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MINUTES OF MEETINGS
OF THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
September 3, 10, and 17, 1953

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TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 3, 1953

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W H Branson, H T Elliott, R H Adair, Roger Altman, W P Bradley,
N F Brewer, H F Brown, J A Buckwalter, A W Cormack, J F Cummins,
E D Dick, N W Dunn, A A Esteb, E E Franklin, A L Ham, E B Hare,
W J Harris, A W Johnson, H W Klaser, H W Lowe, D A McAdams,
F D Nichol, J I Robison, H L Rudy, W A Scharffenberg, L A Skinner,
F A Soper, J A Stevens, W H Teesdale, C L Torrey, B E Wagner,
A L White, R M Whitsett, W H Williams

OTHERS PRESENT:

Wesley Amundsen, R Ruhling

Prayer by E.D.Dick.

MINUTES of the meeting of August 27 were approved.

JAMES E CHASE--RADIO DEPARTMENT:

VOTED, To request the North Pacific Union and Upper Columbia Conference to release James E. Chase, and to invite him to connect with the General Conference as associate secretary of the Radio Department.

ELSIE REEDER--GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE:

VOTED, To request the Central Union and Kansas Conference to release Miss Elsie Reeder, and to invite her to connect with the General Conference office as stenographer in the American Temperance Society.

P KENNETH SIMPSON--CREDENTIALS:

VOTED, To issue ministerial credentials expiring July 31, 1954, to P.Kenneth Simpson, returned missionary.

E L LONGWAY--CREDENTIALS:

VOTED, To issue to Elder and Mrs. E.L.Longway ministerial credentials and missionary license respectively, to expire December 31, 1953, in view of their pending transfer from Japan to the South China Island Union.

D M BARNETT--SOUTHWESTERN UNION:

VOTED, On approval of the China Division Committee, that arrangements be made for D.M.Barnett to serve with the Southwestern Union evangelistic team for a period of six months on the basis of a loan from the South China Island Union.

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PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE FACULTY MEMBERS
TO AUSTRALASIAN MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

On the basis of arrangements worked out between the Australasian Inter-Union Conference and Pacific Union Conference, certain members of the faculty of Pacific Union College are to serve two-year terms on the faculty of the Australasian Missionary College. On recommendation of the officers it was

VOTED, To advise the Australasian Inter-Union Conference and Pacific Union Conference that calls for these teachers be processed through the General Conference in the regular way, with the understanding that this does not involve any financial obligation on the part of the General Conference.

A W JOHNSON--SEMINARY:

VOTED, To grant the request of the S.D.A. Theological Seminary Board that A.W.Johnson be authorized to teach a course in Principles of Religious Liberty during the coming winter quarter, A.H.Rulkoetter to serve as his substitute should he be obliged to be absent.

AUTUMN COUNCIL--INVITATION:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Southern Asia Division, that L.C.Shepard be invited to attend the Autumn Council and the Publishing Advisory Council meeting in Takoma Park in October.

SEMINARY--REVIEW SUBSCRIPTIONS:

VOTED, That the General Conference provide forty subscriptions to the Review and Herald for the benefit of students attending the Theological Seminary.

WEEK OF PRAYER READINGS--COMMITTEE FOR 1954:

VOTED, That the General Conference officers be asked to nominate the committee on Week of Prayer readings for 1954 and that the committee be appointed at an early date.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON TOPICS COMMITTEE--
ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL:

VOTED, That H.M.Tippett, F.H.Yost, M.K.Eckenroth, and L.R.Mansell be invited to serve on the Sabbath School Lesson Topics Committee which is to meet in Takoma Park October 21 and 22, 1953.

M STELLA FLEISHER--RETIREMENT:

Miss M. Stella Fleisher has served the cause faithfully and well for nearly forty years, giving her life fully to the work. We honor her for the service she had rendered during these many years and assure her of our love and prayers as she lays down her office burdens at the close of 1953 for a well-deserved and well-earned rest, praying that God will richly bless her with health and happiness in the years to come. After careful consideration it was

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VOTED, That we accede to Miss M. Stella Fleisher's request that she retire July 15, 1954, arranging for her to be on a leave of absence beginning January 1, 1954 until July 15, at which time she will be referred to the Sustentation Committee as having completed forty years of service in the General Conference office.

MRS. EDITH STEPHENS--PERMANENT RETURN:

- VOTED, To authorize permanent return from Ireland for Mrs. Edith Stephens, on her request and the recommendation of the Northern European Division.

PERCY PAUL--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Percy Paul from the appointment to the Bethel Training College in Southern Africa.

J L CLARKE--BETHEL TRAINING COLLEGE:

VOTED, To request the Columbia Union and Ohio Conference to release J.L.Clarke, and to invite him to connect with the faculty of Bethel Training College in the Southern African Division.

NAOMI HEAD--INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Press Publishing Association to release Miss Naomi Head of the Mountain View office, and to invite her to connect with the Inter-American Division office as a secretary.

W E NELSON--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, On recommendation of the South American Division, that W.E.Nelson of the Brazil College faculty be given an extension of furlough for one month, allowing him to arrive back in Brazil January 15, 1954.

MARY JANE DOUGLAS--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Miss Mary Jane Douglas from the appointment to the Bugema Missionary College in East Africa.

M G ANDERSON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To grant a permanent return from Ethiopia for Dr. M.G.Anderson as approved by the Northern European Division.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve arrangements for appointments and itineraries as follows:

Wesley Amundsen to Central Union, Sept. 23-29; and Ardmore, Okla., October 1-3.

W.H.Branson, D.E.Rebok, C.L.Torrey, T.R.Flaiz, E.E.Cossentine, W.B.Ochs, K.J.Reynolds, R.R.Figuhr, to Los Angeles for CME meetings in September.

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J.A.Buckwalter to Pacific Union Conference, September 20 to October 18.
 W.H.Teesdale to Savannah, Georgia, September 9-13.
 Carl Sundin to Kansas City, Mo., Medical Missionary Conference, Sept. 29.
 F.B.Knight, to Houston, New Orleans, Tampa, Miami, and Jacksonville.
 S.A.Kaplan to Miami, Fla., September 1,2.
 H.F.Brown to Carolina Conference, Sept. 5-15; Central Union Publishing Council, September 26 to October 1.
 W.A.Scharffenberg to Toronto, International Conference on Alcohol and Road Traffic, September 9-12.

Adjourned, with prayer by A.W.Cormack.

W.H.Branson, Chairman
 H.T.Elliott, Secretary
 Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

TWO HUNDRED EIGHTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 10, 1953

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W H Branson, E E Roenfelt, R H Adair, Roger Altman, H W Barrows,
 W R Beach, W H Beaven, W P Bradley, N F Brewer, H F Brown, A W Cormack,
 E D Dick, E W Dunbar, N W Dunn, A A Esteb, A L Ham, W J Harris, G A Huse,
 A W Johnson, H W Kleser, F B Knight, T E Lucas, D A McAdams, H A Morrison,
 F D Nichol, D A Ochs, W E Phillips, J I Robison, J A Stevens, B E Wagner,
 E R Walde, A L White, R M Whitsett, W H Williams

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cecil R. Coffey, S B Olney, R Ruhling.

Prayer by R.M.Whitsett.

AUTUMN COUNCIL--INVITATIONS:

VOTED, 1. That in harmony with the request of the Inter-American Division Glenn Maxson be invited to attend the Autumn Council.

2. That missionaries on furlough and missionary appointees who are in attendance at the Theological Seminary during the 1953 autumn quarter be invited to attend the coming Autumn Council, no extra expense being involved.

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LONDON EVANGELISTIC CENTER:

In view of recent developments which make it possible to lease the property for the London evangelistic center at a saving to the denomination, it was

VOTED, 1. To reconsider the action of the Committee taken July 31, 1953 which allocated £175,000 to the London evangelistic center; and

2. To approve allocation of £146,516 to the Northern European Division for the London evangelistic center. This is nine-tenths of the amount required to secure a 51-year Crown lease on the property on Regent Street and to remodel the necessary space.

LONDON EVANGELISTIC EFFORT:

A second evangelistic effort with G.E.Vandeman as speaker is to open in London in the new center October 15. On request of the Northern European Division, it was

VOTED, To grant £6,300 from the Contingency Fund, to the Northern European Division to apply on the expenses of the London evangelistic effort. This is 40% of the estimated cost of the effort.

G A HUSE--VISIT ANGOLA:

VOTED, That G.A.Huse be authorized to visit Angola in connection with his trip to Africa.

H L RITTENHOUSE--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Dr. H.L.Rittenhouse be released from the appointment to the Malamulo Mission Hospital, but that he be retained under deferred appointment to overseas mission service.

ALVA R APPEL--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Alva R. Appel be released from the appointment to Bible teaching in the South China Island Union, since he prefers to continue in evangelistic work.

KENNETH BROWN--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Kenneth Brown, D.D.S., of Australia be released from the appointment to connect with the work in Japan, in view of the new ruling of the Japanese Government that requires applicants for license to practice dentistry in Japan to take examinations in Japanese.

MILDRED EVELYN BERGGREN--BAGHDAD:

VOTED, To request the Southwestern Union and the Texas Conference to release Miss Mildred Berggren, and to invite her to connect with the Middle East Division as preceptress in the Dar El Salaam Hospital School of Nursing and as teacher in the elementary school.

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MR. AND MRS. J BYRON PATRICK--BEKWAI TRAINING SCHOOL:

VOTED, To pass on to Mr. and Mrs. J. Byron Patrick of Madison, Wis., the call from the Northern European Division for them to connect with the faculty of the Bekwai Training School in West Africa.

A J PATT--VELLORE MEDICAL COLLEGE:

VOTED, To request the College of Medical Evangelists to release Dr. A.J. Patt, and to invite him to connect with the faculty of Vellore Medical College in India as a replacement for Dr. Jacob Janzen when the latter's term of service expires, understanding that Dr. Patt will undertake a full term in Southern Asia.

R G UBBINK--SOUTH CHINA ISLAND UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Asia Division the call from the China Division for R.G.Ubbink of the Karachi S.D.A. Hospital to connect with the South China Island Union as secretary-treasurer.

JOHN SCHNEPPER---DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, To place Dr. John Schnepfer under deferred appointment to overseas medical missionary service, to be assigned on the completion of his residency at the White Memorial Hospital, and to authorize him to sit for the Canadian Board examinations in order to secure British qualifications.

AUSTRALASIA--WORKER FOR SOUTHERN ASIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Australasian Inter-Union Conference the call from the Southern Asia Division for a food matron for the Karachi Hospital with the request that they recommend a worker to us for appointment.

W T HYDE--AUSTRALASIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference and Pacific Union College the call from the Australasian Inter-Union Conference for W.T.Hyde to connect with Australasian Missionary College for two years according to the approved plan of affiliation between the two colleges.

G L CAVINESS--AUSTRALASIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference and Pacific Union College the call from the Australasian Inter-Union Conference for G.L.Caviness to connect with Australasian Missionary College for two years according to the approved plan of affiliation between the two colleges.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve itineraries and appointments as follows:

- A.A.Esteb to Southern New England Dorcas Federation, November 6-14.
- L.A.Skinner to Minneapolis--Pathfinder Training Course, Sept. 26-Oct. 4, and MV Secretaries' Council, Nov. 3 and 4, en route to North Pacific.
- J.E.Edwards to Lay Preachers' Institute, Texas, Jan. 8-10, 1954.

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Eric B. Hare and Miss Louise Meyer to Southwestern Union for Sabbath school institutes, Nov. 10-22.

H.F. Brown to Publishing Council, Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 4, 5.

H.W. Klaser to Hickory, N. Car., on Takoma Park Church business, Sept. 7-9.

GOVERNMENT GRANTS--COMMITTEE PERSONNEL:

VOTED, That T.R. Flaiz and E.E. Cossentine be added to the personnel of the Committee on Government Grants to Institutions.

CME BOARD MEETING AUTHORIZATION:

VOTED, That authorization be given for holding a meeting of the Board of the College of Medical Evangelists at 2 P.M. October 22, in Washington, D.C.

CANADIAN UNION--LOAN TO PRESS:

VOTED, To approve the plan of the Canadian Union to lend \$25,000 to the Kingsway Publishing Association which will enable the institution to provide necessary storage and working space, the loan to be repaid in monthly installments from funds now required for rental of storage space.

I M VACQUER--MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS:

VOTED, To grant ministerial credentials expiring July 31, 1954 to I.M. Vacquer who is connected with the Eastern Office of the Transportation Bureau of the General Conference.

MILITARY POSTS--SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:

Inasmuch as it is reported that an order was issued on September 4, 1953 by Major General William E. Bergin, Adjutant General, authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages on United States military posts, it was

VOTED, That the following statement of protest be forwarded to the Secretary of Defense of the Government of the United States:

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has through the years derived considerable assurance from the provisions of the Federal law of February 2, 1901 (Title 10, United States Code, Section 1350) which provides that

"The sale of or dealing in beer, wine, or any intoxicating liquors by any person in any post exchange or canteen or army transport or upon any premises used for military purposes by the United States, is prohibited. The Secretary of War is directed to carry the provisions of this section into full force and effect."

It is our firm conviction that this is a wise measure, and that its enforcement has done much to safeguard the character and morals of those in the armed forces, and to keep before the world the ideals of dignity and sobriety which are indispensable to the nation's greatness.

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It is with disappointment, dismay, and alarm, therefore, that we learn of the order issued September 4, 1953, by Major General Wm. E. Bergin, Adjutant General, authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages on military posts. This we believe constitutes a flagrant and open violation of Federal law, is against the expressed mandate of the people of the United States and if tolerated will contribute substantially to the success of those iniquitous forces of disorder, immorality, lawlessness and corruption against which it is the solemn duty of every conscientious citizen most earnestly to contend.

The General Conference Executive Committee of Seventh-day Adventists hereby registers its vigorous protest against the implementation of General Bergin's order, and calls respectfully upon the Secretary of Defense to take prompt and adequate measures to see that the Federal law of 1901 covering the sale of alcoholic liquors to service personnel is maintained "in full force and effect."

Adjourned, with prayer by W.R.Beach.

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

TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 17, 1953

MEMBERS PRESENT:

N F Brewer, E E Roenfelt, Roger Altman, H W Barrows, H P Bloum,
 C W Bozarth, W P Bradley, F Brennwald, H F Brown, A W Cormack, E D Dick,
 E W Dunbar, N W Dunn, A A Esteb, J R Ferren, E E Franklin, E B Hare,
 W J Harris, G A Huse, A W Johnson, H W Klaser, F B Knight, H W Lowe,
 T E Lucas, D A McAdams, H A Morrison, W E Phillips, J I Robison,
 W A Scharffenberg, J A Stevens, M C Taft, W H Teesdale, F S Thompson,
 B E Wagner, E R Walde, A L White, R M Whitsett, W H Williams

OTHERS PRESENT:

Wesley Amundsen, Cecil R Coffey, R Ruhling.

Prayer by E.D. Dick.

MINUTES of the meetings of September 3 and 10 were approved.

SEMINARY EXTENSION COURSE--INTER-AMERICA:

VOTED, That in response to the request of the Inter-American Division we authorize the Theological Seminary to conduct an extension course in Inter-America during the summer quarter of 1954.

DANIEL WALTHER--VISIT INTER-AMERICA:

VOTED, That Daniel Walther be authorized to visit Inter-America during the time of the Theological Seminary winter quarter, December, 1953 to February, 1954, where he will meet appointments in the French-speaking areas of the West Indies.

ARMY LIQUOR SALES--PROTEST:

VOTED, To continue our protests against the September 4 order of Adjutant General Bergin authorizing liquor sales on army posts, adopting the following means:

1. A letter to the President of the United States, as follows:

"The Executive Committee of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists respectfully and earnestly protests against the sale of alcoholic beverages on Army posts. The recent order of the Adjutant General authorizing the practice has shocked and dismayed us. We join with thousands of our fellow citizens in the conviction that such a measure if allowed to stand will prove positively detrimental to the true interests of the nation and will seriously affect the prestige of our military forces both at home and abroad.

"We submit the following as strong reasons for our protest, and are persuaded that by bringing them to your attention you will be moved as Chief

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Executive to safeguard the people against an unwarranted violation of their expressed will as well as of those orderly processes of government upon which we rely for our liberty, safety and security.

"1. The order of September 4 by Major General William E. Bergin, Adjutant General, is in direct violation of the Federal law of 1901 (Title 10, US Code, Section 1350) prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors upon any premises used for military purposes by the United States.

"2. The order is contrary to the intention of Congress as revealed in the Congressional Record of April 13, 1951.

"3. The order is promulgated during the recess of Congress and so far as we can determine is in total disregard of the wishes of the legislative branch of the government.

"4. Construction of liquor bars and sales counters is being rushed in order for them to be open for business December 1, before Congress convenes. Any opposition from the Congress will therefore be confronted by the fact that the sale of liquor is actually in effect, thus greatly hampering any proper legislative treatment of the question.

"5. The order will in practice, we believe, provide no protection against the consumption of liquor by minors but will place the Army of the United States in the position of subjecting them while on the premises of the government they serve, to the influence and temptation of the liquor habit.

"6. The order puts the government further in business, a situation which we understand is contrary to the avowed aims of the administration.

"Our committee therefore, Mr. President, with every assurance of sincere regard and loyalty, without being unmindful of the problems which constantly press upon the Chief Executive for attention, but deeply convinced that this of which we speak is one which closely affects the efficiency of our armed forces, the welfare of our citizens and the future of our country, is constrained to lay it before you in the confident hope that it will receive your early and decisive attention.

"Most respectfully,"

2. A telegram to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees, as follows: SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS PROTEST ADJUTANT GENERAL'S SEPTEMBER 4, 1953, ORDER PERMITTING LIQUOR SALES ON ARMY POSTS. THIS VIOLATES FEDERAL LAW. IT IS CONTRARY TO CONGRESSIONAL INTENTION AS REVEALED IN UMT DEBATE OF APRIL 13, 1951 AND IS AN OUTRAGE OF SAFEGUARDS PARENTS RIGHTFULLY EXPECT FOR THEIR SONS AND DAUGHTERS IN SERVICE.

3. Telegrams to representatives, senators and governors selected by the American Temperance Society as likely to be helpful, the messages to be substantially as follows: REPORTS COMING INTO OUR OFFICE INDICATE RISING STORM OF PROTEST AGAINST ADJUTANT GENERAL WILLIAM E BERGIN'S ORDER OF SEPTEMBER FOUR PERMITTING SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON ARMY POSTS. EARNESTLY REQUEST YOU USE YOUR INFLUENCE IN PREVENTING THE EXECUTION OF THIS ORDER.

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4. Letters from the officers to the Missouri Conference since Missouri is the home state of Dewey Short, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, and the Southern New England Conference, Massachusetts being the home state of Leverett Saltonstall, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, urging the conferences to issue a public statement, to ask church leaders to mention the matter at a Sabbath service, and to encourage our constituency to wire or write Representative Short and Senator Saltonstall in protest. Detailed information and instruction will be supplied the field by the Temperance office.

5. Letters from the officers to the union conference presidents, with detailed information, urging them to give publicity in pulpit and press to the protest of the church.

6. A statement to be released to the press answering the charge that we are being used by the retail liquor interests.

7. A message to Dr. John A. Hannah, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower, who released a statement to the press asserting that retail liquor dealers had been "using" church groups and organizations to oppose the authorization of liquor sales on military posts.

GLENN L WILTSE--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Dr. Glenn L. Wiltse be released from the call to medical service in the Penang Mission Hospital.

L E SMART--RELEASED:

VOTED, That L.E.Smart be released from the call to serve as educational secretary of the Far Eastern Division.

RULAND A B ROBINSON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That permanent return be authorized for Ruland A.B.Robinson of the Buenos Aires Publishing House on his own request and as approved by the South American Division.

R L HENRICKSON--KARACHI HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That R.L.Henrickson's appointment to Southern Asia be changed from Ceylon to the Karachi Hospital in Pakistan.

JOHN W SCHNEPPER--MANILA SANITARIUM:

VOTED, That Dr. and Mrs. John W. Schnepfer, already under deferred appointment for overseas service, be invited to connect with the Manila Sanitarium, he for surgical work and she as an anesthetist.

STANLEY L WILKINSON--PENANG MISSION HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To invite Dr. Stanley L. Wilkinson of Midwest, Wyoming, to connect with the Far Eastern Division and the Penang Mission Hospital for the practice of internal medicine.

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D J DUNNETT--CARIBBEAN TRAINING COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern European Division the call from the Inter-American Division for D.J.Dunnett of the British Union to become Bible teacher in the Caribbean Training College in Trinidad, the family to furlough in England.

HELENA METZ--SAO PAULO CLINIC:

VOTED, To invite Miss Helena Metz of the Washington Sanitarium, a senior nurse, to connect with the South American Division as nurse and physical therapist at the Sao Paulo Clinic in Brazil.

MARJORIE NELSON--FAITH FOR TODAY:

VOTED, To request the North Pacific Union and Upper Columbia Conference to release Miss Marjorie Nelson, and to invite her to join the office staff of Faith for Today.

FRANCISCO LOPEZ--SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Inter-American Division the call from the Pacific Union for Francisco Lopez to connect with the Southeastern California Conference as Spanish evangelist.

REFUGEES--ASSISTANCE:

The Refugee Relief Act of 1953 provides for visas to be granted by the United States for certain classes of individuals now living as refugees in Germany, Italy, Greece, and the Orient to enter this country to establish their homes. Among these persons are a number of Seventh-day Adventists.

VOTED, That plans be laid to assist up to three hundred such families to find refuge in the United States, referring to the Budget Committee the provision of funds for the necessary financial assistance.

DAPHNE E BROWN--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, On request of the Inter-American Division, that we grant the sponsorship required by the Government for Miss Daphne E. Brown to enter the United States on a student visa.

ROBERT W LINK--LONDON EVANGELISTIC EFFORT:

VOTED, To request the Lake Union and Illinois Conference to lend Robert W. Link to the Northern European Division for a period of three or four months to serve as singing evangelist in the London effort which is to open October 15, 1953. Arrangements will be made for him to go without his family to London, and the Northern European Division will care for his salary, transportation and other expense during his leave of absence from the Illinois Conference.

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

- W.R.Beach to workers' meetings in Southern Union, beginning September 28.
James Chase to attend Autumn Council and return to Upper Columbia until November 15.
H.F.Brown, to Northern Union Publishing Secretaries' Council, September 20, 21; Southwestern Union Publishing Secretaries' Council, September 23, 24.
Miss Louise Kleuser to Florida Workers' Meeting, September 28 to October 1.
A.H.Rulkoetter to Teachers' Institute, Charlotte, N.Car., September 15, 16.
Carl Guenther to State Dorcas Meeting, Michigan, December 31-January 3.
T.E.Lucas and L.A.Skinner to Reading, Pa., September 23.
E.W.Dunbar to MV Secretaries' Council, Pacific Union Conference, November 30 to December 5.
T.E.Lucas and E.W.Dunbar to Southern Union Youth Congress, April 15-17, 1954.
J.A.Buckwalter to Walla Walla College for Week of Prayer, October 30 to November 7.

Adjourned, with prayer by R.Ruhling.

N.F.Brewer, Chairman
E.E.Roenfelt, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

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TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 24, 1953

MEMBERS PRESENT:

A L Ham, W P Bradley, R H Adair, Roger Altman, F Brennwald, N F Brewer,
 A W Cormack, E W Dunbar, N W Dunn, A A Esteb, J R Ferren, W J Harris,
 A W Johnson, H W Klaser, Louise Kleuser, F B Knight, H W Lowe, D A McAdams,
 H A Morrison, F D Nichol, W E Phillips, W E Read, J I Robison,
 W A Scharffenberg, F A Soper, J A Stevens, W H Teesdale, B E Wagner,
 E R Walde, R M Whitsett, W H Williams

OTHERS PRESENT:

R Ruhling.

Prayer by E.W.Dunbar.

MINUTES of the meeting of September 17 were approved.

WEEK OF PRAYER READINGS COMMITTEE:

VOTED, To appoint the following to serve as the 1954 Week of Prayer Readings Committee: A.L.Ham, F.D.Nichol, J.I.Robison, D.E.Rebok, E.W.Dunbar, H.W.Lowe, Roger Altman.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON TOPICS COMMITTEE--LESLIE HARDINGE:

VOTED, That Leslie Hardinge be invited to serve on the Sabbath School Lesson Topics Committee which is meeting October 21 and 22, in place of F.H. Yost who is unable to serve because of conflicting appointments.

E P MANSELL--SUSTENTATION:

E.P.Mansell, returned missionary, requests that he be referred to the Sustentation Committee.

VOTED, That we recommend E.P.Mansell to the Sustentation Committee for favorable consideration.

WALTER E TATE--MOUNT VERNON ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to Walter E.Tate of the General Conference printing office the call from the Columbia Union for him to connect with the Ohio Conference as manager of the Mount Vernon Academy Press and teacher of printing.

BRIAN STANLEY BULL--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Inter-American Division, that Brian Stanley Bull be granted the sponsorship required by the government to enable him to secure a student visa in order that he may come to the United States to continue his education.

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SYLVIA VERA GRANT--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, That a sponsorship be provided as required by the government for Miss Sylvia Vera Grant of the Barbados. Financial responsibility is assumed by the Riverside Sanitarium where she is to be employed.

MARJORIE BELL--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Marjorie Bell be released from the appointment to the Bella Vista Hospital in Puerto Rico.

ELVIN HOAG--ANDREWS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That Dr. Elvin Hoag of Seattle, Wash., be invited to connect with the Inter-American Division to become a member of the staff of the Andrews Memorial Hospital in Jamaica.

ELVIN HOAG--FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

VOTED, In view of the need for Dr. Elvin Hoag's services at the Andrews Memorial Hospital, that Doctor Hoag be granted assistance to the amount of \$1,000 on his \$2,500 indebtedness, this to be amortized according to the policy, and that he be permitted to proceed to the field with a remaining indebtedness of \$1,500.

DONALD JUTZY--BELLA VISTA HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That Dr. Donald Jutzy of Batavia, N.Y., be invited to locate in Puerto Rico as a self-supporting doctor on the basis of an arrangement with the Inter-American Division that he be retained by the Bella Vista Hospital as pathologist for that institution.

FRED B MOOR, JR.--PUERTO CABEZAS HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That Dr. Fred B. Moor, Jr., of Pontiac, Mich., be invited to connect with the Puerto Cabezas Hospital in Nicaragua on a self-supporting basis, it being understood that the Inter-American Division is not required to pay his travel expense to Nicaragua but that he will be granted return fare by the Division should that become necessary.

W H LESOVSKY--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That Dr. W.H.Lesovsky be granted permanent return to Austria, as recommended by the Middle East Division.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

Howard Weeks to North Pacific Union, Press Workshops, January 10-26.
K.J.Reynolds to Pacific Union College from Los Angeles, September 15-18.
Dr. Wayne McFarland to Fellows of Mayo Clinic meeting, October 1-10.
E.E.Franklin to South Lancaster, Publishing Council, September 21-24.

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B.E.Wagner to Nashville, Tenn., Publishing Council, November 3-5.

Dr. E.N.Dick to visit college and academy Medical Cadet Corps in the Central, Northern, and Southwestern unions in November and December, and in the Columbia Union, including also Camp Pickett, Va., just following the Autumn Council.

Carl Sundin to Public Health Association Meeting in New York, November 9-13; and to visit Atlantic Union, Washington Missionary, and Southern Missionary colleges and New England Sanitarium following Autumn Council.

Dr. T.R.Flaiz to Palatka, Florida, to study new sanitarium proposal, October 2.

R.M.Whitsett to workers meetings--Iowa Conference, November 9-11, South Dakota Conference, November 22,23, Minnesota Conference, November 25,26.

Arthur L. White to Nashville, Spirit of Prophecy Week End, November 6-8.

Adjourned, with prayer by B.E.Wagner.

A.L.Ham, Chairman

W.P.Bradley, Secretary

Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 30, 1953

MEMBERS PRESENT:

A V Olson, D E Rebok, R H Adair, Roger Altman, C W Bozarth, W P Bradley,
W H Branson, N F Brewer, E W Dunbar, N W Dunn, J R Ferren, L E Froom,
A L Ham, E B Hare, W J Harris, A W Johnson, H W Klaser, H W Lowe,
T E Lucas, D A McAdams, H L Rudy, A H Rulkoetter, W A Scharffenberg,
F A Soper, C L Torrey, B E Wagner, E R Walde, A L White, R M Whitsett,
W H Williams

OTHERS PRESENT:

S A Kaplan

The meeting was called immediately following the morning worship service.

LONDON EVANGELISTIC CENTER--APPROPRIATION:

It was planned to use the ground floor on the Heddon Street side of the London evangelistic center buildings for a small hall, but it is found that this cannot be done because city regulations forbid closing the exits which run through that area. The British Union through the Northern European Division therefore requests additional appropriation with which to purchase Crown lease on the entire building facing on Heddon Street, which would give space for a hall on the second floor. The General Conference is providing nine-tenths of the cost of the property including necessary remodeling. The British Union will be financially responsible for the future upkeep of the property.

VOTED, To appropriate an additional \$23,850 to the Northern European Division to make it possible to provide the necessary additional space for the London evangelistic center.

Adjourned.

A.V.Olson, Chairman
D.E.Rebok, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary