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MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MEETING

Beirut, Lebanon

June 21, 1960

1:30 P. M.

PRESENT

R. A. Wilcox, R. E. Anderson, R. C. Darnell,
V. A. Fenn, A. W. Fund, R. H. Hartwell, W. E. Olson,
Salim Noujaim.

OPENING

Prayer was offered by R. C. Darnell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VOTED, To approve the minutes of May 18 and 19, 1960

EAST MEDITERRANEAN
UNION CALL FOR AN
OVERSEAS EVANGELIST
2793

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the East Mediterranean Union call for an overseas experienced evangelist, who is an ordained minister, to lead out in the Beirut Center activities as its director, with the understanding that he will be asked to study the Arabic language on a full-time basis during his first year in our division.

MISS INDRA ASHOD
CALLED TO MIDDLE
EAST COLLEGE
2794

Miss Indra Ashod has been teaching half time at Middle East College and serving the division the other half, and both organizations have appreciated her fine Christian help, but it is realized that it would be better for her to give full time to one organization or the other, and since the college has called for her full time, and since she seems pleased with this possibility, it was

VOTED, To pass on to Miss Indra Ashod the call of Middle East College to join their faculty on a full-time basis as of September 1, 1960.

TRANSFORMER FOR THE
DIVISION PROPERTY
2795

In view of the weak and unstable electrical supply at the division compound, it was

VOTED, To approve of installing a satisfactory transformer for the compound, and to appropriate a sum of LL 2,000. for this purpose from division contingency funds.

J. E. CHASE ITIN-
ERARY APPROVED
2796

VOTED, To arrange the itinerary of Elder J. E. Chase, an associate secretary of the General Conference Radio Department, as follows:

June 27, 28	Beirut
June 29 - July 7	Mile Union
July 8 - 12	Jordan Mission
July 13	Travel to Iran
July 14 - 20	Iran Mission
July 21	To Cyprus
July 22 - 26	Cyprus Mission
July 27 - Aug. 1	Lebanon Mission
August 2 - 4	Director's Council

SEWER CONNECTIONS
FOR MIDDLE EAST
COLLEGE
2797

VOTED, To approve the plan of Middle East College for getting the public sewer system brought to our college property line, and to appropriate the sum of LL. 2,000. from division contingency funds to cover this cost, and it is hoped that the elementary school may connect with this system, this being considered a deposit, and the college will receive credit for all future connections with the system up to this amount.

JOHNNIE MINASSIAN
ANTOINE JABBOUR, AND
NABI NABTI SALARIES
SET
2798

VOTED, To set the following salaries:

Johnnie Minassian	59% or 8,112 rials.
Antoine Jabbour	68% or LL. 340.00
Nabi Nabti	59% or LL. 295.00

G. A. KEOUGH TO
VISIT ISTANBUL
2799

VOTED, To authorize G. A. Keough to stop over a week end at Istanbul, Turkey, on his way back from England to Beirut, July 15 to 19, thus bringing him into Beirut about July 19, 1960, it being understood that this visit to Turkey is in the interests of the educational work.

E. L. GAMMON TO IRAN
AND VINCENT HILL
2800

VOTED, To authorize the college president, E. L. Gammon, to visit Iran in the interests of a regional camp meeting and the Iran Training School, and also to visit the Vincent Hill School.

DIVISION OFFICE HELP
2801

Whereas it is becoming increasingly apparent that the division is in need of a contact man to do much of our footwork for us, it was

VOTED, To authorize the division officers to make careful investigation into this matter, and they be given power to act if they find a person that is suitable for this responsibility.

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE
LEGAL MATTERS
2802

VOTED, To recommend to Middle East College that it handle its legal matters on a case by case basis rather than by a retainer.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn at 4:10 p. m.

R. A. Wilcox, Chairman

R. H. Hartwell, Secretary.

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Mid-Year
Meeting

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MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MID-YEAR MEETING

Beirut, Lebanon

June 27, 1960

8:00 A. M.

PRESENT

R. A. Wilcox, R.E. Anderson, R. C. Darnell, V. A. Fenn, E. L. Gammon, R. H. Hartwell, Salim Noujaim, R. W. Wilmot, A. G. Zytoskee.

From the General Conference: J. E. Chase and C. E. Moseley, Jr.

OPENING

Elder R. A. Wilcox extended a welcome to Elders Moseley and Chase, and introduced Elder J. E. Chase who led out in the morning devotional message. He quoted Nelson Algren as having said, "The race is not for missiles, but for the hearts of men." Attention was called to Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 9, pp. 116, 117 showing that plans for advance moves are to be made "all along the line." Mention was made of the great Youth Congress just held in Atlantic City.

An earnest season of prayer was held, Elders Fenn, Darnell, Gammon, Moseley, and Chase offered prayer for the Lord's help in the advancing of the cause in the Middle East Division.

INTERMISSION

There was a period of about twenty minutes intermission. Upon reassembling at 9:00 a. m., prayer was offered by R. A. Wilcox.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VOTED, To approve the minutes of June 21, 1960.

WELCOME TO V. A. FENN

The Chairman expressed a hearty welcome to our new division treasurer and auditor, Elder V. A. Fenn, who will also serve as secretary-treasurer of the East Mediterranean Union. All were pleased to join in this welcome on the occasion of Elder Fenn's first meeting with the division committee.

GREETINGS

Elder Chase brought greetings from Elders J. S. Russell and D. V. Kubrock, and the Chairman read a card written from Paris by A. A. Haddad now attending the All European Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism.

EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR
BEIRUT ARMENIAN CHURCH
AND SCHOOL

2803

Whereas political conditions make it imperative for the Beirut Armenian Church and School to be relocated immediately, and whereas now there is a fairly attractive offer to purchase the property, and whereas they cannot hold evangelistic meetings at night at the present location, therefore the Division has granted a special appropriation of LL. 40,000.00 to help them move to a more satisfactory sector of the city, it was

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the urgent request of the East Mediterranean Union and the Lebanon Mission for permission to move the Beirut Armenian church and school from their present location, and to sell the property, and also to request the General Conference to grant an emergency appropriation of \$50,000.00 to enable them to relocate in a satisfactory area.

ITINERARIES OF O. A.
BLAKE AND W. E. MURRAY
2804

VOTED, That in connection with the fall meeting it is recommended that Elders Blake and Murray, after a brief visit to Istanbul, plan to reach Beirut, Lebanon by November 15, and that after attending the annual meetings of the division committee, they attend the East Mediterranean Union Biennial Session in the Beirut area, and go to Egypt November 25 so as to be present at the Nile Union Biennial Session, and that they be free for further travel on December 1 in the Nile Union.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO
STUDY 1961 GENERAL
CONFERENCE VISITS
2805

Inasmuch as certain conflicting interests seem to exist it was

VOTED, To appoint a special committee composed of R. A. Wilcox, R. C. Darnell, A. G. Zytoskee, and R. H. Hartwell, to study the question of General Conference visits to the division in 1961, and it was understood that this committee would report back to the division committee.

SPECIAL STUDY OF
GOVERNMENT INSURANCE
2806

Since there is much involved in the question, it was

VOTED, To ask the division officers to study the matter of Government Insurance when they are in the Nile Union, and that they report back to the division committee their findings.

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY
CORRESPONDENCE COURSE
FOR 1961
2807

VOTED, That in planning for Spirit of Prophecy year in 1961, the division literature committee be asked to prepare a set of Spirit of Prophecy correspondence lessons without delay, and that they be based on Counsels to the Church which are to be published in periodical form, and that this material be ready for use by January 1961, and it was suggested that where Arabic is not used classes be conducted in other languages, thus acquainting all of our people with the gift of prophecy, and it was suggested that pastors conduct such classes for at least three months.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn at 11:45 a. m. to 2:00 p. m.

RECONVENING

The committee reconvened at 2:00 p. m. in E. L. Gammon's office at Middle East College, with the usual members in attendance, and also R. C. Skinner who had just arrived from Tehran.

1961 SEMINARY EXTENSION
SCHOOL
2808

VOTED, To retain the date July 16 to August 25, 1961, for the holding of the S.D.A. Theological Seminary Extension School in Beirut, Lebanon, and that the General Conference

be solicited to maintain the original plan of sending two teachers from the Seminary and one from the General Conference Ministerial Association.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO
STUDY SCHOLARSHIP PLAN
2809

VOTED, To appoint a special committee composed of R. A. Wilcox, R. C. Darnell, A. G. Zytoskee, R. W. Wilmot, V. A. Fenn, R. H. Hartwell, and R. E. Anderson to study the colporteur scholarship revision requests.

PAN ISLAMIC CONVENTION
REQUESTED
2810

In view of the special problems connected with the winning and holding of Moslems, it was

VOTED, To request the General Conference to arrange for calling a Pan Islamic Convention of Adventists to give study to the problems of working for Moslems, suggesting that the Middle East Division offer to act as host for the convention if held in Beirut, Lebanon, and requesting the General Conference to appoint a chairman for the convention.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DISCOUNTS
2811

Whereas the Middle East College has requested advice regarding the question of discounts to students in elementary school, and since the acting educational secretary presented a report showing a great divergence in discounts being offered in the various elementary schools of the Middle East, it was

VOTED, That for the 1960-1961 school year where possible a family discount be granted as follows, where two or more children of the same family are students in one of our schools during the same year:

The second child be given 10% discount
The third child - 20% discount
The fourth child and beyond - 30% discount

That other discounts be as follows:

Non Adventists pay full price.
Adventist workers and members be granted a 25% discount.
And in the case of Adventist workers the mission educational policy be applied to the 75% collected by the school.

It was understood that the family discount was to be figured and granted before other discounts were given, and it was recognized that tuition rates cannot be the same in villages as in cities, but that discounts could be somewhat unified throughout the division.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn at 5:00 p. m., until 8:00 a. m.
June 28, 1960.

R. A. Wilcox, Chairman

R. H. Hartwell, Secretary

June 28, 1960 8:00 A. M.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE

Elder C. E. Moseley took charge of the devotional service, speaking of Seven Traps of Satan, and dealing specifically with the first three, namely: 1. Thinking contrary to the will of God, 2. Pride of opinion, and 3. Envy. He showed that spirituality is surely weakened by these undermining activities of Satan.

A season of prayer was conducted in which prayers were offered by R. C. Skinner, A. G. Zytkoskee, and R. H. Hartwell.

RECONVENING OF
COMMITTEE

At 9:00 a. m. after a short intermission, the committee reconvened with all the usual members present, and prayer was offered by E. L. Gammon.

NILE UNION ACADEMY
BARN PLANS
2812

VOTED, To approve in principle the blueprint plans as submitted for the Nile Union Academy barn, with the recommendation that they provide a sanitary arrangement for transferring the milk, immediately after milking, to the milk room, and requesting the Nile Union to provide the division treasurer with a cross analysis of the complete cost of construction.

MASTER PLANS FOR
INSTITUTIONS
2813

VOTED, To recommend that institutions within the Middle East Division submit to the division suggestive master plans showing present installations and possible future additions and improvements.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn at 10:15 a. m. until 2:00 p. m.

REASSEMBLE

At 2:00 p. m. the committee reassembled and prayer was offered by C. E. Moseley.

STUDENT COLPORTEUR
SCHOLARSHIP POLICY
2814

VOTED, To amend the student scholarship policy as recorded in action 1791 by adding section 13, as follows: That where a student sells literature in a field other than his home mission, it is understood that the Book and Periodical House, the local mission, and the union mission to cooperate in the paying of the scholarship benefits, are those in which the literature is sold.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO
STUDY COLPORTEUR
POLICY
2815

VOTED, To appoint R. C. Darnell, Salim Noujaim, E. L. Gammon, V. A. Fenn, and R. E. Anderson, as a special committee to study the student colporteur policy, and requests for revising it, and that their recommendations be reported to the year-end meeting of the division committee.

E. E. COSSENTINE VISIT
2816

VOTED, That the General Conference be requested to arrange the visit of E. E. Cossentine so that he can be in the Middle East Division from September 15 to November 1, 1961

ITINERARY APPOINTMENTS
2817

VOTED, To assign A. A. Haddad to the Nile Union August 2 to 7, 1960 for their Youth Congress, R. C. Darnell to the Nile Union June 29 to July 7, and again from September 23 to October 7, G. A. Keough July 27 to August 1 to Egypt for the teachers' institute, that he also hold teachers'

institutes in Jordan and Iraq in August as may be arranged, a teacher's institute in Iran early in September where he will be from September 1 to 10, and that he conduct the teachers' institute for Lebanon after that; R. E. Anderson visit Egypt in the period between September 23 and October 7, when R. C. Darnell and A. G. Zytoskee are there, as he may be needed.

NILE UNION REQUEST
E. L. GAMMON AND
EDITH DAVIS VISIT
2818

VOTED, To pass on to the Middle East College Board the request for E. L. Gammon to visit the Nile Union July 27 to August 7, and for Miss Edith Davis to visit Egypt July 27 to August 1 for the teachers' institute.

BANK SIGNATURE
CHANGE FOR BRITISH
BANK OF THE MIDDLE
EAST
2819

VOTED, To amend Action 2702 dated December 10, 1959, by authorizing the deletion of the signature of Arthur W. Fund from the Middle East Division of S.D.A. account No. 51510 with the British Bank of the Middle East in Beirut, and adding the name of Vincent A. Fenn to the authorized signatures, making them as follows:

Nora Atkins and/or Vincent A. Fenn.

BANK SIGNATURE
CHANGE FOR FIRST
NATIONAL CITY BANK
2820

VOTED, To amend Action 2703 dated December 10, 1959, by authorizing the deletion of the signature of Arthur W. Fund from the Middle East Division of S.D.A. account No. 19 with the First National City Bank of New York in Beirut, and adding the name of Vincent A. Fenn to the authorized signatures, making them as follows:

Nora Atkins and/or Vincent A. Fenn.

BANK SIGNATURES FOR
F/C ACCOUNT
2821

VOTED, To amend Action 2704 dated December 10, 1959, by authorizing the deletion of the signature of Arthur W. Fund from the F/C account No. 2275 with the British Bank of the Middle East in Beirut, and adding the name of Vincent A. Fenn to the signatures, making them as follows:

Nora Atkins and/or Vincent A. Fenn.

ARMENIAN HYMNAL
2822

VOTED, To recommend that Spiritual Hymns of Worship by Elmadjian be purchased and used by the Armenian churches and members throughout the division, and that the Middle East Division subsidize them so that all churches ordering them before December 31, 1960 may purchase them for LL. 5.00 per copy.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn to the call of the chair.

REASSEMBLED

The chair called for the committee to meet again at 4:00 p. m. in the office of E. L. Gammon.

OPENING

Prayer was offered by R. A. Wilcox.

INGATHERING SUPPLIES
2823

VOTED, That the Middle East Press be advised to proceed with the printing of the Arabic calendar for 1961 even though only 3,000 firm orders are in hand.

BOOK AND PERIODICAL
HOUSES TO HANDLE
CALENDARS
2824

VOTED, To recommend that Book and Periodical Houses handle the Arabic and Armenian calendars for 1961 without profit.

ARABIC AND ARMENIAN
WEEK OF PRAYER
READINGS
2825

VOTED, To place with the Middle East Press the order for 1,250 Arabic and 450 Armenian Week of Prayer readings for 1960 with the understanding that they will be supplied at the best prices possible.

INGATHERING
INDIVIDUAL GOALS
2826

Whereas most areas of the division have either done no Ingathering during the past few years, or at least have made a very poor showing, and whereas funds are needed to advance the work in the Middle East, and it is important that wise contacts should be made with friends, and surely something can be done everywhere, it was

VOTED, That in fields other than Cyprus, Lebanon, and Iraq, a minimum individual Ingathering goal be set at LL 10.00 or its unit equivalent, for each member, and that in Cyprus, Lebanon, and Iraq the goal set for each individual be a minimum of LL 20.00 or its unit equivalent. Where the church goals are higher it is understood that there will be special efforts made to reach these. Many members can quietly approach their special friends even where public solicitation is not permitted, and of course most of them can contribute something themselves if necessary to reach the goals.

INGATHERING RALLIES
2827

Whereas it is necessary that leaders should lead in this project as well as in all worthy endeavors, it was

VOTED, That in each center where there are various organizations or mission headquarters, a rally be held and all paid workers be brought together before the Ingathering campaign begins, and that each worker be encouraged to set a personal goal for Ingathering, and at the same time plans be made for the conduct of the campaign in the area concerned, and pastors and leaders instruct members in organized plans and a goal be set for each church.

BRANCH SABBATH
SCHOOL YEAR
2827

Whereas the year 1960 has been designated as "Branch Sabbath School Year," and whereas there are opportunities for new branch Sabbath Schools to be opened in the Middle East, it was

VOTED, That mission administrators join with the departmental secretaries and local Sabbath School councils in studying when possible on the local committees and church boards to ascertain every means to promote this worthy project during the last half of 1960, and that, where they are not doing so already we urge every worker to

encourage both by word and by example the opening of branch Sabbath Schools.

IRAN TRAINING SCHOOL
LAND
2828

VOTED, That in the face of extremely high costs being demanded for property adjacent to the property of the Iran Training School the Iran Mission be advised to suspend attempts to purchase additional land for the time being.

VOP BIBLE COURSE
ENROLLMENTS TO BE
SOUGHT WITH
INGATHERING
2829

VOTED, To recommend to local fields that in the 1960 Ingathering campaign plans be made to include the use of an attractively prepared first lesson of the Bible Correspondence course, encouraging those contacted to enroll in the course, and that church members be instructed how to make the contacts in the best way.

DAY OF FASTING AND
PRAYER
2830

VOTED, To recommend to the minority committee of the division that, in view of various grave and difficult problems in connection with the work in this division, plans be made to set aside September 24, 1960 as a day of special prayer and fasting.

ADJOURNMENT

After agreeing to refer all unfinished business to the minority committee, it was

VOTED, To adjourn at 5:10 p. m.

R. A. Wilcox, Chairman

R. H. Hartwell, Secretary.