

1959

Annual
Committee

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MIDDLE EAST DIVISION ANNUAL COMMITTEE MEETINGBeirut, LebanonNovember 11, 19597:30 P. M.PRESENT

R. A. Wilcox, W. R. Beach, C. L. Torrey, R. E. Anderson, R. C. Darnell, A. W. Fund, A. A. Haddad, R. H. Hartwell, W. E. Olson, R. E. Osborn, R. C. Skinner, R. W. Wilmot, A. G. Zytkoskee.

OPENING

The Annual Committee was opened by a few words of welcome from the president of the division and the reading of I Corinthians 9:19-23 in which Paul indicates that he was a servant of Jesus Christ by choice. Also a quotation was read from Evangelism, page 699, indicating that before the end there will be a memorial to this truth in every city and every village. Prayer was offered by Elders W. R. Beach and R. C. Darnell.

COMMITTEE PROGRAM
2608

VOTED, To adopt the program as listed in the agenda folder.

RESOLUTION OF
GRATITUDE
2609

VOTED, To adopt the following resolution of gratitude:

WHEREAS, God has granted us many tokens of love, mercy, and grace during the past year of unusual transition; and

WHEREAS, Not one of our salaried workers has lost his life during the past twelve months period; and

WHEREAS, God has sent us a number of recruits, among whom are Elder and Sister R. A. Wilcox, Elder A. G. Zytkoskee and family, Elder and Sister P. G. Christakos, the J. L. Sprout family, Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Peacock, as well as a number of B. A. graduates from Middle East College; and

WHEREAS, God has enabled us to complete or nearly complete building projects as follows:

1. The Beirut Evangelistic Center
2. The new Beirut Arabic Church and Mission Office Building
3. The Bishmezzine School Building in Lebanon
4. The second floor of the Men's Dormitory of Middle East College
5. The new Baghdad Church and Mission Office Building
6. The Mission Office Building in Amman
7. The Cairo Evangelistic Center
8. A Faculty Duplex at Middle East College
9. The new Boiler Room addition to the College Laundry; and

WHEREAS, God made it possible for us to have a successful summer for the student colporteurs, and the holding of a large number of public evangelistic meetings in nearly every area of the division where we have workers located; and

WHEREAS, God has blessed us with increased appropriations for carrying forward His work in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, He has in a marked way helped in a number of emergencies and very special problems, we, as members in attendance at the 1959 annual Middle East Division committee meeting, take much pleasure in

VOTING, a Resolution of Gratitude to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for each of the above listed blessings, and the many others that we have failed to mention. While thanking Him for all progress and every success that has attended our efforts for Him, we also request His pardon for our negligence and dilatory spirit, for our clumsy and awkward ways, that have resulted in loss. Again we thank and praise His holy name, and register our determination to renew our consecration for service and loving sacrifice in 1960.

STANDING COMMITTEES
2610

VOTED, That the standing committees be as listed in the agenda folder.

DISTRIBUTION OF
AGENDA ITEMS
2611

The items on the agenda were distributed to the various standing committees.

EXPRESSION OF APPRE-
CIATION TO THE
R. E. OSBORN FAMILY
2612

VOTED, To express the appreciation of the Middle East Division to Elder R. E. Osborn and family for the faithful years of service they have given to the Middle East Division, and to wish them God speed in their newly appointed field.

A. W. FUND ACTING
TREASURER AND
AUDITOR
2613

VOTED, To recommend that, in addition to his other duties, A. W. Fund be appointed to serve as acting Treasurer and acting Auditor of the Middle East Division.

DIVISION OFFICERS'
REPORTS
2614

The president presented an encouraging and interesting report, giving specific instances of progress which he has noticed in his jounies throughout the division. The secretary and the treasurer also presented their reports, mostly in statistical form, the treasurer showing the standing of each organization and institution in the division as of June 30, 1959, particularly emphasizing the operating capital standing of each organization.

GENERAL CONFERENCE
AUDITOR'S STATEMENT
2615

VOTED, To accept the General Conference auditor's statement prepared by H. B. Blume, associate auditor, as of December 31, 1958, and read by C. L. Torrey.

REPORT ON DEBT
REDUCTION
2616

Elder R. E. Osborn reported that the Middle East Division has no debts.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn at 9:25 p.m. to 9:15 a.m. November 12, 1959. Prayer was offered by R. E. Osborn.

The council reassembled at 7:30 p.m. November 12, 1959, with those in usual attendance present. Prayer was offered by A. A. Haddad.

VOTED, To ask A. G. Zytkoskee to be acting secretary in the absence of R. H. Hartwell because of illness.

1960 BIENNIAL
COUNCIL
2617

VOTED, That the 1960 Biennial Council be held November 15 to 22 in Beirut.

1960 MID-YEAR
COMMITTEE MEETING
2618

VOTED, That a mid-year committee meeting in which all Middle East Division committee members will be invited be held June 27 and 28, 1960.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
EXTENSION SCHOOL
2619

VOTED, To request the General Conference for a Theological Seminary extension school to be held in the Middle East Division some time during the year 1961.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR
1961
2620

VOTED, That the following church calendar be adopted for the year 1961:

		<u>SPECIAL DAYS</u>	<u>SPECIAL OFFERINGS</u>
January	7	Home Visitation	Church Missionary
	21	Religious Liberty	Religious Liberty
	28-Feb.4	Hope Campaign	
February	4	Home Missionary	Hope Subscriptions
	11	Christian Home and Family Altar	Middle East College
	25	Temperance Commitment Day	
March	4	Home Missionary	Church Missionary
	11	Sabbath School Rally Day	Missions Advance
	18-25	MV Week of Prayer	
	25	13th Sabbath	
April	1	Home Visitation and Voice of Prophecy Day	Church Missionary
May	6	Home Missionary	Church Missionary
	13		Disaster & Famine
	20	Spirit of Prophecy Day	Relief
June	3	Home Missionary	Church Missionary
	10-17	Call to Health Campaign	
	17		Call to Health Sub-
	24	13th Sabbath	scriptions
July	1	Home Missionary	Church Missionary
	8	Mid-Summer Missionary Service	Mid-Summer Offering
August	5	Home Missionary	Church Missionary
	12	Christian Education	Local Training School
	19	Tithe Promotion	(Secondary)

SPECIAL DAYS (Continued)SPECIAL OFFERINGS

September 2	Home Missionary	Church Missionary
9	Missions Extension Day	Missions Extension
23-Oct. 7	Ingathering Campaign	
30	13th Sabbath	
October 7	Home Visitation Day	Ingathering
7-14	Voice of Prophecy Campaign	
14		Voice of Prophecy
21	Sabbath School Visitors' Day	
28	Temperance Day	Temperance
November 4	Home Missionary	Church Missionary
11-18	Week of Prayer and Sacrifice	
18		Week of Sacrifice
December 2	Home Missionary	Church Missionary
30	13th Sabbath	

HOME VISITATION
DAYS LITERATURE
2621

VOTED, That we refer the matter of appropriate literature for 1960 Home Visitation Days to the Home Missionary Department.

COLPORTEUR
INDUCEMENTS
2622

VOTED, That the East Mediterranean Union Action #2398 in regard to colporteur inducements be tabled.

ITALIAN COLPORTEUR
FOR LIBYA
2623

VOTED, That the secretary correspond with the Southern European Division, informing them that we concur with their request to send an Italian colporteur into Libya to work among the Italian speaking population.

APPROPRIATION ON
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS
2624

VOTED, That we continue the Spirit of Prophecy books and overseas denominational periodicals appropriation policy for nationals as recorded in Action #2023 during the year 1960.

TEACHING STAFF FOR
EDUCATIONAL INSTI-
TUTIONS
2625

VOTED, To recommend that careful study be made in our educational institutions for the provision of their teaching staffs early in the calendar year for the ensuing school year.

MUNSIF FARGO FINAN-
CIAL SETTLEMENT
2626

VOTED, To authorize an appropriation of 150 Iraqi dinars to Munsif Fargo as a final settlement for his services; furthermore, that we authorize the amount of his deposit to the Middle East Division of 208 Iraqi dinars, plus the 150 Iraqi dinars authorized for settlement, to be given in the equivalent of dollars to Nabil Saaty to be deposited in a bank in the United States to the account of Munsif Fargo.

IRAN MISSION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
2627

VOTED, That we amend Article 6, Section I of the constitution to read as follows: The Iran Mission Executive Committee shall consist of not more than seven members, of which the president and the secretary-treasurer shall be ex officio members, with the president as chairman.

NILE UNION CHARITY CLINIC
2628

VOTED, That after considering the suggestion of the Nile Union that a charity clinic be set up in the Cairo Center instead of a physiotherapy unit as was suggested in Action #2578, we authorize the Nile Union to proceed in arranging for such a clinic in connection with the Center.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Prayer was offered by W. R. Beach.

The council reassembled at 9:15 a.m. November 13, 1959, with those in usual attendance present. Prayer was Offered by R. E. Anderson.

BAPTISMAL GOALS FOR 1960
2629

VOTED, To set a goal of 350 baptisms for the division for 1960, and suggest the following breakdown:

East Mediterranean Union	160
Nile Union	160
Iran Section	30

INGATHERING GOALS FOR 1960
2630

VOTED, To suggest the following goals for Ingathering for 1960:

East Mediterranean Union	L£	20,000.00
Nile Union	£Eg	1,500.000
Iran Section	Rials	100,000.00

GREETINGS TO FORMER WORKERS
2631

VOTED, To request the secretary to convey our greetings to such former workers as Elders Appel, Branson, Cubley, Morris, Geraty, Keough, and Mazat.

INGATHERING PLANNING COMMITTEE
2632

VOTED, To appoint the division Home Missionary secretary and the Home Missionary secretaries of the East Mediterranean Union, the Nile Union, the Lebanon Section, the Iran Section, and the division treasurer, and the manager of the Middle East Press as members of the Ingathering Central Planning Committee, and that this committee meet in June in Beirut before the mid-year meeting of the division committee. It was further agreed that each field set its own Ingathering date for six weeks in 1960, but that the division endeavor to set a suitable date for the year 1961, and that orders for supplies be referred to the Central Planning Committee.

SPECIAL BIBLE COURSE
ENROLLMENT PLAN
2633

VOTED, To adopt and promote the following plan for increasing Bible Correspondence enrollments and following up interests, as recommended by P. G. Christakos:

"The plan which we are following here in taking personally the first lesson of the Bible Correspondence Course to the homes of the people, and something about the follow-up of interests is as follows:

"The ones going out to get enrollments are given a copy of a recent newspaper advertisement such as the one enclosed, but in Greek when we are working with the Greek people. They show this to the people and ask if they have seen it in the newspaper. Naturally the person will read the ad. Then the worker produces the first lesson of the course and explains the way that it should be studied and how to answer the questions on the test sheet. The people are encouraged especially to answer the questions by telling them that they will find it very interesting in doing so and they will learn much more from the lessons. They are also told that they will not receive any more lessons unless they return the test paper. The self-addressed envelope is given them in which to return the test paper, also the introductory letter of instruction. They are told that the corrected and graded test paper with the next two lessons will be mailed to them. And upon completion of the course they will not only have received a very good knowledge of the Bible, but will also be awarded a beautiful certificate suitable for framing. It is emphasized that all this is given absolutely free of any charge.

"Of course there are many other avenues by which to secure enrollments, but since most of these are known I shall not mention them. The idea of using a copy of the newspaper ad was given by Brother Barlas, and I believe it is a very good approach.

"Concerning the follow-up: I am not doing it here yet as I would like because I do not have a good working knowledge of the language yet. But from my experience I would suggest the following plan:

"1. Enlist and train certain qualified laymen and go with them on the first visit to every student who has completed ten lessons of the course. Have a brief friendly visit with the student and give him a tract or booklet on the plan of salvation.

"2. Have the layman visit him again just before the first lesson on the Sabbath is given. Instruct the layworker to discuss the plan of salvation in a kind tactful manner and ask if the student has surrendered his life to Christ. If he has made his decision for Christ, then by using such texts as John 8:30-32 and I John 1:7; 2:3,4 impress upon

him the necessity of obedience to all the commandments of God as soon as he receives light upon them. Leave him literature on the importance of obedience, and if the interest warrants it, loan him Great Controversy or the Impending Conflict.

"3. Right after the test papers on all the Sabbath lessons have been received by the student, then the minister and layworker should go together to visit him. If there is not sufficient time to answer all the students' questions, then plans should be made for the lay worker to give him Bible studies on such subjects as would be indicated. Also give him literature to read on the Sabbath question.

"4. The lay worker should inform the minister on the progress being made. If he feels the need of help the minister will be always available.

"5. The layman should bring or come with the student to the church services.

"6. The minister should plan to secure all the major decisions when the time is ripe, unless the lay worker has been able to do it.

"7. The conducting of cottage meetings where there are several Bible course interests is also a very fruitful means of gathering souls into the church.

"8. Where there are a large number of interests it might warrant conducting a public effort.

"9. In visiting Bible course students I have found it generally best to let them do a major share of the talking and to draw them out as much as possible so as to ascertain their true feelings and beliefs, working on the principle that 'Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh'. Thus in diagnosing each case one can know what remedies are needed and work accordingly.

"10. In appealing to a student to accept any truth it is always best to present it as a step in following Jesus, who is the 'Way, the Truth, and the Life'.

"11. We should never present the truth in a 'take it or leave it' manner. If we do, people will generally leave it. We must help people realize that what they do with truth is a matter of eternal consequence."

SPECIAL TRACTS
TO BE PREPARED
2634

VOTED, To prepare a series of special tracts appropriate for use among Moslem people, and also prepare a set of correspondence lessons that will meet the special needs of this same people.

"HOPE" AND "CALL TO
HEALTH" FOR EGYPT
2635

VOTED, To authorize the Middle East Press to send the "Hope" magazine and the "Call to Health" (Arabic) to Egypt in bulk on a trial basis, and that Egypt wrap and address these periodicals, stamp them and mail them and handle the correspondence regarding them.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn at 11:50 a.m. Prayer was offered by R. H. Hartwell.

The council reassembled at 7:30 p.m. November 14, 1959, with those in usual attendance present. Prayer was offered by R. A. Wilcox.

HOME MISSIONARY
REPORT VALUES
2636

VOTED, That when reporting Home Missionary activities in this division the following values be used:

Food Baskets	L£	10.00
Articles of Clothing		5.00
Hours of Christian Service		1.00

MINISTERIAL BOOK
CLUB FOR 1960
2637

VOTED, That a special Ministerial Book Club be selected for the Middle East Division for 1960, consisting partly of books recommended by the General Conference Ministerial Association and partly of books selected by the division Ministerial Association Secretary and approved by the division committee, it being understood that wherever possible at least one book be chosen in the national language used by the minister. It is understood that the employing organizations will subsidize the worker 50% of the cost of the books purchased under this plan.

SYLLABUS BY STRAW
2638

VOTED, To refer the matter of translating the Syllabus by Professor Straw to the division Literature Committee.

TRAINING FOR MIDDLE
EAST NURSES
2639

VOTED, That the division officers, together with the Middle East College president, investigate the possibility of having some of our girls take their nurses course in the Karachi Hospital School of Nursing.

ADVANCE PLANS FOR
INSTITUTES AND
CONVENTIONS
2640

VOTED, That organizations planning for institutes and conventions make requests for necessary help well in advance of the time needed.

CREDENTIALS AND
LICENSES FOR 1960
2641

VOTED, To authorize the issuance of the following credentials and licenses for 1960:

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION

MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS--

R. C. Darnell
 A. A. Haddad
 R. H. Hartwell
 G. A. Keough
 W. E. Olson
 R. E. Osborn

MISSIONARY CREDENTIALS--

Nora Atkins
 I. N. Swaidan

MINISTERIAL LICENSE--

William Wagner, M. D.

LICENSED MISSIONARIES--

Indra Ashod
 Mrs. R. C. Darnell
 Mrs. R. H. Hartwell
 Mrs. G. A. Keough
 Mrs. W. E. Olson
 Mrs. R. E. Osborn
 Izella P. Stuivenga
 Mrs. William Wagner
 Mrs. R. A. Wilcox

HONORARY MINISTERIAL
CREDENTIALS--

Shukri Nowfel
 Basta Bishai

HONORARY MISSIONARY
CREDENTIALS--

A. E. Ashod

HONORARY CREDENTIALLED
BIBLE INSTRUCTOR--

Nanajan Badal

HONORARY MINISTERIAL LICENSE--

Samuel Farag
 Ohan Keshishzade

HONORARY MISSIONARY LICENSE--

Mrs. A. E. Ashod
 Mrs. Mary Al Khalil

BENGAZI HOSPITAL

MISSIONARY CREDENTIALS--

Gladys Hurd

MINISTERIAL LICENSE--

J. P. Munsey

MISSIONARY LICENSE--

Genova Alajaji
 Rae Anna Brown
 Gladys Dandan
 Koukab Deeb
 Samira Deeb
 Rafik Issa
 Fawzia Kolta
 Mounir Masloub
 Mrs. Mounir Masloub
 Mrs. J. P. Munsey
 Theodore Williams
 Mrs. Theodore Williams
 Wadie Youssef
 Mrs. Wadie Youssef

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS--	MISSIONARY LICENSE--
J. S. Russell	Najla Aboujauda
K. L. Vine	Mrs. G. T. Gott
	Ibrahim Hanna
MISSIONARY CREDENTIALS--	Mrs. E. D. McGhee
Edith C. Davis	Michael Nabti
George T. Gott	Mrs. J. S. Russell
Mary Haddad	Mrs. K. L. Vine
E. D. McGhee	Mrs. E. W. Waring
Mrs. John Minassian	Violet V. Wentland
Najwa Nabti	
Nourhan Ouzounian	
Shahin Ouzounian	MINISTERIAL LICENSE--
June Soper	Henry Melki
E. W. Waring	

MIDDLE EAST PRESS

MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS--	MISSIONARY LICENSE--
M. C. Grin	Elias Abdelnour
Maurice Katrib	Mrs. R. E. Anderson
	Boutros Ghazal
MISSIONARY CREDENTIALS--	Mrs. M. C. Grin
R. E. Anderson	Arsen Keshishzade
Naim Awais	Yervant Maksoudyan
	Aida Esber

EAST MEDITERRANEAN UNION

MISSIONARY CREDENTIALS--
A. W. Fund

NILE UNION

MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS--
A. G. Zytkoskee

MINISTERIAL LICENSE--
R. W. Wilmot

IRAN SECTION

MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS--	MISSIONARY CREDENTIALS--
K. S. Oster	J. S. Gabriel
H. K. Salakian	Melcom Gasparian
Y. O. Sangarloo	M. H. Morovati
R. C. Skinner	J. L. Sprout

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Prayer was offered by R. C. Darnell.

The council reassembled at 8:30 p.m. November 15, 1959, with those in usual attendance present. Prayer was offered by C. L. Torrey.

1959 MISSIONS EXTENSION REALLOCATION
2642

VOTED, That the 1959 Missions Extension funds be re-allocated from equipment for the Dar Es Salaam Hospital to the Matariah Mercy Home due to the loss of the hospital to the government of Iraq.

1960 MISSIONS EXTENSION PROJECT
2643

VOTED, To use the 1960 Missions Extension offering for the erection of village chapels throughout the division.

RENT POLICY REVIEW
2644

VOTED, That we adopt the division actions on rent policy to make the new regular rent policy for the division as follows:

1. In order for a worker to qualify for a rent subsidy for himself and the dependent immediate members of his family, he shall rent his accommodations in counsel with his employing organization. The housing needs of the worker and his dependent immediate family shall be taken into consideration by the employing organization. A dependent immediate member of a worker's family includes father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, who have no other major means of support.
2. A worker is not ordinarily obliged to pay as rent more than 10 per cent of his salary, exclusive of furnishings, heat, light, and cooking fuel.
3. In the event the denomination provides furniture for a worker, the worker shall pay from 1% to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ % of the cost price of the furniture monthly as rent.
4. A general Rent ceiling of 25 per cent of the worker's salary shall apply, the worker paying the first 10 per cent of his salary and the employing organization subsidizing the remainder, with the following exceptions:

Beirut	- 35%
Egypt - Governorates	- 30%
Iraq	- 35%
Cyprus	- 35%
Amman	- 35%
Iran - Tehran	- 40%
- Rest of Country	- 30%
Benghazi	- 40%
Aden	- 40%
Damascus	- 30%
Jerusalem	- 30%

5. If the worker pays more as rent than the percentages listed in No. 4 above, the next 10 per cent shall be equally divided between the worker and the employing organization. Any rent paid in excess of the rent ceiling plus this 10 per cent shall be the responsibility of the worker.

6. All rent subsidies shall be reviewed by the employing organization annually at the time the rent contract is renewed.

7. If more than one worker, other than husband and wife, live in one denominationally owned accommodation, each worker shall pay 10 per cent of his salary as rent. In the event the employing organization recognizes that such accommodations should be rented for less than 10 per cent of each worker's salary, the employing organization may adjust the percentage as circumstances may warrant.

8. If more than one worker, other than husband and wife, live together in non-denominationally owned accommodations, the employing organization shall determine the rent ceiling applicable for the combined occupancy, with the individual rent subsidies being computed after ascertaining the workers' individual rent cost according to the proportion of the accommodations used, leaving the application of this policy to the employing organization.

COLLEGE CHARGES
EQUALIZATION PLAN
2645

VOTED, To adopt the College Charges Equalization Plan for the 1960-61 school year as follows:

"VOTED, To concur in the recommendation of the special committee set up in Action #2493 that the equalization plan for Seventh-day Adventist students and students from Seventh-day Adventist homes attending Middle East College be continued during the 1959-60 school year, but that it be based on the amount of cash, to apply on school expenses, brought in from the home country, excluding colporteur scholarship earnings, with the division, union, and mission sharing the subsidy equally on students approved by the mission committee, the subsidies to be as follows:

Egyptian Students -- For every L£ 1.00 of cash turned in a subsidy of L£ .50.
Jordanian Students -- For every L£ 1.00 of cash turned in a subsidy of L£ .10.
Cyprus Students -- For every L£ 1.00 of cash turned in a subsidy of L£ .05.

EDUCATIONAL ALLOWANCE FOR CHILDREN OF WORKERS 2646 VOTED, to add to Paragraph 2 of the Educational Policy as found in Action #2028 and amended by Action #2352, the following:

Four children, 40%; 5 children, 45%; 6 or more children, 50%, with 50% as the maximum allowance.

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FOR SOLE WAGE EARNERS 2647 VOTED, To add the following as Paragraph 8 of the Educational Policy as found in Action #2028 and amended by Action #2352:

Any deviation from the Educational Policy shall be approved by the next higher organization.

FIXED EXCHANGE RATES FOR 1960 2648 VOTED, To record the fixed exchange rates for 1960 as found in the Autumn Council minutes of the General Conference as follows:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>Fixed Rate in Local Currency</u>	<u>1960 Fixed Rate</u>
Cyprus	Pound		2.80
Egypt	Egyptian £		2.25
Iran	Rial	75.00	.0133333
Iraq	Dinar		2.80
Jordan	Pound		2.80
Libya	Pound		2.80
Lebanon	Lebanese £	3.1250	.32
Sudan	Sudanese £		2.80
Syria	Syrian £	3.3333	.30
Turkey	Turkish Lira	9.00	.11111

13th SABBATH OVERFLOW FIRST QUARTER OF 1961 2649

VOTED, That the 13th Sabbath Overflow Offering for the first quarter of 1961 be used on the following projects:

1. Church In Jerusalem
2. Home Economics and Science Building at Middle East College
3. Matariah Mercy Home

AUTOMOBILE POLICY 2650

VOTED, To reaffirm the action taken by the Audit Committee on January 4, 1957 whereby the matter of automobile authorizations is referred to the union, detached mission, and division institutional boards for handling, but that the allowances for operating automobiles be standardized effective January 1, 1960 as follows:

Kilometer Rate for all types of automobiles--Computed in the currency of the country in which the automobile is operated, using the following formula: Add the cost of 100 liters of regular grade benzine, 4 quarts (kilos) of medium grade motor oil, a lubrication job for a small car, and the cost of repairing one tire puncture; multiply the resulting figure by .003725 which will give the rate to be allowed per kilometer. (The division treasurer will assemble the cost figures and will notify the organizations and institutions yearly of the kilometer rate using the formula stated.)

Automobile Insurance--75% of the cost of full coverage
(~~3rd party~~) insurance.

No other allowances such as depreciation and licensing fees are to be allowed. Organization committees and institutional boards are responsible for annually setting kilometer budgets, and budgetary provision will determine the application of this policy.

CHURCH BURGLARY
INSURANCE
2651

VOTED, To refer to the unions and local mission committees the letter from the General Conference Insurance Service on church burglary and theft insurance.

HOME OWNERS'
SUBSIDY POLICY
2652

VOTED, To continue the Home Owners' Subsidy Policy to be paid on a monthly basis as follows:

When a worker who is the head of a family, in counsel with and by consent of his employing committee, owns, purchases or builds a home for his own occupancy in the locality where he is assigned to work, the employing organization shall establish a rental value on the home in harmony with the needs of his family and consistent with the prevailing rents charged in the area and within the rent ceilings established by the division committee for the locality concerned; the worker may then qualify for a Home Owner's Subsidy equal to the difference between 80% of the rental value established and the rental percentage of salary paid by the worker. The allowance may be granted on a monthly basis.

BASE APPROPRIATIONS
FOR 1960
2653

VOTED, To recommend that an increase of 5% over 1959 base appropriations be granted except for the Radio Studio which is to remain the same as for 1959, and that the percentage of increase for the Nile Union be 7½%, and that it be 15% for Middle East College, with the following being the adjusted base appropriations for 1960:

Holding for Sudan Development	LE	30,000.00
Division Office - Regular		156,203.10
***Middle East College		121,936.14
Middle East Press		51,009.59
Radio Studio		9,600.00
*Iran Mission (Rials 2,759,006.25)		114,958.59
East Mediterranean Union		296,048.64
**Nile Union (£Eg 34,998.867)		246,085.78
Benghazi Hospital (Lib£ 2,965.436)		25,947.57
Total		<u>1,051,789.41</u>

*Includes Rials 198,393 for Physiotherapy Unit operation.

**Includes £Eg 1,737.081 to be held for Aden budget in division as reserve, leaving net of £Eg 33,261.786.

***Includes LE 5,400.00 to be held in division until science teacher is actually employed.

FUNDS AVAILABLE--
1960 SPECIALS
 2654

VOTED, To record the following funds as being available for specials for 1960:

General Conference - Specials	L£	390,625.00
General Conference - Church Extension		43,750.00
Division:		
Miscellaneous Donations		15.63
Missions Extension Reversion		113.59
Exchange		50,000.00
Ingathering Reversion		5,000.00
1959 Specials Contingency Fund		25,000.00
Spring in Tithes and Offerings		<u>4,915.03</u>
Total Available for Specials		519,419.25

SPECIAL FUNDS
DISTRIBUTED FOR 1960
 2655

VOTED, To distribute the special funds for 1960 as follows:

East Mediterranean Union

<u>Class III:</u>	<u>Local</u> <u>Currency</u>	<u>Lebanese</u> <u>Currency</u>
Union--Physiotherapy Equipment and Installation		15,000.00
Iraq--Assyrian Typewriter ID	200.000	1,750.00
Jordan--Office & Evang. Equip. JD	150.000	1,312.50
Lebanon--Office Equipment		1,000.00
Iraq--Baghdad Church Equipment ID	700.000	6,125.00
Cyprus--Evangelistic Equipment Cy£	180.000	1,575.00
Turkey--Evangelistic Equipment £Tq	4,500.00	1,562.50

Class IV:

Lebanon--Office and Museitbe Church Completion		8,000.00
Jordan--Jerusalem Land and Chapel	JD 4,000.000	35,000.00
Lebanon--Junior Camp Site		7,500.00
Lebanon--Museitbe School Stairs and Grounds Adaptation		1,600.00
Lebanon--Aramoun Property Wall (Balance)		1,000.00

Church Extension:

Jordan--Kerak Church Land	JD 500.000	4,375.00
Lebanon--Beirut Armenian Church and School Land		<u>40,000.00</u>
Total - East Mediterranean Union		125,800.00

Nile UnionClass III:

Cairo Center--Chairs	£Eg	1,500.00	10,546.88
Cairo Center--General Equip.		2,500.00	17,578.12
Nile Union Academy--			
Boys' Dormitory Balance		150.00	1,054.69
School Furniture		800.00	5,625.00
Typewriters (2)		250.00	1,757.81
Truck		1,200.00	8,437.50

Class IV:

Cairo Center Completion		4,500.00	31,640.63
Nile Union Academy Barn		2,500.00	17,578.13
Egypt Section--Alexandria			
Church Land		10,000.00	<u>70,312.50</u>
Total - Nile Union			164,531.26

Iran SectionClass III:

Office Equipment	Rials	60,000.00	2,500.00
Julfa Church--Piano		70,000.00	2,916.67
Church Equipment		40,000.00	1,666.67
Iran Training School Equip- ment (Specific Items to be selected by Iran Mission Committee)		500,000.00	20,833.33

Class IV:

Iran Training School--			
Cook & Watchman's House		120,000.00	5,000.00
Boys' Dormitory Bathroom		70,000.00	2,916.67
Girls' Dormitory		1,200,000.00	50,000.00
Hot House Completion		50,000.00	<u>2,083.33</u>
Total - Iran Section			87,916.67

Benghazi HospitalClass III:

Heating Stoves (4)	Lib£	450.000	3,937.50
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Class IV:

Laboratory Expansion		600.000	5,250.00
Waiting Room for Charity Patients		500.000	<u>4,375.00</u>
Total - Benghazi Hospital			13,562.50

Middle East CollegeClass IV:

Staff Housing			18,000.00
Arabic Elementary School Completion			<u>25,000.00</u>
Total - Middle East College			43,000.00

Division Contingency Fund

84,608.82

SPECIALS DISBURSED - SUMMARY

East Mediterranean Union		125,800.00
Nile Union	£Eg	23,400.000
Iran Section	Rials	2,110,000.00
Benghazi Hospital	Lib£	1,550.000
Middle East College		43,000.00
Division Contingency Fund		<u>34,608.82</u>
Total - Specials Disbursed		519,419.25

BIBLE SOCIETY
DONATION
2656

VOTED, To make a donation of L£ 100.00 to the Bible Society office in Lebanon.

EVANGELISTIC FUND
REQUEST
2657

VOTED, That the evangelistic fund requests for 1960 be referred to the available members of the division committee.

VOICE OF PROPHECY
FUNDS DISTRIBUTION
FOR 1960
2658

VOTED, That the 1960 radio funds available from the General Conference be distributed by the available members of the division committee.

1959 THIRTEENTH SAB-
BATH OFFERING OVER-
FLOW DISTRIBUTION
2659

VOTED, That the specific distribution of the 1959 Thirteenth Sabbath Offering Overflow be deferred.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn at 10:00 p.m. Prayer was offered by R. E. Osborn.

The council reassembled at 8:30 p.m. November 16, 1959, with those in usual attendance present. Prayer was offered by W. R. Beach.

BENGHAZI HOSPITAL
CONSTITUTION REVI-
SION
2660

VOTED, In harmony with Actions #2460 and #2461 to refer the revision of the Benghazi Hospital constitution to the next hospital constituency meeting.

SECURITY OF
PROPERTY
2661

VOTED, Regarding denominational property being held in the name of individuals, to defer action on implementing Action #2441, exploring with legal counsel the advisability when necessary of setting up a national organization as a holding society in the division, while at the same time endeavoring to register all property in the name of the General Conference.

VACATION POLICY
2662

VOTED, That we amend the vacation policy for the division as follows:

All regular full-time Seventh-day Adventist workers who have been in our denominational employ for a year or more may be granted two weeks' vacation each year on salary, as arranged for by the officers or controlling committees. All travel and other expenses involved are to be considered personal.

Exceptions: That the vacation period for workers assigned to the following places will be as indicated:

Iraq (except Basra)--three weeks per year.

Basra (Iraq), Abadan (Iran), non-Sudanese in Sudan, and Aden--four weeks per year. A transportation allowance equal to surface second class rail or bus fare round-trip will be allowed every other year to Tehran for workers in Abadan. Workers in Aden and Sudan will be allowed tourist air fare round-trip to Asmara every other year.

Three weeks' vacation may be allowed workers who have put in twenty years or more continuous fulltime denominational service.

That in the case of a worker who has not had continuous service it be required that he have a total service of one year additional to the twenty for each year he has been out of denominational employ in order to qualify for the three weeks' vacation, in harmony with the principle followed in reckoning the service period for sustentation eligibility.

A worker may be granted travel time by the most direct route from his place of employment to his home in addition to the vacation time to which he would normally be entitled; furthermore, a worker may be granted the expense by medium class surface transportation to visit his home every other year for that portion above 750 kilometers distance round trip for himself and for each dependent member of his family.

Upon approval of his employing committee or board, a worker whose homeland is other than the country in which he is working may carry over one week of his vacation to the succeeding year.

In transferring workers, the vacation should be considered in working out the settlement between the two organizations or institutions involved. Otherwise, the organization employing the worker at the time the vacation is taken will be responsible.

WORKER EDUCATIONAL
ADVANCEMENT POLICY
2663

VOTED, That we continue the present Worker Educational Advancement Policy for the division without any change.

BENGHAZI HOSPITAL
PURCHASE
2664

Regarding the question of purchasing the remaining portion of the Benghazi Hospital property which was deferred until this meeting by our Action #2576, it was

VOTED, That if, after talking with the lawyer in Benghazi, it appears that we can keep what we need of the hospital property, including the bombed out section, we approve the plan of seeking partition.

MINISTERIAL WORKERS
2665

WHEREAS, "Those who desire to give themselves to the work of God should receive an education and training for this work, that they may be prepared to engage in it intelligently," Gospel Workers, p. 73; and

WHEREAS, "The cause of God needs efficient men. Education and training are rightly regarded as an essential preparation for business life; and how much more essential is thorough preparation for the work of presenting the last message of mercy to the world. This training cannot be gained by merely listening to preaching. . . They are to receive a thorough training under experienced teachers," Ibid, pp. 70, 71; and

WHEREAS, It is our desire to raise and maintain the standards of the ministry in the Middle East, therefore it was

VOTED, 1. That all future ministerial workers employed by the organizations within the Middle East Division be at least theological graduates with a B. A. degree.

2. That in exceptional cases where the field may feel it necessary to call a man to labor who has not yet completed his B. A. course, that such a worker may be employed if he has finished the Junior College level of the ministerial course, with the understanding that the worker be encouraged to finish his course as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn at 12:30 noon.

The council reassembled at 8:00 p.m. November 16, 1959, with those in usual attendance present. Prayer was offered by R. A. Wilcox.

GENERAL CONFERENCE
HELP
2666

VOTED, That we request the following assistance from the General Conference:

- a. 1960 - Medical (at least 3 weeks)
Radio, Late Spring or Summer (at least
6 weeks)
Educational, Fall (at least 6 weeks)
- b. 1961 - Missionary Volunteer and Temperance
- c. 1962 - Ministerial and Home Missionary

DAR ES SALAAM
HOSPITAL FUNDS
2667

VOTED, To place the 98,325 £ and 3 shillings received for the Dar Es Salaam Hospital in a Dar Es Salaam reserve fund.

BAGHDAD EQUIPMENT
FOR BENGHAZI
2668

VOTED, That the Lib£ 300.426 worth of salvaged equipment from the Dar Es Salaam Hospital which has been sent to Benghazi be made as a special appropriation to the Benghazi Hospital.

UNITED PRAYER FOR
HOLY SPIRIT
2669

Recognizing that the hour to which we have come demands that the church seek for the power of God, and realizing the importance of these statements from the pen of the Lord's messenger that

"The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the church is looked forward to as in the future; but it is the privilege of the church to have it now. Seek for it, pray for it, believe for it. We must have it, and heaven is waiting to bestow it." --Ellen G. White, Review & Herald, March 19, 1895, and further, that

"If we ever needed the Holy Ghost to be with us, if we ever needed to preach in the demonstration of the Spirit, it is at this very time." Evangelism, p. 180, par. 2, and concerning the experience of the early church it is recorded:

"After Christ's ascension the disciples were gathered together in one place to make humble supplication to God. After ten days of heart-searching and self-examination, the way was prepared for the Holy Spirit to enter the cleansed, consecrated soul temples. Every heart was filled with the Spirit, as though God desired to show His people that it was His prerogative to bless them with the choicest of heaven's blessings." --Ellen G. White, Review and Herald, June 10, 1902, and

WHEREAS, The maintenance of high standards of spirituality in our churches is of growing concern to both our leadership and our laity, and

WHEREAS, Prophecy reveals that the final efforts of the church are to be accompanied by mighty acts of the Spirit's power and presence,

VOTED, That our leaders, pastors, and church officers around the world give careful study, as to how this can be made a vital experience to our people and that definite plans be laid on the local church level toward leading our people into an experience of repentance, contrition and reformation conditional to the reception of a larger outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS
FOR MINISTERS'
BASIC LIBRARY
2670

VOTED, To approve the Ministerial Department's recommended list of books to be used as the basic ministers' library for workers in the Middle East Division, with the understanding that employing organizations will subsidize these books for ministerial workers on the same basis as reading club books chosen by the General Conference Ministerial Association. The following books are recommended:

Spirit of Prophecy books--Especially the following--

Patriarchs and Prophets	Counsels on Diets and Foods
Prophets and Kings	Counsels on Health
Desire of Ages	Welfare Ministry
Acts of the Apostles	Steps to Christ
Great Controversy	Thoughts on the Mount of Blessing
Testimonies for the Church	The Adventist Home
Evangelism	Child Guidance
Gospel Workers	Messages to Young People
Testimonies to Ministers	Christ's Object Lessons
Ministry of Healing	Counsels on Stewardship
Fundamentals of Christian Education	Early Writings
Education	Life Sketches of E. G. White

One of the Following Concordances--

Cruden's
Young's
Comprehensive Concordance by Walker
Arabic
Any other good concordance

One Good Bible Dictionary--

S. D. A. Bible Dictionary (The most recent and up-to-date)
Smith's
Westminster

Other Books--

S. D. A. Commentary, Volumes 1 to 7
Answers to Objections, by Nichol
Questions on Doctrine
Bible Readings for the Home
Church Manual
Minister's Manual
Sabbath School Manual
One Good book on S. D. A. History, such as
Captains of the Host, by Spalding
Christ's Last Legion, by Spalding
Denominational History, by Department of Education
Pioneer Stories
The Sanctuary Service, by M. L. Andreasen
Koran
The Midnight Cry
Righteousness by Faith
3000 Illustrations
Detamore's Sermons
Revival Sermons, by H. M. S. Richards
Questions I Have Been Asked, by F. D. Nichol

MINISTERIAL ASSO-
CIATION RESOLUTIONS
2671

VOTED, To approve the following Ministerial Association resolutions:

WHEREAS, The signs on every hand testify to the truth of the inspired message that "The most favorable time for the presentation of our message in the cities has passed by" and that "Time is very short" (C.H. p. 556), therefore we urge the following plans be quickly implemented to hasten the work of God in the Middle East Division:

1. That we send forth an urgent appeal to all our churches, organizations, and institutions throughout the division inviting them to re-evaluate the part they are called to play in the great commission of Christ to preach the everlasting gospel.
2. That mission committees and institutional boards be encouraged to include plans on the agenda of their sessions and constituency meetings for aggressive evangelism, and in so doing that they adjust the responsibilities of their personnel in a practical way to allow them time to engage in definite programs of evangelism.
3. That all ministers conduct public evangelistic efforts wherever possible during 1960 in consultation with the mission committee and the secretary of the union Ministerial Association concerned.
4. That every worker conduct at least one Bible Study or cottage meeting per week or assist in an evangelistic effort.
5. That all ministers and Bible instructors endeavor to train laymen to be active soul winners by conducting "Training Light Bearers" courses and by taking laymen with them in the conducting of Bible studies and cottage meetings. Furthermore, we recommend that the ministers purposely plan, arrange and assist laymen in organizing and conducting of Bible studies, and that films be provided for their use.
6. That the efforts of our workers be coordinated to take advantage of all interests created through the Voice of Prophecy, the colporteur work, Ingathering, contacts through our schools, etc.
7. That all ministers and Bible Instructors study carefully the Spirit of Prophecy and other denominational books and magazines so that they may increase their knowledge, praying earnestly that the Holy Spirit will show them the way to make their ministry more fruitful.

8. That all ministers, in cooperation with their mission officers, mission committees, and union and division Ministerial Secretaries, lay definite evangelistic plans for the following year not later than the month of September of each year. After their budget requests are approved by the local committees, copies should be forwarded to the union and division Ministerial Association secretaries.
9. Since there have been indications that prospective young ministers have been discouraged from entering the gospel ministry, we urge that a definite effort be made by all workers and laymen to encourage our devoted youth to answer the call of the Holy Spirit by entering the ministerial course at Middle East College to prepare for the gospel ministry.
10. That young ministerial workers who have not completed their ministerial training be urged to enroll in Middle East College to complete their course.
11. That every effort be made to uphold and respect the dignity and high calling of the ministry in every regard.
12. That new workers be assigned to work with more experienced workers in evangelism for a period of at least one year.
13. That we follow the example of our Lord in sending our workers into the field two by two and that our workers endeavor to take various laymen into their work as partners with them. Furthermore we recognize that in places where workers are laboring in isolated places alone and with little results, if capable assistants cannot be sent to work with them, it may be necessary to close the work in such places in order to arrange for workers to work together. Under no circumstances should a worker be sent to open up new work in a new place alone.
14. That women Bible Instructors be assigned to work in close coordination with ministers and evangelists rather than working alone so that by working as a team they may reach all members of the families with whom they study.
15. That all workers solemnly resolve by the Grace of God that they will allow no spirit of criticism, hard feelings, resentment or bitterness toward one another, the church, the mission, or anyone else, to enter or remain in their hearts, for such feelings drive the Holy Spirit from us and make our efforts fruitless.
16. That greater care be exercised to insure that all converts have been thoroughly instructed and have wholeheartedly accepted the full gospel message as taught by Seventh-day Adventists and stated in the Fundamental Beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists before they are baptized.

17. That when workers are moved from one city to another, that a more definite effort be made to transfer the confidence and interests developed by the former worker to the new one.

18. That our churches take special care to help the spiritually discouraged members before it is too late.

BRANCH SABBATH
SCHOOLS
2672

WHEREAS, "The Sabbath school is a missionary field, and very much more of the missionary spirit should be manifested in this important work than has been manifested in the past," CSSW:10, and

WHEREAS, Branch Sabbath schools are a great blessing, not only to those who attend them but also to those who conduct them, and

WHEREAS, "We shall individually be held responsible for doing one jot less than we have ability to do," COL:363, and

WHEREAS, It has been demonstrated that the branch Sabbath school is a potent factor in bringing to those who do not know the truth a knowledge of the gospel, therefore,

VOTED, 1. That every church give recognition to this important phase of its soulwinning responsibility by electing as one of the officers of the Sabbath school an assistant superintendent whose responsibility shall be the fostering of branch Sabbath school evangelism.

2. That the duties of the assistant Sabbath school superintendent for branch Sabbath school evangelism shall include the following:

a. Carrying the responsibility of planning for this phase of the church's evangelistic program, and taking the initiative in presenting to the Sabbath school council the plans for organizing branch Sabbath schools and related Sabbath school evangelism enterprises within the missionary territory of the church, in cooperation with the evangelistic plans of the local pastor or evangelist.

b. Developing and sustaining an interest in branch Sabbath school evangelism on the part of the whole church.

c. Being prepared to present to the main Sabbath school periodically and in the Special Feature portion of the program plans and reports of Sabbath school evangelism.

d. Keeping the local Section Sabbath school secretary informed concerning branch Sabbath school evangelism developments and needs.

3. That at all Sabbath school institutes and workshops Sabbath school evangelism be given major consideration, with practical instruction and demonstration in the conducting of branch Sabbath schools.
4. That serious study be given to the making of as many Seventh-day Adventist homes as possible centers of Branch Sabbath school activities.
5. That the fine branch Sabbath School special quarterlies that were prepared recently for use in starting branch Sabbath schools be effectively used until the new Sabbath school members can fall in step with the whole church and study the regular senior quarterly.
6. That members and workers alike be encouraged to participate every week in some type of Sabbath school evangelism, heeding the counsel that "where there is no active labor for others, love wanes, and faith grows dim," DA:825 and "The Sabbath school work is important, and all who are interested in the truth should endeavor to make it prosperous." TSS:109
7. That all Section Sabbath school secretaries be encouraged to implement this plan and present it to the officers of their local Sabbath schools, setting goals as to the number of branch Sabbath schools and total membership in their respective sections.
8. That this special Branch Sabbath School Crusade start as early as possible in 1960 aiming at doubling the division Sabbath school membership by the next General Conference.

APPRECIATION TO
GENERAL CONFERENCE
2673

VOTED, To express appreciation to the General Conference and through it to the world field for the generous 1959 13th Sabbath Overflow Offering which came to our division at the end of the second quarter.

SABBATH SCHOOL
OFFERINGS
2674

WHEREAS, Offerings for Missions that are received incessantly by the Sabbath schools around the world are a major income to the Lord's treasury, and

WHEREAS, The lateness of the hour in which we are laboring calls for a concerted effort to bring before our Sabbath school members in the Middle East Division the necessity of more liberal giving, it was

VOTED, 1. That every effort be put forth to encourage all our Sabbath schools to use a goal chart in their Sabbath schools which shall include a clear weekly demonstration of the amount of giving.

2. That our members be encouraged to achieve the objectives of a definite weekly per capita goal for missions through our Sabbath school offerings.

3. That the weekly family goal in the Middle East Division be set at one per cent of the monthly family income.
4. That each Sabbath school set a specific over-all offering goal, based approximately on the family weekly goal, and that through the use of charts and goal devices keep the offering achievements before the school week by week, and thus enable all the members to know the status and progress.
5. That a birthday offering collection be taken up at least once a month with one week's announcement before the offering is due.
6. That strong promotion be given the Investment Fund especially as it has proved to bring a sizeable offering to this division.
7. That the Thirteenth Sabbath offering per member be set at double his weekly offering.

WEEKLY SABBATH
SCHOOL PROGRAM
2675

WHEREAS, About two years have passed since the 1957 General Conference Sabbath School Advisory Committee which took action to alter the weekly Sabbath school program as regards the time previously allotted to the Lesson Review, and

WHEREAS, There are still some Sabbath schools in the Middle East Division which are following the old weekly program and dwelling unnecessarily on the old lesson for about eight minutes, it was

VOTED, 1. That all our Sabbath schools be strongly urged to follow the new plan which has been favorably accepted throughout the world.

2. That our Sabbath schools be authorized to utilize the eight minutes ordinarily allotted for the review in the following manner:

a. Add three minutes to the lesson-study time to allow the teachers to make a tie-in between the last week's lesson and the present one;

b. Allocate the other five minutes of the time on a scheduled basis for the four Sabbaths of the month as follows:

- 1st Sabbath - Sabbath School Evangelism
- 2nd Sabbath - Investment Promotion
- 3rd Sabbath - Local School Improvement, or
Evangelism
- 4th Sabbath - Birthday-Thank Offering

VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOLS
2676

VOTED, That we recommend to all our local Sections that have started conducting Vacation Bible Schools to continue this splendid new tool of Child Evangelism, and that wherever possible other Sections try to conduct these schools and keep the following objectives before us:

1. That we endeavor to reach as many new children who are not in our daily schools as possible.
2. That the leaders of our Vacation Bible schools be brought together one week before the beginning of the schools to arrange the materials to be used, thus freeing the teacher's afternoons for home visitation.
3. That more nature education be included in the Vacation Bible School Program.
4. That wherever possible a ministerial worker or the local pastor be connected with each school for the purpose of follow-up work.
5. That a thorough follow-up program be put into effect at the close of each school in order to secure maximum results.
6. That complete reports of attendance and other data be compiled and sent to each local Section Sabbath school secretary at the close of each Vacation Bible School.

MV EXAMINERS
POLICY
2677

WHEREAS, The MV Department of the Middle East Division is seeking to maintain highest possible standards in carrying out MV classwork activities throughout the division fields, and

WHEREAS, In a previous division YPMV Advisory Council it was recommended that the "Rules for Examiners" set by the East Mediterranean Union be studied and similar rules be adopted for the whole division, it was

VOTED, 1. That the following policy be adopted for the division as a whole, and

2. That this policy be duplicated and given to all examiners who are chosen annually by each field with a letter of explanation.

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION MV EXAMINERS POLICY

1. Only a Missionary Volunteer who holds an up-to-date Examiner Card is authorized to examine candidates and sign class cards.
2. Holding up standards with strict honesty in examinations is naturally expected from each examiner in his quest of character building

3. The Master Guide Manual and the Junior Handbook (latest edition) shall be followed in EACH examination. The Manual and Handbook requirements must be met.
4. Because young people can be invested as Master Guides only when they are at least sixteen years old and members of the church, there seems to be a danger of their completing all the pre-Junior, Junior, and Senior classes long before they are sixteen by studying more than one class a year. This usually results in an unhealthy period of inactivity. Therefore, the rule shall be: One Class a Year Only. Exceptions to this rule may be made only for older Missionary Volunteers if they so desire.
5. The Examiner Card authorizes the holder to examine in a certain district only. His examinations outside that district, unless specifically authorized in advance, are invalid.
6. The Card also authorizes the holder to examine during a stated period of time. If the card is not renewed before the expiration date, this means that the examiner has done his share of work and is being given time to rest for a while.
7. When working on MV Honors, the candidate should keep a notebook for that purpose (loose-leaf is preferable). The Examiner shall request to see the answers to the Honor questions in the notebook.
8. The examiner shall invite one who already has the MV Honor in question to help with the examination. If no such person is available, two examiners shall work together.
9. In districts where more than one examiner can be found, it is recommended that two work together in administering the tests.
10. The examiner shall see that the candidate's full name is legibly written on the card.
11. The examiner's signature is to be found in full after every requirement completed. Drawing an oblique line and signing once is not safe. Therefore it is not accepted. This safeguards both examiners and candidates.
12. If there is an authorized substitution or exception for any requirement, the examiner should plainly state that across the requirement, explaining what the substitution is.
13. The examiner shall avoid as much as possible the alibis of substitutions. He shall use substitutions only when there is an emergency or an impossible situation such as physical handicaps.

14. Where the earning of MV Honors is called for, the title of the honor shall be written on the card next to the requirement.
15. The examiner is to sign Book Club requirements only when they are current. A current Book Club is understood to be the sets of either the current year or the previous year, especially in academies and schools. For example, the 1960 current Book Club requirements would also allow the Club of 1959 to be valid as current.
16. The Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence Course certificate in the local languages may be substituted for the Senior Bible Doctrines certificate requirements for non-English speaking Missionary Volunteers only.
17. Wherever the requirement "Physical Training" occurs, it shall be met by studying its demands as a class. In the case of isolated members, the matter shall be referred to the union MV Department for counsel.
18. Examiners shall refrain from offering any examinations on the Sabbath that are not in harmony with Sabbath observance. Just because it is connected with MV does not necessarily mean it is fit for use on the Sabbath day.
19. Examiners are counseled not to give any examinations or sign the requirements for their family members or close relations except in emergencies where no other examiners may be found.
20. When Bible or other memory work is called for it is wrong to expect the candidate to give just the idea of the passage. Memory work in this case means word for word recitation.
21. Examiners shall not accept memory work recitation when the memorizing was done minutes before the examination. A minimum of 24 hours shall separate the memorization from the recitation.
22. Where the requirement calls for two honors, "one of which shall be in physical training," the examiner, when signing this requirement, shall state what the other honor is.
23. If the examiner discovers irregularities in any examinations given by anybody, he shall report the incident promptly to the MV Department for correction. The standard should never be lowered.
24. MV pins and insignia are presented only in regular investiture services after the candidate takes the pledge and hears the challenge. They are given only to those who deserve them and not to any of their relatives to take to them.

25. It is recommended that the MV Council or Executive Committee review all the completed cards before submitting them to the conference MV Secretary for investiture.

26. The examiner's privilege is not only to examine and sign, but also to help the candidates with their class-work requirements. He is one of the best promoters and helpers in the local MV Society.

1960 MV MOTTO
2678

VOTED, That we place before our young people and their leaders in the Middle East Division the three R's of Missionary Volunteering as a motto for the year 1960. This is found in Messages to Young People, p. 23, and counsels God's people to

"REFORM, RECLAIM, AND RESCUE," the youth.

REFORM: Those who are reaching out for perfection and righteous living.

RECLAIM: Those who have backslidden from the church and its principles; and

RESCUE: Those who have not yet experienced Christ's converting power.

ARABIC YPMV
LEAFLETS
2679

WHEREAS, The English MV leaflets which are prepared by the General Conference MV Department reach a limited readership in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, The standards of our church for its members and especially for its youth are not available in printed form in the Arabic language whether as expressed by the Spirit of Prophecy or otherwise; it was

VOTED, 1. That a series of MV leaflets on church standards for youth be published in Arabic after the order of the English leaflets.

2. That the material for the various subjects, such as Christian Education, Reading, Music, the Call to Youth, Stewardship, Dress and Adornment, Recreation and Amusement, etc. be gleaned and compiled from the various Messages to Young People by Sister White.

3. That six to eight new leaflets be published a year with an edition of approximately 2,000 copies a leaflet.

4. That the division MV Department in conjunction with the Middle East Press be requested to prepare, translate, and publish the series.

5. That the expenses of this series be considered division departmental expense.

6. That we recommend to all our societies that a special meeting on the subject of each new leaflet as it comes off the press be conducted to raise high that particular standard, and that at the end of the meeting the new leaflet be distributed to the Missionary Volunteers.

1961 REGIONAL
MV CAMPS
2680

VOTED, That the request for Missionary Volunteer assistance from the General Conference in 1961, as found in division Action #2332, be for specialized help in MV summer training camps, and that regional camps be conducted that summer which will be attended by the General Conference representative; furthermore, that a division-wide Leaders' Training camp be held immediately following the camps to be conducted by the General Conference MV specialist.

1960 MV MISSION
RALLIES
2681

VOTED, That regional MV youth congresses be held in 1960 in Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, and Lebanon, and that these congresses be patterned somewhat after the Mission Rallies that have been conducted in the past, but that a strong Congress flavor be added to the rally. Furthermore, that Sections which cannot hold such congresses be invited to send as many delegates as possible to the closest congress.

YOUTH EVANGELISM
2682

VOTED, That the leaders of our work in the Middle East Division on the various levels of organization and in the different branches of evangelism be strongly urged to use every available talent that our young people possess in evangelistic endeavors. The hour of Total Evangelism has struck in the Middle East, and Satan "well knows that there is no other class that can do as much good as young men and young women who are consecrated to God. The youth, if right, could sway a mighty influence. Preachers, or laymen advanced in years, cannot have one-half the influence upon the young that the youth, devoted to God, can have upon their associates." (MYP:204)

MV LEGION OF HONOR
2683

VOTED, That the first MV meeting following the 1960 YPMV Week of Prayer in every Senior and Junior MV Society be designated as LEGION OF HONOR CRUSADE, and that all the youth be encouraged and inspired to sign the Legion of Honor pledge and resolve to represent the Legion to which they belong.

1. In that which they choose to BEHOLD
2. In that to which they choose to LISTEN
3. In the choice of places to which they GO
4. In their choice of ASSOCIATES
5. In that which they choose to SPEAK, and
6. In the CARE they give their body temple.

MV WEEK OF PRAYER
2684

VOTED, That we adopt the following Autumn Council action, October 20, 1959, as regards the Missionary Volunteer Annual Week of Prayer:

WHEREAS, The annual Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer is one of the church's most effective means of youth evangelism; therefore,

We Recommend, 1. That as far as possible the pastor of every church lead out in careful planning for a successful MV Week of Prayer, in cooperation with the Missionary Volunteer Society, making use of the guidance materials provided by the Missionary Volunteer Department.

2. That thorough follow-up plans be provided for, including visitation, baptismal classes, and the implementation of a greater service program through the Missionary Volunteer Society.

3. That in churches where no Missionary Volunteer Society exists, consideration be given to the youth potential in such churches, and adequate MV Week plans be laid, with the added goal of organizing a society wherever possible.

ATTENDANCE AT
EUROPEAN YOUTH
CONGRESSES
2685

VOTED, To refer the question of Middle East Division senior MV's attending European Youth Congresses in 1960 to the division officers for study.

PIONEER EVANGELISM
2686

WHEREAS, The Triumphant climax of the drama of the ages is immediately before us and that the time is now, when

"God will move upon men in humble positions to declare the message of present truth;" (T. V7, p. 26); when

"Men . . . will be taken from . . . various branches of work and sent forth by the Lord to give this message to the world," (Id. p. 170); when

"Men who never gave a discourse in their lives . . . ought to be laboring to save souls," (Life Sketches, p. 274); when

"Men will be called from the plow and the more common business vocations that largely occupy the mind . . . and proclaim the truth with power." (Id. V9, p.96); and

WHEREAS, There are thousands of villages, towns, cities, and districts in the Middle East where no organized work is yet established,

VOTED, 1. That the church missionary committee, under the guidance of the Pastor, foster an evangelistic program known as "Pioneer Evangelism" in which the members of the church will be enlisted in a strong lay-evangelism program for the neighboring unworked villages, towns, cities, and districts.

2. That the territory be prepared through a program of judicious visitation and a strong Bible correspondence school enrollment program; this to be followed with Bible studies and cottage meetings and, where indicated, finally brought to fruition by trained lay preachers or other public evangelism carried on in counsel with their pastors with the ultimate goal of winning souls and establishing new churches.

3. That a strong evangelistic program be continually sponsored and carried on in all our churches and that the goal be to enlist 25 per cent of the laymen to give a minimum of one series of Bible studies or cottage meetings a year and that at least one lay-evangelism effort be conducted for every 200 members or part thereof during the coming three-year period.

4. That where it is not yet in operation, a Bible-evangelism Service Company be organized in our churches to foster a strong program of lay-Bible evangelism.

HOME AND SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION
2687

WHEREAS, It is the duty of the church to assist the parents in their sacred responsibilities of parenthood, and

WHEREAS, The Home and School Association is the organization of the church to foster this parent education, and

WHEREAS, The Home and School Association includes every home--homes with children and homes without children, united homes, divided homes, broken homes,

VOTED, 1. That a Home and School Association be organized in every church.

2. That in localities where two or more churches have a union school and a union Home and School Association, each church have its own local chapter.

3. That the Home and School Association officers be elected for the calendar year at the time of the election of all other church officers.

4. That the pastor and church officers unite in encouraging every member of the church to take an active part in the educational program of the Home and School Association.

TRANSFER OF MEMBER-
SHIP BLANKS
2688

At the Autumn Council of the General Conference it was felt that new forms should be printed and stocked by the Review & Herald Publishing Association, making it possible for the transferring of church members to be handled with a minimum of confusion. Since we are using the English letters of transfer throughout the Middle East Division, it is

VOTED, That we look forward to using the new blanks as soon as they are available.

FALL COUNCIL
ACTIONS
2689

VOTED, To approve other Fall Council actions as they may be adapted to the needs of our division.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
2690

VOTED, To refer all unfinished business to the available members of the division committee.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn at 10:00 p. m. Prayer was offered by C. L. Torrey.

R. A. Wilcox, Chairman

R. H. Hartwell, Secretary

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MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MEETINGBeirut, LebanonNovember 26, 19594:45 P. M.PRESENT

R. A. Wilcox, R. E. Anderson, R. C. Darnell, A. W. Fund,
A. A. Haddad, R. H. Hartwell, W. E. Olson.
From General Conference: W. R. Beach, C. L. Torrey.

OPENING

Prayer was offered by W. R. Beach.

BENGHAZI LAWYER
ENGAGED
2691

In view of the special problems connected with our hospital property in Benghazi and the desire to move as wisely and quickly as possible in settling the matter, it was

VOTED, To appoint lawyer George Khoury in Benghazi, Libya as our legal consultant for a period of one year as of December 1, 1959, at a retainer fee of Libyan pounds 15,000 per month.

APPROPRIATION FOR
COMPLETION OF
BENGHAZI LABORATORY
2692

VOTED, To grant the request of the Benghazi Hospital that we appropriate a sum of 400,000 Libyan pounds to care for finishing the hospital laboratory building costs.

BENGHAZI HOSPITAL
ADDITIONAL LABORATORY
EQUIPMENT
2693

VOTED, To appropriate a sum of \$500.00, in addition to the \$3,000.00 already provided in the budget, to the Benghazi Hospital for laboratory equipment, and that we authorize the purchase of this \$3,500.00 worth of laboratory equipment and supplies, it being understood that we will also care for the freight and customs that are involved.

UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC
CONSTITUTION
2694

VOTED, To adopt in principle the Constitution and By-laws drawn up by the Nile Union in order to secure government recognition in the United Arab Republic for our denomination, with the understanding that necessary changes will be made in the wording where it will not jeopardize the plan, but that we will not give the final word of approval or actually authorize implementation of the plan until seeking wider counsel.

EGYPT PROPERTY
HOLDING ORGANIZATION
2695

VOTED, To approve the Nile Union plan to investigate the advisability of setting up an organization locally for holding property in Egypt.

IRAN TRAINING SCHOOL
WEEK OF PRAYER
SPEAKER
2696

VOTED, To grant the request of the Iran Section for A. A. Haddad to conduct the Spring Week of Prayer April 22 to 30, 1960 at the Iran Training School, and that we suggest to the Iran Section that this visit combine other interests of the MV and Sabbath School Departments.

CALL FOR DIVISION
AND EAST MEDITERRA-
NEAN UNION TREASURER
2697

VOTED, To request the General Conference to elect a treasurer for the Middle East Division and the East Mediterranean Union, it being understood that details connected with this call are on file with the division secretary.

RELIEF CLOTHES FOR
JORDAN
2698

VOTED, To place a request with the General Conference for twenty-five bales of relief clothing for the Adventist Welfare Society of Jordan, suggesting that these be shipped via the Red Sea port of Aqaba, and that as far as possible the clothing be suitable for use in cold weather.

DIVISION PRESIDENT'S
OFFICE
2699

VOTED, To authorize the president to put accoustical tile as needed in his office, and to carpet the floor.

ENLARGING DIVISION
OFFICE BUILDING
2700

VOTED, To favor the plan of adding a second floor to the division office building when funds are available.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn at 6:25 p. m. Prayer was offered by C. L. Torrey.

R. A. Wilcox, Chairman

R. H. Hartwell, Secretary