MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Beirut, Lebanon. April 11, 1952 10:45 A. M.

PRESENT

Geo. J. Appel, T. W. Oswald, Geo. D. Keough, R. C. Dinning, A. R. Mazat and C. C. Morris.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VOTED, That the Minutes of meeting held March 9, 1952, be approved as read.

STUDENT BIBLE WORKERS EXPENSE 356

VOTED, To refer to the East Mediterranean Union the reportable expense items for student Bible workers who are spending part time in Bible work while attending Middle East College.

DAR EL SALAAM HOSPITAL - COOLERS 357 Correspondence has been received in regard to the cost of Desert Coolers, which are to be installed in the new Hospital building. The Contro Aire Company, in Los Angeles, submits a price of \$ 420.00 for each cooler, and six are needed for the building. The company has very graciously offered to donate three of the coolers.

VOTED, To authorize the placing of an order for six coolers at an estimated cost, for three, of approximately \$ 1,260.00. Freight, customs and the grills are not included in that price.

EAST MEDITERRANEAN UNION - ARMENIAN CHURCH LAND The brethren of the East Mediterranean Union made investigations in regard to the purchase of additional land adjoining the Armenian Church in Beirut, and find that it is possible to buy a lot, and have money on hand with which to purchase.

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VOTED, To authorize the East Mediterranean Union to purchase a lot adjoining the Armenian Church property at an estimated cost of Lb 9,000.00.

WADIE FARAG IRAN 359

Brother Wadie Farag is now working in Iraq and desires to make a trip to Iran in the interests of the Voice of Prophecy work.

VOTED, To authorize his making a trip to Iran before returning from Iraq.

PROFESSOR COSSENTINE VISIT

Professor Cossentine is visiting the Southern Asia Division, and will be making a trip from there to Europe and could stop off in Cairo and Beirut at little additional expense.

VOTED, That we place an invitation with Brother Cossentine and the General Conference asking that he ston off in Cairo and in Beirut in the interests of our educational work.

VOICE OF PROPHECY BEIRUT - ADDITIONAL HELP

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At the time of our November meeting, Elder George Keough was asked to spend his time in preparing literature in the Arabic language, and that he be relieved of his responsibilities in the Voice of Prophecy. However, up to now no provision has been made to care for the Voice of Prophecy work and Elder Keough has been continuing with his work in the Voice of Prophecy. Further study and consideration was given to what could be done to relieve him of this work, but no immediate solution has been worked out. In the meantime, it was

VOTED, That Brother Keough be authorized to arrange for additional help, on a temporary basis, in caring for the increasing volume of work in the Voice of Prophecy.

WORKERS MEETING PROGRAM APPROVED 362 VOTED, To approve of the detailed program for the Workers Meeting, July 4 to 15, as submitted.

WORKERS MEETING STANDING COMMITTEES

VOTED, That the following standing committees be appointed for the Workers Meeting, July 4 to 15.

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- 1. Entertainment Alger J. Jones, Chairman
 Miss Ruby Williams
 R. C. Dinning
 C. C. Morris
 A. B. King or Arthur Fund
- 2. Platform Committee A. W. Fiedler Chafic Srour Peter Beach
- 3. Music Committee G. Zytkoskee
 K. Oster
 Mrs. Hasso
- 4. Steering Committee Division Officers and R. R. Figuhr

MIDDLE EAST PRESS
CAR
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VOTED, That R. C. Dinning, C. C. Morris and G. J. Appel be authorized to serve as a committee, with power to act, in the purchase of a car for use of the Middle East Press.

ARMENIAN "SURVIVAL THROUGH FAITH" EDITION VOTED, To authorize the printing of 10,000 copies of the Armenian edition of "Survival Through Faith," the Division to subsidize the printing cost fifty per cent.

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VOTED, That the Division and Union officers be asked to serve as a reading committee on manuscript submitted for translation into Arabic of "Adventist Beliefs."

ADVENTIST BELIEFS
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ADJOURNMENT

Vor D, To adjourn.

Co. J. Appel, Chairman

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Beirut, Lebanon

April 24, 1952

2:00 P. M.

PRESENT

Geo. J. Appel, Geo. D. Keough, R. H. Hartwell, S. Nogeimie, R. C. Dinning, T. S. Geraty, C. C. Morris, and by invitation A. B. King.

OPENING

Prayer by C. C. Morris.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VOTED, That the minutes of April 11, 1952, be approved as read.

SOUTHERN ASIA YOUTH'S CONGRESS 367 VOTED, That word be sent to Southern Asia Division that we are not prepared to affiliate with them in their Youth's Congress. However, if our union organizations desire to send token representation at their expense, the way is open for them to do so.

DEAN OF WOMEN
MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE
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For some time we have had a call in with the General Conference for a lady Bible Worker for the East Mediterranean Union, thus releasing Miss Ruby Williams to the College as dean of women. Recent correspondence from the General Conference indicates that in their opinion it would be easier to secure a dean of women than a lady Bible worker.

VOTED, That the call be changed and that the General Conference be asked to secure for the Middle East College a dean of women, thus releasing Miss Williams to the East Mediterranean Union as a Bible worker, in the event that a Bible worker cannot be found reasonably soon.

NILE UNION - VOICE OF PROPHECY APPROP. 369

In view of a special campaign which the Nile Union is promoting to increase the Voice of Prophecy enrolees, for which they do not have sufficient funds, it was

VOTED, That a special appropriation of LEg 500.000 be made to the Nile Union to be used in the Voice of Prophecy Campaign for new enrolees.

MIDDLE EAST PRESS RETAINING WALL 370

Since the grading has been completed for the approach road to the Middle East Press building, it has become necessary to provide a retaining wall along the edge of the newly constructed road.

VOTED, To authorize a retaining wall to be made at an approximate cost of LL 2,500.00.

ELECTRIC SUPPLY
MIDDLE EAST PRESS
AND STUDIO BIDGS.
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VOTED, To authorize the installation of an above ground electric installation for Middle East Press and Studio buildings, with separate meters for each building.

R. R. FIGUHR ITINERARY 372 Elder R. R. Figuhr will be available for trips through the field following the Workers! Institute, for about two weeks.

VOTED, That a suggestive itinerary to Baghdad, Teheran, Amman and Cairo be planned for.

M. L. RICE VISIT

Word has been received that Elder M. L. Rice, of the Lake Union, plans a trip to the Middle East in 1953.

VOTED, To place with the General Conference an invitation for Elder Rice to visit the Middle East in 1953 at a time when general meetings will be held, the date of which is to be determined at our full meeting of the Committee in October.

MIDDLE EAST PRESS
PRINTING PRESS ORDER
374

At a previous meeting, authorization was given to order a printing press from Japan. Word just received from the Japan Union indicates that the price of this press is going to be more than anticipated. Furthermore, delivery cannot be obtained under six months at Yokohama, shipment and installation time not included. In the meantime, Brother Huse has written about a German press which he saw in operation and which he liked very much, and which can be delivered and installed in Beirut by the end of June, the cost of which is a little more than the Japanese press.

VOTED, To authorize the placing of an order for the German "Heidelberg Cylinder Press" instead of the one previously considered from Japan.

EAST MED. UNION CYPRUS WORK 375 Encouraging reports are coming to us in regard to the work in Cyprus. Brother Mole's furlough falls due in September, and the need of placing someone there during his furlough period was given consideration.

VOTED, That the missionary family coming for Lebanon-Syria be assigned to Cyprus for a year, and that the General Conference be notified of this so that transportation can be worked out direct to Cyprus instead of to Beirut.

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE CALL FOR HILAL DOSS 376

VOTED, That a call from Middle East College Board be forwarded to the East Mediterranean Union for the services of Hilal Doss as Bible teacher for the 1952-53 school year.

JULY WORKERS INST. DIVISION DELEGATES 377 VOTED, That the following list of workers be invited to attend the July Workers! Institute from the Division:

George D. Keough Arthur Keough T. S. Geraty Hilal Doss Dr. K. H. Pihl A. R. Mazat Wadie Farag Yousif Barbawy Ruby Williams G. M. Krick

APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION - TURKEY 378

At a recent meeting of the Division and East Mediterranean Union officers at Istanbul, careful consideration was given to the matter of securing recognition for our work in Turkey. recognition it is difficult for us to develop our work and provide the necessary facilities for work at its present state of growth. Interviews were held with the American Consular authorities and with a Turkey lawyer. It seems that now would be an opportune time to apply for recognition, and the counsel given to us by American consular representatives and by our Turkey lawyer were to the effect that this application should be made by our General Conference organization through the Turkish Ambassador in Washington. After a very careful review of this matter and study by the Committee, it was

VOTED, That we bring this matter to the attention of the General Conference brethren, recommending that if in their judgement it seems advisable to apply for recognition for our work in Turkey, that they proceed with this matter and make application to the Turkish Legation in Washington, and if the application is granted the details can be worked out through the Turkish authorities between Washington and Turkey.

BAGHDAD HOSPITAL DR. YINGLING EQUIPMENT 379

A long list of ear, nose and throat equipment items was forwarded to the Division by Brother Knight, requesting authorization for purchase of same. This list was sent to the Baghdad Hospital and has been carefully checked against equipment items on hand, and the list was revised and returned to us.

VOTED, That authorization be given for the purchase of the revised list of equipment up to an estimated cost of \$ 1,500.00.

T. S. GERATY ITINERARY 380 VOTED, To authorize Professor Geraty to make the following itinerary in the interests of Young People's Missionary Volunteer Youth's rallies, and to visit our schools in the interest of Middle East College promotion:

Egypt - April 30 to May 13
Turkey - May 14 to 20
Iraq - May 21 to 27
Jordania - May 28 to June 5
Beirut - June 6 to 8
Iran - June 11 to 16

R. C. DINNING BACHDAD
381 A German press of the same make which we voted to purchase at this same meeting of the Committee is being installed in Baghdad.

VOTED, That R. C. Dinning be authorized to make a trip to Baghdad to become acquainted with this item of equipment.

NILE UNION VOICE OF PROPHECY BUDGET 382 VOTED, That a budget referred to the Committee by the Nile Union for Voice of Prophecy be referred to available members of the Committee meeting in Cairo next week.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn.

Geo. J. Appel, Chairman

C. C. Morris, Secretary