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OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 2, 1956

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W B Ochs, F L Peterson, Wesley Amundsen, W R Beach, O A Blake,
 F Brennwald, N F Brewer, G W Chambers, J E Chase, E E Cossentine,
 N W Dunn, J E Edwards, A A Esteb, A L Ham, W A Higgins, G A Huse,
 A W Johnson, H W Klaser, Louise Kleuser, H W Lowe, T E Lucas,
 G M Mathews, D A McAdams, E L Minchin, H A Morrison, T L Oswald,
 W E Read, J I Robison, E E Roenfelt, V L Sanders, W A Scharffenberg,
 F A Soper, W H Teesdale, J C Thompson, B E Wagner, A L White.

OTHERS PRESENT:

D A Delafield, C D Forshee.

Prayer by W.H.Teesdale.

MINUTES of the meeting of January 25 were approved.

LA VERNE DEVAUGHN--HOME STUDY INSTITUTE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union Conference and the Potomac Conference the call from the Home Study Institute for Miss LaVerne DeVaughn to do secretarial work.

LA VERNE DEVAUGHN--ESDA SALES AND SERVICE:

VOTED, To request the Columbia Union Conference and the Potomac Conference to release Miss LaVerne DeVaughn, and to invite her to connect with Esda Sales and Service.

GERALD L CULLUM--ESDA SALES AND SERVICE:

VOTED, To request the Washington Sanitarium to release Gerald L. Cullum, and to invite him to connect with Esda Sales and Service.

ELAINE GIDDINGS--EMMANUEL MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to Faith for Today the call from the Lake Union Conference for Dr. Elaine Giddings to connect with Emmanuel Missionary College as professor of Speech.

EVANGELISM--PRESIDENTS COUNCIL:

Recommendations from the Presidents Council held in Kansas City Jan. 12-14, 1956, were amended and adopted as follows:

Recognizing the urgency of this hour in relation to the finishing of the work, we unite in urging every evangelist, pastor, and district leader to give first place to soul winning in 1956.

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We recommend, 1. That at least one soul-winning effort be held in every church during the year.

2. That between now and the General Conference session, every conference in North America endeavor to increase by 10 per cent the number of its organized churches.

3. That every minister endeavor to baptize at least two souls per month during 1956.

4. That immediate plans be made to hold during the year as many large city evangelistic efforts as possible in North America plus thousands of short efforts.

5. That careful plans be made whereby thousands of our qualified laymen may hold lay efforts, and that we encourage our departmental secretaries and church pastors to aid these lay workers in harvesting the fruitage of these efforts.

6. That all our activity, including that of our departments, be concentrated on greater soul winning at this crisis hour.

7. That at this time of unusual need and opportunity we call upon both ministers and laymen to pray for the outpouring of the Spirit of God, that the year 1956 may be the greatest soul-winning year in our history.

1957 YOUTH CONGRESS--CANCELLATION:

The 1955 Autumn Council referred to the Presidents Council for study the question of holding the 1957 Golden Anniversary Youth Congress in San Francisco as authorized by the 1954 Autumn Council. It is felt that under the circumstances the inspiration and benefits of the celebration of this anniversary could be brought to the greatest number of persons by working out plans for holding meetings on the union or local conference level throughout North America.

On recommendation of the Presidents Council, it was

VOTED, That the 1957 Golden Anniversary Youth Congress in San Francisco be canceled, and that we release our reservations for the use of the Civic Auditorium and the Cow Palace for that time, encouraging the MV Department to work with local and union conference leadership in planning a fitting celebration of the anniversary.

SPONSORSHIPS:

VOTED, That sponsorships be granted for the following, these being requested and underwritten by the Southern Asia Division:

Laurice Kafrouni
H.C. Alexander and Mrs. Madge Alexander.

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FOREIGN LANGUAGE INGATHERING FOLDERS:

VOTED, That six-page folders instead of twenty-page magazines be provided for use in the Ingathering work beginning with the 1957 campaign, in the following languages: Bohemian, Romanian, Finnish, Czechoslovakian, and Yugoslavian.

PHYSIOLOGY TEXTBOOK--SUBSIDY:

VOTED, 1. That \$4,000 be paid to Dr. Harold Shryock from the Elementary Textbook Fund for the manuscript for the Physiology textbook, the manuscript to become the property of the General Conference and no royalty to be paid on the book by the publishers.

2. That if there be need for additional appropriation to the Elementary Textbook Fund, the item be referred to the 1956 Autumn Council.

FAMINE RELIEF ACCOUNT--DEBIT BALANCE:

VOTED, To authorize charging the debit balance of \$2,090.34, representing an accumulation of charges from the SCIU through the Far Eastern Division for assistance to Russian workers and believers who have located in Hong Kong, to the general Disaster and Famine Relief Account.

COURT MARTIAL CASE--ATTORNEY'S FEE:

VOTED, That we accept the recommendation of the National Service Organization that the General Conference pay the \$250.00 attorney's fee in connection with the court martial case at Camp Irwin, Calif.

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY BOOKS--CHINA:

VOTED, That \$1,000 be appropriated to the Far Eastern Division from the Reconstruction Base Orient Fund, for the production of Spirit of prophecy books to be sent into China.

ALBERTA HODDE--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, To authorize two or three months' extension of furlough to Miss Alberta Hodde, as recommended by the Southern European Division.

EVELYN RUSSELL--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Miss Evelyn Russell from the appointment to service at the Solusi Training School.

C H MACKETT--SOUTHERN ASIA:

VOTED, That we concur in the plan of the Southern Asia Division to employ C.H.Mackett, they to meet his personal transportation expense from England and to subsidize his sustentation salary, understanding that he is to make his home with his son.

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W R LESHER--ADEN:

VOTED, To request the Atlantic Union Conference and the Northern New England Conference to release W.R.Lesher, and to invite him to connect with the Middle East Division to serve in Aden.

H J JUMP--VINCENT HILL SCHOOL:

VOTED, To request the Lake Union Conference and the Michigan Conference to release H.J.Jump, and to invite him and Mrs. Jump to connect with the Southern Asia Division, he as elementary teacher and she as preceptress and teacher of French at Vincent Hill School.

ELEANOR WIESE--RANGOON:

VOTED, To request the Washington Sanitarium to release Miss Eleanor Wiese, and to invite her to connect with the Southern Asia Division as a nurse for the Rangoon Hospital.

MARGARET ROELKE--RANGOON:

VOTED, To request the Washington Sanitarium to release Miss Margaret Roelke, and to invite her to connect with the Southern Asia Division as a nurse for the Rangoon Hospital.

H H DUPPER--RANGOON:

VOTED, To invite Dr. H.H.Dupper of Merced, Calif., to connect with the Southern Asia Division for medical work in Rangoon.

N C MABERLY--SOUTHERN ASIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern European Division the call from the Southern Asia Division for N.C.Maberly of West Africa to connect with the work in Southern Asia upon completion of his furlough in New Zealand.

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MARTHA GRASSEL--INTER-AMERICA:

VOTED, To request the Columbia Union Conference and the West Pennsylvania Conference to release Miss Martha Grassel, and to invite her to connect with the Inter-American Division office as secretary to C.O.Franz.

G T HAMM--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Dr. G.T.Hamm from deferred appointment to mission service.

C G J HARDY--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Dr. C.G.J.Hardy from deferred appointment to mission service.

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FRANK WYMAN--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, To grant two months' extension of furlough for Frank Wyman to permit him to complete educational work, as recommended by the Southern Asia Division.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

- R A Anderson - La Sierra College, Evangelistic Training and Ministerial Preparation, March 8-15; Portland, Oregon, workers meeting, March 16-22; Walla Walla College, Evangelistic Training and Ministerial Preparation, March 23-26; Pacific Union College, Evangelistic Training and Ministerial Preparation, March 30 - April 4.
- H W Barrows - Central, Northern, North Pacific, Pacific, and Southwestern unions, auditing trip, date to be arranged.
- H P Blom - Central, Northern, North Pacific, Pacific, and Southwestern unions, auditing trip, date to be arranged.
- W H Branson - Pendleton, Oregon, Harris Pine Mills Board, May 25.
- F Brennwald - Southern Union, auditing trip, date to be arranged.
- J E Chase - Princeton, W.Va., revival meeting and radio work, March 22-26.
- Cecil Coffey - Findlay, Ohio, Public Relations Workshop, Feb. 18,19; Michigan Conference and EMC, Public Relations Workshop and week-end appointment, Feb. 20-26.
- A A Esteb - South Central Conference, Laymen's Congress, April 12-15.
- R R Figuhr - Pendleton, Oregon, Harris Pine Mills Board, May 25; Walla Walla College, Baccalaureate address, May 26.
- T E Lucas - Oshawa, Canada, Youth Congress, Aug. 30 - Sept. 1.
- E L Minchin - Eugene, Oregon, Youth Revival meetings, Feb. 10 - March 4.
- C E Moseley - Detroit, Michigan, revival, March 9-17; Oakwood College, 60th Anniversary, May 17-19; Buffalo, N.Y., inauguration new church, April 14,15.
- W B Ochs - Pendleton, Oregon, Harris Pine Mills Board, May 25; Walla Walla College, Commencement address, May 27.
- T L Oswald - Ontario-Quebec Conference, Signs promotion, Feb. 22-26; Lansing, Mich., workers meeting, Feb. 27-29.
- F L Peterson - Oakwood College, 60th Anniversary, May 17-19.
- H L Rudy - Lansing, Mich., workers meeting, Feb. 27-29 (instead of W.B.Ochs).
- W A Scharffenberg - Detroit, Mich., Feb. 4, Lake Region secretaries council.
- Helen Smith - Northern New England Conference, Press Workshops, Apr.13-16.
- Howard Weeks - Southern New England and New York Conference and Atlantic Union College, Press workshops, ~~May 23~~ - April 1. *March*
- C L Torrey - Pendleton, Oregon, Harris Pine Mills Board, May 25.
- A L White - Anchorage, Alaska, speaking appointment en route to Far East, March 9,10.

Adjourned.

W.B.Ochs, Chairman
 F.L.Peterson, Secretary
 Mary Paul Lorntz, Recording Secretary

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 9, 1956

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wesley Amundson

A L Ham, J I Robison, H W Barrows, O A Blake, W P Bradley, F Brennwald, N F Brewer, G W Chambers, J E Chase, E E Cossentine, E D Dick, L K Dickson, N W Dunn, J E Edwards, H T Elliott, A A Esteb, R H Hartwell, C B Haynes, W A Higgins, G A Huse, A W Johnson, H W Klaser, Louise Kleuser, F B Knight, T E Lucas, D A McAdams, L L Moffitt, H A Morrison, H S Nelson, D A Ochs, W B Ochs, W E Phillips, L R Rasmussen, W E Read, E E Roenfelt, V L Sanders, W A Scharffenberg, F A Soper, Howard Weeks, A L White, F H Yost.

OTHERS PRESENT:

C D Forshee, K V Osola, R Ruhling.

Prayer by W.A.Scharffenberg.

MINUTES of the meeting of February 2 were approved.

MEL ABRAMS--REVIEW AND HERALD:

VOTED, To pass on to the Canadian Union Conference and the Maracle Printing Company the call from the Review and Herald Publishing Association for Mel Abrams to connect with that institution.

TEMPERANCE DEPARTMENT--SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS:

The Temperance Department budget has not been increased to meet certain expenses. Therefore it was

VOTED, 1. That an appropriation of \$3,000 be made from the Contingency Fund to apply on publication costs of Activities.

2. That an appropriation of \$1,100 be made from the Contingency Fund to care for increase in salaries in the Temperance Department for 1955.

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION--REASSIGNMENT OF FUNDS:

The Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow for the first quarter of 1955 was assigned to the Middle East Division for two projects, one of which was for providing a Nile River launch for carrying on medical work in that area. This plan has now been found to be impracticable, and it was

VOTED, To grant the request of the Middle East Division that the \$24,870.42 assigned to the Nile River launch project be reassigned to the Benghazi Hospital which is being established in Libya.

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SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS COMMITTEE--D A DELAFIELD:

VOTED, To appoint D.A.Delafield a member of the resident Sabbath School Lessons Committee, replacing J.I.Robison who has requested that he be relieved of this responsibility.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

- W H Beaven - Kansas City, National Temperance Convention, March 18-24.
 W H Bergherm - Kansas City, War Service Secretaries Council, March 28-30.
 O A Blake - Buffalo, Detroit, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, re location of 1958 General Conference Session.
 W P Bradley - CME Postgraduate Assembly, to contact prospective medical workers for overseas appointment, March 2-8; La Sierra College and Pacific Union College, to promote interest in missions, March 9-19; Buffalo, Detroit, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, re location of 1958 General Conference Session.
 F Brennwald - Canadian and Lake Unions, auditing trip, date to be arranged.
 * E D Dick, Hartford, Conn., Kennedy School of Missions, Committee on Missionary Personnel, April 26-28.
 E N Dick - Southwestern Junior College, cadet work, Jan. 29 - Feb. 2 (en route to California); Sandoval, N.Mex., cadet work, Feb. 18-20 (returning from California); Kansas City, War Service Secretaries Council, March 28-30; Platte Valley Academy, cadet work, March 3,4; Sunnysdale Academy, cadet work, March 31 - April 1; Atlantic Union, cadet work, April 21-30; Spanish Youth Rally, New York City, April 20,21; Lake Union, cadet work, May 1-21.
 L K Dickson - Loma Linda area and Mountain View, speaking appointments, Feb. 17-23; Central California Conference workers-medical meeting, Feb. 24-26.
 N W Dunn - Hartford, Conn., Kennedy School of Missions, Committee on Missionary Personnel, April 26-28.
 M K Eckenroth - Siloam Springs, Ark., open series of meetings, March 2-5 (in connection with trip to Kansas City, General Conference paying expense).
 A A Esteb - Emmanuel Missionary College, Union Dorcas Rally, April 6-8.
 A L Ham - Buffalo, Detroit, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, re location of 1958 General Conference Session.
 R L Hammill - Oakwood, Madison College, and Riverside Sanitarium board meetings, March 19-22.
 E B Hare - Kansas City, Sabbath School Secretaries Council, March 13-16.
 W J Harris - Kansas City, Sabbath School Secretaries Council, March 13-16.
 W A Higgins - Emmanuel Missionary College, Union colporteur institute, March 2-7.
 G A Huse - Kansas City, Protestant Church Owned Publishing Association Annual Meeting, Feb. 21-23; Oakwood College, survey press work, Feb. 25-28.
 A W Johnson - Charlotte, N.Car.; Greenville, S.Car.; Montgomery, Ala., court cases, unemployment compensation, date to be arranged.
 R E Loasby - Atlantic Union College, Commencement address, June 3.
 H W Lowe - Kansas City, Sabbath School Secretaries Council, March 13-16.
 T E Lucas - Lacombe, Alberta, Youth Congress, Aug. 16-18.
 * G W Chambers, - Kansas City, War Service Secretaries Council, March 28-30.

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John McCartney - Kansas City, Esda business during MV Council, Apr. 1-4.
 Louise Meyer - Kansas City, Sabbath School Secretaries Council, March 13-16.
 E L Minchin - Lincoln, Nebr., fall Week of Prayer Union College, Nov. 3-10.
 L L Moffitt - Kansas City, Sabbath School Secretaries Council, March 13-16.
 A V Olson - Kansas City, War Service Secretaries Council, March 28-30.
 L R Rasmussen - Emmanuel Missionary College, Secondary teachers institute,
 Aug. 26-28.
 W E Read - Lake Region Conference workers meeting, and Brookfield, Ill.,
 Feb. 13-17.
 W A Scharffenberg - Illinois Conference, temperance secretaries meeting
 and other appointments, Feb. 17-19; Kansas City, National Temperance
 Convention, March 18-24.
 L A Skinner - Arkansas-Louisiana Conference workers meeting, Feb. 17-22;
 South Bend, Ind., and Emmanuel Missionary College, MV appointments,
 March 8-12.
 F A Soper - Kansas City, National Temperance Convention, March 18-24.
 Maybelle Vandermark - Emmanuel Missionary College, Union Dorcas Rally,
 April 6-8.
 H Weeks - Cleveland, Ohio, Press Workshop, Feb. 25,26.

R R BREIT IGAM--INTER-AMERICA:

VOTED, To approve plans for R.R.Breitigam to visit the Inter-American Division to assist in Sabbath school conventions April 2-May 24, 1956, the General Conference to meet the expenses of this trip.

H J HARRIS--RIO MINAS CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To request the Southwestern Union Conference and the Oklahoma Conference to release H.J.Harris, and to invite him to connect with the South American Division to serve as home missionary and Sabbath school secretary of the Rio Minas Conference in Brazil.

LYNN BAERG--BOLIVIA:

VOTED, To invite Lynn Baerg, senior student at Union College, to connect with the South American Division as evangelist for Bolivia.

D S EMERY--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize permanent return from South America for Dr. D.S.Emery, at his request and on recommendation of the Division.

V L BARTLETT--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize permanent return for V.L.Bartlett of the Guam Mission, at his request and on recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

FLORENCE LOSEY--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Miss Florence Losey from the appointment to Indonesia.

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LEETA HEMME--TRANSFER:

VOTED, To approve the plan of the Far Eastern Division to transfer Miss Leeta Hemme, on furlough at present, from the Philippines to Indonesia for teaching service.

ELISA ELIAS--GUAM:

VOTED, To invite Miss Elisa Elias to connect with the Far Eastern Division as accountant and secretary for the Far Eastern Island Mission office.

S A NAGEL--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, To authorize two months' extension of furlough for Dr. S.A. Nagel as recommended by the Northern European Division.

Adjourned.

A.L.Ham, Chairman
J.I. Robison, Secretary
Mary Paul Lorntz, Recording Secretary

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 16, 1956

MEMBERS PRESENT:

H L Rudy, J I Robison, Wesley Amundsen, R A Anderson, O A Blake,
 W P Bradley, F Brennwald, N F Brewer, G W Chambers, J E Chase,
 E D Dick, N W Dunn, J E Edwards, A A Esteb, R H Hartwell, G A Huse,
 H W Klaser, T E Lucas, G M Mathews, D A McAdams, John McCartney,
 L L Moffitt, H A Morrison, T L Oswald, L R Rasmussen, E E Roenfelt,
 A H Rulkoetter, F A Soper, W H Teesdale, B E Wagner, E R Walde,
 H Weeks, A L White, F H Yost

OTHERS PRESENT:

D A Delafield, C D Forshee, R Ruhling.

Prayer by R.A.Anderson.

MINUTES of the meeting of February 9 were approved.

AUTUMN COUNCIL--AFFIDAVITS FOR DELEGATES:

VOTED, To authorize the General Conference Transportation Office to issue the necessary affidavits on behalf of those delegates to the 1956 Autumn Council from overseas who are not United States citizens, in order that they may secure temporary visas.

INGATHERING MATERIAL--YIDDISH-ENGLISH:

VOTED, That beginning with the 1957 Ingathering campaign, a six-page folder instead of a magazine be provided for the Yiddish-English work.

MR. AND MRS. JEAN ABOT--PACIFIC PRESS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union Conference and Emmanuel Missionary College the call from the Pacific Press Publishing Association for Mr. and Mrs. Jean Abot to connect with the Inter-American Publications at Brookfield, Ill., he in the composing room and she as secretary.

MAURICE TIECHE--INTER-AMERICA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern European Division the request from the Inter-American Division that Maurice Tieche visit the French-speaking missions in Inter-America for three months during the summer of 1956, Southern Europe to continue his salary, Inter-America to pay his transportation expense, and the local fields to provide for his entertainment.

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ALICE M SLICK--REVIEW AND HERALD:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union Conference and the Greater New York Conference the call from the Review and Herald Publishing Association for Miss Alice M. Slick to serve in the editorial offices of the Instructor.

MEDICAL CADET TRAINING CAMP:

VOTED, To approve the holding of the annual Medical Cadet Training Camp at Grand Ledge, Mich., June 26 to July 10, 1956.

PUBLISHING CONVENTION--DATE AND COMMITTEES:

Due to a conflict in dates for meetings in Denver, Colo., it was

VOTED, 1. That the date for the Publishing Convention be changed to April 30 to May 5; and also

2. To approve holding the following committee meetings in Denver:

Publishing Survey Committee	April 24, 25
Publishing House Administrative Committee	" 26, 27
Publishing Department Advisory Committee	May 6, 7

C C SCHNEIDER--SYMPATHY TO RELATIVES:

The South American Division has informed the Committee of the death of Dr. C.C. Schneider, physician and chaplain of the Rio de Janeiro Hospital in Brazil, on February 14. Doctor Schneider has served as minister and physician in Brazil since 1922. It was

Resolved, That we express to Mrs. C.C. Schneider and other relatives our sympathy in their sorrow and our appreciation for Doctor Schneider's devoted and self-sacrificing service to the work.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

W H Beaven - Texas, Temperance meetings and workshop (Temperance Department expense), March 4-7; Southern Missionary College, Baccalaureate address, May 27.

G W Chambers - Grand Ledge, Mich., Medical Cadet Camp, June 26 - July 10.

Cecil Coffey - Monument Valley, Ariz., contacts for Look magazine article early April (from Kansas City).

E D Dick - Oakwood and Southern Missionary Colleges, Seminary promotion, Jan. 29 - Feb. 6; Emmanuel Missionary, Union, Canadian, Walla Walla, Pacific Union, La Sierra, Southwestern Junior colleges, Seminary promotion, Feb. 23 - March 26.

E N Dick - Grand Ledge, Mich., Medical Cadet Camp, June 26 - July 10.

E Heppenstall - Emmanuel Missionary College, speaking appointments, April 27-29.

Mildred Johnson - Extension of itinerary for one week in Atlantic Union, new date Feb. 24 - March 4.

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- W B Ochs - Kansas City, MV Council, March 31 - April 4.
 D E Rebok - Southern Missionary College, transfer dean's work, June 24-30.
 H L Rudy - Texas, workers' meeting, April 23-26.
 W A Scharffenberg - Cicero, Ind., conference Temperance council, Feb. 25;
 Plainview Academy, S.Dak., Northern Union temperance secretaries
 council, Feb. 26; Wisconsin Academy, speaking appointment, March 9;
 Milwaukee, Wis., temperance secretaries council, March 10.
 A L White - College of Medical Evangelists and Mountain View, affairs
 of E.G.White Estate, en route to Far East.
 Joyce Wilson - College of Medical Evangelists, Alumni Postgraduate
 Convention, Feb. 28 - March 8; CME School of Nursing, March 9-14;
 Loma Linda School of Nursing, Mar. 15-21; La Sierra College and St.
 Helena Sanitarium, health education, March 22-24; Kansas City,
 Educational Council, March 25-28; Southwestern Junior College, health
 education, March 29-30; Union College, health education, April 2-3;
 Emmanuel Missionary College, Union Dorcas Rally and Health Week,
 April 6-14; Southern Missionary College, Oakwood, and Madison College,
 health education work, April 23-27.
 J I ROBISON - cancellation appointment Kansas City departmental conventions.

SPRING MEETING APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, To approve committee appointments and opening hour of the Spring Meeting, as follows:

Wage Committee	Friday (9:30 a.m.)	April 13, to 15
Officers and Union Presidents	Monday (9:00 a.m.)	April 16
Spring Meeting	Tuesday (10:00 a.m.)	April 17

C M HENNER--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, To place Dr. C.M.Henner under deferred appointment, with the plan that he will connect with the Inter-American Division a year from now.

G L A FABER--NETHERLANDS ANTILLES MISSION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern European Division the call from the Inter-American Division for G.L.A.Faber of the Netherlands to connect with the Netherlands Antilles Mission as a teacher.

ESTHER FELTUS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To approve permanent return from Southern Asia for Miss Esther Feltus, on recommendation of the Division in view of her health situation.

M O MANLEY--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, To authorize three months' extension of furlough for M.O.Manley to enable him to complete work on his doctor's degree, as recommended by the Southern Asia Division.

D L CHAPPELL--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To grant permanent return for D.L.Chappell from the West African Union, on recommendation of the Northern European Division and at his request because of the family's health needs.

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L W WELCH--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release L.W.Welch from the call to serve as Bible teacher in the Philippine Union College since he does not feel qualified to accept this appointment.

EARL G MEYER--JULIACA TRAINING SCHOOL:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union Conference and the Southeastern California Conference to release Earl G. Meyer, and to invite him to connect with the South American Division as Bible teacher at the Lake Titicaca Training School, Juliaca, Peru.

J L WEBSTER--BELEM HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To invite Dr. J.L.Webster of Dayton, Ohio, to connect with the South American Division for medical work at the Belem Hospital in Brazil.

G A OTTER--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, To grant three months' extension of furlough to G.A.Otter of the Southern African Division in order to permit him to recover from injuries suffered in an accident, before proceeding to his field.

PERCY MARSA--SONGA MISSION HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to Dr. Percy Marsa of Pontiac, Mich., the invitation from the Southern African Division for him to connect with the Songa Mission Hospital and Leper Colony in the Belgian Congo.

B P WENDELL--BIGOBO MISSION:

VOTED, To request the Southern Union Conference and the Florida Conference to release B.P.Wendell, and to pass on to him the call from the Southern African Division for him to return to Africa, to serve as director for the Bigobo Mission in the Belgian Congo.

ESTHER OLDHAM--NGOMA MISSION HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To request the College of Medical Evangelists to release Miss Esther Oldham of the Loma Linda Sanitarium, and to pass on to her the call from the Southern African Division for her to connect with the nursing staff of the Ngoma Mission Hospital in the Belgian Congo.

CATHERINE BUXBAUM--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To grant permanent return for Mrs. Catherine Buxbaum on completion of her term of service in the Far Eastern Division, at her request and on recommendation of the Division.

Adjourned.

H.L.Rudy, Chairman
J.I.Robison, Secretary
Mary Paul Lorntz, Recording Secretary

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GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

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 W R Beach, W H Beaven, O A Blake, W P Bradley, F Brennwald, N F Brewer,
 D Lois Burnett, G W Chambers, E D Dick, E W Dunbar, N W Dunn, H T
 Elliott, A A Esteb, C E Guenther, A L Ham, H W Klaser, Louise Kleuser,
 H W Lowe, T E Lucas, D A McAdams, John McCartney, L L Moffitt, H A
 Morrison, H S Nelson, F D Nichol, D A Ochs, W B Ochs, L R Rasmussen,
 W E Read, E E Roenfelt, A H Rulkoetter, V L Sanders, L A Skinner,
 F A Soper, W H Teesdale, J C Thompson, B E Wagner, E R Walde, H B Weeks,
 W H Williams.

OTHERS PRESENT:

W A Benjamin, C D Forshee, R Ruhling.

Prayer by F.D.Nichol.

MINUTES of the meeting of February 16 were approved.

R A ANDERSON--CALIFORNIA APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, To approve R.A.Anderson's meeting appointments in California the first week in March, and to authorize the General Conference officers to arrange for meeting the necessary travel and entertainment expense in connection with certain interviews to be held in the Los Angeles area.

AMBROSE L SUHRIE--SYMPATHY TO RELATIVES:

Resolved, That we express to the family of the late Dr. Ambrose L. Suhrie our sincere sympathy in their loss and our appreciation for his contribution to the cause of Christian education.

DONN THOMAS--SYMPATHY TO RELATIVES:

Resolved, That we convey to Mrs. Donn Thomas and her daughter our sympathy in their bereavement and our deep sense of the loss that has come to the denomination through the death of this devoted and talented young leader in the field of Christian public relations.

J F HUENERGARDT--SYMPATHY:

On their receipt of the news of the death of J.F.Huenergardt November 11, 1955, a message has been sent by the leaders of the denomination in Hungary, reading as follows:

"AT OCCASION OF NOTICE TO US OF DEATH OF J.F.HUENERGARDT AS THE FIRST PIONEER OF OUR MESSAGE IN HUNGARY WE ALL EXPRESS TO YOU OUR DEEPEST SENSE OF SYMPATHY HIS ACTIVITY OF MORE THAN TWO DECADES AND HIS APOSTOLIC PERSONALITY

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HAS WRITTEN HIS NAME WITH GOLDEN LETTERS INTO THE HISTORY OF THE HUNGARIAN ADVENTIST DENOMINATION THOUSANDS OF THE BELIEVERS CONSERVE HIS MEMORY WITH GREAT PIETY. HUNGARIAN UNION."

VOTED, That we express to the brethren in Hungary our sympathy in the loss they feel as a result of the death of Elder Huenergardt, and our gratitude for their loyalty to the cause of God which he served.

Resolved, That the Secretary be asked to convey to Mrs. Huenergardt and other relatives our deep sympathy in their sorrow, commending them to the care of the God of all comfort.

JOSEPH LAUGHLIN--ESDA:

VOTED, To request the Washington Sanitarium to release Joseph Laughlin, and to invite him to connect with ESDA Sales and Service for handling photographic supplies.

VISITS TO OVERSEAS FIELDS:

VOTED, To approve visits to overseas fields as follows:

G A Huse - Northern Europe and Central Europe, July 10-31, 1956;
Southern Europe, August 1 - September 3, 1956.

W A Higgins - Far East, November 1 - January 15, 1957.

R A Anderson - Southern Europe (Spain and Portugal), August 1-12, 1956
(en route to Middle East).

VIRGINIA M BARCLAY--SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION:

VOTED, To request the Atlantic Union Conference and the New York Conference to release Miss Virginia M. Barclay of Union Springs Academy, and to invite her to connect with the Southern Asia Division office for secretarial work.

H A HALL--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize permanent return from Ethiopia for Dr. H.A.Hall as of Oct. 6, 1955, as recommended by the Northern European Division.

VIOLET WELKE--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To grant permanent return for Miss Violet Welke of the West African Union Mission, because of her health condition and on recommendation of the Northern European Division.

A M MATAR--CHILE COLLEGE:

VOTED, To request the Northern Union Conference and the North Dakota Conference to release A.M.Matar, and to invite him to respond to the call from the South American Division for a Bible teacher for the Chile College.

ELOISE KELLOGG--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize permanent return from South America for Miss Eloise Kellogg, as recommended by the Division.

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MICHAEL L KOSTENKO--BELLA VISTA HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To request the Central Union Conference and the Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium to release Michael L. Kostenko, and to invite him to connect with the Inter-American Division as accountant at the Bella Vista Hospital.

GREEK WORKER FOR CYPRUS--SOUTHERN EUROPE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern European Division the call from the Middle East Division for a Greek worker for Cyprus.

MINISTERIAL TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE--MEETING:

VOTED, To approve the holding of a meeting of the Ministerial Training Advisory Committee in Takoma Park April 12, 1956, beginning at 9:30 A.M.

WALTER SCHUBERT--EVANGELISTIC EFFORTS:

VOTED, 1. to grant the request of the Pacific Union Conference for the services of Walter Schubert to hold a Spanish evangelistic effort and school of evangelism in Southern California beginning in September, 1956, for a period of four months; and

2. That the next field school of evangelism to be held by Walter Schubert in North America be arranged for the Southern New England Conference possibly in 1957.

CHILEAN PESO--FIXED RATE:

VOTED, To rescind the action of January 16, 1956, setting the exchange rate for the Chilean peso at \$0.001818, and to set the rate of the Chilean peso at \$0.0022222 as of January 1, 1956.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

R A Anderson - Chicago, Religious Town Hall Panel, April
 W R Beach - Conference and medical workers meeting, Los Angeles, visiting Southern Missionary and Southwestern Junior colleges en route and Colorado returning, March 24 - April 10.
 D A Delafield - Chicago, revival meetings, date to be arranged.
 M K Eckenroth - Release from appointment Siloam Springs, Ark., March 2-5.
 C D Forshee - National Publishing Convention, Denver, April 29 - May 5.
 W A Higgins - " " " " April 24 - May 7.
 G A Huse - " " " " " " " "
 D A McAdams - " " " " " " " "
 E E Roenfelt - Hinsdale Sanitarium, Week of Prayer, March 10-17.
 J I Robison - Madison College, missions promotion, latter part of March.
 Ruth Seitz - Denver, National Publishing Convention, April 29 - May 7.
 Carl Sundin - Release from appointment Union College Pre-Medics Club, March 27.
 B E Wagner - Denver, North American Publishing Department Convention, April 24 - May 7.

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J Wayne McFarland - Kansas City, War Service Commission, and MV Council,
March 29 - April 1.

SERVICEMEN--LEGAL FEES:

VOTED, To authorize the payment of attorney's fees amounting to \$350.00 for services rendered in the cases of Adventist servicemen at Camp Irwin, Calif., and Corpus Christi, Texas.

MAUREEN MAXWELL--PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the College of Medical Evangelists the call from the Pacific Union Conference for Miss Maureen Maxwell to join the faculty of Pacific Union College as head of the Nursing Education Department.

Adjourned.

H.L.Rudy, Chairman
J.I.Robison, Secretary
Mary Paul Lorntz, Recording Secretary

ONE HUNDRED TWENTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 29, 1956

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W B Ochs, J I Robison, R H Adair, Wesley Amundsen, W R Beach, W H Beaven, C W Bozarth, W P Bradley, N F Brewer, D Lois Burnett, J E Chase, N W Dunn, H T Elliott, A A Esteb, T R Flaiz, C E Guenther, C B Haynes, G A Huse, H W Klaser, Louise Kleuser, F B Knight, E J Lorntz, H W Lowe, L L Moffitt, C E Moseley, F D Nichol, L R Rasmussen, W E Read, A H Rulkoetter, W A Scharffenberg, F A Soper, W H Teesdale, J C Thompson, B E Wagner, E R Walde, H B Weeks.

OTHERS PRESENT:

C D Forshee.

Prayer by L.R.Rasmussen.

MINUTES of the meeting of February 23 were approved.

E E CARMAN--SYMPATHY TO RELATIVES:

Resolved, That the Secretary be asked to convey condolences to the widow and other relatives of the late E.E.Carman who mourn his death which occurred on February 24. He was for several years a missionary in China.

YEARBOOK FOR LIBRARIES:

VOTED, 1. That up to 25 copies of the Yearbook be made available each year for providing the book to university and theological seminary libraries which request it, the Statistical Secretary to counsel with the General Conference officers concerning filling such requests; and

2. That the Library of Congress be provided with three copies, ~~two~~^{one} for the Legislative Reference Service and ~~one~~^{two} for the Exchange and Gift Division.

SABBATH SCHOOL MISSIONS PROMOTION FILMS--COMMITTEE:

VOTED, To appoint the following persons as a standing committee on Sabbath School Missions Promotion Films: A.L.Ham, O.A.Blake, W.P.Bradley, N.W.Dunn, L.L.Moffitt.

C E WITTSCHIEBE--RELIGIOUS TOWN HALL:

VOTED, To request the Theological Seminary for the services of C.E. Wittschiebe to serve as the denominational representative on the Religious Town Hall in Chicago in April, in place of R.A.Anderson previously appointed.

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J WAYNE MCFARLAND--THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY:

VOTED, To pass on to the College of Medical Evangelists the request of the Theological Seminary for Dr. J. Wayne McFarland to teach June 13 to July 19, 1956, financial arrangements to be worked out according to the policy.

D LOIS BURNETT--COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS:

VOTED, To grant the request of the College of Medical Evangelists for the services of Miss D. Lois Burnett for teaching in the School of Nursing June 4-29, 1956.

RUSSELL S WESEMAN--REVIEW AND HERALD:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Press Publishing Association the call from the Review and Herald Publishing Association for Russell S. Weseman to work in the offset department.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

- E D Dick - Union College, Baccalaureate sermon, May.
- F B Knight - Boston and Vermont, contact immigration offices, time to be arranged.
- T E Lucas - Release from appointment, youth congresses in Canada Aug. 16-18, Aug. 30 - Sept. 1.
- G M Mathews - Kansas City, Sabbath School Advisory Committee, March 14, 15 (substituting for L R Rasmussen); Chicago, textbook business, time to be arranged.
- W B Ochs - Maplewood Academy, constituency meeting, Minnesota Conference, April 8.
- L R Rasmussen - Chicago, textbook business, time to be arranged.
- C E Weniger - Berkeley, Calif., biennial meeting, American Association Theological Schools, June.

VIRGIL CLYMER--VISIT CHICAGO:

VOTED, To request the Review and Herald Publishing Association for the services of Virgil Clymer as technical adviser in a conference to be held in Chicago concerning the publication of the elementary readers, the General Conference to bear the expense of travel and entertainment.

GRACE FIELDS--SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FILM:

VOTED, To request Faith for Today for the services of Miss Grace Fields to assist in the production of the Sabbath School Department film during part of the month of June, 1956.

L Q HAMEL--CHILE COLLEGE:

VOTED, To request the Southern Union Conference and the Florida Conference to release L.Q.Hamel of Forest Lake Academy, and to invite him to connect with the South American Division as farm manager and teacher of agriculture at the Chile College.

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BENJAMIN H WESTPHAL--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, To release Dr. Benjamin H. Westphal from the appointment to medical work in Brazil, and to place him under deferred appointment for overseas service.

MARJORIE WHITNEY--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To grant permanent return for Miss Marjorie Whitney of the Andrews Memorial Hospital in Jamaica, for health reasons and as recommended by the Inter-American Division.

MRS. DORITA THOMANN-LESSARD--ANTILLIAN COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference and the Southern California Conference the call from the Inter-American Division for Mrs. Dorita Thomann-Lessard to connect with Antillian College as normal director.

Adjourned.

W.B.Ochs, Chairman
J.I.Robison, Secretary
Mary Paul Lorntz, Recording Secretary