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One Hundred Twenty-Sixth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 6, 1968, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Theodore Carcich, R. R. Frame, W. Melvin Adams, E. E. Cleveland, K. H. Emmerson, A. A. Esteb, C. E. Guenther, Mazie Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, W. A. Higgins, D. W. Hunter, D. S. Johnson, D. A. McAdams, E. L. Minchin, Lawrence M. Nelson, C. E. Palmer, W. E. Phillips, R. H. Pierson, Fernon Retzer, H. D. Singleton, P. C. Smith, E. W. Tarr, A. L. White, K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

Harry House

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Theodore Carcich, Chairman, said he supposed all of us have been distressed by the tragic events of the past week. We read about Viet Nam, Korea, the Middle East, the monetary crisis, street riots, and assassinations. There seems to be distress on every hand. Every one is asking what does it all mean. From time to time we need to reread what these things mean.

Quotations from the book Education, pages 179-181, were read by Elder Carcich, beginning with the words "The final overthrow of all earthly dominions is plainly foretold in the word of truth." The reading closed with the words "Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence," as quoted from Psalm 50: 3. He added: There is hope, there is a reason for everything happening today. Let us keep our minds on the cause of all these things, and as to what these things mean. We are to prepare ourselves, and take with us as many as we can when the Lord comes.

Opening prayer by A. L. White.

REPORTS:

R. H. Pierson, President, said his heart responds to the reading of this statement from the pen of inspiration. All our hearts ought to be moved and stirred as we understand the times in which we live. We ought to give the trumpet a certain sound as we travel around. Our people are more and more understanding that the issues are being drawn and we are going to have to stand up and be counted.

He reported receipt of a letter from Z. N. Imo, President of the Biafran Mission. He wrote on April 23, 1968. Brother Imo expressed deep appreciation for the leaders being remembered in prayer by the brethren here. He stated that despite the war and displacement of some workers, they baptized about 1,344 souls last year, 1967. They have set their goal for 1968 to double last year's achievement. Elder Pierson said this is a challenge to us around the world. Dr. Sherman A. Nagel and his family will never be forgotten by the members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church there and the young Republic of Biafra.

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A letter from Kalee Paw, of Burma, tells about the death of one of their very fine workers, Saya Sam Gaw. He is the man concerning whom Mrs. P. A. Parker wrote a book. He has studied with a family who are interested in the truth. The doctor told this family that it was not good for the wife, who is not well, to live under the zinc roof. This friend requested Sam Gaw to go with him to search for thatch. Saya Sam Gaw has a jeep. All together, eight people, adults and children, were in the car. When they were about nine miles from Lashio City it rained hard. When the car turned the wheels slipped. All fell out of the car. It overturned three times and then rested on Saya Sam Gaw. He was taken to the Civil Hospital unconscious. After a little while he died. The doctor found on examination that his ribs were broken and poked through his lungs. He left behind his wife and six children. They were very sorry to lose Saya Sam Gaw, for since he joined the work five years ago he has been very faithful and earnest in the work. He had left his job with good salary from the government to carry out the Lord's work. He set a good example in the neighborhood and in his home. If he had not died, they had good prospects for the work in the Shan State. However, God has other plans.

Elder Pierson said that some of our young stalwarts are fallen. Those that are left need our prayers.

D. A. McAdams, Secretary of the Publishing Department, on request of the Chairman, reported concerning the North American Division Editors' Council.

He said they would have been happy if all the General Conference Committee members could have been present at the Editors' Council in New York City, May 25-29. There were about 65 delegates present. They desired this meeting to be deeply spiritual, and because of that they started on the Sabbath day. Elder Beach spoke at the eleven o'clock hour, and Elder Carcich preached in the afternoon. It developed into a testimony meeting. He expressed the wish the Committee members could have seen the Editors as they marched forward to the platform and gave their testimonies. It was a wonderful, spiritual meeting. The Editors of this Church are loyal men and women. They believe in the message.

We should pray for the Editors in our Church. They carry heavy responsibilities. This meeting made denominational history.

MINUTES of the meeting held May 29, 1968, were approved.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BUREAU--

RICHARD BARNETT RELEASED:

On April 3, 1968, the General Conference Committee voted to call Richard Barnett of the Southern New England Conference to serve as Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of Public Relations. He has now informed us that he will be unable to accept the call.

VOTED, That Richard Barnett be released from the call to serve as Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of Public Relations.

JOHN PARRISH--KETTERING MEDICAL CENTER:

VOTED, To pass on to Loma Linda University a call from the Columbia Union Conference for John Parrish, to connect with the Kettering Medical Center, Dayton, Ohio, as Director of Public Relations and Development.

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RICHARD L. BO^BST--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union Conference and Atlantic Union College a call for Richard L. Bo^Bst, a Teacher at AUC, to connect with Loma Linda University as Assistant Professor of Physics.

D. R. DICKERSON--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and Idaho Conferences a call for D. R. Dickerson, to connect with Loma Linda University as Assistant Dean of Men.

WILLIAM JARVIS--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and Ohio Conferences a call for William Jarvis, of Mount Vernon, Ohio, to connect with Loma Linda University as Assistant Professor of Physical Education, Health and Recreation.

RUTH KROSCHER--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and Chesapeake Conferences a call for Miss Ruth Kroschel, to connect with Loma Linda University as Instructor in Physical Education.

J. BYRON LOGAN--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Review and Herald Publishing Association a call for J. Byron Logan, to connect with Loma Linda University as Photographer.

IVAN T. CROWDER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Ivan T. Crowder, Chaplain for the Port-of-Spain Community Hospital in Trinidad, due to the health condition of Mrs. Crowder, effective June 3, 1968; in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

KENT RUNYAN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Kent Runyan, son of Mrs. and Mrs. W. W. Runyan, of Hong Kong, for educational reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

LINDA VAN ARSDALE--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Linda Van Arsdale, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Van Arsdale, of Taiwan, for educational reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

YVONNE BULLOCK--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Yvonne Bullock, daughter of Elder and Mrs. G. E. Bullock, of Manila, for educational reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

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ELMER C. HAAS--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Elmer C. Haas be released from the call to serve as Civilian Chaplain for Korea, he having declined because of the health status of Mrs. Haas.

MRS. ELIZABETH BENTLEY--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Mrs. Elizabeth Bentley be released from the call to serve as Teacher and Registrar for the Far Eastern Academy, she having declined for personal reasons and the fact she is to join the Loma Linda University staff as Assistant Registrar.

R. P. RIZZO--RELEASED:

VOTED, That R. P. Rizzo be released from the call to Bugema College, Uganda, as Chemistry Teacher, he having declined because of personal problems and having received an invitation to Atlantic Union College.

HORACE M. PEAK, JR.--KIVU, CONGO:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Northern California Conferences be requested to release Horace M. Peak, Jr., of Rio Lindo Academy, and that he be invited to connect with the Trans-Africa Division to serve as Principal of the Kivu Seminary in the Congo.

M. H. W. KOOPMANS--CENTRAL AFRICAN UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern European Division a call from the Trans-Africa Division for M. H. W. Koopmans, a national of Holland, now Business Manager of the French Adventist Seminary, at Collonges-sous-Saleve, France, and that he be invited to serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Central African Union; with the request that the Southern European Division process the call.

ANDREW DRESSLER, JR.--SINGAPORE:

VOTED, To invite Andrew Dressler, Jr., of Walla Walla, Washington, to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Mathematics and Vocational Arts Teacher for the Far Eastern Academy, and Supervisor of the building project at Singapore. It is understood that he is not at this time eligible for sustentation.

LYNETTE A. SPENCER--WEST PAKISTAN:

On recommendation of the Southern Asia Division, it was--

VOTED, That the appointment of Miss Lynette A. Spencer, a citizen of Australia, be changed from Ranchi, India, and that she be reassigned to serve as a Nurse for Karachi, West Pakistan; since she was denied a visa to enter India.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That appointments and itineraries presented from the North American Travel Committee be authorized as follows:

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Wilber Alexander--Texas Conference, Workers' Meeting, August 17-21, 1969 (Andrews University);

R. C. Barger--St. Louis, Missouri, Central Union Departmental Secretarial Council, October 27-31;

O. A. Blake and C. B. Hirsch--Lansing, Michigan, Committee Meeting, June 6 (following Andrews University meetings voted);

F. L. Bland--Atlanta, Georgia, Southern Union Sabbath School Congress, February, 1969;

H. A. Brummett--Atlanta and Decatur, Georgia, Automobile Insurance business, June 6, 7;

Manuel Carballal--Colorado Springs, Colorado, National Association of Church Business Administrators' Seminar, July 15-19;

E. E. Cleveland--Lake Region Conference, Commencement and Workers' Retreat, June 9-11;

A. C. Fearing--Camp Yorktown Bay, Hot Springs, Arkansas--Arkansas-Louisiana Workers' Meeting, August 25-29; Arkansas-Louisiana Medical Retreat, August 30, 31;

W. A. Howe--Andrews University, Secondary Bible Curriculum Committee, June 14, 15; Seattle, Washington, counsel re proposed Seattle Union Academy, June 17, 18;

D. W. Hunter--Glendale, California, Voice of Prophecy Survey, June 18, 19;

G. R. Nash--Pacific Union Conference, attend Sabbath School Officers' Institutes, January 10-February 9, 1969;

Paul Smith--Centralia, Missouri, Sunnysdale Academy, Workshop, June 17, 18;

I. V. Stonebrook--Berrien Springs, Michigan, Andrews University, Council for Higher Education and other committees, August 18-27; Escanaba, Michigan, speaking appointment, August 24 (from Andrews University); Walla Walla College, North Pacific Union Teachers' Convention, September 15, 16; Hope, British Columbia, Canadian Union Teachers' Convention, September 17; Pacific Union, Teachers' Convention in Hawaii and School Visitation, Workers' Meeting, September 18-October 2; Bermuda, Institute, Teachers' Meetings and school inspection, October 31-November 5;

Neal C. Wilson--Berrien Springs, Michigan, Andrews University Executive Committee Board, Union Committee, June 4, 5; Lansing, Michigan, Michigan Committee, June 6; Dallas-Fort Worth area, meet with local and union officials concerning a local problem, June 13; Minneapolis, Minnesota, Northern Union Laymen's Congress, September 4-7;

D. A. Delafield, T. S. Geraty, R. R. Hegstad--Nashville, Tennessee, Sabbath School Lesson Format and Subjects and Writers Committee, September 11-13.

Adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

Theodore Carcich, Chairman
R. R. Frame, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

One Hundred Twenty-Seventh Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 13, 1968, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Theodore Carcich, D. W. Hunter, Carson F. Adams, O. A. Blake, W. J. Brown, P. M. DeBooy, Mazie Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, W. A. Higgins, D. S. Johnson, J. C. Kozel, H. W. Lowe, E. L. Minchin, Lawrence M. Nelson, C. E. Palmer, W. L. Pascoe, W. E. Phillips, P. G. Smith, F. A. Soper, R. F. Waddell, M.D., A. L. White, K. H. Wood

OTHERS PRESENT:

D. A. Delafield, Philip S. Nelson, M.D., Harry House

Opening prayer by D. A. Delafield

MINUTES of the meeting held June 6, 1968, were approved.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

SECONDARY SCHOOL EVALUATION CRITERIA COMMITTEE:

On request of the Department of Education, it was--

VOTED, To authorize a meeting of the Secondary School Evaluation Criteria Committee in Lincoln, Nebraska, July 15-17, 1968; the members to be as follows: W. A. Howe, Chairman; W. O. Baldwin, Pacific Union; J. V. Peters, Walla Walla College; E. A. Robertson, Columbia Union; George P. Stone, Union College; and I. V. Stonebrook.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

SCHOOL BUILDING HANDBOOK COMMITTEE:

On request of the Department of Education, it was--

VOTED, To approve a final meeting of the School Building Handbook Committee in Lincoln, Nebraska, July 18, 1968; the members to be as follows: W. A. Howe, Chairman; K. F. Ambs; Miss Louise Ambs, Pacific Union College; E. S. Chace, Southern California Conference; T. S. Geraty; H. D. Lawson, Pioneer Valley Academy; Miss Else Nelson, Pacific Union; Aarlyn Williams, Architect; E. C. Wines, Southwestern Union College; P. G. Wipperman, Southeastern California Conference.

TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION--

AUTHORIZATION FOR BANK SIGNATURES:

Resolved, That the Chase Manhattan Bank, New York, be, and hereby is authorized to recognize the signatures of K. H. Emmerson, Treasurer, and/or O. A. Blake, Undertreasurer, and/or V. A. Fenn, and/or J. M. Stephenson, for the account which is in the name of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists No. SP 949-1-035029, Trans-Africa Division, to sign or make all or any changes and orders

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for the payment of money. All prior authorizations for this account are hereby annulled and canceled.

GEOSCIENCE RESEARCH INSTITUTE--

BANK SIGNATURES:

Resolved, That the First National Bank of Niles, Michigan (Berrien Springs, Michigan), be, and hereby is authorized to recognize the signatures of O. A. Blake, Undertreasurer, and/or Elaine Meseraull, for the account which is in the name of the Geoscience Research Institute, to sign or make all or any changes and orders for the payment of money. All prior authorizations for this account are hereby annulled and canceled.

MISS NELLIE FERREE--

NAME RECOMMENDED TO SUSTENTATION COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the name of Miss Nellie Ferree, who was voted a permanent return by action of the General Conference Committee on April 4, 1968, and who has given approximately forty-five years of service in the denomination, be referred to the Sustentation Committee for favorable consideration.

SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION--

APPORTIONMENT OF BUDGET:

VOTED, To approve the apportionment of the total 1969 budget for the South American Division as designated; the details being on file in the Treasury office.

MATTHIEU BERMINGHAM--NORTHEASTERN CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Inter-American Division a call from the Atlantic Union Conference for Matthieu Bermingham, of Martinique, in the French West Indies, to connect with the Northeastern Conference as Pastor of the French-speaking church in New York City.

MERVYN G. HARDINGE, M.D.--MEMBER MEDICAL-MINISTERIAL STUDY COMMISSION:

VOTED, That Mervyn G. Hardinge, M.D., be added as a member of the Medical-Ministerial Study Commission.

LOUIS SCHMIDT--PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Review and Herald Publishing Association a call from the Columbia Union Conference for Louis Schmidt, to serve as a Literature Evangelist in the Pennsylvania Conference.

ROBERTA BECK--FAITH FOR TODAY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union Conference and Kettering Medical Center a call for Roberta Beck, to serve as a Secretary in Faith for Today.

ESTHER FELTUS--FAITH FOR TODAY:

VOTED, To pass on to Miss Esther Feltus, a permanently returned missionary from the Far Eastern Division, a call to connect with the Bible School of Faith for Today.

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CLEVERIDGE SINCLAIR--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference and Pacific Union College a call from Loma Linda University for Cleveridge Sinclair, to serve as Chief Accountant for the Foundation.

NADINE KIRK--MONUMENT VALLEY HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to Loma Linda University a call from the Pacific Union Conference for Miss Nadine Kirk, to connect with Monument Valley Hospital as Medical Records Librarian.

MRS. LENORE SCHMIDT--CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to Loma Linda University a call from the Pacific Union Conference for Mrs. Lenore Schmidt, to connect with Central California Conference as Secretary and part-time Bible Instructor.

LUZINDO C. PONCE, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Luzindo C. Ponce, M.D., be released from appointment to the Adventist Hospital in Ile-Ife, West Nigeria, since he is not able to accept the call.

CLYDE ^{L.} ~~F.~~ ROGGENKAMP--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Clyde ^{L.} ~~F.~~ Roggenkamp, a dental student at Loma Linda University, be released from deferred dental appointment, for health reasons.

GORDON LEWIS OLSEN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Gordon Lewis Olsen from the Antillian Union Mission as of May 17, 1968, for personal reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

LARRY PAYNE--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Larry Payne from the Antillian Union Mission, for personal and health reasons, effective May 17, 1968; in harmony with the recommendation of the Inter-American Division.

JOHN C. MATTINGLY--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of John C. Mattingly from the Congo, at his request, for personal and family reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Trans-Africa Division.

TEOFILIO O. de la CRUZ, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Teofilio O. de la Cruz, M.D., from Ile-Ife, Nigeria, at his request, for personal reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Northern European Division.

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VERNER E. ALBERTSEN, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Verner E. Albertsen, M.D., from Tokyo, Japan, on his request; in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

GENENE GUILD--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Genene Guild, daughter of Elder and Mrs. D. R. Guild, of Singapore, for educational reasons; in harmony with the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division.

JOSE TABUENCA--MEXICAN UNION MISSION:

VOTED, To pass on to the South American Division a call for Jose Tabuenca, of the Austral Union, to connect with the Inter-American Division as Educational and Stewardship and Development Secretary of the Mexican Union Mission; with the request that the South American Division process the call.

ONESIMO MEJIA--PUERTO RICO CONFERENCE:

VOTED, That the Columbia Union and New Jersey Conferences be requested to release Onesimo Mejia, and that he be invited to return to the Inter-American Division to serve as a District Pastor in the Puerto Rico Conference; on the basis of a national.

LUIS GUTIERREZ--ANTILLIAN UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, That the Pacific Press Publishing Association be requested to release Luis Gutierrez, and that he be invited to return to the Inter-American Division as a Pressman for Antillian Union College; on the basis of a national.

JANE SABES--BENGHAZI ADVENTIST HOSPITAL, LIBYA:

VOTED, That Miss Jane Sabes, of Adelphi, Maryland, be invited to connect with the Benghazi Adventist Hospital in Libya as Laboratory Technician, for two to three months on a relief basis.

ROGER KOPITZKE--BANGKOK SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That Roger Kopitzke, who spent two years in the Army, and is now completing Army service at Ft. Lewis, Washington, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division to serve as an Administrative Dietitian in the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital.

KEITH KERMIT COLBURN--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Keith Kermit Colburn, who has just completed his sophomore year as a medical student at Loma Linda University, be placed under deferred medical appointment to the Far Eastern Division.

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That appointments and itineraries presented from the North American Travel Committee be authorized as follows:

Wilber Alexander (Andrews University)--Nashville, Tennessee, Sabbath School Department meeting re Sabbath School lessons, September 11-13;

W. J. Brown, A. O. Dart, T. S. Geraty, W. A. Howe, I. V. Stonebrook--Andrews University, pre-meetings and preparation for North American Division Quadrennial Council for Higher Education, August 12-19;

Paul DeBooy--Carolina, Carolina Bible Conference, July 3-7; Houston, Texas, Summer Camp, two conferences, July 17-27;

A. A. Esteb--Lyons, Colorado, Glacier View Youth Camp, Laymen's Retreat, August 30-September 2; Charlotte, North Carolina, Lay Congress, October 18-20;

W. A. Howe, W. O. Baldwin (Pacific Union Conference), J. V. Peters (North Pacific Union and Walla Walla College), G. P. Stone (Union College), E. A. Robertson (Columbia Union), I. V. Stonebrook--Committee on Criteria for second cycle of secondary school evaluations, Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska, July 15-17;

W. A. Howe, T. S. Geraty, Else Nelson (Pacific Union Conference), K. F. Ambs, E. S. Chace (Southern California), P. G. Wipperman (Southeastern California), H. D. Lawson (Pioneer Valley Academy), E. C. Wines (Southwestern Union College), Aarlyn Williams (architect, Mishawaka, Indiana), Louise Ambs (Pacific Union College)--to Lincoln, Nebraska; Committee to study handbook for school buildings, July 18;

Theodore Lucas--San Antonio, Texas, Servicemen's Center Board Meeting, July 22;

LaVeta Payne (Southern Missionary College)--Nashville, Tennessee, Sabbath School Department meeting re Sabbath School lessons, September 11-13;

L. G. Small--Central Union institutional itinerary, June 24-28;

I. V. Stonebrook--Dallas, Texas, National Education Association Meeting and speaking appointments, July 2-7;

W. E. Tate--Chicago, Illinois, Printing Equipment Exhibition, June 24-26;

Neal C. Wilson--Kettering, Ohio, June 23; Lincoln, Nebraska, June 25;

Ethel Young--Andrews University, work on readers, June 23-28 (returned from Union); Andrews University, work on readers with Dr. Burrell, August 11-17, extension of dates authorized; Andrews University, Bible Subcommittee on Elementary Textbooks, August 20, 21.

Adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

Theodore Carcich, Chairman
D. W. Hunter, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

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One Hundred Twenty-Eighth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 20, 1968, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Neal C. Wilson, C. O. Franz, Carson F. Adams, W. Melvin Adams, W. R. Beach, M. V. Campbell, Theodore Garcich, K. H. Emmerson, A. A. Esteb, W. W. Fordham, C. E. Guenther, Mazie Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, W. A. Higgins, C. B. Hirsch, D. S. Johnson, J. C. Kozel, William Loveless, H. W. Lowe, F. R. Millard, Lawrence M. Nelson, C. E. Palmer, W. E. Phillips, A. V. Pinkney, C. E. Randolph, M.D., H. E. Rice, V. W. Schoen, J. V. Scully, H. D. Singleton, Clark Smith, I. V. Stonebrook, R. F. Waddell, M.D., R. S. Watts

OTHERS PRESENT:

D. A. Delafield, Harry House, Philip S. Nelson, M.D.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

The Chairman, Neal C. Wilson, read Phil. 2: 13-16, in which it states that it is God who works in us, to will and to do of His good pleasure, and that in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation we are to shine as lights in the world. He said it is a wonderful assurance to know that God provides the stimulus for the acceptance and understanding of His ways; and He also provides the power, the strength and the grace needed to activate those things which He stimulates us to accept.

Elder Wilson said he has seen some wonderful examples of this in the last few weeks. He has been greatly impressed again that it is the Lord that works in the lives of men and women, and in a very special way in the lives of our young people, to stimulate them and give them strength in order that they may participate in some real worth-while programs. He has talked recently with those engaged in literature evangelism. He has talked with student representatives of our educational institutions. The Lord has worked in the lives of these young people not only to help them identify with this message, but has given them the strength and power to declare their own convictions and to become a part of the program. He told of the efforts being made in New York City in summer evangelism, where by telephoning seminary students are making pastoral contacts. God has placed in the hearts of our youth some great ideas, courage and faith. We have come to very challenging times. In the midst of a generation that is crooked and perverse, God is working in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure, to bring men and women to a knowledge of Him and their responsibility in Christ.

Opening prayer by A. V. Pinkney.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE--
INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME:

Ralph F. Waddell, M.D., Secretary of the Medical Department, presented to the General Conference Committee the members of the Medical Department Advisory Committee. A meeting of the Medical Department Advisory Committee is being held here in Washington, D.C., June 19-25. There were forty-five in attendance

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at the opening meeting last evening. Neal C. Wilson as Chairman welcomed them, and explained some of the functions of the General Conference Committee.

REPORT AND INFORMATION:

Clark Smith, Director of the National Service Organization, spoke of the Servicemen's Fund offering taken in the churches in the United States on May 11, 1968. Two unions have not yet reported, but to date \$81,284 has been reported. The offering will probably go beyond the goal of \$100,000 by \$15,000.

He stated they have just completed their Medical Cadet Corps Training Camp at Grand Ledge, Michigan. This was the third of four camps scheduled for the Summer. Five hundred have received training, and there will be an additional number in the camp to be held in the Pacific Union Conference in August. This will be over twice as many as we have previously trained in camps.

We have 635 Seventh-day Adventists in basic training at Fort Sam Houston in Texas, far more than we have had in training before. It is reported that we have over 600 of our servicemen in Viet Nam. We are in contact with most of these men, and there are undoubtedly more than this. Forty-three of our Seventh-day Adventist young men have been killed to date.

J. C. Kozel, Assistant Treasurer, gave the information that Miss Sarah Peck, well known as an educator in the denomination, passed away on June 17, 1968, at the St. Helena Sanitarium. On April 5 she had passed her 100th birthday.

MINUTES of the meeting held June 13, 1968, were approved.

RATES OF EXCHANGE:

On recommendation of the respective Divisions concerned, it was--

VOTED, To authorize rates of exchange, effective July 1, 1968, as follows:

South American Division:

Brazil Cruzeiro--from 2.70 to 3.10 to the U.S. \$1.00; or from .37037 to .32258;

Chile Escudo--from 6.50 to 7.50 to the U.S. \$1.00; or from .153846 to .13333;

Peru Sol--from 36.00 to 40.00 to the U.S. \$1.00; or from .0277777 to .025;

Uruguay Peso--from 180 to 240 to the U.S. \$1.00; or .0055555 to .0041666;

Far Eastern Division:

Indonesia Rupiah--from 310 to 350 to the U.S. \$1.00; or .0032258 to .0028571.

C. F. PHILLIPS--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and Southeastern California Conferences a call for C. F. Phillips, to connect with Loma Linda University as Purchasing Agent for the La Sierra College campus.

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OVERSEAS TRAVEL ADJUSTMENTS:

In harmony with recommendations from the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That Lawrence M. Nelson be released from the trip planned to the Middle East and Southern Asia Divisions, September 12 to December 7, 1968. It was further--

VOTED, That Charles D. Martin substitute for Lawrence M. Nelson in a visit to the Middle East and Southern Asia Divisions; the visit now planned for him being as follows:

Far Eastern Division, September 25 to October 9, 1968
Southern Asia Division, October 11 to November 30, 1968
Middle East Division, December 1-7, 1968
Southern European Division, December 9, 10, 1968. It was further--

VOTED, To authorize an extension of the trip voted for W. R. Beach, to include two weeks in Madagascar, in the Southern European Division, as he returns from the Australasian Division; the dates to be November 5, 1968, to February 1, 1969, instead of November 5, 1968, to January 15, 1969. It was further--

VOTED, That the trip planned for C. E. Moseley, Jr., to the Inter-American Division from July 10 to August 30, 1968, be set forward ten days; the new dates to be July 1 to August 30, 1968.

HUBERT MOOG--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Hubert Moog be released from the call to be Secretary-Treasurer of the North Peru Mission, since he feels the need of more experience before accepting an overseas appointment.

R. H. BRODERSEN--RELEASED:

VOTED, That R. H. Brodersen be released from the call to serve as Secretary of the West African Union Mission, he having declined because of family reasons.

WILBUR K. NELSON--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Wilbur K. Nelson be released from appointment to the South China Island Union Mission, he having accepted a call to Loma Linda University in the Division of Public Health.

DR. LESLIE HARDINGE--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Dr. Leslie Hardinge be released from the call to serve as Bible Teacher in the Philippine Union College, since he has declined for personal reasons.

JACK A. HAY, M.D.--PERMANENT RETURN:

Jack A. Hay, M.D., has served in the Trans-Africa Division the larger share of the time since 1948.

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VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Jack A. Hay, M.D., from the Trans-Africa Division, on his request for family educational reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Division.

LESLIE C. SCOFIELD--RETURN FROM FURLOUGH:

On request of the South American Division, it was--

VOTED, That Leslie C. Scofield return from his present furlough for eight weeks to fill an emergency need which has arisen in the work of the Upper Sao Francisco Mission.

LESLIE C. SCOFIELD--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That the furlough of Leslie C. Scofield be extended three months, to enable him to complete his study program at Tulane University, in New Orleans, Louisiana; in harmony with the recommendation of the South American Division.

ROBERT G. LEY--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Robert G. Ley from Belem, Brazil, on his request for personal reasons; effective July 1, 1968; in harmony with the recommendation of the South American Division.

JOELLE LYNNE GARDNER--RWANKERI:

Miss Joelle Lynne Gardner is a recent graduate of Pacific Union College, who speaks French.

VOTED, That the Northern Union and North Dakota Conferences be requested to release Miss Joelle Lynne Gardner, of Sheyenne River Academy, and that she be invited to connect with the Trans-Africa Division as Girls' Worker at Rwankeri; for a short-term appointment.

WALTON S. WHALEY--SIERRA LEONE:

VOTED, That the Pacific Union and Northern California Conferences be requested to release Walton S. Whaley, and that he be invited to connect with the Northern European Division as an Evangelist for Freetown, Sierra Leone.

JOHN W. GRIFFIN, M.D.--DEFERRED MEDICAL APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That John W. Griffin, M.D., now interning at Loma Linda University, be placed under deferred medical appointment to the Northern European Division.

NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION--

CALL FOR EVANGELIST FOR BRITISH UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Australasian Division a call from the Northern European Division for an Evangelist for the British Union Conference, suggesting the name of Russell Kranz, to serve initially in the New Gallery Center in London, effective from the Summer of 1969; with the request that the Australasian Division process the call.

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That appointments and itineraries presented from the North American Travel Committee be authorized as follows:

Carson F. Adams--Canadian Union, survey of Book and Bible Houses in each conference, August 10-31; Texas Conference, series of appointments in connection with book work, September 23-28 (extension of dates from Publishing Department Quadrennial Council);

R. C. Barger--Memphis, Tennessee, speaker at Memphis First Church, September 14 (from Nashville, where he is September 11-13);

K. H. Emmerson--Kettering, Ohio, June 23; Loma Linda University, Board Meeting, July 19-26; Boulder, Colorado, SDA Hospital Association Meeting, August 26-29;

R. R. Hegstad--Collegedale, Tennessee, speaking appointments, January 30-February 1 (Southern Missionary College);

Miss Ethel Johnson (Columbia Union Conference)--New York City, New York Center, Atlantic Union Elementary Teachers' Convention, September 30-October 2;

M. E. Loewen--Hawaii, June 20-28 (extension of dates voted); Northern California, Napa and East Oakland, June 28, 29;

C. E. Randolph, M.D.--Hanford, California, contact mission prospects, June 12, 13;

H. E. Rice--Chicago, Illinois, meeting with American Hospital Association on special issue, June 18;

E. A. Robertson (Columbia Union Conference)--New York Center, Atlantic Union Elementary Teachers' Convention, September 30;

A. L. White--1968 Geoscience Tour, July 31-August 16.

Adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

Neal C. Wilson, Chairman
C. O. Franz, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary

One Hundred Twenty-Ninth Meeting

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 27, 1968, 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Neal C. Wilson, C. O. Franz, Carson F. Adams, J. J. Aitken, Wesley Amundsen, W. R. Beach, W. J. Brown, M. V. Campbell, Theodore Carcich, E. E. Cleveland, K. H. Emmerson, C. E. Guenther, R. R. Hegstad, Mazie Herin, M. Carol Hetzell, W. A. Higgins, C. B. Hirsch, D. W. Hunter, D. S. Johnson, M. E. Kemmerer, J. C. Kozel, William Loveless, Theodore Lucas, C. D. Martin, Lawrence M. Nelson, R. E. Osborn, C. E. Palmer, Fernon Retzer, H. E. Rice, V. W. Schoen, J. V. Scully, I. V. Stonebrook, R. F. Waddell, M.D., A. L. White

OTHERS PRESENT:

Harry House, N. W. Litchfield, Don Roth

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Neal C. Wilson, Chairman, said perhaps one of the biggest tasks we face, one of the greatest challenges we have in an age and time when everything seems to be in a state of change and flux is the same problem they dealt with at the dawn of the Christian era, that is, to protect the changeless. It is so difficult today to protect those things which should not be changed. When Christ came preaching, it tells us His great purpose in an age when He realized there was need for some things to be altered, but He did make it very clear there were some things that were changeless. Elder Wilson then read Luke 4: 43.

After Christ had been harassed by many individuals, urging that certain things be done, He realized there were great purposes, great goals, and great objectives; some things that could not be dictated or determined by popular acceptance and circumstance. His answer to them in summing it up in a very succinct, positive way was this: I must keep in mind the preaching of the gospel to other cities; for this purpose I came into the world.

Elder Wilson reported on contacts recently made by our representatives in New York City with interested people by telephone, and definite decisions having been made to accept the truths presented. What recently has been experienced in New York City could offer a solution to the almost insurmountable problems in other cities.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION:

W. A. Higgins, Publishing Department Associate Secretary, said when he was in the Inter-American Division recently he learned of some startling breakthroughs. In Colombia, where our workers had formerly been stoned and persecuted, one literature evangelist reported conditions have greatly changed. Now, by introducing himself as a Seventh-day Adventist, he is warmly welcomed into the homes and many sales are made.

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There have been rapid developments in Puerto Rico also. In one instance, a new literature evangelist started out on a Thursday and took an order for a book. He returned to deliver it the next day, gave Bible studies the same day, and took the whole family of thirteen to church on Sabbath. On the next Sabbath they joined the baptismal class--all this in ten days' time.

E. E. Cleveland, Ministerial Association Associate Secretary, reported that the permit to hold a four-month evangelistic campaign in New Orleans has been granted. A Catholic administration granted this privilege. The intercession of Brother Callicott in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with his Mayor, who in turn contacted the Mayor of New Orleans was a big help. It took a miracle to secure this lot in downtown New Orleans. It is next to the City Auditorium. With over six hundred graduates of "The Family Bible Studies" to begin with--the future is bright.

D. S. Johnson reported the death of Fulton Archbold, a brother of B. L. Archbold, Secretary of the Inter-American Division. Information received by telephone June 26, 1968, was that Fulton Archbold, of Balboa, Canal Zone, was in an automobile accident and was burned to death. He leaves his wife and four children. The family should be remembered in our prayers.

The Chairman welcomed Don Roth to the Committee meeting. He is Assistant Secretary in the Far Eastern Division, and in charge of the Public Relations work for the Division.

Opening prayer by Don Roth.

MINUTES of the meeting held June 20, 1968, were approved.

PUBLISHING HOUSE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE:

On August 25, 1966, the General Conference Committee appointed a Book Planning Committee. Since that time the committee has been enlarged. It was--

VOTED, That the committee formerly known as the Book Planning Committee henceforth be known as the Publishing House Co-ordinating Committee, and that its membership be composed as follows: Vice-President for North America, Chairman; Secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department, Secretary; Board Chairmen of North American Publishing Houses; General Managers, Treasurers, Book Department Managers and Periodical Department Managers of North American Publishing Houses.

ANDRE B. FERRIER--TRANSFER TO CANADA:

Andre B. Ferrier, a worker in France, initiated arrangements to come to Canada in 1951. An invitation was extended to him to make the transfer, with the stipulations that this would be at his expense, no leave-of-absence privileges would be allowed, and his eligibility to sustentation would not be affected. He served as a minister in Canada until 1966 when he returned to the Swiss Union. He was invited to connect with the French Swiss Conference, on the basis of a national returning to his homeland. It is his desire now to return to Canada, and he is willing to transfer at his own expense. The Canadian Union Conference is requesting that he be permitted to return for service as a District Pastor.

VOTED, That Andre B. Ferrier be permitted to return to North America for continued service in the Canadian Union Conference on the basis of an irregular

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transfer at his own expense without leave-of-absence privileges; and since the ten-year provision of the General Conference Working Policy, page 307, paragraph 10, has already been fulfilled, the North American Division assume responsibility for his sustentation based on his total service to the denomination in the Southern European and North American Divisions.

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION--PUBLISHING SECRETARY:

On recommendation of the Middle East Division, and with the concurrence of the General Conference Officers, it was--

VOTED, That Maurice Katrieb, at present President of the Syria Section, be elected Publishing Secretary of the Middle East Division.

ROBERTA BECK--GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and Kettering Medical Center a call for Miss Roberta Beck, to connect with the General Conference Office as a Secretary.

E. T. BURLEY--ESDA, WEST COAST:

VOTED, To pass on to E. T. Burley, permanently returned from the Inter-American Division, a call for him to connect with the General Conference as Assistant Manager in ESDA on the West Coast.

MRS. TED LANG--LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Voice of Prophecy Board a call for Mrs. Ted Lang, to connect with Loma Linda University as a Secretary.

JOHN SCHMIDT, JR.--FEATHER RIVER SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to Andrews University a call from the Pacific Union and Northern California Conferences for John Schmidt, Jr., to connect with the Food Service Division of Feather River Sanitarium and Hospital.

MRS. CELESTINE FRAZIER--RIVERSIDE SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and South Central Conferences a call for Mrs. Celestine Frazier, to connect with the Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital as Accountant.

DOROTHY WALTER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Dorothy Walter from Benghazi, Libya, on her request, because of the illness of her father and her responsibility of caring for him; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Middle East Division.

JUDITH NOLIN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Judith Nolin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Nolin, of Beirut, Lebanon, for educational reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Middle East Division.

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CHERYL BROWN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Cheryl Brown, daughter of Elder and Mrs. Victor R. Brown, of Helderberg College, South Africa, for educational reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Trans-Africa Division.

GORDON DOSS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Gordon Doss, son of Elder and Mrs. Norman L. Doss, of Malawi, for educational reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Trans-Africa Division.

JUDITH YOUNG--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Judith Young, daughter of Elder and Mrs. Stephen W. Young, of Malawi, for educational reasons; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Trans-Africa Division.

L. DOLLY ALEXANDER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of L. Dolly Alexander at the close of her two-year term as a Teacher in the Rusangu School, in Zambia, at her request, for further study; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Trans-Africa Division.

MEDINA CHITTY--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Miss Medina Chitty from Rwanda, to Southern Europe, at her request, in view of her plans for marriage; and in harmony with the recommendation of the Trans-Africa Division.

FRANK KUNTZ--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, To authorize the permanent return of Frank Kuntz from Chile, for personal reasons, effective from August 15, 1968; and in harmony with the recommendation of the South American Division.

ROBERT E. RIEGER--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Robert E. Rieger be released from appointment as President of the Upper Amazon Mission, he having previously made a commitment to Lynwood Academy.

R. M. COUPLAND--RELEASED:

VOTED, That R. M. Coupland be released from the call to the Middle East College as head of the Music Department, at his request, to continue work on a doctorate degree.

KATHLEEN KANSANBACK--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Kathleen Kansanback be released from the call to teach Church School in Benghazi, Libya, on her request because of personal plans.

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MARIETTA KAYLOR, M.D.--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Marietta Kaylor, M.D., be released from the three-month relief appointment to Benghazi Adventist Hospital, Libya, on her request, in order to enter a residency.

CHARLES HELLMAN--FURLOUGH EXTENSION:

VOTED, To authorize a five-month furlough extension for Charles Hellman, to enable him to get official government certification as an X-ray Technician; in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division.

NURSE FROM AUSTRALIA FOR KENDU:

VOTED, To pass on to the Australasian Division a call from the Trans-Africa Division for a Nurse for Kendu; suggesting the name of Miss Frances Chambers, of Australia; and requesting the Australasian Division to process the call.

ANNIE LAURIE PARCHMENT--ANDREWS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to Miss Annie Laurie Parchment, of Los Angeles, California, an invitation from the Inter-American Division for her to serve as Assistant Business Manager at the Andrews Memorial Hospital; on the basis of a national returning.

LLOYD GRENVILLE FLEMING--SOUTH CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to Lloyd Grenville Fleming, who has his Master's degree from Andrews University, an invitation from the Inter-American Division for him to serve as a Teacher in the Secondary School in the South Caribbean Conference; on the basis of a national returning.

DONALD D. LARSON--TRANSFER OF APPOINTMENT TO CEYLON:

VOTED, That the appointment of Donald D. Larson be transferred from that of Science Teacher at the Raymond Memorial School, Palakata, India, to Science Teacher of the Lakpahana Training School at Kandy, in Ceylon; in harmony with the request of the Southern Asia Division.

LESTER ORTIZ--BELLA VISTA HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to Lester Ortiz, of the Bronx, New York City, an invitation from the Inter-American Division for him to serve as a Laboratory Technician in the Bella Vista Hospital; returning on the basis of a national.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That appointments and itineraries presented from the North American Travel Committee be approved as follows:

Wesley Amundsen--Cleveland, Ohio, dedication of Yugoslavian Church, July 13;
F. L. Bland--Omaha, Nebraska, meetings in church, July 26-28 (en route west);
E. E. Cleveland--Birmingham, Alabama, May 28, 29; New Orleans, Louisiana, make arrangements for effort beginning July 14, open date (1 day);

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D. W. Hunter--Andrews University, Pre-School Committee, August 18, 19;
LaVeta Payne (Southern Missionary College)--Washington, D.C., Sabbath School
Advisory Committee, March 19-21, 1969;
Paul Smith--Camp Cumby-Gay, conduct Seminar and Workers' Meetings, August 12-15;
J. R. Spangler--Fletcher and Asheville, North Carolina, speaking appointments,
June 28, 29;
Carl Sundin--Banff, Alberta, Canada, Association of SDA Optometrists, July 4-6.

Adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Neal C. Wilson, Chairman
C. O. Franz, Secretary
Katie Farney, Recording Secretary