

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MINUTESBeirut, LebanonJanuary 25, 19532:00 P.M.PRESENT

Geo. J. Appel, Wadie Farag, Geo. D. Keough, S. Nogeimie, A. R. Mazat, T. S. Geraty, M. J. McCulloch, R. H. Hartwell, and C. C. Morris.

OPENING

Prayer by T. S. Geraty.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VOTED, That Minutes of meeting held December 31, 1952 be approved as read.

M. J. MC CULLOCH
MEMBER OF COMMITTEE
679

VOTED, That Brother M. J. McCulloch be appointed as a member of the Middle East Division Committee, representing the Middle East Press.

BEIRUT EVANGELISTIC
EFFORT
680

The Chairman made a statement regarding a number of locations under consideration for conducting an evangelistic effort in Beirut. All have been ruled out because the city government will not permit us to hold an effort in any building except a church. In view of this regulation, the desirability of establishing our own evangelistic center was discussed, and it was

VOTED, To recommend to the East Mediterranean Union that study be given to the matter of securing a location and establishing an evangelistic center in Beirut, with the idea of having this completed by the time Elder O. Anderson will be coming here to conduct an effort, about a year hence.

IRAN MISSION
MEDICAL ALLOWANCE
BROTHER ISAIAH
681

VOTED, In response to a request from the Iran Mission, to apply the regular medical policy in granting aid to Brother Isaiah, on sustentation, for medical bills submitted.

IRAN MISSION
SUSTENTATION REQUEST
682

The Iran Mission filed a request for Brother Ohan Keshishzate to be placed on Sustentation. In view of the circumstances of the case, it was

VOTED, To authorize Brother Keshishzate to be placed on sustentation.

COMMITTEE ON
RECLAIMING FORMER
CHURCH MEMBERS
683

VOTED, That the Division chairman be a member of, and serve as chairman, of a committee composed of local and union mission presidents, to serve as a committee on reclaiming former church members.

TRANSLATION
"THOUGHTS ON PEACE"
COST
684

VOTED, To authorize the expense of £Eg 25,000 for translating "Thoughts on Peace."

GENERAL CONFERENCE
HELP BETWEEN NOW &
GENERAL CONFERENCE
SESSION
685

Correspondence was received from the General Conference Secretarial Department, suggesting that the Middle East Division file with the General Conference a list of our proposed needs for General Conference Departmental and Secretarial help between now and the General Conference Session. In reply to this inquiry, it was

VOTED, To list the following:

1. E. B. Hare - October, 1953
- 2. L. A. Skinner - February or March, 1954
- 3. Elmer Walde - February, 1954
- 4. H. F. Brown - February, 1954
5. Elder Vandeman - August, 1953
6. E. E. Cossentine - On a short visit to Egypt and Lebanon - February, 1953, a few days in each place.
7. G. A. Huse - Beirut, two weeks late in May, 1953.
8. A. A. Esteb - One month in 1953, as may be arranged.
9. Division Annual Council help, November 27 to December 7, 1953, asking for:
 - a. Elder W. H. Branson or D. E. Rebok
 - b. Elder C. L. Torrey or W. H. Williams.

WEEK OF PRAYER
MIDDLE EAST DIVISION
686

Inasmuch as there has developed a conflict between the Week of Prayer and the Annual Council, it was

VOTED, That the regular Week of Prayer date be set for December 12-19, 1953.

A. R. MAZAT
NILE UNION
687

VOTED, That A. R. Mazat be authorized to make a trip to the Nile Union during February, for appointments in the Home Missionary Department.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn.

Geo. J. Appel, Chairman

C. C. Morris, Secretary