bitter persecution, God has in reserve a multitude who are true to the message. The radio is proving to be an effective means of penetrating Iron Curtain as well as walls of prejudice which so often hinder the progress of the living messenger. The Advent Message is being broadcast over 140 stations in Southern Europe, in seven languages. Thus the air is being "saturated with the Advent Message," and souls are being won in large numbers.

TWO HUNDRED FOURTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
September 24, 1952, 9:30 A.M.

"Holy, Holy, Holy," was the hymn used to open the seventh session of the Council, and R.R.Figuhr led in prayer.

PRAYER FOR SERVICEMEN:

W.H.Bergherm spoke briefly of the two Seventh-day Adventist men who have died in Korea in the service of the United States, and the three who are believed to be in prison camps in that country. The delegates stood for a moment of silent prayer and were then led in prayer by A.V.Olson.

FINANCIAL SUMMARIES OF SANITARIUMS AND HOSPITALS
AND OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS:

H.W.Klaser presented financial summaries of the sanitariums and hospitals in North America, which show an increased total operating income of nearly three million dollars. However, there has been a gradual lessening of the percentage of occupancy over the past few years. Our medical institutions increased their assets during the past year by two million dollars, and their liabilities by half a million dollars.

There has been a two and a half million dollar increase in net worth of the Seventh-day Adventist educational institutions in North America during 1951. In the list of institutions included under the "Freedom from Debt" honor roll are five colleges and thirty academies.

DATE AND PLACE OF SPRING MEETING
AND AUTUMN COUNCIL 1953:

VOTED, That the date and place of meeting of the 1953 Autumn Council be referred to the General Conference officers for decision.

VOTED, That the Spring Meeting of 1953 be held in Takoma Park April 8 to 14.

Recommendations from the General Conference officers were adopted as follows:

CONVENTIONS AND MEETINGS FOR 1953:

We recommend, That the following conventions and meetings be authorized for 1953 (Note: This list includes some meetings starred already authorized but recorded here to give a complete list):

- * Academy principals of North America and union educational secretaries, college teacher training group, June 19-24, place to be decided later
- * College teaching section meeting for departments of English and foreign languages, August 25 to September 2, place to be decided later
- * Home Missionary Department Advisory Committee, time and place to be decided later

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* Publishing Department Advisory Committee, prior to Autumn Council, Takoma Park, D.C.

* Sabbath School Department Advisory Committee, time and place to be decided later

* American Temperance Society Advisory Committee together with Missionary Volunteer Advisory Committee, prior to Autumn Council, Takoma Park, D.C.

North American Temperance Society Secretaries Council, Washington, D.C., January 20-26

National Cadet Training Camp, Grand Ledge, Michigan, June 16-30

Cadet Training Camp for Canada, should request come from Canadian Union Institute of Scientific Studies, Loma Linda, July 13-27

Three regional meetings of the Seventh-day Adventist Instructor-Trainers of the Red Cross, and Union War Service Commission Secretaries

North American Division Radio Workshop

Union Secretaries of the Association of Self-Supporting Institutions in connection with the constituency meeting of the Association of Self-Supporting Institutions

Local and Union conference medical secretaries, to meet at time of Postgraduate Assembly in Los Angeles in March.

Medical Department Advisory Committee, prior to Spring Meeting

Sanitarium chaplains, including any who wish to come from the self-supporting institutions, to consider methods and plans in the field of personal evangelism and follow-up work, time and place to be decided

PAN AMERICAN YOUTH CONGRESS:

WHEREAS, "God has appointed the church as a watchman to have a jealous care over the youth and children," and He has "appointed the youth to be His helping hand;" and,

WHEREAS, There is a new generation of young people which has come to maturity since the last North American Youth Congress; and,

WHEREAS, It is evident that an occasional large gathering of young people results in great inspiration to the youth and a blessing to the cause of God; and,

WHEREAS, The North American Youth Congress has resulted in inspiring gains among the youth in souls won and baptized, backsliders reclaimed, and decisions for mission service; and,

WHEREAS, The North American Youth Congress also gave opportunity for the launching of a great world-wide Share Your Faith crusade,

We recommend, That a Pan American Youth Congress be held in the summer of 1953 at which time the Inter-American and South American divisions be invited to cooperate to the extent these divisions deem advisable.

HOME MISSIONARY WORKSHOPS:

We recommend, That the Home Missionary Department be authorized to arrange two workshops in 1953, the exact time to be arranged, at which plans and methods for the operation of Bible correspondence schools can be studied: one workshop to be held in Washington, D.C., for the Atlantic, Columbia, Lake,

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and Southern unions, and the eastern part of the Canadian Union; the other to be held in Denver, Colorado, for the remainder of the North American Division.

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CADET SERVICE--

CHANGE OF NAME:

We recommend, That the name "International Commission for Medical Cadet Service" be changed to "International Service Commission."

SALARY IN LOCAL CURRENCY:

We recommend, That sentence three of paragraph three, page 117, of the General Conference Working Policy be amended to read as follows:

"From the time of disembarking in the mission field the appointee shall be paid at the rate of salary set for him in the field and in the local currency of the country where the worker is to labor."

TERM OF SERVICE AND LENGTH OF FURLOUGH:

We recommend, That paragraph 26 on page 138 of the General Conference Working Policy be revised to read as follows:

"After careful consideration by the General Conference Committee, including representatives from all divisions, terms of service of our various mission fields, together with the length of furlough allowed, have been fixed as indicated below. Divisions shall take into account climatic conditions, distances from home base, and provisions made in some cases for yearly hill leaves or short coastal furloughs, in fixing the beginning and end of furloughs."

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION:

A subcommittee which had been appointed to make recommendation on a certificate of ordination, presented its recommendations which after amendment were adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, It is desirable to have a uniform certificate of ordination which can be used throughout the North American Division and other fields using the English language,

We recommend, 1. That a certificate be prepared in design, color and size $6\frac{3}{4} \times 8\frac{3}{4}$, and that the wording be as follows:

C E R T I F I C A T E O F O R D I N A T I O N

TO THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

This certifies that

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having given satisfactory evidence of his call to and preparation for the sacred work of the gospel ministry, was ordained at _____ on the _____ day of _____ 19____ and is duly authorized under the provisions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to perform all the functions of the ministerial office.

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Issued by the _____ Conference
_____ of Seventh-day Adventists
_____ President _____ Secretary

2. That these certificates be printed and stocked at the Review & Herald Publishing Association.

3. That the revised Minister's Manual include in the section on "Instructions for Ordination" a statement to the effect that the ordination certificate be signed and ready to be placed in the hands of the candidate at the conclusion of the ordination service.

4. That a smaller ordination certificate be prepared for convenience, retaining the same wording, and that it be printed on a card.

A series of recommendations from the General Conference officers was adopted, as follows:

BIBLICAL EXEGESIS AND RESEARCH:

WHEREAS, We believe that "the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day," and that the everlasting gospel in its doctrinal, historical, and prophetic setting is to be proclaimed to all the world in the face of increasing opposition and deception by the prince of darkness; and

WHEREAS, The Spirit of prophecy clearly states that "as a people, we are called upon individually to be students of prophecy," and that "we must watch with earnestness that we may discern any ray of light which God shall present to us. We are to catch the first gleamings of truth; and through prayerful study, clearer light may be obtained, which can be brought before others" (Gospel Workers, p. 300), and that "if a brother is teaching error, those who are in responsible positions ought to know it; and if he is teaching truth, they ought to take their stand at his side. We should all know what is being taught among us; for if it is truth, we need it."--Gospel Workers, pp. 300, 301. And that

"Whenever the people of God are growing in grace, they will be constantly obtaining a clearer understanding of His word" (Gospel Workers, p. 297), and we have been told that "we must sink the shaft deep in the mine of truth. You

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may question matters with yourselves and with one another, if you only do it in the right spirit; but too often self is large, and as soon as investigation begins, an un-Christian spirit is manifested. This is just what Satan delights in, but we should come with a humble heart to know for ourselves what is truth" (Counsels to Writers and Editors, p. 41); and

WHEREAS, We have this clear counsel from the Spirit of prophecy, that "the only safety for any of us is in receiving no new doctrine, no new interpretation of the Scriptures, without first submitting it to brethren of experience. Lay it before them in a humble, teachable spirit, with earnest prayer; and if they see no light in it, yield to their judgment; for 'in the multitude of counselors there is safety'" (Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 293); and

WHEREAS, The recent Bible Conference has given a new impetus to Biblical exegesis and research, and realizing that the best results can be achieved through united and coordinated efforts, and feeling that such study should be encouraged throughout the world field;

We recommend, 1. That a committee be appointed by the General Conference to encourage, organize, and coordinate this Biblical exegesis and research and then to function as a body of counsel to give guidance to those who in any part of the world field make what appears to them to be significant discoveries of truth.

2. That this committee be known as the Committee for Biblical Study and Research, and its work be to receive and examine such manuscripts as may be sent in from time to time.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS--REPORT:

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

We recommend, 1. As Associate Secretary of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference, J.H.Hancock.

2. As members of the Board of Regents for a term of three years, the term to expire in 1955: W.A.Nelson, G.T.Anderson, V.W.Becker.

3. As members of the Advisory Committee for the International Religious Liberty Association: L.K.Dickson, A.V.Olson, W.B.Ochs, A.W.Johnson, H.H.Votaw, M.C.Taft, F.D.Nichol, H.A.Morrison, J.F.Cummins, R.L.Benton, G.A.Huse, A.H.Rulkoetter, F.H.Yost, D.A.Ochs, G.E.Hutches.

GOVERNMENT AID TO INSTITUTIONS:

W.H.Branson introduced the question of the denominational stand in the matter of receiving government aid to institutions, and time was given to R.L.Benton to present the results of his study of the subject and to report on the attitude of other Protestant churches at the present time.

A.H.Rulkoetter also spoke briefly. The time having come to adjourn, further opportunity was promised at a later meeting for others to express themselves.

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Adjourned to 7:30 P.M. September 24. Prayer by R.L.Benton.

W.H.Branson, Chairman
 J.I.Robison,
 H.T.Elliott, Secretaries
 Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

TWO HUNDRED FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 24, 1952, 7:30 P.M.

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," was the opening hymn for the eighth session of the Council. Prayer was by Glenn Calkins.

Several series of recommendations from the Plans Committee were presented, and were adopted as follows:

CALENDAR REVISION:

WHEREAS, The World Calendar Association which is advocating a calendar change that would disrupt the continuity of the weekly cycle, seeks to have this proposed new calendar become effective on January 1, 1956, and accordingly has mapped an aggressive program of education and promotion, and

WHEREAS, These proponents of calendar revision are using the press, the radio and television to secure from the public the support necessary for the adoption of their revised calendar, and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the United Nations at its meeting this October will be urged to refer the question of revision to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations with the hope of their making a favorable recommendation in 1953 to the member nations to concur with the adoption of this calendar on January 1, 1956,

We recommend, 1. That the Religious Liberty Secretary in each division of our organization be prepared to contact influential leaders and to organize for active opposition to this proposed calendar revision;

2. That in North America our workers be prepared to oppose its adoption by campaigning through the press, over the radio, by literature distribution and by any other appropriate method.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES CIRCULATION:

In harmony with the challenging appeal of our General Conference leadership for united cooperation in the greatest soul-winning crusade in our history, and recognizing our missionary literature as an invaluable accessory to the attainment of this objective,

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We recommend, 1. That the 1953 Signs of the Times crusade be an occasion for united cooperation in encouraging every church member to sponsor the regular visits of our only weekly missionary periodical among their relatives and friends.

2. That the publishers of the Signs of the Times be urged to continue their well-organized program designed to lead every subscriber to the point of decision.

3. That we appeal to all our church members, especially to our professional and business men, to unite in a great endeavor to give the Signs of the Times during 1953 a circulation at least ten per cent greater than the journal has ever had previously.

BIBLE CONFERENCE FOR GRADUATES OF THE COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS:

WHEREAS, The recent Bible Conference has proved an inestimable blessing in uniting and strengthening our ministry in the task of saving souls, and

WHEREAS, Such a conference would strengthen and unite our medical workers with the ministry in proclaiming the last message to this world,

We recommend, 1. That a Bible Conference of three days' duration be held immediately before or after the Postgraduate Assembly to be held in Los Angeles, March 8-10, 1953, in order that as many of our College of Medical Evangelists graduates as possible might attend.

2. That the General Conference officers with the Ministerial Association, the Medical Department and the White Trustees arrange the details of the program for this meeting and also for proper representation from the General Conference staff.

3. That publicity for this program be arranged through the College of Medical Evangelists Publicity Department and Department of Public Relations, and the Pacific Union Conference and the General Conference Bureau of Press Relations.

ESTABLISHMENT OF SMALL SELF-SUPPORTING SANITARIUMS AND TREATMENT ROOMS:

WHEREAS, The counsel of the Lord, as sent to the remnant church through His messenger, clearly indicates that "small sanitariums and treatment rooms (are to) be established" (Mrs. E.G. White, Letter 43-1905); and

WHEREAS, We have been given the following encouraging message: "Christ cooperates with those who engage in medical missionary work. Men and women who unselfishly do what they can to establish sanitariums and treatment rooms in many lands will be richly rewarded. Those who visit these institutions will be benefited physically, mentally, and spiritually--the weary will be refreshed, the sick restored to health, the sin-burdened relieved. . . . By their songs of grateful praise a testimony will be borne that will win others to allegiance to and to fellowship with Christ" (Testimonies, vol. 7, pp. 51, 52); therefore,

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We recommend, That physicians, nurses, physiotherapists, hydrotherapists, and others who are professionally qualified to undertake this type of endeavor, and who have a burden for the establishment of small self-supporting sanitariums and treatment rooms, be given every encouragement by conference administrators and workers in order that "many small sanitariums" and treatment rooms may be established in cities, towns, and rural areas as opportunity permits.

ELEMENTARY TEACHER SHORTAGE:

WHEREAS, There exists in the North American Division an alarming shortage of qualified Seventh-day Adventist teachers, and

WHEREAS, Many Seventh-day Adventist children and youth are forced to attend secular schools each year because of this shortage, and

WHEREAS, This condition has reached the crisis stage and is becoming worse each succeeding year; therefore,

We recommend, That the General Conference Committee appoint a representative committee to study the whole problem of elementary teacher education and supply, and that this committee report its findings and recommendations to the Autumn Council of 1953.

VOCATIONAL NURSE TRAINING:

WHEREAS, The shortage of nursing personnel in our hospitals and sanitariums continues to become more acute even to threatening the closure of units in some institutions, and

WHEREAS, Great relief has come to those institutions which have adopted the plan of systematic training of vocational nurses; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That our sanitariums be urged to give study to the establishment of vocational nurse training schools as early as necessary personnel is available; and further,

2. That the Medical Department of the General Conference be asked to provide for our institutions, a plan of instruction and curriculum for a one-year course in vocational nursing leading to a certificate with eligibility to be registered in states in which vocational nursing is recognized.

GROUPS TO VISIT COLLEGES:

Inasmuch as the presidents of our colleges in North America have made request that groups of General Conference workers visit the colleges during the 1952-53 school year for the purpose of restudying the fundamentals of Christian education with the college staffs,

We recommend, That the General Conference make arrangements for visits during the 1952-53 school year to our North American colleges of groups of workers, comprised of representatives of the General Conference and the president and educational secretary of the union or unions in each case, with the object of conducting meetings and studies with the administrative officers and staff members of the colleges for the purpose of reviewing the great

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fundamentals of Christian education, the objectives of the work of our colleges as understood by the denomination, and the role of the college as a supporter of the church, its standards and its enterprises, and that of the church as a supporter of the school; of appraising the present educational program; and of seeking ways and means for its improvement.

PERIODICAL FOR JUNIORS:

WHEREAS, Junior youth from ten to fifteen years of age are most responsive to Christian influence, and 70.5 per cent of all children of Seventh-day Adventist parents who are baptized make their decision for Christ before they complete their fourteenth year; and,

WHEREAS, The peak age of baptism among Seventh-day Adventists is twelve, and,

WHEREAS, No existing denominational journal is exclusively devoted to the junior age; and,

WHEREAS, Many parents find their children outgrowing Our Little Friend before maturing sufficiently to enjoy the Youth's Instructor,

We recommend, 1. That a journal be provided for junior youth, and

2. That the General Conference Committee appoint a committee to implement this action with full authorization to determine which house shall be the publisher, its channel and method of distribution, and also the special field it shall serve.

HEALTH LITERATURE:

WHEREAS, There is much secular literature on the subject of health which is finding its way into the homes of many of our people that does not give a balanced picture of healthful living; and,

WHEREAS, We are instructed that "in teaching health principles" we are to "keep before the mind the great object of reform--that its purpose is to secure the highest development of body, mind, and soul" (Ministry of Healing, page 146); therefore,

We recommend, 1. That in order to obtain a sound and balanced concept of healthful living, we urge our people to secure the Spirit of prophecy volumes which deal with the subject of healthful living, namely,

- a. Ministry of Healing
- b. Story of Our Health Message
- c. Counsels on Health
- d. Counsels on Diet and Food
- e. Medical Ministry
- f. Temperance

2. That we urge our church members also to avail themselves of our other denominational health and temperance literature, such as Life and Health, Listen, the Home Health Education series of tracts, and the books on health that are published by our own publishing houses.

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3. That through the union conference papers the attention of church members be drawn to the revised booklet by Ellen G. White, entitled, A Call to Medical Evangelism.

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE PREVENTION OF ALCOHOLISM:

WHEREAS, The setting up of the National Committee for the Prevention of Alcoholism has attracted the attention and interest of many outstanding men and women who have assisted us in conducting the Institute of Scientific Studies, in promoting Listen magazine and in fostering a new Total Abstinence Movement in this country; and,

WHEREAS, The influence of this work has attracted the attention of many leading men in other lands; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That the International Temperance Association be authorized to select, in collaboration with our division committees, 150 men and women to serve on a permanent International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism; and,

2. That we enlist the support of this commission in the launching of a world-wide Total Abstinence Movement that will attract the attention and interest of God-fearing and influential men and women in every part of the world field.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS:

WHEREAS, Many of our medical leaders attend the meetings of the American Hospital Association; and,

WHEREAS, It is desirable that the distinctive features of our medical work receive continuous study and emphasis; and,

WHEREAS, It is desirable that these institutional leaders have opportunity for study of mutual problems; therefore,

We recommend, That the Medical Department of the General Conference be authorized to sponsor a one-day conference for those Seventh-day Adventist representatives in attendance at the annual meeting of the American Hospital Association to be held in San Francisco in September of 1953.

APPEAL TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM:

WHEREAS, In recent months two Seventh-day Adventist churches, one located in Carlentini, the other in Lentini, in Sicily, as well as churches of other denominations, have been closed by the order of the Italian government; and,

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Italian Republic, Articles VIII, XVII, and XIX in particular, adopted on the 22nd day of December, 1947, effective January 1, 1948, provides full religious freedom for all people in Italy in the following terms:

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Article VIII "All religious confessions are equally free under the law.

"Religious confessions other than Catholic have the right to organize themselves according to their own statutes in so far as they are not at variance with the Italian legal system.

"In accordance with the law, their relations with the State are regulated on the basis of agreements with their respective representatives."

Article XVII "Citizens have the right to assemble peaceably and without arms.

"Previous notices shall not be required for meetings, even if held in places open to the public."

Article XIX "All persons have the right freely to profess their own religious faith, in any individual or collective form, to proselytize on its behalf, and to perform in private and in public acts of worship, provided the rites are not contrary to public morals;" and

WHEREAS, The government of the Italian Republic has given assurance of its compliance with the constitutional guarantees of religious liberty; therefore,

We, the representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in its biennial World Autumn Council, assembled in Washington, D.C., respectfully request His Excellency, the Ambassador of the Italian Republic to the United States, that he implore his government to make effective its guarantees of religious freedom as expressed in the constitution, to take the necessary steps to have these churches reopened, and to prevent future recurrence of such violations.

Adopted September 24, 1952
Biennial Session of Seventh-day Adventists
Washington, D.C.

APPEAL TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REGARDING
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN ITALY:

Honorable Dean Acheson
Secretary of State
United States of America
Washington, D.C.

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WHEREAS, The Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation entered into by the governments of Italy and the United States, on February 2, 1948, and ratified by both governments June 16-18, 1949, guarantees the nationals of both countries full religious liberty in the following terms:

Article XI "The nationals of either High Contracting Party shall, within the territories of the other High Contracting Party, be permitted to exercise liberty of conscience and freedom of worship, and they may, whether individually, collectively, or in religious corporations or associations, and without annoyance or molestation of any kind by reason of their religious belief, conduct services, either within their own houses or within any other appropriate buildings, provided that their teachings or practices are not contrary to public morals or public order;" and,

WHEREAS, The government of the Italian Republic has given assurance of its willingness to comply with the constitutional guarantees of religious liberty; and,

WHEREAS, It appears that the Italian government, by retaining in effect laws relating to public worship and religious cults, promulgated subsequent to the Lateran Accord of 1929, but now rendered null and void by the Constitution of the Italian Republic, is now allowing these constitutional rights to be denied by closing the above-mentioned Seventh-day Adventist churches and certain churches of other religious bodies; therefore,

We, the representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, in its biennial World Autumn Council, assembled in Washington, D.C., earnestly request the Department of State of the United States to make every effort, and to

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utilize every means to see that these treaties be observed, that these churches be reopened, and that the Italian government be encouraged to render effective its constitutional guarantees of religious freedom.

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Recommendations from the Finance Committee were next considered, and adopted as follows:

SUPPLEMENTARY INTERNSHIPS:

We recommend, That the following paragraph on page 73 of the General Conference Working Policy be deleted from the policy on Supplementary Internships:

"When young people are eligible as interns where internships are not available, conferences may feel free to take such young people into their employ, with the understanding that if they are later entered as interns, the time of their previous employment will be counted as applying on the internship period."

MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIPS:

We recommend, 1. That provision be made for 113 regular Ministerial Internships for 1953, the allotment to be as follows:

a. That 90 internships be assigned to the several unions as follows:

Atlantic	8
Canadian	7
Central	8
Columbia	11
Lake	9
Northern	7
North Pacific	9
Pacific	14
Southern	9
Southwestern	8

b. That 14 internships be assigned for colored workers and be distributed by the North American Division Committee on Administration.

c. That 9 internships be assigned to foreign language work, the distribution to be made by the North American Division Committee on Administration.

2. That 10 ministerial internships be provided for students of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary for the year 1953, to be distributed by the North American Division Committee on Administration in counsel with the Theological Seminary.

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DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

A report from the Committee on Distribution of Labor was presented, and adopted as follows:

We recommend, 1. That the Pacific Union and the Hawaiian Mission be requested to release C.A.Phelps to connect with the Canadian Union for work in the Alberta Conference; and that the Canadian Union and the Alberta Conference be requested to release E.L.Anderson to connect with the Pacific Union for work in the Hawaiian Mission.

2. That Miss Mabel E. Abrams, R.N., of Detroit, Michigan, be invited to connect with the Canadian Union as conference nurse in the Ontario-Quebec Conference.

3. That the Southwestern Union and the Texas Conference be requested to release R.E.Lunt to connect with the Central Union for pastoral work in the Kansas Conference.

4. That the Southwestern Union and the Texas Conference be requested to release Frank Sherill to connect with the Central Union for pastoral work in the Colorado Conference.

5. That the Washington Sanitarium be requested to release Irvin Friesen to connect with the Central Union to serve as pharmacist at the Porter Sanitarium.

6. That the Atlantic Union and the Greater New York Conference be requested to release J.A.Wasenmiller to connect with the Columbia Union and East Pennsylvania Conference as pastor of the Philadelphia German church.

7. That the Southern Union and Georgia-Cumberland Conference be requested to release Miss Anita Robbins to connect with the Lake Union and Illinois Conference to serve as a Bible instructor in Chicago.

8. That the Southern Union and Georgia-Cumberland Conference be requested to release Miss Evelyn Ryder to connect with the Southern Asia Division to serve as a Bible instructor.

9. That the North Pacific Union and Washington Conference be requested to release F.G.Roper to connect with the Lake Union for evangelistic service in the Illinois Conference; and that the Lake Union and Illinois Conference be requested to release H.J.Thomsen for pastor-evangelistic work in the North Pacific Union and Washington Conference.

10. That the Columbia Union and Potomac Conference be requested to release P.G.Crestakos to connect with the Southern Union and Kentucky-Tennessee Conference; and that the Southern Union and Kentucky-Tennessee Conference be requested to release C.L.White to connect with the Columbia Union and Potomac Conference.

11. That the Southern Union and Florida Conference be requested to release Brooks Findley to connect with the Southwestern Union as pastor-evangelist in the Texas Conference; and that the Southwestern Union and Texas Conference be requested to release Carl Ashlock to connect with the Southern Union and Florida Conference.

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12. That the Australasian Division be requested to release Ian Fraser from his contract to the Division, that he may connect with the College of Medical Evangelists in the Loma Linda Division, with the departments of Physiology and Pharmacology.

13. That the Southwestern Union and Texico Conference be requested to release Calvin G. Gordon to connect with the Inter-American Division to serve as president of the Central American Union.

14. That the Pacific Union and Hawaiian Mission be requested to release Don R. Christman to connect with the South American Division for service as Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary in the South Brazil Union.

15. That George Butler, returned missionary, be invited to connect with the General Conference for service in connection with the College of Medical Evangelists Fund Raising Committee.

16. That the Australasian Division and the Australasian Missionary College be requested to release W. B. C. Murdoch to connect with the Theological Seminary for teaching in the departments of Biblical Languages and of Bible and Systematic Theology.

Further recommendations from the Finance Committee were adopted, as follows:

CAMP MEETING SABBATH SCHOOL OFFERINGS

WHEREAS, The Camp meeting presents one of the outstanding opportunities of the year to make special gifts to the cause of God; therefore,

We recommend, That in harmony with the plan that has proved successful through the years, our conference leadership continue to make the annual camp meeting an occasion for an earnest spiritual presentation of the financial needs of the cause of God by a strongly promoted offering for the regions beyond at the time of the Sabbath school, the proceeds of which are to be devoted entirely to foreign missions.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY--APPROPRIATION:

We recommend, That an appropriation of \$10,000 be granted to the American Bible Society for 1953, the amount to be prorated among the local conferences in North America on the basis of the 1951 tithe receipts.

ALLOWANCES TO INSTITUTIONAL WORKERS:

We recommend, That the policy on allowances to institutional workers, passed in the Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee, 1952, be implemented, and that each institutional board undertake to put the policy into effect to the extent of its financial ability.

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FUTURE OF OUR FOREIGN PERIODICALS:

We recommend, 1. That the weekly Danish-Norwegian missionary journal Evangeliets Sendebud now printed by the International Branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, Brookfield, Illinois, be discontinued and the readers be encouraged to subscribe for the Tidens Tale published in Norway and the Tidens Tegn published in Denmark.

2. That the weekly German missionary journal Zeichen der Zeit published by the International Branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, Brookfield, Illinois, be continued with the plan that a special effort be made to promote the paper for one year and that the situation be subject to review and decision for the future at the Fall Council in 1953.

3. That the semimonthly German church paper Botschafter now published at the International Branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, Brookfield, Illinois, be discontinued and arrangements be made to make the world edition of the German Review and Herald published in Germany available to non-English reading German church members in America.

4. That the weekly Swedish missionary journal Sions Vaktare published by the International Branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, Brookfield, Illinois, be changed to a semimonthly and efforts be made to arrange reduction in editorial expenses.

5. That the Italian and Ukrainian monthly missionary journals published by the International Branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association at Brookfield, Illinois, be continued.

INGATHERING SUPPLIES AND EXPENSE IN NORTH AMERICA:

WHEREAS, Our orders for Ingathering supplies in North America are steadily mounting and our Ingathering expenses are yearly becoming more and more out of proportion to the income,

We recommend, 1. That the conferences be urged to exercise care in ordering supplies by a careful checking of the material that is needed each year in the campaign.

2. That a committee of three be set up in each local conference and also in each union, consisting of the president, the secretary-treasurer, and the home missionary secretary, to check carefully the Ingathering orders each year before they are sent in to the publishing house and the General Conference

3. That on the completion of the Ingathering campaign each conference immediately notify the union of surplus Ingathering supplies which can be used in other fields where the campaign comes at a later date, thereby obviating the necessity of planning such a large margin of safety in ordering Ingathering supplies.

(This report was adopted as submitted by the committee which was appointed September 21 by the Council.)

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The General Conference officers had given study to a statement of principles of administration of denominational medical institutions, and after consideration this statement was approved as follows:

GENERAL PRINCIPLES GOVERNING ADMINISTRATION
OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS;

Objectives

There is provided in medical ministry what is perhaps the most effective means of representing the love of God to a suffering world. That is true in all lands and among all people but more particularly among those whose religion or social usages are such as to place special barriers to the reception of Christian teaching.

It is with the specific objective of representing to the world the love of God in action that Seventh-day Adventists conduct medical institutions in all parts of the world.

By Whom Operated

Medical institutions are and may be operated by (1) the General Conference, (2) Division administrations, (3) Union conferences or missions, (4) Local conferences or missions.

It is not desirable that a medical institution should be placed under the sponsorship of an organization below that necessary to provide substantial support and sound administrative leadership.

New Institutions--When, Where, How

While it is the purpose of Seventh-day Adventists to carry every phase of their work as far and as aggressively as means and personnel permit, experience has shown that hasty locating of new institutions or the over-extension of any phase of our institutional work may result in serious loss of effectiveness.

It is therefore urged that the following conditions be permitted to control in planning for new medical institutions:

1. There should be a recognized medical missionary need in the area concerned so that we should not establish enterprises which will be in undue conflict with existing medical work.

2. Finances for the development of the new work should be reasonably assured before any commitments are made,

3. Finances of the sponsoring body and personnel resources must be such that development of the new project will not be at the expense of the existing work.

4. New work will be projected only if existing institutions under the control of the sponsoring body are reasonably well provided for.

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Establishment of new medical units shall be on the initiative of the executive committee of the division, union and local conferences concerned in consultation with the General Conference.

Administration

A. Constituencies:

Conditions vary so widely from institution to institution or from country to country that rigid adherence to a universal pattern for constituency representation might prove impractical. In general the constituency will include the executive committee of the sponsoring organization, members of the union, division, or General Conference Committee who may be present, representation from the staff of the institution concerned, representation from the local conference or mission concerned. The number to be selected from each of the represented groups mentioned above will depend upon the size and importance of the institution.

B. Duties of the Constituency:

1. To define over-all policies and principles governing the institution.
2. To hold annual or biennial meetings to receive reports from the board of trustees or the operating board of directors.
3. To elect a board of trustees or operating board to whom will be charged the responsibility of the business of the institution for the ensuing period.
4. To hold special meetings for specific purposes upon request from the board of trustees when deemed necessary and so indicated by a favorable vote by two-thirds of its members.

Board of Trustees (or Operating Board)

A. Membership:

It is not considered desirable for a board of trustees to be made up too largely from among the staff of the institution controlled by the board. Too large a representation from the institution controlled results in a situation of self-management, self-direction and institutionally-directed policy formation as opposed to policy formation as a projection of the thinking and purposes of the constituency ultimately responsible for the institution.

Major interests of the institution administration, finance, education and professional service may well be represented on the board by the appropriate individual responsible for these various areas. The actual number of institutional employees to serve on the board may well be determined by the size, importance and complexity of the institution involved. Other members of the board will be selected from the committees on administration of conference, union conference or division conference organizations administratively related or situated in the area of the institution, or such persons as will, because of experience, responsibility, ability or interest in the institution, be able to bring counsel or support to the administration.

Membership on such boards serves essentially three purposes: (1) representation of the interests of the institution on the administrative board,

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(2) correlation of the activities of the institution with the other interests of the work in the field, (3) experience to younger or new members in the methods of organization and administration. In the making up of boards, constituencies are counseled to bear these considerations in mind.

B. Officers of Board:

The officers of the board of trustees will be (1) president or chairman, (2) one or more vice presidents or vice chairmen, and (3) secretary. The president or chairman will ordinarily be the president of the sponsoring organization. The secretary will be a responsible leader in the institution concerned, such as medical director, administrator, or business manager.

C. Duties of the Board of Directors:

1. To hold meetings at regular intervals for transaction of the business of the institution.

2. To accept legal responsibility for the operation of the institution and the conduct of its business.

3. To appoint all institutional leaders, such as administrator, medical director, business manager, and heads of departments, and committees of the board, and to define the scope of their authority and responsibility.

4. To implement the over-all policy of the institution.

5. To pass upon major business transactions of the institution, such as land purchase, new building, major alterations, purchase of expensive equipment, etc.

6. To pass upon major personnel appointments and changes.

7. To receive gifts, annuities, and other assets in behalf of the institution.

8. To approve the annual budget and to receive from the administration regular reports indicating the relationship of current operating to the budget.

D. Local Board:

In cases of institutions where the leading officers of the board are not resident in the locality, a local board is appointed to carry on the work between meetings of the full board, and in harmony with the general policies and instructions of the full board.

Administration of the Institution

Our medical institutions may be and are administered on one of the following plans: (1) under a medical director and a business manager, (2) under an administrator who may be a physician or layman.

Where there is dual administration under a medical director and a business manager, it is recognized that the medical director is the ranking officer of the institution.

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Medical Director

The medical director under the direction of the board is responsible for the professional standards and the ideals of the institution in all its phases. He is directly responsible for the medical work, delegating to associate physicians, the director of the school of nursing, the director of nursing service and other workers in professional lines such duties as he, in harmony with board policy, shall see fit. It is recognized that the major interest of the medical director is the professional and spiritual guidance of the institution.

The Administrator

The administrator of a sanitarium or hospital will carry the recognized duties of the medical director in addition to the general business management of the institution. Under such a plan of organization the staff is responsible to the board through the administrator.

The medical director or the administrator, with the business manager, is responsible to the board for the institution's public relations, both internal and external. Conditions militating against good relations in any area he must correct, or if beyond his control, report to the board for appropriate action.

The wise administrator seeks the widest counsel available. This is best provided by his associated advisory committees. Successful management makes way for counsel on a committee basis in each major area of administration.

Business Manager

1. It is the duty of the business manager in collaboration with the medical director or of the administrator to prepare the annual budget for presentation to the board.
2. To maintain proper accounts for the institution on such basis as is directed by the board.
3. To render such regular financial reports of current operating as may be directed by the board.
4. To be responsible for the transaction of all routine business of the institution.
5. To be responsible for the maintenance of the equipment and the physical plant in harmony with standards of the area and in accord with the policies of the board.

The business manager will be responsible for all non-medical departments of the institution and for the direction of the personnel of such departments.

It will be the responsibility of the business manager to bring to the attention of the board all matters affecting the financial and economic interests of the institution.

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Assistants in Training

Because of our almost universal shortage of key personnel, to facilitate training of workers it should be the policy of our hospitals and sanitariums at home and in mission lands to bring into these institutions assistants to medical directors, business managers, heads of nursing service, deans of nursing schools, supervisors, matrons, technicians, dietitians, chefs, and other workers in key positions.

Job Analyses

One of the more frequent causes of personnel problems in our hospitals and sanitariums is the absence of proper definition of responsibility of departments and individual employees. It is the duty of the ranking officer of the institution to develop or maintain for each of the more responsible employees of the institution a job analysis of sufficient detail to make clear his essential duties and his relationship to other units. Smoother departmental operation will result if the department head develops for each member of his team a comparable job analysis.

House Committee

A. How Appointed:

The appointment of the house committee is the responsibility of the board.

B. Membership and Officers:

Membership in the house committee will include (1) medical director or administrator, (2) business manager, (3) head of the sanitarium or hospital operated school of nursing, (4) head of nursing services, (5) representation from major departments, and such other individuals as will bring counsel and strength to the administration.

C. Chairman:

The chairman of the house committee will be the ranking administrative officer of the institution, or an associate designated by him.

D. Areas of Responsibility of the House Committee:

1. The house committee serves a wider purpose than merely counseling the administration. It is recognized as highly desirable that all matters of substantial importance come before the regularly scheduled house committee sessions for study.

2. Business matters of a routine nature such as replenishing stocks of regular supplies in amounts consistent with need and the immediate cash situation within the limits set by the board will be handled by the manager on his own responsibility. In case of any possible doubt as to the desirability of such transaction the manager is well advised to consult with the medical director or with the committee.

3. Major business transactions, the purchase of expensive equipment, the purchase or sale of land or the commitment of the institution to any major obligation of whatever nature will be accomplished only on action of the board.

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4. Matters affecting policy may be studied and recommendations made to the board, but introduction of new policies or change of existing policy will be accomplished only on board action.

SCHOOLS OF NURSING:

The following statement of policy was recommended by the officers for inclusion in the General Conference Working Policy, and was approved by the Council:

New Schools

Collegiate Schools of Nursing

These schools are under the direction of the educational institutions with which they are affiliated. Administration of that portion of the collegiate school's activities accomplished in the hospital or sanitarium will be the joint responsibility of the college and the hospital or sanitarium and will be conducted in harmony with the administrative policies of the institution.

Non-Collegiate Schools of Nursing

A. The non-collegiate school of nursing, while a function of and operated by the hospital or sanitarium concerned, is also an educational unit operated as such under policies set up by the general board of the hospital or sanitarium.

B. Such a school of nursing is under the administration of a dean or director assisted and counseled by a faculty which includes besides the officers of the school of nursing the medical director or the administrator or business manager of the hospital or sanitarium, the director of nursing instruction, lecturers and instructors in nursing subjects, preceptress, supervisors and other personnel directly associated with the teaching of nurses.

Nursing School Financial Policy

All schools of nursing should operate on a budget which will appear as part of the general budget of the college or hospital or sanitarium concerned.

General Policies of School of Nursing

A. Nursing education is one of the delegated functions of the board of the educational or medical institution concerned. The initiation of a nursing school, the pattern on which it is to develop, the standards on which it will be conducted, major changes in the plan of instruction, employment of the leading personnel, approval of its financial policies and its budgets, are all matters of direct concern to the board and will be dealt with only on board approval.

B. Once the nursing school is established, student admissions, matters of educational and instructional procedure, curriculum content, class schedules, graduation, and work hours of students are matters under the administration of the faculty.

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Plans Committee recommendations were adopted as follows:

HOME NURSING EDUCATION:

WHEREAS, The church membership will be qualified to meet more effectively any emergency that might occur, especially in the last days of our church work, if every church member is equipped to do practical medical missionary work; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That the conference leadership be requested to promote an active plan for continuing home nursing instruction in their respective conferences.

2. That our church members, especially the women, be encouraged to take a course in home nursing.

3. That the home nursing classes in the churches be organized to include many non-Seventh-day Adventists.

4. That our Seventh-day Adventist nurses be urged to qualify as Red Cross home nursing instructors in Unit I, Home Care of the Sick, and Unit II, Mother and Baby Care.

5. That non-nurses with teaching ability be encouraged to qualify as instructors in Unit I, Home Care of the Sick.

6. That as many Seventh-day Adventist nurses as possible be encouraged to become instructor-trainers of Unit I, Home Care of the Sick, and Unit II, Mother and Baby Care.

7. That the Medical Department be requested to make available to Seventh-day Adventist nurses who desire to teach home nursing, but are not geographically situated where they can take the Red Cross home nursing instructor training, teaching suggestions for conducting home nursing classes.

8. That Seventh-day Adventist colleges and secondary schools be encouraged to make available Red Cross home nursing classes, Units I and II, as part of the schools' educational program.

9. That Seventh-day Adventist medical institutions be asked to become (1) training centers for the preparation of home nursing instructor-trainers and instructors, and (2) centers which promote an active home nursing program throughout their respective union conferences.

10. That the Medical Department of the General Conference make available to Seventh-day Adventist instructors of the Red Cross home nursing classes teaching help for adding (1) one two-hour class period in nutrition, (2) one two-hour class period in physical therapy, and (3) Ministry of Healing devotional study which would be given during a fifteen-minute period either immediately preceding or succeeding each two-hour class period in home nursing.

11. That the Home Missionary and Medical departments unite in promoting home nursing instruction in the churches.

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12. That when feasible we encourage the nurse employed by the union conference to become an instructor-trainer of Red Cross home nursing classes, Unit I, Home Care of the Sick, and Unit II, Mother and Baby Care.

13. That this program of Home Nursing Education be adopted wherever possible in overseas fields with the understanding that whatever suitable course of instruction is available in the respective fields be utilized.

MEDICAL WORKERS AS CO-LABORERS IN THE GOSPEL MINISTRY:

WHEREAS, Christ calls the Christian medical worker to the work of soul saving:

"Our physicians are to unite with the work of the ministers of the gospel. Through their labors, souls are to be saved, that the name of God may be magnified" (Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 240); and,

WHEREAS, We are instructed that all workers should stand as a unit:

"If ever the Lord has spoken by me, He speaks when I say that the workers engaged in educational lines, in ministerial lines, and medical-missionary lines, must stand as a unit, all laboring under the supervision of God, one helping the other, each helping each" (Counsels on Health, p. 394); therefore.

We recommend, 1. That our Christian physicians, dentists, and other medical workers be recognized as co-laborers in the gospel ministry, and that this close coordination between our medical workers and ministers of the Word be made effective by our medical workers' being invited to workers' meetings in which soul saving is discussed and planned for; and that at least once a year a medical-ministerial meeting be held in each conference in which a sufficient number of medical workers are located, to make such a meeting possible; and that in addition to providing a time of fellowship for all concerned special emphasis at such meetings be placed on ways and means by which our ministers and medical workers may integrate their thinking, planning, and interests along soul-winning lines.

2. That our pastors and church officers be encouraged to use the talent and missionary spirit of our consecrated physicians and dentists in the various services and activities of the church, and that particularly for Medical Missionary Day a special program be arranged in which our physicians and dentists will have a part.

FULL MESSAGE BOOK:

WHEREAS, The use of our full-message books in following up interests that have been aroused or discovered through the various types of missionary activity is a most effective means of soul saving,

We recommend, 1. That an intensive promotion of the special \$1.00 edition of Bible Readings until December 31, 1952, be continued.

2. That every conference enthusiastically promote the use of the full-message book Drama of the Ages in the special \$1.00 edition, beginning with the 1953 camp-meeting season, encouraging our laity to utilize it in such missionary projects as following up interests resulting from evangelistic

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efforts, Bible Correspondence Schools, Field Adventure Days, and literature distribution, and also in their homes for lending to neighbors and for holiday gifts.

3. That this book Drama of the Ages be produced by the Southern Publishing Association and the other publishing houses in North America as may be mutually arranged.

THE MINISTERIAL BOOK CLUB:

WHEREAS, The Ministerial Book Club plan, approved by the 1951 Autumn Council, is being received with a most enthusiastic response; and,

WHEREAS, Through this reading plan the ministry and worker group of the Advent Movement is unified in its study, objectives, and preparation for larger service; and,

WHEREAS, The 1953 volumes include the full reports of the Bible Conference, as well as other valuable sources of research;

We recommend, That our conferences and institutions be urged to work unitedly within the framework of the Book Club plan, recognizing this as a valuable source of study for all our workers, the objectives of which are the building up of a stronger and better informed ministry.

VOCATIONAL PHYSICAL THERAPY TRAINING:

WHEREAS, There is a great need for short courses, of approximately a year's duration, in vocational physical therapy; and

WHEREAS, Such courses of training would provide the denomination with a large number of technically qualified persons to operate treatment rooms and nursing and convalescent homes, as well as to render service in other medical institutions,

We recommend, That the Medical and Educational departments of the General Conference, together with the Association of Self-Supporting Institutions, prepare suitable courses in vocational physical therapy.

CONTINUITY OF MISSION SERVICE:

We recommend, That the General Conference appoint a representative committee to give study to our foreign mission policies pertaining to the selection and appointment of candidates for missionary service, the orientation and training of recruits, the retention and continuous service of missionaries and the promotion of the idea of foreign missions.

Adjourned to 9:30 A.M. Thursday, September 25, with closing prayer by I.J.Woodman.

H.L.Rudy, Chairman
H.T.Elliott,
E.D.Dick, Secretaries
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

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VISIT TO WEST AFRICA

"Stand in the ways and see," were the words used by Elder C.E. Moseley, Associate Secretary of the North American Colored Department, on the morning of September 25 as a basis for his interesting report of impressions received from his recent visit to Africa. He graphically described a visit he and a group of missionaries made to a pagan village enclosed by a high stockade where not a single ray of gospel light had ever penetrated. With the help of an interpreter he told the story of the Great Father in heaven who created all things; the sad story of man's disobedience and its awful result; the marvelous love of God for sinners, and the heart-breaking spectacle of Christ's suffering and death at the hands of men whom He died to save. As he talked, tears flowed down the cheeks of those heathen people, and they began to converse one with another. The interpreter explained that they were upset because of the way those wicked men treated Jesus. Then the chief spoke for his people, and said, "We have heard things today which we have never heard before, and we like it. You must come again."

While doors are still open in Africa, Brother Mosely urged, we must press forward with God's message of love and mercy for "those who have never heard the thrilling story of God's redeeming love."

TWO HUNDRED SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 25, 1952, 9:30 A.M.

"Come, Gracious Spirit," was the hymn chosen for the opening of the ninth session of the Council. H.J. Capman offered prayer.

BIBLE COMMENTARY:

F.D. Nichol explained the large publishing project that is under way--a complete Bible commentary in seven volumes, the contents to be free of doctrinal errors, to give proper emphasis to the Scriptures and to have a prime significance for Seventh-day Adventists. It is being prepared for Seventh-day Adventist ministers, Bible teachers, church elders, Sabbath school teachers, and all who are diligent students of the Scriptures. Thirty-five men are working on the manuscript, with the plan of completing it in three years.

Recommendations from the Plans Committee were presented, and with amendments were adopted as follows:

WORLD WIDE TEMPERANCE PROMOTION:

WHEREAS, We have been admonished by the servant of the Lord "that God's messengers shall call the attention of statesmen, of editors, of thinking men everywhere, to the deep significance of the drunkenness and the violence now filling the land with desolation and death," and that

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"We should take up the temperance question and drive it home to the hilt," and

WHEREAS, "From the light God has given, every member among us should sign the pledge and be connected with the Temperance Association," and

WHEREAS, We have been admonished that "in all our large gatherings we must bring the temperance question before our hearers in the strongest appeals and by the most convincing arguments,"

Resolved, 1. That we continue to promote vigorously the annual Pledge Signing Campaign and Membership Drive enlisting every Seventh-day Adventist as an active member of our temperance organization.

2. That we continue to organize and foster chapters of our temperance society in every college, academy, and church school.

3. That we extend the influence of Listen magazine by giving it a wide circulation among statesmen, editors, law-enforcement officers, teachers, clergymen, and thinking men everywhere.

4. That in our large gatherings, at our camp meetings, and in our evangelistic efforts the temperance question be presented before our hearers in the most convincing manner, calling upon men and women, and especially the youth, to take their stand for total abstinence and solicit their active support in the cause of Christian temperance.

5. That we promote World Temperance Sabbath, which comes on the last Sabbath in October, in an effective manner throughout the world field calling the attention of our people to the importance of this phase of the message, encouraging them, not only to support the temperance cause with their means but also to take an active part in every effort to control, restrict, or prohibit the manufacture, distribution, sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY BOOKS:

Realizing that the messages contained in the volumes of the Spirit of prophecy are needed in the churches today, and that a new generation has come into the churches that needs to be educated in respect to their need for these volumes, and in order to strengthen the faith and to build up the spirituality of our people by a more diligent reading of the Spirit of prophecy volumes,

We recommend, 1. That at all of our annual conventions, camp meetings, and district meetings, special emphasis be given to the importance of our people reading and studying the messages contained in the Spirit of prophecy writings; and

2. That ministers in all our churches be asked to preach one or more sermons each year on the subject of the Spirit of prophecy.

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Finance Committee recommendations were considered, and adopted as follows:

SHORT TERM WORKERS BENEFIT PLAN:

We recommend, That in the Short Term Workers Benefit Plan provision be made for a widow to receive benefits in proportion to the years she has served with her husband, and her own separate service.

TEMPORARY HOURLY WORKERS:

We recommend, That where a worker has been employed on an hourly rate above the Wage Scale, and where the organization has not paid into the sustentation fund a percentage on his salary, and has retained him in its employ year after year, the employing organization shall be responsible for a proper settlement with him at the time of the termination of his service.

SUSTENTATION REGULATIONS:

We recommend, 1. That the word "major" be substituted for the word "heavy" and the word "leadership" be substituted for the word "work" and "10 per cent" be substituted for "15 per cent" in paragraph 77 of the Sustentation Regulations. That section of paragraph 77 would then read as follows:

"An increase of from 10 per cent to 35 per cent to the monthly sustentation rate may be granted to beneficiaries who for a considerable length of time have borne major responsibility in field or institutional leadership, such percentage to be governed by the weight and duration of responsibility carried, and other similar factors, it being understood that this percentage shall be applied to the rate paid to the widow of a worker entitled to the percentage increase in proportion to the number of years she has shared in his service whether or not he was receiving sustentation at the time of decease."

2. That paragraph 72 of the Sustentation Regulations be amended to read:

"Widows and single women receiving sustentation shall cease to draw assistance from the fund upon marriage unless:

"a. The husband is physically incapacitated or does not have the financial resources to care for the support of the family, or

"b. The beneficiary is fifty or more years of age, in which case the Sustentation Committee may continue sustentation assistance if circumstances seem to warrant."

3. That the following addition and revision to the Sustentation Regulations be made:

"A single woman who leaves denominational service in order to marry and who has at the time of leaving the work twenty-five or more years of service, may be considered eligible for assistance from the fund upon reaching the age of sixty years, if in the judgment of the Sustentation Committee circumstances and conditions seem to warrant the granting of such assistance."

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"A married woman who has thirty-two or more years of service to her credit and whose husband is not eligible to the benefits of the fund, if circumstances and conditions seem to warrant, may be granted assistance from the fund upon reaching the age of sixty years."

DEBT CONTROL AND LIQUIDATION:

In view of the uncertainty of the economic future and the financial perplexities which lie ahead, it is imperative that indebtedness which may now be resting upon our conferences and institutions be liquidated at the earliest possible date.

The Lord's messenger has definitely counseled against indebtedness as noted in the following statements:

"Methods must be devised to prevent the accumulation of debt upon our institutions. The whole cause must not be made to suffer because of debt which will never be lifted unless there is an entire change and the work is carried forward on some different basis. Let all who have acted a part in allowing this cloud of debt to cover them now feel it their duty to do what they can to remove it."--Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 213.

"God does not want His work to be continually embarrassed with debt. When it seems desirable to add to the buildings or other facilities of an institution, beware of going beyond your means. Better to defer the improvements until Providence shall open the way for them to be made without contracting heavy debts and having to pay interest."--Testimonies, vol. 7, p. 206.

While Mrs. White refers to institutional indebtedness, the same principle applies to our conferences and missions throughout the world field. In the light of past experience and counsel from the Spirit of prophecy,

We recommend, 1. That the debt control policy be reaffirmed as found on pages 153-157 of the General Conference Working Policy, and that the policy regarding debt liquidation (General Conference Working Policy, pp. 157-159) in divisions outside of North America and debt liquidation in North America be amended to read as follows:

"Debt Liquidation in Divisions Other Than North America

"Organizations having incurred indebtedness shall be required to adopt a definite policy of debt liquidation.

"a. Not less than 16 2/3 per cent of the entire indebtedness as of the close of the fiscal year ending not later than December 31, 1951; and, in the case of educational institutions, plus any note indebtedness incurred between the close of their last fiscal year and December 31, 1951, of each division and its subsidiary organizations, shall be liquidated annually. This indebtedness is to include not only notes payable and mortgages, but all accounts payable including interorganizational accounts less net cash resources on hand after providing for reserve and trust fund obligations. It is understood that the above per cent is a minimum, and every effort shall be put forth to liquidate the indebtedness in a shorter time.

"b. It is the plan that the funds required annually for debt liquidation shall be raised within the respective divisions and shall be made up from

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regular and/or special appropriations received and any other funds available other than tithe. Where the indebtedness is especially large, the question shall be made a matter for special consideration by the division committees concerned in counsel with the General Conference.

"c. In overseas divisions, union conference and union mission officers shall make reports of the progress in debt liquidation at the annual meetings of the division committee."

"Debt Liquidation in the North American Division"

"a. Where indebtedness has been incurred by conferences or institutions in the North American Division, not less than 16 2/3 per cent of the indebtedness as of the close of the fiscal year ending not later than December 31, 1951; and, in the case of educational institutions, plus any note indebtedness incurred between the close of their last fiscal year and December 31, 1951, shall be liquidated annually. This indebtedness is to include not only notes payable and mortgages, but all accounts payable, including inter organizational accounts, less net cash resources on hand after providing for reserve and trust fund obligations. Where the indebtedness is especially large, counsel shall be sought from the General Conference. It is understood that the above percentage is a minimum and that every effort shall be put forth to liquidate the indebtedness in a shorter time.

"b. In the North American Division, colleges, academies, sanitariums, publishing houses, and other institutions shall apply annually to the reduction of their debts the following:

"(1) The debt-paying comeback to which they are entitled.

"(2) An amount equal to at least 50 per cent of the building depreciation for the current year.

"(3) An amount equal to at least 50 per cent of net operating profits for the current year.

"c. The union treasurer shall furnish to the Treasurer of the General Conference at the close of each year a statement showing how the comeback funds received have been used.

"d. At each Autumn Council of the General Conference Committee, presidents of union conferences shall submit reports regarding plans for the reduction of indebtedness in their fields, methods adopted to this end and progress made."

SUBSIDY FOR MAGAZINE LEADERS IN NORTH AMERICA:

We recommend; 1. That conferences which employ magazine assistants and desire financial assistance from publishing houses, arrange for such assistance through the publishing house in whose territory they are located.

2. That when arrangements are made with a publishing house for the appointment of a magazine leader in any conference, that publishing house shall immediately pass information to other houses giving name of leader and any other necessary details.

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3. That a conference shall receive a subsidy for magazine leaders of \$25 a week for the first four months. After the first four months the subsidy shall be \$15 a week when the sales total 6,000 copies a month, and \$25 a week when the sales reach 10,000 copies a month or more.

4. That the division of the amount paid by the publishing houses shall be on the ratio of retail value of magazines purchased by Book and Bible Houses during the calendar month for single-copy sale.

5. That each month the Book and Bible House shall send a complete report of all magazines purchased for single-copy sale to each publishing house interested.

6. That it be understood that after four months, if this support by publishing houses is to be continued to a conference, the total single-copy sales in a field where a magazine leader is chosen on the above basis, must be not less than 6,000 copies per month. Where the magazine worker takes subscriptions, 12 single copies should be reckoned in this total for each yearly subscription.

7. That the above plan applies only to sales promoted and supervised by the magazine leaders, and does not apply to any magazine subscription taken by book colporteurs on the combination plan or miscellaneous magazine business done by members of our churches. All such magazine business shall be excluded.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE:

We recommend, That in addition to the General Conference appropriation, the equivalent of one per cent of tithe from the colored membership in North America (with the exception of South Central Conference, which will contribute two per cent) be provided for Oakwood College operating subsidy for 1953, based on the tithe receipts for 1951 reported by the Colored Department of the General Conference, the allocation under this action to be as follows:

Northeastern	\$ 2 763 64
Central States	854 69
Allegheny	3 649 41
Lake Region	2 393 75
Minnesota	53 52
Oregon	63 72
Washington	31 08
Arizona	80 21
Central California	269 35
Nevada-Utah	22 30
Northern California	448 28
Southeastern California	397 73
Southern California	1 238 59
South Atlantic	2 248 09
South Central 2%	2 727 62
Southwest Region	1 056 80
	<u>18 298 78</u>
General Conference	<u>31 701 22</u>
Total	\$ <u>50 000 00</u>

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Further series of recommendations from the Plans Committee were adopted as follows:

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION:

We recommend, That we express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to--

1. Our church members in the community who so kindly opened their homes to the visiting delegates to this Council and provided them with accommodation,
2. The Press for its courtesy and for the splendid and generous publicity that it has given to the Council,
3. The board and members of the Sligo Church for making available for the work of the Council their fine church building with all of its facilities,
4. The managements and staffs of the cafeterias that have catered so efficiently to our physical needs, and
5. The American Broadcasting Company for giving us \$8,000 worth of free time coast to coast September 27.

INGATHERING CAMPAIGN POLICY:

We recommend, That Section 5 of the Ingathering Campaign Policy which appears on pages 191-2 of the Working Policy be amended by inserting the words "and other Ingathering materials" after the words "Ingathering literature;" so that the Section will read as follows:

"No campaign other than the Ingathering shall be conducted for the solicitation of money by Ingathering methods, using Ingathering literature and other Ingathering materials, for either home or foreign missions, and local conferences shall take such steps as may be necessary to prevent violations of this regulation."

HANDLING OF INGATHERING FUNDS:

We recommend, 1. That the attention of our churches be drawn to Section 6, paragraph "e," of the Ingathering Campaign policy which reads as follows: "All income resulting from the Ingathering effort shall be considered General Conference funds, and shall be reported in the regular way to the General Conference Treasury.

2. That all union and local conference administrations be asked to cooperate and to use their influence with a view to this regulation's being adhered to.

Consideration was next given to recommendations from the General Conference officers, and with amendments these were adopted as follows:

EXCHANGE POLICY REVISION:

We recommend, That paragraphs 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23, pp. 202-204 of the General Conference Working Policy, be revised to read as follows:

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"13. All workers, organizations or departments will be charged at the prevailing current rate of exchange for imported equipment and supplies, whether for mission or personal use, the only exception being as outlined in paragraphs 14 and 18.

"14. A foreign missionary, who is a worker located by the denomination outside his home country, may be allowed the fixed rate of exchange as of the date of the transfer, in the transfer of funds to his home country, on an amount not to exceed 25% of the worker's salary in the field, exclusive of other allowances, cumulative for the period of service between furloughs. This privilege may include such items as school accounts incurred in the education of the worker's children, assistance to dependent relatives, the cost of books, periodicals, equipment and supplies or other purchases for personal use only, and personal salary savings. Transfers under these provisions may be made only by credit through the regular channels, and it should be clearly understood that money once transferred under this privilege is not to be brought back to the mission fields for transfer a second time. Transfers in excess of this 25% privilege provision may be authorized by the division committee, but shall be handled at the current rate of exchange, except as provided in other paragraphs of this policy."

"18. Where by action of a division committee with respect to certain countries, it is decided that the provisions of paragraph 14 do not supply the needed assistance to workers because of the fact that salaries in local currency have a low value in the currency of the worker's home country, foreign missionaries may transfer funds to their home countries up to 25% of their salary earnings under an arrangement in these unusual circumstances which will provide such missionaries with the currency value of their home countries at a cost which represents approximately the same earning period as would be the case were they serving in their home countries, with the understanding that no special exchange rates shall be set in any division field.

"(To illustrate, suppose an ordained minister, whose homeland is country, is receiving, while in a foreign country a maximum wage, including all living allowances, of 200 units in local currency per week and the fixed rate is 5 to 1, this would amount to the equivalent of 40 units per week in his homeland currency, whereas the rate of such ordained minister in his home country is 50 units. This results in a difference of 10 units or 25% additional which may be granted to supplement the worker's local currency wages in arranging for the transfer to meet the worker's homeland obligations.)

"It is understood that any special allowance granted under the provisions of this paragraph shall be handled as an operating expense, provision for same being made in the operating budget. If the provisions contained in this paragraph are applied, it is understood to take the place of paragraph 14. The division treasurer shall periodically report to the General Conference treasurer the results of the application of this paragraph.

"19. When a worker is transferred within division territory from a country in which salaries in local currency have a low value in the currency of the country to which he is transferred, and he faces financial embarrassment because of these or related conditions, he may be given special assistance in the transfer of funds on the merits of each case by action of the division committee. However, when the worker is transferred from one division territory to another division or in case a worker is permanently returned to his

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homeland, if special assistance is given beyond any benefit realized through the percentage fixed rate transfer privilege, it shall be done only by action of the General Conference Committee on the recommendation of the division concerned. Such special assistance as may be granted under the provisions of this paragraph shall be handled as an operating expense and shall be transferred at the regular fixed rates of exchange.

"20. All workers may be allowed the fixed rate of exchange in securing for personal use only, periodicals and books regularly listed by our denominational publishing houses.

"21. When, upon recommendation and approval of the division committee, a worker or his children leave their home division field to attend one of our own schools, he may be allowed the fixed rate of exchange to meet the expense involved.

"22. All workers, or their dependents, who desire to take courses in the Home Study Institute may, upon the approval of their division, be allowed the fixed rate of exchange in the transfer of funds to cover the cost of such courses, including necessary textbooks.

"23. In order to reduce the amount of clerical work and to eliminate many small items, adjustments of exchange between the fixed and current rates, amounting to fifty cents or less in United States currency or its equivalent in local currency may be disregarded, it being understood that this does not apply to Book and Bible House business which is handled at the current rate."

We recommend, That these changes in the General Conference Exchange Policy become effective January 1, 1953.

GRATUITIES ON STEAMERS:

We recommend, That where missionaries and workers travel on steamships, we allow as reportable expense the amount actually paid for gratuities, provided this does not exceed approximately three per cent of the fares paid. This provision covers all gratuities to steamer personnel.

MANUAL FOR MINISTERS:

We recommend, That the General Conference Committee be authorized to give final approval to the Manual for Ministers when the revision is completed.

It was voted to adopt the following recommendations from the North American Union and Local Conference Presidents:

MEDICAL AND DENTAL STUDENT LOANS:

Inasmuch as there is a need for a uniform plan by which the policy on medical and dental student loans, as outlined in the denominational Working Policy on pages 93 and 94, shall be administered, the following policy is recommended:

1. The loan for setting up practice, as outlined in Nos. 4-10, pages 93 and 94 of the Working Policy, is disassociated from the loans outlined in No. 11 on page 94, the latter being "in addition" as No. 11 plainly states.

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In neither case, however, shall it be interpreted that the full amount must be loaned. The student is free to ask for any amount up to the specified sum in each case.

2. The note form used to cover these loans shall be that provided by the Treasury Department of the General Conference.

3. The student, or intern, shall make application for the loan on the blank entitled "Application for Conference Loan to Medical or Dental Students."

4. While these notes, which cover the loan plus interest, fall due at the end of each twelve-month period, the amount of the note due may be added to the amount of the new note covering the loan for the current year. This arrangement may continue through the internship year.

5. At the time the loan for setting up practice is made, an agreement shall be entered into between the graduate receiving the loan and the conference making the loan for repayment as follows:

a. There shall be no payment required during the first year's practice.

b. Beginning with the second year's practice, a monthly schedule shall be set up by which the total amount of the loan provided by the conference plus accrued interest shall be paid back within a three-year period. These payments may also be set up on a semi-yearly or a yearly basis.

c. If the physician or dentist completes his repayment within the designated three-year period, a discount shall be made in connection with the last payment equal to 50% of the interest charged throughout the term of the loan. If extension is negotiated in harmony with No. 8 of page 93 of the Working Policy, the above discount shall not apply.

(1) In cases where the conference and the applicant mutually agree on a one-year rotating residency following internship, the provisions regarding repayment shall take effect at the close of the rotating residency instead of at the close of the internship year.

6. Unqualified gifts shall not be made to students or graduates by any conference, inasmuch as this causes a situation where it appears as though one conference is competing with another, since not all can or are willing to make outright gifts.

7. Financial assistance supplied students in connection with their preceptorship expense, or assistance supplied students or graduates in connection with trips to look over internships or medical practice openings, shall be covered by an agreement drawn up between the student and the conference concerned. (Blanks for these agreements may be secured from the General Conference Treasury Department.)

8. Conferences shall keep the Medical Extension Office informed as per No. 9, page 93, of the Working Policy.

a. All loan applications from graduate physicians and dentists shall be cleared through the Medical Extension Office to forestall more than one conference becoming involved with any one individual.

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APPLICATION FOR CONFERENCE LOAN TO MEDICAL OR DENTAL STUDENTS

Date _____

(Please answer all questions)

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Home Address _____

Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____

Nationality _____ Race _____ Citizenship _____

Name of parent _____

Address of parent _____

Marital status: Single _____ Married _____ Widowed _____ Divorced _____

If married, give wife's full name _____

Names and ages of children _____

Wife's father's name _____

Present health status _____

List recent illnesses _____

Church membership:

Place _____ Wife's membership _____

Year of baptism _____ Year of wife's baptism _____

Home conference _____ Wife's home conference _____

Course enrolled in _____

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Length of military service _____

Are there any reasons why you would not be taken into the service? (Explain on reverse side).

What would be your plan for repayment in case you were drafted? _____

Would you consider practicing at least three years in the _____
conference after military service if you receive this loan and are drafted? _____What is your reason for desiring to practice in the _____
conference? _____

Obligations:

Private loans \$ _____ C.M.E. loans \$ _____ Conference loans \$ _____

Total to date \$ _____ Estimate of total debt at graduation \$ _____

References _____

I hereby apply to the _____ conference for a loan of
\$ _____ for my _____ year in _____In consideration of this loan, I plan to practice at least three years in the
_____ conference following the completion of my
course, or as mutually agreed between us.Signed _____
Student

Blank Supplied by:

MEDICAL EXTENSION OFFICE
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
312 North Boyle Avenue
Los Angeles 33, California

SAMPLE

The YOUR Conference invites John Doe, 195, junior student at C.M.E., to take his preceptorship within its territory (or in such place as shall be otherwise agreed upon). If this invitation is accepted the following shall apply:

AGREEMENT

1. The YOUR Conference agrees to make available to John Doe an expense allowance (equal to 2-1/2¢ per mile on a direct route from Los Angeles to the place of the preceptorship and return), plus (an amount to cover motel and actual cost of meals while en route), plus help (equal to 2-1/2¢ per mile) for looking up possible internships and looking over current medical practice openings.
2. By accepting this help John Doe is expressing a desire to consider the territory of this conference for a place in which to set up his practice.
3. He will look over available internships in (or near) the territory of this conference.
4. He will look over current medical practice openings, to get an idea of what they are like, and will gather information--on the blanks provided by the Medical Extension office--on all openings he shall look over, and submit the blanks to either the President or the Medical Secretary of the Conference.
5. The YOUR Conference makes this help available to John Doe with the provision that should he choose to set up practice within its territory, he will not be required to repay it.

Should he set up practice elsewhere he agrees to negotiate repayment by the conference or institution in which he sets up practice with 5% interest from the day of departure from Los Angeles to the preceptorship.

Date _____

John Doe
Student

Conference

Student's Signature

President's Signature

P R O M I S S O R Y N O T E

\$ _____
City State Date
One year after date for value received, I, we, or either of us promise to pay to the order of _____
_____, the sum of _____

_____ Dollars with interest at six per centum per annum at the payee's office. This note is given under the terms and conditions set forth below.

The maker or makers of this note hereby waive all exemptions, and if not paid at maturity, the said maker or makers hereby authorize and empower any attorney of any court of record in the State of _____ or elsewhere, to appear for him or them and in his or their name to confess judgment against him or them in favor of the holder in any court having jurisdiction, or before any Justice of the Peace for the above amount with interest, costs, and ten per cent commission to attorney for services rendered in collecting same.

Address

Maker

Address

Maker

Witnesses: _____

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LOAN

The consideration set forth in the Promissory Note above represents a loan from the payee to the maker to facilitate the express desire of the maker of said note to establish himself in the practice of medicine or dentistry in the conference or institution making the loan, and to assist the maker in the payment of his professional tuition and/or his essential living expenses while in school, or during his intern year.

1. Loans to students during Junior, Senior, and Intern years of the course of study of medicine or dentistry shall be due and payable with interest in one year from the date of note, but renewals may be made by agreement of conference or institution making the loan at the end of each year until the end of the intern year. Such renewal of notes will include unpaid balances with interest on previous notes.
2. Should the maker for any reason permanently discontinue his medical or dental course or fail to qualify for the practice of medicine or dentistry the note shall become due and payable with interest within 30 days of the date of his discontinuance from the medical or dental course or of the date of his failure to qualify for the practice of medicine or dentistry.

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Witnesses: _____

NOTE: This loan is made for the purpose of assisting the maker in establishing himself in the practice of his profession within the territory of the organization granting the loan.

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FIXED RATES OF EXCHANGE:

We recommend, That the exchange rates as recommended by the Exchange Committee be the fixed rates of exchange for the year 1953:

(See three pages following)

PROMISSORY NOTES:

We recommend, That the terms and conditions appearing on the Promissory Note form for physicians and dentists and medical or dental students, be amended in harmony with sample notes submitted, including interest rate at 6 per cent.

OPERATING APPROPRIATION TO COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS:

We recommend, 1. That the additional operating funds required by the College of Medical Evangelists as additional operating resources for 1953 be provided by appropriation from union conferences based on .4% of the 1951 tithe receipts, exempting the first \$100,000 tithe for each organization in each union, together with a special appropriation from Pacific Union Conference of \$35,000, it being understood that this plan shall operate for the year 1953 only and that prior to the 1953 Autumn Council study be given to a plan for the financing of the Medical College. The estimated contributions for 1953 resulting from this action appear as follows:

	1951 Tithe	Less \$100,000 per Organization	Net	.4%
Atlantic	1 774 853	600 000	1 174 853	4 699
Canadian	750 855	700 000	50 855	203
Central	1 551 585	600 000	951 585	3 806
Columbia	3 245 666	800 000	2 445 666	9 782
Lake	2 904 992	500 000	2 404 992	9 620
Northern	993 976	400 000	593 976	2 386
North Pacific	3 196 570	600 000	2 596 570	10 386
Pacific	6 267 522	700 000	5 567 522	22 270
Southern	2 233 238	700 000	1 533 238	6 133
Southwestern	1 269 819	500 000	769 819	3 079
	24 242 058	6 100 000	18 142 058	72 114
Pacific Union Special				35 000
				107 114

2. That the General Conference appoint a commission, with field representation, to survey the operations of the College of Medical Evangelists.

GOVERNMENT AID TO RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS:

Some time was spent in the expression of personal convictions on the part of a number of delegates on the question of the denomination's accepting government aid in financing various building projects, and it was

VOTED, That the question of the accepting of government aid by Seventh-day Adventist institutions be referred for study to the 1953 Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee.

FIXED EXCHANGE RATES

1953

<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>Fixed Rate</u> <u>1953</u>
<u>Australasian</u>		
Australia	Australian £	\$2.24
Fiji	Fijian £	2.54
New Caledonia & Society Islands	Pacific Franc	.016
New Zealand	New Zealand £	2.80
<u>Central European</u>		
Germany	Deutschmark: West	.25
Germany	Deutschmark: East	.05
Saar	French Franc	.00285
<u>Far Eastern</u>		
British N. Borneo	BNB \$.33 1/3
French Indo-China	Piaster	.05
Indonesia	Rupiah	.09
Japan	Yen	.00285
Korea	Won	
Malaya	Singapore \$.33 1/3
New Guinea	Guilder	.27
Philippine Islands	Peso	.50
Sarawak	Sarawak \$.33 1/3
Siam	Tical	.0575
<u>Inter-American</u>		
Bahamas	Pound	2.80
Barbados	Dollar	.59
British Guiana	Dollar	.59
British Honduras	Dollar	.70
Colombia	Peso	.35
Costa Rica	Colon	.16
Cuba	Peso	1.00
Curacao	Guilder	.54
Dutch Guiana	Guilder	.54
French West Indies	Metropolitan Franc	.00285
Guatemala	Quetzal	1.00
Haiti	Gourde	.20
Jamaica	Pound	2.80
Mexico	Peso	.12
Nicaragua	Cordoba	.155
Panama	Balboa	1.00
Puerto Rico	Dollar	1.00
Salvador	Colon	.40
Santo Domingo	Peso	1.00
Spanish Honduras	Lempira	.50
Trinidad	Dollar	.59
Venezuela	Bolivar	.30

<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>Fixed Rate</u> <u>1953</u>
<u>Middle East</u>		
Cyprus	Pound	\$2.80
Egypt	Egyptian £	2.85
Iran	Rial	.02
Iraq	Dinar	2.80
Israel	Israeli £	2.80
Jordania	Pound	2.80
Syria-Lebanon	Lebanese £	.30
Turkey	Turkish £	.30
<u>North American</u>		
Bermuda	English £	2.80
Canadian Union	Dollar	1.00
<u>Northern European</u>		
Denmark	Kroner	.15
Ethiopia & Eritrea	Dollar	.41
Finland	Markka	.004
Gold Coast	West African £	2.80
Great Britain	English £	2.80
Holland	Guilder	.27
Iceland	Kroner	.0625
Ivory Coast	Colonial Franc	.0057
Liberia	Dollar	1.00
Nigeria	West African £	2.80
Norway	Kroner	.15
Poland	Zloty	.0025
Sierra Leone	West African £	2.80
Sweden	Kroner	.20
<u>South American</u>		
Argentina	Peso	.06 2/3
Bolivia	Boliviano	.0057
Brazil	Cruzeiro	.04545 - may 21, 1953 .033333
Chile	Peso	.01
Ecuador	Sucre	.058824
Paraguay	Guarani	.03 1/3
Peru	Sol	.06 2/3
Uruguay	Peso	.40
<u>Southern African</u>		
Belgian Congo	Belgian Franc	.0225
British East Africa, Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda	East African Shilling	.14
N. & S. Rhodesia	Rhodesian £	2.80
Nyasaland	Rhodesian £	2.80
S. African Union	South African £	2.80

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<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>Fixed Rate</u> <u>1953</u>
<u>Southern Asia</u>		
Burma	Kyat	\$.21
Ceylon	Rupee	.21
India	Rupee	.21
Pakistan	Rupee	.31
<u>South China Island</u>		
<u>Union Mission</u>		
Hong Kong	Hong Kong \$.16
Formosa	Taiwan \$.05
Macao	Macao \$.16
<u>Southern European</u>		
Angola & Mozambique	Angolar	.036
Austria	Schilling	.04
Belgium	Belgian Franc	.0225
Bulgaria	Leva	.0035
Czechoslovakia	Koruna	.02
France	French Franc	.00285
French Cameroons	Colonial Franc	.0057
French Equatorial Africa	Colonial Franc	.0057
Greece	Drachma	.00007
Hungary	Forint	.086
Italy	Lira	.00165
Madagascar	Colonial Franc	.0057
Mauritius	Rupee	.21
Portugal	Escudo	.036
Reunion	Colonial Franc	.0057
Rumania	Leu	.007
Spain	Peseta	.025
Switzerland	Swiss Franc	.235
Yugoslavia	Dinar	.0033

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Adjourned to September 25, 2:30 P.M. Prayer by W.A.Dessain.

W.B.Ochs, Chairman
N.W.Dunn,
H.T.Elliott, Secretaries
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

TWO HUNDRED SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 25, 1952, 2:30 P.M.

The opening hymn of the tenth session of the Council was "Work, for the Night is Coming," and prayer was by G.J.Appel.

THE BUDGET:

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

(See 6 pages following)

The Budget was adopted by standing vote of the delegates, and all joined in singing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." The overseas division presidents each desired to speak in appreciation of the appropriations being made available, but as the time was limited only G.J.Appel of the Middle East Division was given opportunity to speak. He said, "On behalf of your sons and daughters, our missionaries, and our national workers and believers in the Middle East Division I wish to express our thanks for this liberal appropriation for 1953. And with them we pledge ourselves to win as many souls as possible to God during this coming year."

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THE BUDGET FOR 1953

We recommend, That the base and special appropriations for 1953 to the world fields be made from the following estimated income and available funds:

REGULAR:

General Conference Income (Pasis, July 1, 1952)	11 996 505 34
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SPECIAL:

General Conference Operating	1 690 000 00	
Harris Pine Mills	100 000 00	
Exchange Gains Fund	475 000 00	
Institutional Relief Funds	125 000 00	
Special Funds of Central European Division	180 000 00	
Reconstruction Base - Orient and Miscellaneous	80 000 00	2 650 000 00
Church Extension Fund		200 000 00
Total Estimated Income and Available Funds for 1953		14 846 505 34

We recommend, 1. That the regular base appropriations for 1953 be as follows:

OVERSEAS:

Australasia	345 500 00	
Central Europe	86 500 00	
Far East	936 000 00	
Inter-America	876 800 00	
Middle East	469 900 00	
Northern Europe	803 300 00	
South America	929 300 00	
Southern Africa	941 800 00	
Overseas Transportation	35 000 00	
New Workers	20 000 00	
Southern Asia	996 800 00	
Southern Europe	961 900 00	
R&H World Edition	953 900 00	
Reconstruction Base - Orient	80 000 00	
South China Island Union Mission	460 400 00	8 026 100 00
	125 800 00	

INTERNATIONAL RADIO:

Australasia	14 000 00	
Central Europe	5 500 00	
Far East	32 000 00	
Inter-America	53 500 00	
Middle East	22 500 00	
Northern Europe	57 000 00	
South America	66 000 00	
Southern Africa	31 000 00	
Southern Asia	43 500 00	
Southern Europe	52 500 00	
South China Island Union Mission	18 000 00	
Production	47 000 00	442 500 00

Total Overseas Base Appropriations

8 468 600 00

GENERAL AND NORTH AMERICA:

Administrative		1 277 081 76
Misceallaneous & Fixed		1 290 523 58
Canadian		65 000 00

Southern:

Colored	35 000 00	
Rural Schools	<u>5 000 00</u>	40 000 00

Southwestern:

Colored		14 000 00
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Atlantic:

Greater New York Conference		20 000 00
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Home-Foreign

Home-Foreign		110 000 00
Oakwood College operating		35 000 00
Riverside Sanitarium		10 000 00
Review & Herald Colored Edition		7 000 00

College of Medical Evangelists:

Regular	237 000 00	
School Tropical Medicine	30 000 00	
Dental School	<u>90 000 00</u>	357 000 00

S.D.A.Theological Seminary:

Regular operating	93 800 00	
Interns	<u>10 000 00</u>	103 800 00

Smaller Conferences Fund for North America

Smaller Conferences Fund for North America		70 000 00
Voice of Prophecy		50 000 00
Faith for Today		60 000 00
Medical Residency Plan		10 000 00
"GO" Magazine		5 500 00
"KIT" Magazine		<u>3 000 00</u>

Total Base Appropriations for General and North America		<u>3 527 905 34</u>
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Total Base Appropriations All Divisions for 1953		11 996 505 34
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2. That Special Appropriations be as follows:

OVERSEAS:

Australasia		106 500 00
Far East		106 500 00

Inter-America

Inter-America	96 500 00	
West Indies Training College	30 000 00	
Advisor Medical Students - Mexico	<u>1 000 00</u>	127 500 00

Middle East:		
Special	60 500 00	
Headquarters	<u>45 000 00</u>	105 500 00
Northern Europe		106 500 00
South America		106 500 00
Southern Africa	96 500 00	
Overseas Transportation Funds	<u>35 000 00</u>	131 500 00
Southern Asia	106 500 00	
Vellore Medical College	<u>5 000 00</u>	111 500 00
Southern Europe		106 500 00
Central Europe:		
Special	50 000 00	
Rehabilitation Churches	<u>130 000 00</u>	<u>180 000 00</u>
Total Overseas Special Appropriations		1 188 500 00
<u>GENERAL AND NORTH AMERICA:</u>		
E. G. White Publications		10 000 00
General Conference Educational Dept.		
Text Books - Primary	33 000 00	
Secondary	5 000 00	
Bible	<u>20 000 00</u>	58 000 00
C.M.E. Building Fund		90 000 00
General Conference Office Building:		
Heating Plant	55 000 00	
Addition to Printing Department	45 000 00	
Remodeling and Rewiring Old Bldg.	45 000 00	
Equipment	<u>20 000 00</u>	165 000 00
Oakwood College:		
Science Hall	40 000 00	
Equipment	10 000 00	
Houses for Staff	<u>15 000 00</u>	65 000 00
Riverside Sanitarium:		
Dormitory	20 000 00	
Church Building	<u>5 000 00</u>	25 000 00
Atlantic Union:		
New York German Church Bldg.	25 000 00	
Atlantic Un. College, debt reduction	50 000 00	
" sewage system	25 000 00	
Albany Church Bldg.	<u>9 000 00</u>	109 000 00
Canadian Union:		
Toronto Sanitarium	25 000 00	
Radio Transcription, French	<u>3 000 00</u>	28 000 00

Central Union:		
Union College		60 000 00
Columbia Union:		
Evangelistic Center, Baltimore		25 000 00
Lake Union:		
Chicago Church Bldgs.		25 000 00
Northern Union:		
Campmeeting Tabernacle		10 000 00
North Pacific Union:		
Church Bldg. from H.P.M.Funds	75 000 00	
Walla Walla San. " "	25 000 00	
Evangelistic Center, Portland	<u>20 000 00</u>	120 000 00
Southern Union:		
Music Hall, So.Missionary College		20 000 00
Southwestern Union:		
S.W. Jr. College, Well	14 500 00	
Service Center for Soldiers,		
San Antonio	<u>10 000 00</u>	24 500 00
S.D.A.Theological Seminary:		
Apartment Bldg. Installment		20 000 00
New York Transportation Warehouse		50 000 00
Entertainment S.D.A.Army Personnel, Overseas		10 000 00
Faith for Today:		
Building	30 000 00	
Television	<u>49 000 00</u>	79 000 00
Pacific Union:		
White Memorial Church Bldg.		25 000 00
Home Missionary Dept., Literature		7 000 00
City Rallies		5 000 00
Ingathering production, Broadcast Expense		15 000 00
Vandeman & Glanzer, return to U.S.		<u>1 000 00</u>

Total General and North America Special Appropriations

1 046 500 00

CITY EVANGELISM:

Overseas:

Australasia	17 500 00
Central Europe	25 000 00
Far East	25 000 00
Inter-America	25 000 00
Middle East	17 500 00
Northern Europe	25 000 00
London	15 000 00

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South America	25 000 00	
Southern Africa	25 000 00	
Southern Asia	25 000 00	
Southern Europe	<u>25 000 00</u>	250 000 00

North America:

Atlantic	15 000 00	
Greater New York	15 000 00	
Canadian	20 000 00	
Central	15 000 00	
Columbia	15 000 00	
Lake	10 000 00	
Chicago	15 000 00	
Northern	15 000 00	
North Pacific	10 000 00	
Pacific	10 000 00	
Southern	10 000 00	
Southwestern	<u>15 000 00</u>	<u>165 000 00</u>

Total City Evangelism	415 000 00
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Total Special Appropriations Home and Overseas	2 650 000 00
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CHURCH EXTENSION:Overseas:

Australasia	12 000 00	
Central Europe	12 000 00	
Far East	12 000 00	
Inter-America	12 000 00	
Middle East	12 000 00	
Northern Europe	12 000 00	
South America	12 000 00	
Southern Africa	12 000 00	
Southern Asia	12 000 00	
Southern Europe	<u>12 000 00</u>	120 000 00

North America:Atlantic Union:

Albany, N.Y.	2 000 00	
Buffalo, N.Y.	3 000 00	
Mt. Vernon, N.Y.	<u>3 000 00</u>	8 000 00

Canadian Union:

Rest Haven, Sydney, B.C.	6 000 00	
Boyle, Alberta	1 000 00	
Fox Point, N.S.	<u>1 000 00</u>	8 000 00

Central Union:

Omaha, Nebr.	1 330 00	
Omaha, Nebr., colored	1 335 00	
Greely, Colo.	780 00	
Julesburg, Colo.	550 00	
Harper, Kans.	835 00	
Junction City, Kans.	500 00	
Cassville, Mo.	450 00	
St. Joseph, Mo.	435 00.	
Salem, Mo.	450 00	
Dixon, Wyo.	675 00	
Worland, Wyo.	<u>660 00</u>	8 000 00

Columbia Union:

Newark, N.J., English	1 142 86	
Cleveland, Ohio, colored	1 142 85	
Mount Vernon, Ohio	1 142 86	
Allentown, Pa.	1 142 86	
Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 142 86	
Hopewell, Va.	1 142 85	
Cameron, W.Va.	500 00	
Elkins, W.Va.	<u>642 86</u>	8 000 00

Lake Union:

E. St. Louis, Ill.	1 300 00	
Richmond, Indiana	1 600 00	
Jackson, Mich.	2 300 00	
Muskegon, Mich., colored	1 300 00	
Reedsburg, Wis.	1 000 00	
Rice Lake, Wis.	<u>500 00</u>	8 000 00

Northern Union:

Iowa	2 000 00	
Minnesota	2 000 00	
North Dakota	2 000 00	
South Dakota	<u>2 000 00</u>	8 000 00

North Pacific Union:

Fayette, Idaho		8 000 00
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Pacific Union:

Phoenix, Arizona, Spanish	1 000 00	
Grass Valley, Calif.	1 000 00	
San Jose, Calif., Spanish	2 000 00	
Honolulu, Hawaii, Japanese	2 000 00	
Lake Tahoe, Calif.	1 000 00	
Reno, Nevada	<u>1 000 00</u>	8 000 00

Southern Union:

Meridian, Miss.	4 000 00	
Mobile, Ala.	<u>4 000 00</u>	8 000 00

Southwestern Union:

Jonesboro, Ark.	500 00	
Little Rock, Ark.	1 000 00	
Kenner, La.	1 500 00	
New Orleans, La.	1 000 00	
Bartlesville, Okla.	750 00	
Enid, Okla.	500 00	
Stillwater, Okla.	750 00	
Elgin, Texas	500 00	
Midland, "	1 000 00	
Pharr "	<u>500 00</u>	<u>8 000 00</u>

Total North America		80 000 00
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Total Overseas		<u>120 000 00</u>
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Total Appropriations from Church Extension Fund		200 000 00
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SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

Base, All Divisions		11 996 505 34
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Specials:

Overseas Divisions	1 438 500 00	
General and North America	<u>1 211 500 00</u>	2 650 000 00

Church Extension Funds:

Overseas Divisions	120 000 00	
North America	<u>80 000 00</u>	200 000 00

Estimated Revertible Funds:

Overseas Divisions (Basis 1951)	1 426 915 64	
North America (Basis 1951)	<u>2 289 401 88</u>	<u>3 716 317 52</u>

Total Appropriations for 1953 including Reversions (Basis 1951)		18 562 822 86
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Total Appropriations 1952		<u>17 060 650 68</u>
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Increase Appropriations 1953 over 1952		1 502 172 18
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A subcommittee which had been appointed to draft two statements for presentation to the Council, presented resolutions which were adopted as follows:

RELATIONSHIP TO ADOPTED POLICIES:

WHEREAS, The representative nature of all Seventh-day Adventist councils has been carefully preserved through the years, in order to bring to the cause that breadth of understanding which, under the blessing of God, enables all interests to join heartily in common devotion to our worldwide task; therefore,

Resolved, That, as administrators and executives in the cause of God, representing the leadership of all denominational interests both field and institutional throughout all divisions, we reaffirm our steadfast purpose to abide faithfully by such plans and policies as may be agreed upon by majority decisions in general executive gatherings, recognizing that all organizations by virtue of their connection with this movement, are pledged to wholehearted unity of effort, and that it is our responsibility to guard against any course of action contrary to, or independent of, or negligent concerning the official working policies of the General Conference.

REDEDICATION FOR A DIVINE TASK:

As we come to the end of the Autumn Council, which has followed the historic Bible Conference, we would tarry a moment to take solemn stock before we separate to go to the ends of the earth. The Bible Conference impressed us anew with the goodness of God who has redeemed us through Christ and given us a saving message for the world; while the sessions of the Council have brought vividly before us the gravity of the times that tax our wisdom, our resources, and our spiritual power.

We sense anew that we are inadequate of ourselves to meet the ever heightening problems that confront our world work, problems that arise from the wrath of the serpent, from the feverish suspicions of warring nations, and from our very inability to make the budget keep pace with our widening work. We confess that all of the resolutions that we have voted are unable of themselves to solve these problems; that we need a larger measure of that which no Council can vote, the resoluteness of the apostles, who hazarded their lives for the gospel. We thank God for the sacrificial liberality of our people that has made possible the millions that we have voted in the budget. But looking out on a distraught world with its vast masses of unwarned souls, we realize how pitifully small is that budget and how greatly we need what no budget provides, the faith and daring of the disciples who won vast spiritual victories amid poverty and yet remained solvent.

In this closing hour of the Council, therefore, we would call on our God, Creator of heaven and earth, to create within us anew those right spirits and hearts that will be able to measure up to the great task that He has assigned us. We would pray for a new spirit of sacrifice, first for our own selves and then for the Advent people at large, that we may all bind about our wants and simplify our needs, so that the treasury of the Advent Movement may overflow. We would not risk presumption in asking Heaven to provide means while we, ministers or laity, consume on ourselves what should be dedicated to God. Nor would we ask the Omnipotent One to pour upon us apostolic power

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and holy audacity for the last great battle for God until we have first emptied our hearts of all that which is alien to His divine, empowering Spirit.

As we leave this Council we carry with us hallowed memories of mission reports that assure us that the God of heaven still lives and that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation. As we leave we carry with us also the memory of great and glorious doctrines set forth anew at the Bible Conference, doctrines that glow with the light of heaven, that save our souls and illumine our path to the New Jerusalem. We think particularly of that most central truth of all our Advent teachings, the work of our Lord and Saviour, who was delivered up for our offenses and was raised again for our justification, who ministers in the Sanctuary above and will soon return without sin unto salvation. We praise God for the righteousness of our Lord that is imputed and imparted to us by faith. We leave here, resolved anew to "live by the faith of the Son of God," and to call upon our beloved flock in every clime thus also to live. We leave resolved to pray more earnestly than ever for the promised outpouring of God's Holy Spirit in the latter rain. Then, come what may--war, persecution, and the final judgments of God upon a rebellious world--we shall be hid from the indignation and be waiting in joy to meet our Lord.

The time is late, the hour is dark, but the uplook is bright and the day of deliverance is near at hand. We would go forth from these meetings at Takoma Park re-dedicated, solemnized, and sanctified by God's grace, to finish speedily His work in all the earth.

LONDON EVANGELISTIC EFFORT:

The Chairman read a cable from W.W.Armstrong of the British Union Conference, as follows: "Seven thousand attended Sunday. Thousand unable to enter creating unprecedented front page newspaper publicity. Reporters and theater manager predict increasing interests. Face decision this Sunday reference transfer Albert Hall. Solicit earnest prayers Autumn Council body for divine guidance." Request was made that all continue to remember in prayer this important evangelistic effort.

The Council adjourned sine die, with the singing of "To God Be the Glory," and benediction by D.E.Rebok.

W.H.Branson, Chairman
E.D.Dick,
D.E.Rebok, Secretaries
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

TWO HUNDRED EIGHTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Sligo Church, Takoma Park, Md., September 25, 1952, 5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

A V Olson, W H Branson, E E Roenfelt, H T Elliott, Roger Altman, N W Dunn, H L Rudy, W B Ochs, Paul Wickman, M V Campbell, W P Bradley, D A Ochs, T E Lucas, E D Dick, G T Peters, C L Torrey, R H Hartwell, A F Tarr, W A Scharffenberg, V T Armstrong, C L Bauer, W H Williams, Carl Sundin, R S Watts, W E Nelson, J D Smith, H W Barrows, G A Lindsay, A L Ham, D E Rebok, F Brennwald, H E Rice, John Thompson, E R Walde, W A Nelson, H W Klaser, L E Froom, J W McFarland, N F Brewer, F B Knight, T R Flaiz, L L Moffitt, Neal C Wilson, L R Rasmussen, G M Mathews, G A Huse, H P Bloum, J F Cummins, W E Murray, C W Degering, W Schubert, M Fridlin, O Schuberth, F D Nichol, R R Figuhr, L E Lenheim, K J Reynolds, C P Sorensen, H H Votaw, R Gerber, M E Kern, B E Wagner, E J Lorntz, H A Morrison, Glenn Calkins, G J Appel, R M Whitsett

OTHERS PRESENT:

W A Fagal, W H Bergherm, J A Buckwalter

Prayer by L.E.Froom.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That we approve the following appointments:

W A Benjamin to Central, Lake, North Pacific, Pacific, Southwestern, and Southern unions; to visit institutions in interests of Insurance work
A W Johnson to Lincoln, Nebraska, September 30; Atlantic Union College, October 14-17; New York, October 20-23, for Religious Liberty work
H H Votaw to Columbus, Ohio, October 7, Religious Liberty appointment
J R Ferren to Georgia-Cumberland Conference, November 2-4, for regional press workshops
Dr. T R Flaiz to New England Sanitarium and Toronto for consultation
W J Harris to West Pennsylvania Conference for Sabbath school appointments, November 1-15; to Frederick, Md., October 4
D A Cone to Atlanta, Georgia, November 17,18, to meet with treasurers and accountants
L R Rasmussen to American Association of School Administrators, Atlantic City, February 14-19, 1953
E E Cossentine to Walla Walla College, December 5-9; Canadian Union College, Pacific Union College, College of Medical Evangelists, La Sierra College, and Southwestern Junior College, December and January
N F Brewer to Fitchburg, Mass., November 1, church dedication, and other appointments following
W B Ochs, A A Esteb, and L L Moffitt, Union Workers' Meeting, Southwestern Union, January 19-22
Carl Sundin to Arizona Conference, November 7-10
E J Lorntz to Arizona October 15 to November 15, for Indian evangelistic effort; to Chicago en route to Arizona to counsel re Spanish work, October 10-13

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J E Edwards, laymen's efforts, Alabama-Mississippi and Georgia-Cumberland conferences, November 27 to December 7

J C Thompson to Union Springs Academy and New York City in October

E E Cossentine to Southern Missionary College, November 4,5

L E Froom to Battle Creek Centennial celebration, October 25

L K Dickson to Pacific Union for rallies in Northern California,

January 10-17

Dr. Wayne McFarland to Southern Missionary College for class in health evangelism during summer of 1953

J I Robison to Southern Missionary College for four-day appointment, early December

A V Olson to Atlanta Workers' Meeting, October 1-4

S A Kaplan to Brookfield, Illinois, October 5-18, to work on Jewish publications

J E Edwards to Toronto, October 25, major welfare program

E D Dick to Boston, for Seminary

W A Scharffenberg, Pacific Union, October 13-19; Pacific Press Regional Meeting, October 20-25

Francis A Soper, Southern Publishing Association Regional Meeting, November 10-15; New Orleans, November 16-20; to New Jersey for Youth Rallies, October 4 and November 29; to New York October 7-10, Listen business

R A Anderson, Meridian, Miss., October 3-6, en route to Oklahoma City

W P Bradley to joint workers' meeting, Carolina and Georgia-Cumberland conferences, Blue Ridge, October 6-9

G E Peters to Central States Conference session, November 9,10

W B Ochs to Reading, Pa., October 2, en route to Pacific Union

L A Skinner to Union College for Week of Prayer, February 6-14, 1953

C E Moseley to Cleveland, Ohio, September 27; to Pittsburgh, Pa., October 18,19

W A Fagal and Faith for Today quartet to Baltimore, November 29

Paul Wickman to Southern New England for counsel re TV in Boston, time to be arranged

R R Figuhr to Reading, Pa., October 2; to Miami, Fla., October 12,13

Dr. J Nussbaum to Montreal, Quebec, following Autumn Council, at General Conference expense

G N Banks to Oakwood, Macon, Atlanta, and Detroit, en route to California

VISITS TO OVERSEAS FIELDS:

VOTED, That we approve the following arrangements for visits to overseas fields:

R R Figuhr to Australasia, November 1952 to February 1953

W E Nelson to Inter-America, October 10 to November 30, 1952

R M Whitsett to South Africa, extend trip 6 to 8 weeks, January to March, 1953

H L Rudy to South America, January to February, 1953

J Gibson to South Africa, 1953 camp meetings (time to be arranged)

L K Dickson to South Africa, June to August, 1953

W A Nelson to the Far East, December 1952 to February 1953

W H Bergherm to Europe, November to January, 1953, and to the Middle East en route

R A Anderson to the Far East, January to April, 1953, and to Hongkong and Formosa en route

Dr. H A Mozar to South America (Brazil, en route Peru, Ecuador)

H M S Richards to South Africa, 1953, time to be arranged; Australasia, Europe, Middle East en route Africa

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A L Ham to Southern Africa, November 1 to December, 1952

G A Huse to Inter-America, January 2 to February 21, 1953; to Europe, March 15 to May, 1953

A L White to Southern Africa, January, 1953 (Seminary School); to Australia, September to November, 1953

J Nussbaum to the Middle East, two to three weeks soon, 1952 or 1953

L E Froom, released from visit to Southern Africa, December 1952 to January, 1953 (Seminary School)

T Carcich, released from the Far East, Council, annual meetings, 1952-1953

DOROTHY RUF--SOUTH AMERICA:

VOTED, To request the Lake Union and the Hinsdale Sanitarium to release Miss Dorothy Ruf, and to place her under deferred appointment for nursing service in the South American Division.

COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDY:

In harmony with the action of the Autumn Council a subcommittee was asked to nominate the personnel of a committee on Graduate Study which is to bring a recommendation to the 1953 Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee.

VOTED, That the personnel of the Committee on Graduate Study be as follows: W.B.Ochs, E.E.Cossentine, T.R.Flaiz, W.E.Macpherson, K.J.Reynolds, C.L.Bauer, J.F.Weaver, D. Lois Burnett.

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CHRONOLOGY:

Because of conflicting appointments the Committee on Bible Chronology was unable to meet during the time of the Council.

VOTED, That the Committee on Bible Chronology be authorized to meet in Takoma Park September 28.

E R THIELE--COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CHRONOLOGY:

VOTED, That the Treasury be authorized to meet the travel and entertainment expense of E.R.Thiele as he comes from Berrien Springs to Takoma Park to meet with the Committee on Bible Chronology on September 28.

ISRAEL MISSION--ADMINISTRATION:

VOTED, That as of January 1, 1953, the Israel Mission be under the administration of the Middle East Division.

EDUARD MAGI--RELEASED:

The Secretary reported that the work of the Committee on Displaced Persons is being brought to a close, and that therefore there will not be further need for the services of Eduard Magi, on loan from the Greater New York Conference, in processing sponsorships and meeting boats bringing these persons to the United States.

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VOTED, That Eduard Magi be released December 31, 1952, from his duties in connection with the Committee on Displaced Persons, in order that he may resume full-time work in the Greater New York Conference.

B R BICKLEY--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return for health reasons of B.R.Bickley from the Belgian Congo.

J T WELCH--SOUTHERN AFRICA:

VOTED, That we approve the appointment of J.T.Welch of the Texas Conference as Publishing Department Secretary of the Southern African Division, to fill the vacancy created by the recent death of P.M.Lewis.

V E HENDERSHOT--SETTLEMENT:

VOTED, That final financial settlement with V.E.Hendershot be made from the Contingency Fund as follows: Salary and regular allowances to be continued to March 31, 1953; moving allowance, should he move from Takoma Park in the near future, on the same basis as to any General Conference worker disconnecting from the work at headquarters.

R J RITCHIE AND MRS. NELLIE RITCHIE:

Elder and Mrs. R.J.Ritchie and Mrs. Nellie Ritchie, workers in the Southern Asia Division, desire to secure employment in another division. The Southern Asia Division is willing to provide their salary for six months to any organization employing them.

VOTED, That the Treasury be authorized to provide the salaries of Elder and Mrs. R.J.Ritchie and of Mrs. Nellie Ritchie for six months should they be employed by any conference in North America, their travel to the United States to be at their own expense.

SLIGO CHURCH--APPROPRIATION:

VOTED, That the Treasury be authorized to appropriate \$2,500 to the Sligo church for the use of the building and its utilities during the Bible Conference and the Autumn Council, September 1 to 26, 1952.

MISSIONARIES' CARE IN BELGIUM:

Recommendations resulting from consultations between representatives of the Southern African Division, the Belgian Conference, and the General Conference, on the procedure in caring for missionaries who must spend time studying in Belgium in preparation for service in the Belgian Congo, were presented and adopted as follows:

The following is an outline of the arrangements whereby our missionaries under appointment to the Belgian Congo may be cared for during their stay in Belgium while they take certain required courses of study. The arrangements were drawn up following a visit between L. Belloy and F.G.Clifford in Belgium and after counsel with N.H.Knight, W.P.Bradley, and F.B.Knight, Washington, D.C., August, 1952.

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1. Since the Southern African Division in its work in the Belgian Congo does not receive any government grant to aid in its educational work, it is not necessary for our workers to take the course in Brussels prescribed for educational workers who teach in schools in the Congo receiving government grant. However, in case it might be advisable for some of our workers to take this course, following authorization to do so by the Southern African Division, the following would be advisable:

The course commences at the present time on September 16 of each year, and begins with language study. The school is at 243 Avenue Louise, Brussels. Following language study, observation in teaching methods is given in local Belgian schools within two or three months after the course opens. Examination in French, and methods, is given some time in June of the following year. This is followed by a vacation, and in July a Colonial course is given for approximately six weeks. This completes the required work for teachers. The course is given free, but application must be made through the regular channels. At present, for Protestant missionaries it is through the Protestant Missionary Council. However, we are expecting that the president of the Belgian Conference will be accepted as the representative of the Seventh-day Adventist Mission.

2. As far as nurses are concerned, they must take the course in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, given in Antwerp. This course opens in October and March of each year, and closes in February and July of each year. The exact dates of opening and closing were not ascertainable. This course is preceded by a six weeks' preparatory course in French. This preparatory course is given in Antwerp by the Mutuella Congolaise, 23 Avenue von Eyck. This preparatory course is open to all nurses who are entering the Tropical Medicine course.

Since this language course is of only six weeks' duration, it is somewhat advanced when it opens, and our nurses who have attended consider that some knowledge of French should be available to the worker prior to the course. If this knowledge of French has not already been acquired before entering Belgium, it can be obtained in Brussels either by tutor or by attending a language school. Naturally knowledge of the French language could be obtained in other countries by attending a language school, but being in Brussels enables one to live with the language.

3. The president of the Belgian Conference, Brother L. Belloy, is planning to make connection with the Principal of the School of Tropical Medicine and become our representative for obtaining entry by our nurses to the School. This representation was previously carried on by Brother Jockmans, the former president of the Belgian Conference.

Mimeographed notes of certain of the lectures given at the School of Tropical Medicine can be obtained at the Sales shop in the school. However, they can only be obtained after the course opens. Notes for lectures which cannot be obtained at the school shop, can be obtained at the Methodist Bookshop, Rue de Champ de Mars, Brussels. It is also suggested that nurses who complete the course leave their corrected notes with the president of the Belgian Conference, who could hand them on to successive entrants to the course.

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At the present time our nurses have to skip a course in Entomology, which is given on Sabbath. However, this material has been given them by an instructor coming up to Antwerp from Brussels upon two occasions during the course, and giving a three-hour session upon each visit. A microscope is necessary for this course, and up to the present one has been kindly loaned by an Adventist medical student in Antwerp. This medical student will be graduating shortly and plans will have to be made to make a microscope available. We are proposing that the Southern African Division make this available and that the microscope be in the custody of the pastor of the Antwerp church during intervals when we do not have nurses taking the course.

4. To avoid confusion, it is agreed that the London Transportation Office be the medium for communicating all information and instructions to the Belgian Conference in their plan to assist our missionaries.

5. Since there seems to be some confusion regarding the matter of reporting expense, it is agreed that our missionaries in Belgium report each month to the Belgian Conference, and that Brother Knight of the London Transportation Office be the one to authorize the Belgian Conference as to the amount and type of expense reportable.

6. All workers who plan to study in Belgium for more than two months and who are not Belgian citizens, require a Visi D. Etablissement Provisoire. This should be obtained before entering Belgium. Within one week of entering Belgium the worker should go to the Town Hall of the city where he is residing, and secure a Certificate of Registration. When any change in location is made, a visit must be paid to the appropriate Town Hall to notify of the change of residence. Each worker should have available a supply of passport photographs.

7. Missionaries seeking residence in the Belgian Congo will require letters of Guarantee in order to obtain the necessary Entry Permit. Since this permit expires if it is not used within three months, it would seem best for the London Transportation Office to issue the appropriate letter of Guarantee as required. Any letters of introduction needed in Belgium for the School of Tropical Medicine or other courses of study, could be given by the president of the Belgian Conference as the representative in Belgium of the Mission Board or the Congo Union Mission, as necessity might require.

8. The Belgian Conference will meet our missionaries and do their best to secure suitable accommodation for them during their stay in Belgium. As far as possible, adequate notice should be given to the Belgian Conference as to when our missionaries will arrive or leave the country.

9. The salary for all workers sent to Belgium shall be set by the General Conference after counseling with the Southern African Division.

10. All expenses incurred in connection with caring for these missionaries during their stay in Belgium will be borne by the Southern African Division.

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ORMOND K ANDERSON--MIDDLE EAST

VOTED, To pass on to the Australasian Division the call from the Middle East Division for Ormond K. Anderson to connect with that division for two or three years as city evangelist, the Middle East Division to meet transportation expense, half of the outfitting expense and freight allowance, and salary during the time Brother Anderson is in that field.

GEORGE BUTLER--APPROPRIATION FOR LOSSES:

VOTED, To appropriate \$2,000 from the Contingency Fund to compensate George Butler for losses incurred in the transfer of his goods from Australia to America, including goods lost by fire while in storage.

MRS. F A MOTE--TRAVEL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That Mrs. F.A.Mote be authorized to return to the United States with her husband and their son shortly before the 1954 General Conference session, and that the General Conference pay her travel expense should they at that time return to Australia for further service.

INDIAN SCHOOL PROPERTY IN ARIZONA:

A valuable property near Phoenix, Arizona, has been offered to the denomination for use as an Indian school. It is in a good agricultural section of the state, and the Pacific Union is investigating the possibility of securing it at a very small cost.

VOTED, To encourage the Pacific Union Conference to proceed with the endeavor to work out a satisfactory contract for the property known as Thunderbird No. 2, with a view to establishing the Indian training school there.

GREATER NEW YORK--ITALIAN CHURCH PROPERTY:

L.E.Lenheim presented the need for securing a permanent church home for the Italian congregation in New York City, and the possibility of securing the church property which that group has been renting for some time now and which is for sale. Since it would be necessary to incur debt to secure the property at this time it was felt that further study should be given to the matter.

VOTED, To refer the item to the General Conference officers for counsel.

Adjourned, with prayer by Glenn Calkins.

A.V.Olson, Chairman
E.E.Roenfelt, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary