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OF THE  
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
May 7, 11, 14, 20, and 21  
1953  
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## TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-SIXTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 1, 1953

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

H L Rudy, E E Roenfelt, Roger Altman, R A Anderson, C W Bozarth,  
 W P Bradley, W H Branson, F Brennwald, N F Brewer, H F Brown,  
 J A Buckwalter, A W Cormack, L K Dickson, E W Dunbar, J E Edwards,  
 H T Elliott, A A Esteb, J R Ferrén, R R Figuhr, A L Ham, E B Hare,  
 A W Johnson, H W Klaser, H W Lowe, T E Lucas, G M Mathews, D A  
 McAdams, L L Moffitt, H A Morrison, C E Moseley, Jr., F D Nichol,  
 A V Olson, G E Peters, W E Phillips, L R Rasmussen, D E Rebok,  
 A H Rulkoetter, F A Soper, J A Stevens, W H Teesdale, C L Torrey,  
 B E Wagner, E R Walde, A L White, Paul Wickman

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Wesley Amundsen, W H Bergherm, R E Crawford, R Ruhling.

Prayer by N.F.Brewer.

MINUTES of the meeting of April 30 were approved.

## T T FRAZIER--RIVERSIDE SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to Oakwood College the call from the Riverside Sanitarium for T.T.Frazier to connect with the Sanitarium as an accountant.

## MRS. J E SANDNESS--SYMPATHY TO RELATIVES:

Resolved, That a message conveying our deep sympathy be sent to Dr. J.E.Sandness and children and to Elder and Mrs. E.J.Lorntz and their other daughters, who sorrow as a result of the death of Mrs. Sandness on May 3 in a bus accident in Thailand.

## C C MORRISON--SYMPATHY TO RELATIVES:

Resolved, That an expression of our sympathy be conveyed to Mrs. C.C. Morrison and her daughter in their bereavement in the death of C.C.Morrison on May 5. While serving in the Far East Professor Morrison made a real contribution to the development of the Philippine Union College and the family were among those interned in the Philippines during World War II.

## J E SANDNESS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Dr. J.E.Sandness from the Far Eastern Division.

## RICHARD C LARSON--CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That the appointment of Richard C. Larson to Mountain View College in the Philippines be changed to Bangkok, Thailand, in harmony

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with the request of the Far Eastern Division that he connect with the work there as soon as possible.

GORDON CARLE--INDONESIA:

VOTED, To request the Lake Union and Michigan Conference to release Gordon Carle, and to invite him to connect with the Far Eastern Division as evangelist in Indonesia.

GEORGE T HAMM--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT

VOTED, That we request the Southern Union and Georgia-Cumberland Conference to release Dr. George T. Hamm of the Wildwood Sanitarium, and that he be invited to accept deferred appointment to mission service; and that arrangements be made for him to secure British qualifications in Canada with a view to appointment to a British country.

BERNICE PITTMAN--BETHEL TRAINING SCHOOL:

VOTED, To request the Southern Union and Southern Missionary College to release Miss Bernice Pittman, and to invite her to connect with the Southern African Division as director of teacher-training in the Bethel Training School.

L S DAVIS--EAST AFRICA:

VOTED, To request the Northern Union and North Dakota Conference to release L.S.Davis of Sheyenne River Academy, and to invite him to connect with the Southern African Division to take charge of one of the training schools in East Africa.

THOMAS HORSLEY--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Dr. Thomas Horsley be released from the appointment for medical missionary work in the Far Eastern Division.

J P STAUFFER--NEWBOLD MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and Pacific Union College to grant a two-year leave-of-absence to J.P.Stauffer, and to invite him to respond to the call of the Northern European Division to connect with Newbold Missionary College in England as head of the Department of English and Literature for two years beginning in September, 1953.

ROBERT K BOYD--NEWBOLD MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and Pacific Union College to grant a two-year leave-of-absence to Robert K. Boyd, and to invite him to connect with the Northern European Division beginning in September, 1954, as head of the Department of Business Administration of Newbold Missionary College.

PAID ADVERTISING--COMMITTEE:

VOTED, In harmony with the action of the Spring Meeting authorizing the appointment of a committee to explore the matter of publicity through paid



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magazine advertisements, the following committee (to report to an Autumn Council) was named: H.L.Rudy, R.H.Adair, R.A.Anderson, J.R.Ferren, F.D. Nichol, D.A.Ochs, J.I.Robison, A.H.Rulkoetter, J.C.Thompson.

#### LABOR UNIONS--COUNSEL TO AUSTRALASIA:

The officers of the Australasian Division sought counsel regarding our attitude toward labor unions. The question was discussed, and the Secretary of the General Conference was instructed to pass on to the Australasian Division the material which has been adopted for a guiding policy in this matter.

#### SPIRIT OF PROPHECY PUBLICATIONS--SUBSIDY GRANTS:

VOTED, That appropriations from the Spirit of Prophecy Book Fund be made as follows:

1. \$250 to the Far Eastern Division to assist in the initial expense of the publication of Steps to Christ, Siamese.
2. \$575 to the Far Eastern Division to assist in the initial expense of the publication of Messages to Young People, Siamese.
3. \$300 to the Southern European Division (this sum to be matched dollar for dollar by the Division) to assist our believers in Spain to secure the E.G.White books.
4. \$125 to the Middle East Division to assist in the initial expense of publication of Impending Conflict, Arabic.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve the following appointments and itineraries:

D.A.McAdams to Pacific Union, June 8-15, en route to Youth Congress; to Atlantic Union, Aug. 14-24; Carolina, June 25-29; Kentucky-Tennessee and Florida, July 3-13, colporteur rallies.

Ben Glanzer to Greenville, S.C., May 15-26, to assist evangelistic effort.

Carl Sundin to Tempe, Arizona, May 12, Hospital Day program; Northern California itinerary--Chico, St. Helena, San Francisco, May 14-17.

C.E.Moseley, Kansas City, May 9-17, spearhead evangelism.

Miss Louise Kleuser to Boulder, Colorado, Aug. 29-Sept. 5, en route from California.

H.F.Brown, extend itinerary in Canada one week--new date, May 9-23.

C.E.Weniger to Holly, Michigan, June 25-29, Principals' Council.

A.A.Esteb, Tyler, Texas, June 3-6, Layman's Congress Southwest Region.

W.H.Beaven to Atlantic Union College for commencement, May 31.

W.H.Williams to Chicago en route to Berrien Springs, May 7.

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## L A EDWARDS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That permanent return be authorized for L.A. Edwards of the Malamulo Mission, since for health reasons the family hesitates to return to Africa after furlough.

Adjourned, with prayer by L.R. Rasmussen.

H.L. Rudy, Chairman  
E.E. Roenfelt, Secretary  
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

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## TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVENTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 11, 1953

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

R R Figuhr, D E Rebok, Roger Altman, C W Bozarth, W P Bradley, N F Brewer, J E Edwards, H T Elliott, A A Esteb, J R Ferren, L E Froom, A L Ham, E B Hare, H W Klaser, Louise Kleuser, H W Lowe, L L Moffitt, W B Ochs, A V Olson, W E Read, A H Rulkoetter, L A Skinner, C L Torrey, R M Whitsett, W H Williams

## OTHERS PRESENT:

W H Bergherm, D E Robinson.

The Committee met immediately following the morning worship hour.

## S H HORN--NEAR EAST:

VOTED, That the Theological Seminary Board be requested to make arrangements for an additional three months' leave of absence beyond the summer of 1953 for S.H. Horn, and that Doctor Horn be authorized to visit Cairo, Jerusalem, and other centers in the Near East for research work on behalf of the Historical Research Committee, the travel expense to be met by the General Conference.

## W E NELSON--SYMPATHY TO RELATIVES:

Resolved, That we record with deep sorrow the loss of W.E. Nelson from our Committee circle, of which he was a member for nearly twenty years. His death, which occurred on May 9 after a few hours' illness, has deprived us of a wise and stalwart counselor. His positive, godly leadership in education and finance during the fifty years of his service, brought genuine strength to the cause. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Sister Nelson and the relatives. We share in their grief and look up with them to the God of all comfort whose sustaining presence abides with us in our bereavement, constraining us to labor on in the blessed hope of a glad reunion soon to come.

Adjourned.

R.R. Figuhr, Chairman  
D.E. Rebok, Secretary  
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

## TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 14, 1953

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

L K Dickson, H T Elliott, Roger Altman, R A Anderson, W P Bradley,  
W H Branson, F Brennwald, N F Brewer, A W Cormack, E E Cossentine,  
J F Cummins, E W Dunbar, N W Dunn, J R Ferren, R R Figuhr, A L Ham,  
E B Hare, H W Klaser, F B Knight, H W Lowe, G M Mathews, D A McAdams,  
L L Moffitt, H A Morrison, W B Ochs, A V Olson, W E Phillips, D E Rebok,  
J I Robison, H L Rudy, A H Rulkoetter, L A Skinner, F A Soper, J A  
Stevens, W H Teesdale, C L Torrey, A L White, R M Whitsett, W H Williams

## OTHERS PRESENT:

W H Benwell, W H Bergherm, S A Kaplan, R Ruhling.

Prayer by R. Ruhling.

MINUTES of meetings of May 7 and 11 were approved.

## ALLAN MABERLY--SOUTHERN ASIA:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference, that Allan Maberly of Australia be placed under appointment to serve as evangelist for the border project in Southern Asia.

## ESMA M DiSALVA--SOUTHERN ASIA:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference, that Miss Esma M. DiSalva of Australia be placed under appointment to serve as a Bible instructor in Northwest India, Southern Asia Division.

## MABEL McKEOUGH--SOUTHERN ASIA:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference, that Miss Mabel McKeough of Australia be placed under appointment to the Southern Asia Division office for secretarial work.

## CATHERINE SANKEY--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Miss Catherine Sankey from the appointment to service in Southern Asia.

## JUANITA SLACK--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Miss Juanita Slack from the appointment to service in Southern Asia.

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## DOROTHY GREELEY--INDONESIA:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and Southern California Conference to release Miss Dorothy Greeley, and to invite her to connect with the Indonesian Union for stenographic work.

## G T GOTT--MIDDLE EAST DIVISION:

VOTED, To request the Southern Union and Southern Missionary College to release G.T.Gott, and to invite him to connect with the Middle East Division on a deferred appointment basis.

## P T GIBBS--NEWBOLD MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

Understanding that it would be difficult for Pacific Union College to release J.P.Stauffer and Robert K. Boyd at the same time, and inasmuch as Emmanuel Missionary College is able to arrange for P.T.Gibbs to be given a one-year leave of absence, the following action was taken, thus releasing J.P.Stauffer from the appointment voted May 7:

VOTED, That the Lake Union and Emmanuel Missionary College be requested to grant a one-year leave of absence to P.T.Gibbs, and that he be invited to connect with the Northern European Division as head of the Department of English and Literature in Newbold Missionary College for one year beginning in September, 1953.

## J NUSSBAUM--MIDDLE EAST VISIT:

VOTED, To request the Southern European Division to arrange for Dr. J. Nussbaum to make a second visit to the Middle East Division in the interests of religious liberty matters.

## F B KNIGHT--COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That F.B.Knight be added to the personnel of the Committee on Promotion of Offerings.

## OVERSEAS VISITS:

VOTED, To approve arrangements for visits to overseas divisions as follows:

Representatives to London to study purchase of building for evangelistic center--officers to arrange.

A.V.Olson, Central Europe, September 3-20, 1953.

W.H.Branson, Inter-America (Miami), November 10-22, 1953.

R.A.Anderson, Southern Europe, July, 1953, Seminary Extension School.

## LORRAINE TARR--LAKE UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to Miss Lorraine Tarr of the General Conference office the call from the Lake Union for her to connect with the Michigan Conference office for stenographic work.

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## JUANITA SLACK--GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE:

VOTED, To request the College of Medical Evangelists to release Miss Juanita Slack of the Loma Linda Sanitarium, and to invite her to connect with the General Conference office for stenographic work.

## W T CRANDALL--ORDINATION:

VOTED, To approve the ordination of W.T.Crandall, editor of the Youth's Instructor.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

Wesley Amundsen to Berrien Springs, Mich., June 1-3, 1953.

J.A.Buckwalter to Northern, North Pacific, Pacific, and Central unions, May 11-July 17, Loma Linda Fund Raising.

E.E.Cossentine to Atlantic Union College Board, May 19; Emmanuel Missionary College Board, May 21.

W.H.Williams to Emmanuel Missionary College Board, May 21; to College of Medical Evangelists meeting, June 21.

E.J.Lorntz to southern California, May 14 to end of camp meeting appointments.

H.W.Klaser to Principals' Council, Holly, Mich., June 26-July 1.

## FAITH FOR TODAY--SPECIAL APPROPRIATION:

VOTED, To appropriate \$5,000 to Faith for Today from the Contingency Fund, to assist in the expansion of the Bible correspondence school work.

## DENNIS CHARPIOT--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, To grant an open sponsorship to Dennis Charpiot, enabling him to come to the United States for study for two or three years, the Southern European Division accepting financial responsibility.

## D J DUNNETT--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, To grant an open sponsorship to D.J.Dunnett and family of Newbold Missionary College, to come to the United States for advanced study, the Northern European Division assuming financial responsibility.

## CHARLES O FRANZ--MOVING EXPENSE:

On request of the boards of Faith for Today and Voice of Prophecy, it was

VOTED, That the moving expense of Charles O. Franz from New York City to Glendale, Calif., be met from the Contingency Fund.

## MEDICAL CADET TRAINING CAMP:

VOTED, That \$750 be appropriated from the Contingency Fund to provide certain permanent equipment necessary for the Medical Cadet Training Camp at Grand Ledge, Mich.

Adjourned, with prayer by H.W.Klaser.

L.K.Dickson, Chairman  
H.T.Elliott, Secretary  
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

## TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-NINTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 20, 1953

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

H L Rudy, H T Elliott, Roger Altman, R A Anderson, W P Bradley, F Brennwald, N F Brewer, A W Cormack, E D Dick, J E Edwards, L E Froom, A L Ham, E B Hare, C B Haynes, H W Klaser, Louise Kleuser, F B Knight, H W Lowe, G M Mathews, D A McAdams, L L Moffitt, C E Moseley, F D Nichol, A V Olson, G E Peters, L R Rasmussen, D E Rebok, E E Roenfelt, A H Rulkoetter, F A Soper, C L Torrey, E R Walde, A L White, W H Williams

## OTHERS PRESENT:

W H Bergherm.

Prayer by E.D.Dick.

## P W CHRISTIAN--GENERAL CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To request the Lake Union and Emmanuel Missionary College to release P.W.Christian, and to invite him to connect with the General Conference Department of Education for one year to prepare the manuscript for a textbook on denominational history for our secondary schools.

## JEANNE REVERT--PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Canadian Union and Kingsway Publishing Association the call from the Pacific Press Publishing Association for Miss Jeanne Revert to connect with the Brookfield Branch as editor of French publications. It was also

VOTED, To issue such guarantee of sponsorship as may be required by the authorities to permit Miss Jeanne Revert's entrance to the United States.

Adjourned, with prayer by E.R.Walde.

H.L.Rudy, Chairman  
H.T.Elliott, Secretary  
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

## TWO HUNDRED SIXTIETH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 21, 1953

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

H L Rudy, E E Roenfelt, Roger Altman, R A Anderson, C W Bozarth,  
 W P Bradley, W H Branson, F Brennwald, N F Brewer, A W Cormack, E D Dick,  
 E W Dunbar, N W Dunn, J E Edwards, H T Elliott, A A Esteb, A L Ham,  
 C B Haynes, A W Johnson, H W Klaser, F B Knight, D A McAdams, L L Moffitt,  
 H A Morrison, F D Nichol, A V Olson, D E Rebok, J I Robison, L A Skinner,  
 F A Soper, J A Stevens, W H Teesdale, C L Torrey, E R Walde, A L White

## OTHERS PRESENT:

R Ruhling.

Prayer by E.D.Dick.

MINUTES of meeting of May 14 were approved.

## FRANCES ANDREWS--GENERAL CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To request the Columbia Union and Potomac Conference to release Miss Frances Andrews of the Shenandoah Valley Academy, and to invite her to connect with the stenographic staff of the General Conference office for work in the Bureau of Press Relations.

LONDON EVANGELISTIC CENTER--  
REPRESENTATIVES TO STUDY:

VOTED, That R.R.Figuhr and J.F.Cummins be authorized to visit London, England, May 18-30, to counsel with the Northern European Division in the study of the selection and purchase of property for the proposed London evangelistic center.

## D E ROBINSON--RETIREMENT:

VOTED, That the date for D.E.Robinson's retirement be changed from January 1, 1953 to July 1, 1953. (See Minutes of Aug. 14, 1952.)

## P W CHRISTIAN--COMMITTEE RELEASE:

VOTED, That P.W.Christian be released from serving on the Committee on CME Economy, since he states it will not be practicable for him to meet with the committee in mid-September and has offered his resignation.

E W PEDERSEN--TEMPERANCE SECRETARY  
NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION:

VOTED, That E.W.Pedersen be appointed Temperance Secretary of the Northern European Division as recommended by the Division Committee.

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## J P STAUFFER--RELEASED:

VOTED, That J.P.Stauffer be released from the appointment to connect with Newbold Missionary College.

## THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY--MINISTERIAL TRAINING:

VOTED, That the officers be requested to appoint a representative committee to give study to the question of how to provide for practical evangelistic and pastoral experience for ministerial students in training at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

## COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL TRAINING:

VOTED, That the following persons be added to the personnel of the Committee appointed April 30, 1953, to survey the ministerial training needs of the denomination: C.E.Weniger, G.E.Hutches, R.H.Nightingale, G.Eric Jones, C.Lester Bond, R.C.Baker, Varner Johns (contingent on approval of the Pacific Union Conference), and T.E.Unruh. It was also

VOTED, That C.E.Weniger be a member of the subcommittee appointed to prepare materials for the full committee.

## ISRAEL MISSION--ADMINISTRATION:

Since the plan of administration of the Israel Mission by the Middle East Division has not proved practicable, on request of the Division it was

VOTED, That responsibility for the administration of the Israel Mission be assumed at once by the General Conference, releasing the Middle East Division from the supervision of that field.

## W H G BENWELL--CREDENTIALS:

VOTED, That missionary credentials for the period ending July 31, 1954, be granted to W.H.G.Benwell, recently appointed London transportation agent.

## CHARLES MOORE--BELLA VISTA HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That Dr. Charles Moore of Los Angeles, Calif., be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division for service as surgeon for the Bella Vista Hospital in Puerto Rico.

## JAMES KEETON--BELLA VISTA HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That the College of Medical Evangelists be requested to release Dr. James Keeton of the White Memorial Hospital, and that he be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division as doctor of internal medicine for the Bella Vista Hospital, Puerto Rico.

## ERNEST W ESTEY--BELLA VISTA HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That Ernest W. Estey of Glendale, Calif., be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division for service as X-ray technician for the Bella Vista Hospital, Puerto Rico.



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## ARTHUR WESTPHAL--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That Arthur Westphal be granted permanent return from Mexico, since he wishes to continue his education in the United States.

## ORVILLE SCHNEIDER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That Orville Schneider be granted permanent return from Inter-America for health reasons.

## L L COOK--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That L.L.Cook of Costa Rica be granted a permanent return at his own request and on approval by the Inter-American Division.

## VIRGINIA AND MARJORIE LANGE--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That the Misses Virginia and Marjorie Lange be granted permanent return from the Southern Asia Division in harmony with their wish to continue their education in America.

## MARIO RUF--PERU:

VOTED, That the Lake Union and Michigan Conference be requested to release Mario Ruf, and that he be invited to connect with the South American Division for evangelistic work in Peru.

## J H LANTRY--RELEASED:

VOTED, That J.H.Lantry be released from the appointment to the North Brazil Union for departmental work.

## D W CURRY--CLEARWATER BAY INSTITUTE:

VOTED, That the Central Union and Nebraska Conference be requested to release D.W.Curry of Platte Valley Academy, and that he be invited to connect with the South China Island Union Mission as teacher for the Clearwater Bay Institute.

## NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION--TEACHER FOR NAIROBI:

VOTED, That the Northern European Division be requested to choose a family in Great Britain to fill the call of the Southern African Division for a teacher for Nairobi.

## S HOKAMA--JAPAN:

VOTED, To invite Shinsei Hokama, a senior student at Pacific Union College, to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Nisei worker for Japan.

## R A BATA--NORTH PHILIPPINE UNION:

VOTED, That the Central Union and Nebraska Conference be requested to release R.A.Bata, and that he be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division for evangelistic work in the North Philippine Union.

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## MARGUERITE ROSS--BUGEMA TRAINING SCHOOL:

VOTED, To request the Lake Union and Emmanuel Missionary College to release Miss Marguerite Ross, and to invite her to connect with the Southern African Division as a teacher on the staff of the Bugema Training School in East Africa.

## PAUL WICKMAN--RESIGNATION:

Paul Wickman, Secretary of the Radio Department, presented a letter to the Committee stating that because of his wife's health which makes it impossible for her to work and thus help bear the educational expense of their three children, he finds it necessary to discontinue his work for the church and to take a position with the Western Advertising Agency in order to solve his financial problems. He therefore submitted his resignation as Secretary of the Radio Department to become effective on September 1, 1953, suggesting that it be on an indefinite leave-of-absence basis. It was

VOTED, That we recognize Paul Wickman's financial situation and his desire to meet the needs of his family, and while regretting to see him discontinue his ministerial duties in connection with the church and the General Conference, we reluctantly accept his resignation to take effect September 1, 1953, and hereby express to him our sincere appreciation for his faithful and efficient service in connection with the rapid development of our radio and television work.

While hoping that the time may soon come when Elder Wickman can see his way clear to re-enter the work of the church, it would be impossible to grant his release on a leave-of-absence basis since most all positions in the General Conference staff are on an elective basis and are therefore subject to being filled by vote of the constituency.

However, should Elder Wickman re-enter the work of the denomination within a period of five years his present service record would not be affected except by loss of the time spent in outside employment.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That appointments and itineraries be approved as follows:

W.A.Benjamin to visit academies and sanitariums in Lake, Central, and Pacific unions.

C.L.Torrey to San Francisco and Los Angeles following Harris Pine Mills Board meeting.

G.M.Mathews to teachers' institutes in Lake Union--Michigan, Sept. 27-29; Illinois, Sept. 30-Oct. 3; Indiana, Nov. 1-4.

L.A.Skinner to Lake Union MV camps, Aug. 23-30; Pacific Union camps, June 27-July 5.

Miss Lois Burnett to San Francisco for Youth Congress, June 16-20.

A.A.Esteb to Oshawa, Ontario, May 18, 19.

W.H.Beaven to Adelphian Academy, June 26-July 1.

E.W.Dunbar, Fall Week of Prayer, New England Sanitarium, first week of November.

A.W.Johnson, Knoxville, Tenn., and Portales, N.Mex., religious liberty appointments.

J.F.Cummins, release from appointment in San Francisco.

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Paul Heubach to Pan-American Youth Congress, one half the expense to be met by Walla Walla College and the other half from the Congress budget.

D.A.McAdams, Philadelphia, Pa., Allegheny Conference Colporteur Rally, May 23.

L.A.Skinner, North Pacific Union MV Secretaries' Council and other appointments, Nov. 7-21.

#### KOREAN FAMILY--GOVERNMENT RELIEF:

VOTED, That we join other American religious organizations in writing a letter to Senator Bridges requesting that Bill No. 1504 be brought out of Committee for enactment by the Senate of the United States, in order that financial assistance may be given to the family of a Korean Presbyterian minister who died as a result of injuries inflicted upon him by American army officers.

#### OLAF VETNE--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, That Olaf Vetne of the Norwegian Publishing House be granted an open sponsorship, in order that he may visit a number of American publishing houses during a year's leave of absence. (Subject to approval by the Northern European Division Committee.)

#### A K DAVIS--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, To grant an open sponsorship to A.K.Davis, financial responsibility being assumed by the Far Eastern Division.

#### PAUL WICKMAN--TRANSPORTATION AND MOVING EXPENSE:

VOTED, That transportation and moving expense to Los Angeles, Calif., be granted to Paul Wickman, in harmony with the policy.

#### CME ALUMNI RESEARCH FOUNDATION WORKERS-- SUSTENTATION STATUS:

In view of the fact that for individuals employed by the CME Alumni Research Foundation and paid by the College of Medical Evangelists in harmony with the denominational wage scale, regular contributions are made to the Sustentation Fund, it was

VOTED, That individuals now or hereafter employed by the CME Alumni Research Foundation who are paid by the College of Medical Evangelists according to the denominational wage scale, be recognized as denominational employees and entitled to Sustentation benefits, their years of service with the Alumni Research Foundation to be counted as a part of their service record. It was also

VOTED, To recommend that employment of individuals by the Alumni Research Foundation be approved by the College of Medical Evangelists Board in order to qualify such persons for the recognition outlined in the foregoing action.

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## EXCHANGE RATE--BRAZILIAN CRUZEIRO:

On request of the South American Division, it was

VOTED, That as of June 1, 1953, the exchange rate for the Brazilian Cruzeiro be set at \$0.033333.

## YEARBOOK--1954 EDITION:

VOTED, To adopt the recommendations of the officers on the 1954 Yearbook as follows:

1. That the edition consist of 2,800 copies paper bound and 200 copies cloth bound, unless sufficient advance orders arrive before printing to warrant an increase.

2. That the price be \$2.50 for paper and \$3.00 for cloth binding net postpaid anywhere in the world. (No discounts to the fields.)

3. That the Review and Herald handle the books as in the past; they to receive 20% commission to cover cost of handling and postage to the field.

4. That the field be advised of the limited edition, the elimination of discounts, and the new price of \$2.50 for the paper binding.

5. That an effort be made to increase the commercial advertising.

6. That commercial advertising continue to be handled by ESDA Sales and Service on a 10% commission basis at the established rate of \$45.00 for a full page, \$25.00 for 1/2 page, and \$15.00 for 1/4 page.

7. That where advertisements are run for the various departments of the General Conference a flat charge of \$10.00 per page be made plus any cost for cuts.

## D E REBOK--MISSIONS BROADCASTS COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That D.E.Rebok be appointed a member of the Missions Broadcasts Committee.

Adjourned, with prayer by C.B.Haynes.

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

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MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE  
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 28, 1953

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## TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-FIRST MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 28, 1953

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

L K Dickson, H T Elliott, Roger Altman, C W Bozarth, W P Bradley,  
 H F Brown, A W Cormack, E E Cossentine, E D Dick, E W Dunbar, J E  
 Edwards, A L Ham, C B Haynes, H W Klaser, Louise Kleuser, F B Knight,  
 H W Lowe, G M Mathews, D A McAdams, L L Moffitt, H A Morrison,  
 F D Nichol, A V Olson, L R Rasmussen, A H Rulkoetter, J A Stevens,  
 C L Torrey, H H Votaw, A L White, R M Whitsett

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Wesley Amundsen, R Ruhling.

Prayer by L.R.Rasmussen.

MINUTES of meetings of May 20 and 21 were approved.

## MISSIONARY EMPLOYMENT CARD:

A subcommittee which had been appointed to prepare an employment card to be issued to denominational workers as authorized by the 1953 Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee, presented its report which with some changes in wording was adopted for use in North America as follows:

(front)

## MISSIONARY EMPLOYMENT CARD

No. ....

This is to certify that .....

(Name of worker)

is an employee of the .....

(Name of institution, conference or mission)

an organization owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

Issued by ..... Conference

Date ..... President

Valid until ..... Secretary

.....

(date)

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(back)

## EMPLOYEE'S DECLARATION

In accepting employment in the .....  
 (institution, conference or mission)  
 ....., I recognize the religious character of the  
 organization and the missionary basis of employment, and I hereby pledge  
 my energies to serve in full harmony with the spirit and objectives of  
 the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

Date ..... Signed .....

(This card is automatically canceled upon severance of  
 employment with this organization.)

It is recommended that the use of this card by overseas divisions be  
 studied at the time of the 1954 General Conference Session.

## SEMINARY FIELD WORK--COMMITTEE:

The committee to give study to providing practical field work for  
 ministerial students at the Theological Seminary was named by the officers  
 as follows: W.H.Branson, R.H.Adair, E.E.Cossentine, E.D.Dick, L.K.Dickson,  
 M.K.Eckenroth, H.T.Elliott, R.R.Figuhr, A.W.Johnson, W.B.Ochs, A.V.Olson,  
 D.E.Rebok, K.J.Reynolds, H.L.Rudy, C.L.Torrey, C.E.Weniger, W.H.Williams.

## A L WHITE--SEMINARY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Ellen G. White Publications Board the request of  
 the S.D.A. Theological Seminary Board that arrangements be made for A.L.White  
 to teach for one year a course in Evidence of Prophetic Guidance.

## S H HORN--EXTENSION OF ITINERARY:

VOTED, That S.H.Horn's itinerary in Europe and the Near East be  
 extended to include visits to Rome, Upper Egypt, Petra, Mesopotamia, and  
 Greece.

## GRANVILLE MATTHEWS--GREATER NEW YORK:

VOTED, To pass on to the Review and Herald Publishing Association the call  
 from the Atlantic Union for Granville Matthews to connect with the Greater  
 New York Conference as assistant treasurer.

## DORIS BRADY--SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the S.D.A. Theological Seminary the call from the  
 Pacific Union for Miss Doris Brady to connect with the Southeastern California  
 Conference office as secretary to the president.

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## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

- A.H.Rulkoetter to Anderson, Ind., May 24, 25.
- L.A.Skinner to Youth Camps in Northern Union, July 26-August 16.
- E.E.Cossentine to Atlantic Union College, May 25, 1953; and to Michigan Conference for church appointments, July 2-5 (following Principals' Council).
- F.H.Yost to Northern New England Workers' Meeting, Camp Lawroweld, August 31 to September 3.
- R.R.Figuhr to Palatka, Fla., June 15.
- T.E.Lucas to Institute of Scientific Studies at Loma Linda, June 13-24.
- Corinne Wilkinson to Pan-American Youth Congress, June 16-20, releasing Mildred Johnson.
- Invitation to Dr. Bruce Halsted of CME to attend Pan-American Youth Congress, June 16-20.
- W.H.Bergherm to visit churches en route home from Southwestern Union meetings, June 13-20, as may be arranged.

## OVERSEAS VISITS:

VOTED, To approve arrangements for visits to overseas divisions as follows:

- Paul Wickman, Northern Europe (Holland) in connection with visit to Southern Europe, July, 1953.
- M.Fridlin, Central European Division, September, 1953.
- C.L.Torrey, Northern Europe, stop-over West Africa one to two weeks, en route Southern Africa this winter.
- A.W.Cormack, Northern Europe (West Africa), December and January.
- W.H.Bergherm, Central Europe, July 1-28; Southern Europe, July 30 to August 15.

## J NUSSBAUM--TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:

VOTED, That itinerary for Dr. J.Nussbaum in Europe in connection with the situation in Colombia be arranged by H.L.Rudy.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENTS:

VOTED, To adopt recommendations of the Committee on General Conference Session Physical Arrangements as follows:

Assistants to the Manager.--That the following be appointed as assistants to S.Arason in the management of the General Conference Session: Hans Kohler, I.V.Counsell, and by arrangements with the Central California Conference and the Pacific Union, R.E.Osborn.

Messengers.--That S.Arason be responsible for the employment of messengers.

Close of Session.--That the public meetings of the General Conference Session close with the afternoon of June 5 at the Cow Palace.

Sign Painter.--That S.Arason be authorized to interview Virgil Morton, inviting him to serve as sign painter.



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Printing.--That S. Arason in counsel with R.H. Adair arrange for the printing of such stationery, labels, and other general material as may be needed.

Signs.--That all the departments and individuals concerned be asked to have plans for their signs and visual material completed by the time of the 1953 Autumn Council, keeping in touch with the Committee on Physical Arrangements so as to avoid delays and congestion and completing their work before leaving for San Francisco so far as this is practicable.

Requisition Form.--That S. Arason prepare and circulate a suitable requisition form on which the needs of the various departments and groups can be listed, including furniture, desks, office equipment, pianos, blackboards, etc.; these forms to be filled and returned by the time of the Autumn Council.

Post Office.--That the Treasury seek to arrange with the postal authorities in San Francisco for a branch office to be operated in the auditorium during the session.

Decorations.--That the preparation and maintenance of decorations in the Auditorium, Cow Palace, Polk Halls A and B and the Reception Hall be under the direction of the Platform Decorations Committee.

Book Display.--That the Pacific Press Publishing Association be requested to lead out in the usual arrangements for the book display.

Globe and World Map.--That the globe and world map showing location of Adventist centers and growth of the work be brought up to date and sent to the session, D.E. Rebok to supervise the revision.

First Aid and Nursery Service.--That the Pacific Union Conference be requested to arrange for first aid and nursery service.

Song Books.--That Gospel Melodies be the song book to be used during the session, suggesting that 5,000 copies will be needed; further, that for use over the week-ends when attendance is greatest, a song sheet be prepared by the music committee.

Special Chairs for Veteran Workers.--That S. Arason in counsel with C.L. Torrey arrange for special chairs for veteran workers.

Transportation Facilities.--That F.B. Knight, together with help from his office, and possibly H.G. Childs, arrange for the transportation services to be provided in the Convention Hall.

Badges.--That the Secretary of the General Conference arrange for delegates' badges, S. Arason to provide the necessary badges for his staff.

Rooming and Locating of Delegates.--To request the Pacific Union Conference to grant the services of H.H. Hicks and A.G. Munson to look after the rooming and locating of delegates, choosing such assistants as may be necessary from the personnel within the Pacific Union territory.

Seating of Delegates.--That the committee appointed to assign seating space for delegates and the distribution of material arrange for the standards marking the location of delegations.

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Sound and Recording Arrangements.--That the Pacific Union Conference be requested to lend us the services of Leston Post to look after the sound and recording arrangements, all recording activities to be under his charge; that except for the official recording of proceedings as arranged by the Secretarial Department, all recording be done in a room set apart in the basement for that purpose; the release, sale, duplication or distribution of any recorded matter to be arranged and authorized only through the Secretarial Department, notices to this effect to be posted in the recording room.

Photographers.--That the Review and Herald be asked to provide the official photographers.

Pictures for Sale or Distribution.--That the official photographers, who are allowed to function at all times, be requested to arrange for suitable pictures, slides, and prints for sale to interested individuals.

Taking of Pictures.--That in order to avoid interference and confusion, all taking of photographs on the part of visitors and delegates be prohibited within the Arena during devotional services, preaching services, evening programs and reports, during prayer, and during the hours of the Sabbath; that picture taking be allowed on week days during the business sessions, prior to the actual commencement of the evening programs, and following the benediction; that it be the duty of the manager and his assistants to see that this regulation is put into effect.

Official Bulletin.--That the Review and Herald Publishing Association be asked to prepare and publish the official bulletin.

Personal Notices and Announcements.--That personal notices and announcements to be made in the auditorium be cleared through the Secretarial Department, Leston Post to provide facilities for flashing these on the screen.

Radio and TV Programs.--That the Radio Department prepare a provisional schedule of radio and possible TV presentations which involve the use of the auditorium.

June Meeting in San Francisco.--That R.E.Osborn and such General Conference representatives as may be available join with S.Arason and Claude Conard in San Francisco in June for a study of arrangements, the following items to be included in the agenda:

- a) Offers of Exposition Service
- b) Provision of Pulpit for both Auditorium and Cow Palace
- c) Special Parking Permit
- d) Feeding problem at the Cow Palace

That S.Arason, C.L.Torrey, and D.E.Rebok determine what additional items need to be studied at the time of the June meeting.

Arrangement of Departmental Booths.--That provision be made for booths of General Conference Departments and agencies, these to be arranged in the following order with the understanding that any department or agency not using a booth yields its place to the next in the order of listing:

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| a) Statistical                                                                      | l) Sabbath School                   |
| b) Educational                                                                      | m) Temperance                       |
| c) Home Study Institute                                                             | n) Missionary Volunteer             |
| d) Theological Seminary                                                             | o) White Publications               |
| e) Home Missionary                                                                  | p) ESDA                             |
| f) Medical (including CME)                                                          | q) Insurance                        |
| g) Ministerial                                                                      | r) Self-Supporting Institutions     |
| h) North American Colored                                                           | s) Industrial Relations: North      |
| i) Publishing                                                                       | American War Service Commission     |
| j) Radio (including Faith for Today,<br>Latin American Radio, Voice of<br>Prophecy) | t) International Service Commission |
| k) Religious Liberty                                                                |                                     |

Committee of Management During Session.--That S.Arason, Hans Kohler, I.V. Counsell, R.E.Osborn, C.L.Torrey, D.E.Rebok, W.P.Bradley, J.F.Cummins, serve as a Committee of Management to care for all physical arrangements after arrival in San Francisco to prepare for the Session, this committee to continue until June 6.

Items Referred to Officers.--That the following items be referred to the General Conference officers for their attention and action:

- a) Signing of rental applications and other documents which may be required, together with the furnishing of the necessary cash deposit for the Civic Auditorium and the Cow Palace.
- b) Completion of arrangements for pre-conference session meeting halls.
- c) Release of present reservations of the Fox Theater, the Opera House and the High School Auditorium.
- d) Motto for the Session.

#### DISPLAY EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the Committee on Arrangements for the General Conference Session be asked to give study to the expense to be allowed to each department in providing display material for the booths and other exhibits, and to bring a recommendation to the General Conference Committee.

#### RADIO DEPARTMENT RECORDINGS:

VOTED, To request the Committee on Arrangements to give study to the advisability of making provision for the Radio Department to make recordings during the Session for broadcast release over local stations, Leston Post to handle technical arrangements and the Secretarial Department to authorize release of material.

#### E R WALDE--SECRETARY RADIO DEPARTMENT:

VOTED, To appoint E.R.Walde Secretary of the General Conference Radio Department as of September 1, 1953.

#### W E MURRAY--CME ECONOMY COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That W.E.Murray be substituted for V.T.Armstrong on the Committee on CME Economy, since other appointments prevent V.T.Armstrong's attendance at the meeting of the committee in September.

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R H HOWLETT--RELEASED:

VOTED, That R.H.Howlett be released from the appointment to service in Inter-America.

INTER-AMERICA--MONTERREY MEDICAL SCHOOL:

VOTED, That in addition to the \$1,000 appropriation made to the Inter-American Division for this purpose at the time of the 1953 Autumn Council, up to \$1,000 more be appropriated to provide a worker to act as advisor to the group of Seventh-day Adventist students in the medical school of the University of Monterrey in Nuevo Leon, Monterrey, Mexico.

NORTHERN UNION--APPROPRIATION:

VOTED, That \$2,000 be appropriated from the Emergency Fund to the Northern Union to assist in replacing the church at New Home, N.Dak., recently destroyed by fire.

JEWISH LITERATURE SUBSIDY:

VOTED, That an appropriation of \$4,462.50 from the Contingency Fund be made to the Pacific Press Publishing Association to cover initial and other expense of production of the Jewish tracts by the Brookfield Branch.

L S DAVIS--RELEASED:

VOTED, That L.S.Davis be released from the appointment to service in East Africa.

ROSE GOWLETT--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Rose Gowlett be released from the appointment to the Kendu Hospital in Africa.

RUTH BROBERG--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Ruth Broberg be released from the appointment to the Kendu Hospital in Africa,

H E SHULL--FAR EAST:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and Northern California Conference to release H.E.Shull, and to invite him to connect with the Far Eastern Division as a teacher in Korea.

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BONNIE PARKER--KARACHI:

VOTED, To request the Central Union and Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium to release Miss Bonnie Parker, and to invite her to connect with the Southern Asia Division for nursing service at the S.D.A. Hospital in Karachi, Pakistan.

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## DR. EMORY ROSS--RECOGNITION OF SERVICE:

VOTED, That a contribution of \$10.00 be made to a fund for the purpose of providing a gift to Dr. Emory Ross on the occasion of his retirement from service as Executive Secretary of the Africa Committee of the Division of Foreign Missions, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States.

## AUSTRALASIA--NURSES FOR KENDU:

VOTED, That we request the Australasian Inter-Union Conference to select two nurses to serve in the Kendu Hospital in Africa in response to the Southern African Division call.

## PETER KLOP--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, That Peter Klop and family be granted a sponsorship as required by the government to enable them to come to the United States, he as a student and his family as visitors, the Far Eastern Division assuming financial responsibility.

## D K NIELSEN--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, That Miss D.K.Nielsen be granted a sponsorship as required by the government to permit her to enter the United States as a visitor, the Southern African Division assuming financial responsibility.

## A A LOHMANN--SPONSORSHIP:

A.A.Lohmann was granted a sponsorship in order that he might come to the United States, but it has been found impossible for him to do so. Therefore it was

VOTED, That a sponsorship be granted A.A.Lohmann to enable him to move from China to Brazil on an immigrant basis.

## AURORA AYVASIAN--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, That an open sponsorship be granted to Miss Aurora Ayvasian who is coming from the Argentine to connect with the office of the Latin American Radio Commission in Glendale, Calif.

## IRA E BAILIE--ASSISTANCE ON INDEBTEDNESS:

VOTED, That Dr. Ira E. Bailie, under appointment to Paraguay, be granted assistance to the amount of \$665.00 on his indebtedness, this to be amortized according to the policy.

## BYRON H ELLER--ASSISTANCE ON INDEBTEDNESS:

VOTED, That Dr. Byron H. Eller, under appointment to the Bangkok Sanitarium, be granted assistance on his indebtedness to the amount of \$1,000.00, this to be amortized according to the policy.

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## E E ROENFELT--IMMIGRATION EXPENSE:

VOTED, That E.E.Roenfelt be reimbursed to the amount of \$222.25 for expense growing out of transferring his family from Australia to the United States, this to be charged to the special fund for the transfer of workers between Australia, the United States, and Great Britain.

Adjourned, with prayer by E.E.Cossentine.

L.K.Dickson, Chairman  
H.T.Elliott, Secretary  
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary