

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION ANNUAL COMMITTEE

November 6, 1966, 8:00 A. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, R. E. Anderson, Manuk Benzatyan, D. L. Chappell, W. J. Clemons, R. C. Darnell, Habib Ghali, Kenneth Harding, J. S. Jones, Maurice Katrib, George Khoury, H. C. Lamp, M.D., D. C. Ludington, M.D., Salim Majeed, R. C. Mills, K. L. Vine, R. L. Jacobs

OTHERS PRESENT:

From the General Conference: K. F. Ambs, Edwin Gibb

By Invitation: Sabah Esber, Boutros Ghazal, George Ghazal, Cleo Johnson, Jabbour Semaan, Chafic Srour, R. W. Wilmot

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Edwin Gibb, associate secretary of the General Conference, based his devotional study on 2 Thessalonians 2:11, emphasizing the importance of seeing oneself as God sees him. With illustrations from his own personal experience, as well as from Balaam, David, and Ananias and Sapphira in the Bible, he showed that often one commits acts for which he can give no suitable explanation. When one is not honest with himself, he is tempted to believe that God does not hold him responsible for conduct he condemns in others.

66/228 DAILY PROGRAM

VOTED, To approve the daily program as follows:

7:00 - 7:45	Breakfast
8:00 - 8:45	Devotional
9:00 - 12:30	Session
12:45 - 13:45	Dinner
14:30 - 17:45	Session
18:00 - 19:00	Supper

66/229 STANDING COMMITTEES

VOTED, To approve the appointment of the following subcommittees:

Audit

F. C. Webster
R. C. Mills
K. F. Ambs
R. E. Anderson
Manuk Benzatyan
W. J. Clemons
R. C. Darnell
Habib Ghali
Edwin Gibb
Kenneth Harding
R. L. Jacobs
J. S. Jones
Maurice Katrib
George Khoury
D. C. Ludington
Salim Majeed
Kenneth Vine
R. W. Wilmot

Distribution of Labor

F. C. Webster
R. C. Darnell
K. F. Ambs
Habib Ghali
Edwin Gibb
R. L. Jacobs
J. S. Jones
Maurice Katrib
George Khoury
D. C. Ludington
Salim Majeed
R. C. Mills
Jabbour Semaan
Chafic Srour
K. L. Vine

Budget

R. C. Mills
R. W. Wilmot
K. F. Ambs
R. C. Darnell
Edwin Gibb
R. L. Jacobs
Chafic Srour
F. C. Webster

Finance

R. C. Mills
Sabah Esber
K. F. Ambs
Habib Ghali
Boutros Ghazal
George Ghazal
Cleo Johnson
F. C. Webster
R. W. Wilmot

Credentials

R. C. Darnell
R. L. Jacobs
Edwin Gibb
Kenneth Harding
K. L. Vine
F. C. Webster

66/230 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

F. C. Webster, instead of presenting a report of past accomplishments, invited the members of the committee to look to the future and to accept the challenge of evangelizing the territory of the Middle East Division in the shortest time possible. With 51,755 people in the Division territory for each church member this Division faces a task greater than that of any other Division. With full assurance that the prediction made

by Ellen G. White in Great Controversy page 611 is to be fulfilled we should go forward with renewed faith. "The work will be similar to that of the day of Pentecost. As the 'former rain' was given, in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the opening of the gospel, to cause the upspringing of the precious seed, so the 'latter rain' will be given at its close, for the ripening of the harvest. 'Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.'"

66/231 WORLDWIDE REVIVAL AND EVANGELISM

VOTED, That the following program for worldwide revivals and evangelism be adopted:

This program of worldwide revival and evangelism calls for total mobilization of the whole church under the power of the Spirit of God in revival, reformation, and a wave of evangelism that will sweep around the world.

I. IN-REACH -- Revival and reformation within the church of God has been clearly defined as a return to primitive godliness. This revival and reformation must involve repentance, confession, restitution, growing up in Christ, prayer, obedience and the exercise of faith in individual Christian experience in preparation for our Lord's return. This revival under the ministration of the Holy Spirit should begin first with the ministry and then reach out to church officers and members bringing with it a compelling love for souls.

Not by resolutions alone will a worldwide revival and reformation be experienced. It must become:

1. The burden of prayer and study on the Division and local Section committees.
2. The core of messages at workers' meetings, camp meetings, Division and local Section sessions, youth and lay rallies and in all denominational institutions.
3. A reality in a series of well-planned revivals in all of our churches around the world to prepare the way for the evangelistic crusades.

To this end the various departments should become the willing aid to the pastor in preparing the church and the world for this evangelistic thrust. All should be so coordinated as to strive for the achievement of our great objective.

II. OUT-REACH -- When this is implemented every Adventist pulpit should reverberate with fundamental Bible doctrine emphasizing the distinctive message of the third angel and enshrining Christ in the heart of each sermon.

No field or area should be neglected. The message must certainly be repeated and the cause greatly expanded in areas where the work of God is already established; however, let each leader, Section committee, and institutional board perfect bold plans to establish the work in unentered areas. Such efforts should continue until strong churches and institutions have been erected to the glory of God. The time for an unprecedented world-wide advance is here. A larger soul-winning work must be accomplished in the great cities of the world. Let us unitedly move forward with God. "If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one under the direction of one power for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world." --Christian Service, p. 75.

Let every church, every Section and the Division launch out by faith in setting baptismal objectives within the framework of fervent prayer and unwavering faith in the limitless power of the Holy Spirit. Let the chief burden of administrative officers, departmental secretaries, pastors, church officers and church members be focused on the winning of souls. We encourage our administrators and departmental secretaries to participate with our pastors in public evangelism. We encourage our local church officers to more fully fulfill the duties of their offices as clearly called for by the Spirit of Prophecy and as outlined in the Church Manual, thus freeing the pastors for soul-winning work.

Let baptismal days be set each quarter in every church, reports of unique experiences and encouragement be reported in the Middle East Messenger, the Ministry Magazine and the Review and Herald.

In order to obtain these baptismal objectives, let each department assume as a minimum goal the following responsibilities:

1. The Publishing Department plan to have at least one resident literature evangelist in each church.
2. The Sabbath School Department continue and expand its efforts to train teachers to assist the pastor and local church elders in shepherding members, locating missing members, and organizing branch Sabbath schools and vacation Bible schools.
3. The Lay Activities Department earnestly give increased impetus to Bible studies and systematic literature distribution on an unprecedented scale, organizing members for concerted efforts such as the Gift Bible Evangelism program. Dorcas welfare groups should share faith as well as clothes and food.
4. The Public Relations Department through public information, personal contact and participation, shall strive to prevent misunderstanding, and help in developing a climate of informed favorable opinion toward the Seventh-day Adventist Church, its work and its distinctive truths.
5. The Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty shall continue to discreetly meet and follow up each religious liberty crisis with definite evangelistic objectives.

6. The Radio and Television Department shall offer an increasing coverage of the message. Through the Voice of Prophecy, Faith for Today, and It Is Written programs, and by increasing local broadcasts and telecasts by pastors and evangelists, the Advent message in all of its beauty shall be presented to the multitudes. Correspondence courses shall be improved and updated and Faith for Today and Voice of Prophecy evangelistic teams invited to enter areas for evangelistic reaping campaigns.

7. The Department of Education shall continue to encourage and foster a deeply religious atmosphere in each classroom, confronting each student with his relationship to the Saviour and His task.

8. The Medical Department shall constantly uphold the soul-winning objectives before all medical institutional personnel and lay tactful plans for arousing interest and follow up work. Dedicated physicians and dentists should be encouraged to locate in unentered areas for the purpose of using their influence in witnessing for Christ and thus open the way for the message to enter.

9. The Temperance Department shall strive to enlarge the work of helping people break the chains of defiling habits and thus prepare hearts for the reception of the third angel's message.

10. The Missionary Volunteer Department shall continue to organize youth to actively involve themselves in evangelistic campaigns and church projects; fulfilling the promise, "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world." -- Education p. 271.

11. Distinctive Bible truths that make us a people shall be featured by our missionary journals, division and union papers, and by the Review and Herald. Ambitious circulation goals for missionary journals shall be set using division, union, and official church organs to inspire progress in this worldwide program.

12. The Ministerial Association, by precept and example, shall continue to cooperate with administrators at all levels in encouraging each minister in year around evangelism, especially seeking to help the less productive workers.

13. A stronger follow-up program shall be initiated to make the greatest use of Bible school enrollees and interests stirred through this expanded program of evangelism.

In carrying out the above 13 points church pastors will be able to see in each denominational department here listed an invaluable assistant.

IMPLEMENTATION -- WE APPEAL TO THE COMMITTEES OF EACH LOCAL SECTION AND TO THE BOARDS OF EVERY DENOMINATIONAL INSTITUTION, TO LAY

BROAD AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROGRAM OF
EVANGELISM IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS BY JANUARY, 1967.

All organizations are requested to report the plans developed and make periodic progress reports to the next higher organization. Such reports, as they are passed on to the General Conference president, will be shared with the officers and departmental secretaries of the General Conference, and will form the basis of comprehensive reports to the world field for its encouragement and inspiration.

66/232 SPECIAL BAPTISMAL DAYS - 1967

VOTED, To designate the following dates as special Baptismal Days in 1967.

March 18

September 23

June 17

December 16

It is understood that this is to be considered a minimum and that wherever possible baptisms should be held more frequently.

66/233 SECRETARY'S REPORT

VOTED, To accept the report as presented by the secretary.

66/234 TREASURER'S REPORT

VOTED, To accept the treasurer's report presented by R. C. Mills and Sabah Esber. The auditor's statement was read by K. F. Ambs.

66/235 MEMBERSHIP GOALS

VOTED, To adopt the goal of tripling our membership during the present quadrennium and that the following quarterly Section goals be set:

(See following page)

SUGGESTED MEMBERSHIP GOALS FOR QUADRENNIUM PERIOD

	<u>4th</u> <u>Quar.</u> <u>1966</u>	<u>1st</u> <u>Quar.</u> <u>1967</u>	<u>2nd</u> <u>Quar.</u> <u>1967</u>	<u>3rd</u> <u>Quar.</u> <u>1967</u>	<u>4th</u> <u>Quar.</u> <u>1967</u>	<u>1st</u> <u>Quar.</u> <u>1968</u>	<u>2nd</u> <u>Quar.</u> <u>1968</u>	<u>3rd</u> <u>Quar.</u> <u>1968</u>	<u>4th</u> <u>Quar.</u> <u>1968</u>	<u>1st</u> <u>Quar.</u> <u>1969</u>	<u>2nd</u> <u>Quar.</u> <u>1969</u>	<u>3rd</u> <u>Quar.</u> <u>1969</u>	<u>4th</u> <u>Quar.</u> <u>1969</u>	<u>1st</u> <u>Quar.</u> <u>1970</u>
Cyprus	16	18	20	23	26	29	33	37	41	45	49	53	57	60
Egypt	1080	1120	1200	1300	1500	1700	1900	2100	2300	2500	2700	2900	3200	3500
Iran	265	270	280	300	325	350	400	450	500	550	600	650	725	800
Iraq & Kuwait	185	195	220	240	265	295	330	365	400	440	480	520	560	600
Jordan	160	165	175	200	225	250	280	310	340	370	400	430	465	500
Lebanon	560	590	625	660	700	750	800	875	950	1000	1250	1400	1650	1800
Libya	50	55	60	65	70	80	90	100	120	130	140	150	160	170
Sudan	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	7	8	9	10
Syria	190	200	225	250	275	305	335	370	400	430	465	500	550	600
Turkey	60	65	70	75	80	90	100	110	120	130	145	160	185	200
New Fields						5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

66/236 SPIRIT OF PROPHECY EMPHASIS

WHEREAS, There comes from the 1966 Autumn Council to all our churches throughout the world an imperative call to revival and reformation and an unprecedented breakthrough in evangelistic efforts, and

WHEREAS, God, in His providence, has graciously imparted to the church through His messenger powerful messages calculated to lead God's people into an experience of holy living and reception of the latter rain, and

WHEREAS, The Spirit of Prophecy volumes abound in counsels leading to successful living and evangelistic endeavors in all areas of service,

VOTED, 1. That in these crucial times a message go to all our members calling for a renewed and prayerful study and application of the Spirit of Prophecy counsels which were given for our encouragement, correction and guidance in personal life and missionary activity.

2. That all our people be urged to secure for their library all lacking Spirit of Prophecy volumes and also use them as gifts for friends. To this end we call attention to the opportunity to secure Spirit of Prophecy books at the liberal subsidy allowed.

66/237 SABBATH SCHOOL OBJECTIVES

WHEREAS, World conditions indicate that we have come to an hour of unprecedented opportunity, and

WHEREAS, It is being demonstrated in many fields that the Sabbath School can be, as the pen of inspiration has indicated, "one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ," therefore

VOTED, 1. That we give renewed emphasis to personal Bible study, calling upon our members throughout the Division to greater faithfulness in the daily study of the Sabbath school lesson.

2. That our Sabbath school officers, teachers, and members enter upon a special effort in cooperation with pastors and church officers in winning missing church members to faithful Sabbath attendance through a regular program of systematic personal visitation.

3. That we continue to promote a strong every-member program of evangelism of inviting neighbors and friends to attend Sabbath school.

4. That every effort be made by Section Sabbath School Secretaries to arrange for teacher training courses to be taught by pastors or other qualified persons in the various districts of the Division.

5. That we encourage the Sabbath school teachers to regard their classes as soul-winning bands, and that they lay plans with their classes to conduct branch Sabbath schools and to carry on an organized visitation program in their communities.

6. That members throughout the Division be urged to greater personal soul-winning efforts and sacrificial giving in Sabbath school offerings.

66/238 LITERATURE EVANGELISM RALLY DAY

VOTED, That beginning with the 1967 Church Calendar, the second Sabbath of the Hope Magazine Campaign be designated as Literature Evangelism Rally Day.

66/239 1968 CHURCH CALENDAR

VOTED, To adopt the 1968 Church Calendar as follows:

	<u>Program</u>	<u>Offering</u>
JANUARY		
6*	Soul-winning Plans and Projects	Church Lay Activities
13*	Bible Evangelism Crusade	
27	Spirit of Prophecy Day	
27-Feb 3	Spirit of Prophecy Week	
FEBRUARY		
3	Book of the Year Promotion Day	Church Lay Activities
10		Middle East College
17*	Christian Home & Family Altar Day	
17-24	Christian Home Week	
24	Temperance Commitment Day	Temperance
MARCH		
2*	Visitation Evangelism	Church Lay Activities
9	Sabbath School Rally Day	Spring Mission
16	Missionary Volunteer Day	
16-23	Missionary Volunteer Week	
30	Thirteenth Sabbath	Southern European Division
APRIL		
6*	Missionary Magazines Evangelism	Church Lay Activities
13-20	Health Emphasis Week	
20-27	<u>Call to Health</u> Campaign	
27		<u>Call to Health</u> Subs.

	<u>Program</u>	<u>Offering</u>
MAY		
4*	Health and Welfare Evangelism	Church Lay Activities
11		Disaster & Famine Relief (MED)
JUNE		
1		Church Lay Activities
29	Thirteenth Sabbath	Australasian Division
JULY		
6*	Medical Missionary Day	Church Lay Activities
13		Midsummer
AUGUST		
3*	Pioneer Evangelism Day	Church Lay Activities
17*	Educational Day	Elementary School
SEPTEMBER		
7		Church Lay Activities
14	<u>Review & Herald</u> Promotion Day	Missions Extension
21	JMV Pathfinder Day	
28	Thirteenth Sabbath	Inter-American Division
OCTOBER		
5*	Neighborhood Evangelism	Church Lay Activities
5-12	Voice of Prophecy Campaign	
12	Voice of Prophecy Day	Voice of Prophecy
19-26	<u>Hope</u> Campaign	
26	Literature Evangelism Rally Day	<u>Hope</u> Subscriptions
NOVEMBER		
2-9	Week of Prayer	Church Lay Activities
9		Week of Sacrifice
16	Ingathering Campaign Launching Day (Campaign dates Nov 16-Jan 4, 1969)	
23	Community Relations Day	
DECEMBER		
7	Ingathering Campaign Promotion	Church Lay Activities
14	Tithe Promotion Day	
21	Thirteenth Sabbath	Middle East Division

*Special programs to be provided

66/240 1967 BOOK OF THE YEAR PROMOTION

WHEREAS, The Arabic MINISTRY OF HEALING in the paper binding missionary edition has been selected to be the book of the year for 1967, and

WHEREAS, Subsidies for the E. G. White Estate, the Division, and the local Section make it possible for members to purchase this volume for only LL 3.00, it was (Note: A small supply of this volume in the cloth binding will be kept in stock to sell as a regular trade book for LL 7.00)

VOTED, 1. That February 4, 1967, be designated in the church calendar as the Book of the Year Promotion Day.

2. That the volume be introduced and promoted during the church service on February 4. The Medical Department will provide suggestive sermon material for this service. The Middle East Press will provide promotional brochures and posters.

3. That the volume be promoted again during the ten-minute missionary period on February 18, the beginning of the Christian Home Week, and then periodically throughout the year. The Department of Laymen's Activities will provide the material for the missionary periods.

4. That every Arab Adventist family be urged to purchase a copy for personal use.

5. That church members be urged to purchase gift copies for their friends.

6. That pastors and evangelists use the volume as premium gifts in their meetings.

7. That leaders in the Medical and Temperance Departments give this volume strong promotion in their various contacts with the churches and the public.

8. That all churches, schools, institutions, and local missions add the volume to their libraries, and that they use the volume for their daily devotional periods where appropriate.

9. That leaders in churches, schools, and institutions quote from the volume in public.

10. That the volume be included in the 1967 MV Arabic Book Club.

11. That MV societies purchase the volume in quantity to use in their literature distribution projects.

12. That the Book and Periodical Houses arrange to have the volume available for purchase at youth rallies, junior camps, camp meetings, and church book sales.

13. That the volume be included in the set of books to be presented by the Sections to the libraries in non-Adventist secondary schools, colleges, and universities.

14. That the Section goals for distributing the volume be as follows:

Egypt Section	500
Iraq Section	500
Jordan Section	200
Lebanon Section	550
Libya Section	50
Syria Section	<u>200</u>
Total	2,000

66/241 TRACT FOR DISTRIBUTION BY LITERATURE EVANGELISTS

WHEREAS, Our literature evangelists visit many homes, offices and shops never reached by other church members, and

WHEREAS, Not every one visited by the literature evangelist buys books, and especially not religious volumes, it was

VOTED, 1. That the Middle East Press print 15,000 Arabic copies of an eight-page tract with full-color cover.

2. That the addresses of the Book and Periodical Houses appear on the last page along with an offer of both the religious and health correspondence courses, and

3. That the Book and Periodical Houses purchase the tracts, at LL 6.35 per 100 plus postage, using money in the LITERATURE EVANGELIST BENEFIT FUND, and give them to the literature evangelists when they purchase books, and

4. That the tracts be distributed only by literature evangelists, and

5. That the tracts be purchased on the following quota:

Egypt Section	5,000
Iraq Section	1,000
Jordan Section	3,000
Lebanon Section	4,000
Syria Section	<u>2,000</u>
	15,000

66/242 1967 INVESTMENT OFFERING GOAL

WHEREAS, The General Conference Sabbath School Department accepted an Investment Offering Goal of two million dollars for the world field in 1967, and recommended that our division accept a goal of \$3,000 for 1967, it was

VOTED, That the 1967 Sabbath School Investment goal for the Division be \$3,000, and that the goal be divided among the Sections as follows:

<u>Section</u>	<u>1 9 6 7</u> <u>G O A L S</u>
Cyprus	\$ 100.00
Egypt	300.00
Iran	300.00
Iraq	300.00
Jordan	150.00
Lebanon	1,100.00
Libya	400.00
Syria	100.00
Turkey	<u>250.00</u>
Division	\$ 3,000.00

66/243 1967 BIRTHDAY-THANK OFFERING GOAL

WHEREAS, The Birthday-Thank Offering is one of the four regular offerings received in Sabbath school, and

WHEREAS, The potential in our Division for a marked increase in this particular offering is excellent, it was

VOTED, That during 1967 the Birthday-Thank Offering be given strong promotion on the Division, Section, and local church level, and

That, periodically the superintendent arrange for the pastor or some other capable person to give brief talks in Sabbath school concerning the purpose, importance, and blessing of the Birthday-Thank Offering plan, and

That, the superintendent receive a Birthday-Thank Offering every month, suggesting the last Sabbath of each month, and

That, the Division 1967 Birthday-Thank Offering Goal be \$1,850, divided among the Sections as follows:

<u>Section</u>	<u>1967 Goals</u>
Cyprus	\$ 25.00
Egypt	150.00
Iran	500.00
Iraq	200.00
Jordan	100.00
Lebanon	500.00
Libya	175.00
Syria	100.00
Turkey	<u>100.00</u>
Division	\$1,850.00

66/244 1967 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL GOAL

WHEREAS, The holding of vacation Bible Schools is proving to be an effective means of Sabbath school evangelism in many parts of the world, and

WHEREAS, We are anxious to see this phase of our Sabbath school work expanded in the Middle East, and

WHEREAS, We have now completed the translation of the VBS Teacher's Guide Book for Series A, B, and C into the Arabic language, and are offering to provide these same books in the English language to Sections where Arabic is not used, it was

VOTED, 1. That early in January the Section Sabbath School Secretary counsel with the president and pastors concerning plans for holding vacation Bible schools in the various churches in 1967, and thus obtain information regarding the number of activity books, teacher's guides, etc. that will be needed for the summer program. In this way, he will be prepared to fill in the order sheet that will be sent to him from the Division Sabbath School Department in February.

2. That we encourage the Section Committee to appropriate an extra amount of money which the pastors and members can use in conducting vacation Bible schools in NEW places in 1967.

3. That we approve the plan already being followed in some Sections of charging a small registration fee to the children who attend the vacation Bible school. This money will help to pay for the materials used in the classes.

4. That our 1967 Division Vacation Bible School Goal be 32, and that the goal be divided among the Sections as follows:

<u>Section</u>	<u>1967 Goals</u>
Cyprus	1
Egypt	10
Iran	5
Iraq	3
Jordan	3
Lebanon	5
Libya	1
Sudan	-
Syria	3
Turkey	<u>1</u>
Division	32

66/245 1967 BRANCH SABBATH SCHOOL GOAL

WHEREAS, We are desirous of striving to reach the basic branch Sabbath school goal of having one branch Sabbath school or branch Bible school for each senior class and each junior division, and

WHEREAS, In our Division we now have 98 senior classes, 25 youth classes and 30 junior divisions, and

WHEREAS, We had as of June 30, 1966 only 51 branch Sabbath schools and 15 branch Bible schools, and

WHEREAS, Our members began 129 new branch schools since January 1962, thus indicating that many workers and members have had experience in operating branch schools, it was

VOTED, That Sabbath school department secretaries, pastors and superintendents give strong promotion to this phase of Sabbath school evangelism in the early part of 1967, and

That our 1967 Division goal for new branch Sabbath schools be 45, to be divided among the Sections as follows:

<u>Section</u>	<u>1967 goals for new branches</u>
Cyprus	1
Egypt	7
Iran	7
Iraq	8
Jordan	1
Lebanon	15
Libya	1
Sudan	-
Syria	3
Turkey	<u>2</u>
Division	45

66/246 PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT SALES GOAL

WHEREAS, "The press is a powerful instrumentality which God has ordained to be combined with the energies of the living preacher to bring the truth before all nations, kindreds, tongues, and peoples," and

WHEREAS, "The publishing branch of our cause has much to do with our power," and

WHEREAS, "If our bookmen do their part faithfully, the knowledge of present truth will be doubled and trebled," and (statements from page 148 of Colporteur Ministry)

WHEREAS, We are acutely aware of the great potential for expanding the publishing work in our Division when proper leadership is provided on the Section level and when adequate training is given to regular and student literature evangelists, it was

VOTED, That each Section committee again give earnest study to the possibility of providing, where not already available, proper leadership to the publishing department on a year-round basis. This requires a man who is able and willing to canvass with colporteurs frequently, and

That the 1967 goal for the Division be \$35,000 and that the goal be divided among the Sections as follows:

<u>Section</u>	<u>1967 Goals</u>
Cyprus	\$ 2,500.00
Egypt	10,500.00
Iran	4,000.00
Iraq	1,500.00
Jordan	4,000.00
Lebanon	7,500.00
Libya	--
Syria	4,000.00
Turkey	<u>1,000.00</u>
Division	\$35,000.00

66/247 INGATHERING GOAL

VOTED, To accept the following Ingathering goals for 1968:

Cyprus	CyL	125.000
Egypt	LEg	500.000
Iran	Rials	170,000.00
Iraq	ID	800.000
Jordan	JD	150.000
Lebanon	LL	16,000.00
Syria	SyL	750.00
Turkey	TqL	<u>1,500.00</u>
Division	LL	35,000.00

66/248 WORLD LITERATURE EVANGELISM

WHEREAS, There is much evidence to support the statement made by Ellen G. White when she said, "The publishing branch of our cause has much to do with our power," (Colporteur Ministry, p. 148) and again, when she stated, "If our bookmen do their work faithfully. . . the knowledge of present truth will be doubled and trebled." --(Ibid)

WHEREAS, The urgent evangelistic needs of the world field call for a greatly expanded force of literature evangelists in each conference to meet the objectives outlined by God for the remnant church, it was

VOTED, 1. That we aim at the ideal of at least one literature evangelist in every church, and

2. That in this day of unparalleled opportunity, Section officers, Publishing Department secretaries and literature evangelists endeavor to greatly enlarge the soul-winning potential of the publishing program in the following ways:

- a. Combine some full-message literature with every unit of sale.
- b. Secure an ever-increasing number of Bible correspondence course enrollments.
- c. Distribute a larger quantity of free literature, especially to non-buying persons.
- d. Avail themselves of every God-given opportunity to pray with people.
- e. Cooperate in organizing branch Sabbath schools in isolated or unentered places wherever possible.
- f. Work closely with pastors and evangelists and supply them with names of interested persons.
- g. Fully support well planned group canvassing campaigns to prepare cities and towns for evangelistic meetings.
- h. Personally invite and, where possible, accompany interested people to evangelistic meetings and Bible study groups.
- i. Personally participate in Bible study opportunities as frequently as possible.
- j. Give consistent support to church-sponsored soul-winning lay activities.

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION ANNUAL COMMITTEE

November 7, 1966, 8:00 A. M.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

K. F. Ambs, assistant treasurer of the General Conference, began his study by referring to the large number of workers in denominational employ in comparison to the net annual gain in church membership. After reading 2 Corinthians 13:5 from Living Letters by Taylor, he posed the personal question "Are you really a Christian?" He cited the Bible translator Phillips as having stated that the difference between Christianity today and in the days of the apostles is that today it is a performance whereas it was then an experience. The worker today faces certain serious dangers, but it is important that he not lower his standards. The need today is to reach out, to try things that have not been tried before, even to live dangerously for Christ. The fearful and the unbelieving are classed with those who have lived in degrading sin by the prophet John in Revelation 21:8. God is looking for fearless men whom He may place in contact with the millions of earth who are longing to find the way of Truth.

66/249 MINISTERIAL INSTITUTE AND QUADRENNIAL SESSION DATES

VOTED, To approve the following dates for the Ministerial Institute and Quadrennial Session:

Ministerial Institute	July 3-9, 1967
Quadrennial Session	July 9-12, 1967

66/250 SUSTENTATION CREDIT FOR FULL-TIME SERVICE

VOTED, That in Paragraph 1 of the Sustentation Policy, MED Working Policy, page 132, the word "full time" will be inserted so that the first sentence will read:

"The benefits of the Sustentation Fund are designed for those who have devoted their lives to continuous, full-time service in the work of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination."

66/251 HONORARY CREDENTIALS -- POLICY REVISION

VOTED, That paragraph 3 on page 47 of the MED Working Policy be revised to read:

"3. Honorary credentials shall be granted by the Division to sustentation beneficiaries corresponding to the Ministerial Credentials, Missionary Credentials, Bible Instructor Credentials, or Literature Evangelist Credentials they held as credentialed workers while in active

service. Workers already on the Sustentation Fund before 1966 shall continue to be granted honorary papers of the same kind they held prior to 1966!

66/252 NATIONAL WORKERS RETURNING TO HOME DIVISION

VOTED, That when a national who has gone abroad at his own expense is called to denominational service in the Middle East the following provisions shall apply:

1. The call shall be processed through the General Conference secretarial department including a request for physical examinations for the prospective worker and the members of his family.

2. That the Division shall pay for bus connections to a designated airport near the worker's location and for economy class air transportation to the field of labor on behalf of the worker and all members of his immediate family.

3. That an outfitting allowance be granted to the worker on the following basis:

a. Head of family	\$250.00
b. Each child	25.00
c. Single worker	125.00

4. That the Division shall pay surface freight shipping expenses (including packing and insurance) on a gross weight of up to 1,000 pounds for the goods of a single worker or up to 2,000 pounds for a family. In case a worker does not transport his maximum weight, he shall receive an allowance of \$20.00 or its equivalent in local currency, for each 100 pounds of unused weight privilege.

5. That the above allowances and costs except salary, as outlined in this policy, shall be considered as a prepaid expense and amortized on the basis of 20 per cent for each year of the worker's service after his return to his homeland. In the event the worker leaves denominational employment before the entire amount has been amortized, the unamortized portion shall be repaid by the individual to the employing organization.

6. That salary for such workers commence one month prior to his arrival in the Division. The employing organization will assume responsibility for the expenses from the port of entry as worker's moving expense.

7. That if the worker is called to another organization, the calling organization shall assume the unamortized portion of the above allowances and costs, except salary, and shall continue the process of amortization on the original basis.

8. A graduate study reimbursement allowance to be paid by the employing organization in annual installments of \$500.00 or its equivalent in local currency, shall be granted to workers having earned degrees as follows:

- a. For an M.A. or equivalent \$1,500.00
- b. For a B.D. or S.Ed., 2,500.00
- c. For an M.Th. 3,000.00
- d. For a Ph.D., Ed.D., or equivalent 4,000.00

9. The salary for a worker called under this policy will be based on the national wage scale for the position to which he is called.

66/253 COMMITTEE TO REVIEW VACATION AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE POLICIES

VOTED, That the following committee be appointed to review the Vacation and Leave of Absence Policies:

F. C. Webster
R. C. Darnell
Sabah Esber
George Khoury
R. C. Mills
R. W. Wilmot

66/254 FILIPINO WORKERS' POLICY

VOTED, 1. That calls for Filipino workers to serve in the Middle East Division shall be channeled through the General Conference with actual appointments and processing of appointees to be handled by the Far Eastern Division.

2. That the period of service for workers with families shall be five years with a nine-month furlough inclusive of travel; and for single workers, four years with a nine-month furlough. If it seems advisable because of the nature of his work, family conditions, or in consideration of the best interests of the organization, the worker who has completed 60 per cent of the regular term of service may be granted a short furlough to his home base of one third the regular furlough period inclusive of travel; it being understood that each case will be considered on its own merits by the Division committee.

3. That the outfitting allowance for Filipino workers shall be as follows:

- a. Single workers, full term of service, the equivalent of \$200.00 (U.S.)
- b. Families without dependent children, full term, the equivalent of \$400 (U.S.).
- c. Families with children, for each dependent child, the equivalent of \$60 (U.S.)

4. That freight, cartage, handling, packing, insurance, and crating charges shall be allowed as follows:

Class A families - man and wife	3,600 lbs.
Additional for each child	300 lbs.
Single workers	1,800 lbs.
Class B families - man and wife	1,800 lbs.
Additional for each child	300 lbs.
Single workers	900 lbs.

5. That in cases where appointees elect to take to the mission field less than the freight allowance provided for above, the Division shall compensate the appointee at the rate of \$20.00 per hundred pounds or its equivalent in local currency covering the unused portion of his authorized freight allowance. In case the worker is requested to travel by air, the freight allowance may be increased for each full fare ticket by 350 pounds.

6. That the salary is to be set in harmony with the local wage scale for national workers in the same category, bearing in mind that the salary to be set shall be at least the equivalent received by comparable workers in the Philippine homeland.

7. That the Filipino overseas worker shall be granted the privileges of the Exchange Policy as outlined in the General Conference Working Policy.

8. Freight and outfitting allowance shall be granted to workers returning from furlough equal to ten per cent of the regular freight allowance and of the regular outfitting allowance for each year of service during the previous term.

9. That the Filipino overseas worker shall be granted the privileges of the Exchange Policy as outlined in the General Conference Working Policy.

10. The following allowances shall be made in the case of permanent return of the worker.

a. Continuation of salary up to three months from date of departure from the field.

b. Rehabilitation allowance equal to one half of the outfitting allowance.

c. Freight allowance for man and wife 1,000 pounds, additional for each child, 100 pounds.

11. That to meet some special need, and where no language study is involved, single women missionaries may be called from the Philippines on a short-term basis for two years. In such cases the following provisions shall apply:

a. Outfitting and rehabilitation allowance (each way) \$100 (US)

b. Freight allowance going and returning (each way) 500 lbs.

c. Where a single woman who has given a short term of service is called by an overseas division to return for a regular term of service a furlough of up to three months in duration may be authorized by the committee.

66/255 WORKERS' WIVES -- EMPLOYMENT AS BIBLE WORKERS

VOTED, That in the Working Policy, page 93, paragraph 4 be added as follows:

"4. Section committees may employ the wives of workers as Bible Instructors whenever their preparation and ability would render them efficient in this work."

66/256 1967 YEAREND DIVISION COMMITTEE DATE

VOTED, That the 1967 yearend Division committee be held November 10-16, 1967.

66/257 AUTOMOBILE POLICY REVISION

VOTED, To delete section 4 under the Automobile Policy, Working Policy, page 104, and further

To amend section 6, page 105 to read: "Privately owned unauthorized cars must carry third-party liability insurance, this to be paid by the employing organization and issued to cover both the owner and the employing organization."

66/258 CHILD ALLOWANCE POLICY REVISION

VOTED, To amend the first sentence in the Child Allowance Policy, (MED Working Policy, page 107) to read: "A child allowance shall be granted of LL 10.00 per month or its equivalent per child up to four children in a worker's family, except in countries where the government provides such allowances."

66/259 ADVANCED STUDY BY WORKERS POLICY REVISION

VOTED, That paragraph 6. b. (1) on page 117 be amended by adding the underlined words:

"(1) A living allowance of up to 75 per cent of the maximum ordained minister's salary rate (either single or married, according to the case) in the country where studying, beginning the date of departure from Division territory until date of return. If his salary exceeds the 100 per cent for his employing organization, this additional percentage shall be added to the 75 per cent of the ordained minister's salary for the country where he is studying."

66/260 CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES POLICY REVISION

VOTED, To rescind our action 65/317 and that credentials and licenses be issued by local Sections to their employees, except those of Division appointment which are issued by the Division.

66/261 LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

VOTED, To request the secretary to write letters of appreciation to the following individuals who sent messages of encouragement and greeting to the workers of the Middle East Division:

R. H. Pierson	J. C. Kozel
Anees A. Haddad	Manoug Nazirian

66/262 ARABIC SONGS FOR CHILDREN

VOTED, To refer the question of printing Arabic songs for children to the Literature Planning and Reading Committee.

66/263 GREAT CONTROVERSY -- BOOK OF THE YEAR

VOTED, That Great Controversy be chosen as the Missionary and Spirit of Prophecy Book of the Year for 1968. The expense of translating and publishing this book is to be covered as follows:

E. G. White Estate @ \$2.50/page \$1700 LL 5015.00

Middle East Division matching 1700 5015.00

Additional Subsidy:

Middle East Division 75% 11,250.00

Local Sections 25% 3,750.00

66/264 MICHAEL OLIVERIO, M.D. - FURLOUGH

VOTED, To authorize the furlough of Dr. Michael Oliverio in the Philippines beginning June 4, 1968, and further

To request Dr. Oliverio to study in Tulane University for a degree in Public Health. In principle the Division Advanced Study plan will apply and a contract will be prepared and signed.

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION ANNUAL COMMITTEE

November 8, 1966, 8:00 A. M.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Edwin Gibb, associate secretary of the General Conference, used verses from 1 Corinthians 12 as the basis of his study. Comparing the worker group to the body he emphasized the importance of working together in harmony. No one department should feel superior or more important than any other. Just as hands and feet, though different, are both needed, so all departments of the work are important to the advancement of the Work of God. Today, when Satan is succeeding in creating divisions between races, nations and religions, God's church must not be divided. This is not a national church; it is God's church in all the world. As we work in unity of purpose demonstrating a sincere interest in the weak, in those who suffer or are in danger, we can be assured of success.

66/265 CYPRUS SECTION GENERAL ACCOUNTING

VOTED, That the general accounting of the Cyprus Section be transferred to the Division office.

66/266 INGATHERING SUPPLIES COMMITTEE

VOTED, To appoint the following as members of the Ingathering Supplies Committee for 1967:

The Division Lay Activities Department secretary, chairman	
R. E. Anderson, secretary	Maurice Katrib
R. C. Darnell	Minas Megurditchian
Kenneth Harding	Jabbour Semaan
J. S. Jones	Chafic Srour

66/267 MIDDLE EAST PRESS BOARD VACANCIES

VOTED, To appoint R. C. Mills and Manoug Nazirian to fill vacancies on the Middle East Press Board of Trustees.

66/268 LITERATURE PLANNING AND READING COMMITTEE

VOTED, To appoint the following persons as a Literature Planning and Reading Committee to serve for the balance of the quadrennium:

F. C. Webster, chairman	R. W. Coon	L. C. Miller
R. E. Anderson, secretary	R. C. Darnell	John Minassian
Aram Aghassian	Angely Gayed	M. H. Morovati
Behnam Arshat	A. A. Haddad	Manoug Nazirian
Naim Awais	R. L. Jacobs	Jabbour Semaan
Manuk Benzatyan	Maurice Katrib	S. J. Schwantes
Jack Bohannon	H. C. Lamp	Chafic Srour
D. L. Chappell	D. C. Ludington	K. L. Vine

66/269 IRAN SECTION PRESIDENT

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference a call for an overseas worker to serve as president of the Iran Section.

66/270 BETHLEHEM TOURIST PROJECT COMMITTEE

VOTED, To appoint the following persons as a Bethlehem Tourist Project Committee (This supersedes our former action 65/280.):

W. J. Clemons, chairman
D. L. Chappell
R. C. Darnell
Zaki Saliba

66/271 ARABIC HYMNBOOK COMMITTEE

VOTED, That the names of Naim Awais, Boutros Ghazal and Mrs. Edmond Haddad be added to the Arabic Hymnbook Committee (MED Minutes action 66/64). The full committee is now composed of the following persons:

K. L. Vine, chairman
R. E. Anderson
Naim Awais
Boutros Ghazal
Mrs. Edmond Haddad
Maurice Katrib
Mrs. Joseph Khoury
Manoug Nazirian

66/272 TOURIST GUIDE COMMITTEE

VOTED, To appoint the following persons a Tourist Guide Committee to study ways and means of aiding Adventist visitors as they come to the Division:

R. L. Jacobs, chairman
R. C. Mills
Chafic Srour
Abraham Terzibashian
K. L. Vine

66/273 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE--1967

VOTED, To approve the following 1967 holiday schedule for the Division office:

January 2	New Year's Day
March 27	Easter
May 1	Labor Day
May 5	Martyr's Day ($\frac{1}{2}$ day)
To be arranged	Picnic Day
November 22	Independence Day
December 22, 25, 26	Christmas ($2\frac{1}{2}$ days)

66/274 MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE APARTMENT HOUSE PLAN

VOTED, To approve the construction plans for an apartment house to be built at Middle East College as prepared by the architect.

66/275 TITHE PAYING PROMOTION

VOTED, To recommend the following plans for promoting increased faithfulness in stewardship:

1. That at least two sermons on stewardship be presented in each church during the year.
2. That study be given to making tithe envelopes readily available to the members before the offering is taken.
3. That pastors, through personal contacts and through letters, encourage members to be faithful in their personal stewardship.
4. That churches be encouraged to use plates rather than bags in which to receive tithes and offerings.
5. That churches be supplied with appropriate readings on tithes and offerings to be used at the time of the call for the offering.

66/276 CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES

VOTED, To grant the following credentials and licenses for the year 1967:

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION

Ministerial Credentials

D. L. Chappell
R. W. Coon
R. C. Darnell
A. A. Haddad
R. L. Jacobs
R. C. Mills
Chafic Srour

Missionary Credentials

H. S. Johnson
Jabbour Semaan
J. R. Stephan
Izella P. Stuivenga
R. W. Wilmot

Missionary License

Mrs. D. L. Chappell
Mrs. R. W. Coon
Mrs. R. C. Darnell
Sabah Esber
Mary Ghazal
Mrs. R. L. Jacobs
Mrs. H. S. Johnson
Mrs. H. C. Lamp
Mrs. R. C. Mills
Mrs. J. R. Stephan
Mrs. F. C. Webster
Mrs. R. W. Wilmot

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION (Cont'd)

Honorary Ministerial Credentials

Basta Bishai
Shukri Nowfel
Y. O. Sangerloo

Honorary Missionary Credentials

A. E. Ashod
Hana Jubran Nasr
A. N. Barlas

Honorary Bible Instructor
Credentials

Nanajan Badal

Honorary Ministerial License

Samuel Farag
Ohan Keshishzade

Honorary Missionary License

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

BENGHAZI HOSPITAL

Missionary Credentials

Mrs. Alice Bowers
Rae Anna Brown
Aaron Dennis
Rafic Issa
Mrs. Rafic Issa
Cleo Johnson
Mounir Masloub
Mrs. Mounir Masloub
Russell Nolin
Mrs. M. T. Oliverio
Ruth Tobiassen
Evangeline Voth
Dorothy Walter

Ministerial License

A. A. Ewert, D.D.S.
D. C. Fahrbach, M.D.
D. C. Ludington, M.D.
M. T. Oliverio, M.D.
R. W. Van Dorn, M.D.
J. W. Whitehouse

Missionary License

Habib Banna
Lucila Deles
Mrs. Aaron Dennis
Mrs. A. A. Ewert
Mrs. D. C. Fahrbach
Mrs. Cleo Johnson
George Khoury
Irma Kintanar
Nadie Kolta
Mrs. D. C. Ludington
D. W. McConnell
Mrs. D. W. McConnell
Nadia Nashed
Mrs. Russell Nolin
Eliseo Oliverio
Mrs. Eliseo Oliverio
Emilia Tabo
Jack Thompson
Mrs. Jack Thompson
Mrs. R. W. Van Dorn
Mrs. J. W. Whitehouse
Bishara Youssef
Mrs. Bishara Youssef

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

Ministerial Credentials

Stanley Bull
R. L. Fenn
H. E. Robinson
J. S. Russell
S. J. Schwantes
K. L. Vine

Ministerial License

B. L. Gilleroth
Samir Shahin

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE (Cont'd)

Missionary Credentials

Mrs. Raymond Bitar
Herbert Faimann
George Ghazal
D. B. Hepker
Jad Katrib
Hanna Matouk
Henry Melki
L. V. Morris
L. E. Nolin
June Soper
E. W. Waring
Violet Wentland
Ignatius Yacoub
Mrs. Ignatius Yacoub

Missionary License

Hana Aboud
Munir Abou Deeb
Habib Bishara
Mrs. Habib Bishara
Nicola Esber
Mrs. Stanley Bull

Missionary License (Cont'd)

Mrs. Herbert Faimann
Mrs. R. L. Fenn
Mrs. B. L. Gilleroth
Edmond Haddad
Mrs. Edmond Haddad
Ibrahim Hanna
Mrs. D. B. Hepker
Nicola Issa
Tanius Issa
Joseph Khoury
Mrs. Joseph Khoury
Mrs. L. V. Morris
Mary Nashed
Mrs. L. E. Nolin
Baldur Pfeiffer
Mrs. Baldur Pfeiffer
Mrs. H. E. Robinson
Mrs. J. S. Russell
Mrs. S. J. Schwantes
Ahed Semaan
Mrs. Philip Srour
Mrs. K. L. Vine
Mrs. E. W. Waring

MIDDLE EAST PRESS

Missionary Credentials

R. E. Anderson
Naim Awais
Boutros Ghazal

Missionary License

Elia Abdelnour
Mrs. R. E. Anderson
Raymond Bitar
Nadia El-Tahawi
Wajih Faddoul
Yervant Maksoudyan
Samuel Nassimian
Krikor Yessayan

SECTION OFFICERS

CYPRUS SECTION

Ministerial Credentials

J. S. Jones

Missionary License

Moses Elmadjian

EGYPT SECTION

Missionary Credentials

Habib Ghali

IRAN SECTION

Ministerial Credentials

Kenneth Harding

Missionary Credentials

Vigain Marcarian

SECTION OFFICERS (Cont'd)

IRAQ SECTION

Ministerial Credentials

Behnam Arshat
Salim Majeed

Missionary License

Basim Fargo

JORDAN SECTION

Ministerial Credentials

W. J. Clemons

Missionary License

Zaki Saliba

LEBANON SECTION

Ministerial Credentials

George Khoury

Missionary Credentials

G. B. Yared

SYRIA SECTION

Ministerial Credentials

Maurice Katrib

TURKEY SECTION

Ministerial Credentials

L. C. Miller

66/277 ORDINATION--MANUK BENZATYAN AND H. C. LAMP, M.D.

VOTED, To approve the ordination of Manuk Benzatyan and H. C. Lamp, M.D., and to grant Ministerial Credentials subject to their ordination.

66/278 FIXED RATE OF EXCHANGE, 1967

VOTED, To record the fixed rate of exchange for 1967 as follows:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>Fixed Rate in Local Currency</u>	<u>1967 Fixed Rate</u>
Cyprus	Pound		\$ 2.80
Egypt	Egyptian £		2.15
Iran	Rial	75.00	.0133333
Iraq	Dinar		2.80
Jordan	Dinar		2.80
Lebanon	Lebanese £	3.00	.3333
Libya	Pound		2.80
Sudan	Sudanese £		2.80
Syria	Syrian £	4.00	.25
Turkey	Turkish Lira	9.00	.11111

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION ANNUAL COMMITTEE

November 9, 1966, 8:00 A. M.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

The devotional speaker was K. F. Ambs, assistant treasurer of the General Conference, basing his study on the story of the rich young man who came to Christ as related in Matthew 19:16-26. This man claimed to be a commandment keeper but he was covetous and selfish. A study of the relation between tithes and offerings in the Adventist church indicates that this may be a common sin among us today. The remedy for selfishness is indicated to be prayer and fasting. Our real danger today is in being satisfied with ourselves, satisfied with our accomplishments, with our machinery and our institutions. What is actually needed is the preaching of Christ and Him crucified. (1 Cor. 1:23) Such witnessing will lead to persecution, but we must go forward realizing that God is ready to do a mighty work if we are ready for Him to use us.

66/279 TEACHERS' SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

VOTED, To appoint the following persons a committee to study the problem related to the employment of teachers during the summer:

R. L. Jacobs
 Alfred Akar
 George Ghazal
 George Khoury
 K. L. Vine

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION ANNUAL COMMITTEE

November 10, 1966, 8:00 A. M.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Edwin Gibb presented the devotional study based on the experience of Elijah recorded in 1 Kings 17. God cared for His servant as he faced Ahab and later the prophets of Baal. Often the worker is tempted to move forward only when the way is cleared of all obstacles. But this is not a demonstration of true faith. The prayer of each one should be that he recognize and take advantage of every opportunity God presents to him.

66/280 STUDENT LITERATURE EVANGELIST POLICY

WHEREAS, Some of the students in Middle East College and our academies would like to sell books on a part-time basis during the school year, and

WHEREAS, The General Conference Publishing Department policy, page 93 says, "Any student who can devote some time to selling books and magazines during the school year and thereby earn a scholarship should be permitted to do so," it was

VOTED, 1. That we encourage college and academy students to canvass during the school year, provided the Section Publishing Department can provide proper supervision and training for them.

2. That a student literature evangelist receive a scholarship bonus on the sales he makes during the school year, provided:

a. He sells at least LL 200 worth of literature during the school term.

b. He canvass as on the regular scholarship plan during the following summer months, working the required 400 hours (350 hours, if a lady) during the summer period.

c. He gives to the manager of the Book and Periodical House 25% of his sales made during the school year to add to his scholarship account. He may pay this sum at the end of the summer period when the manager prepares his Eligibility for Scholarship Bonus Form to send to the school.

66/281 PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP FEES AND JOURNAL ALLOWANCE

VOTED, To substitute the following for the policy on professional supplies as now on pp. 101 and 102 of the MED Working Policy:

"That Division and Section officers, departmental secretaries and evangelistic field workers may submit paid bills for purchases of professional books and equipment to be used in their work for which subsidy will be allowed on the following basis: The employing organization will reimburse the worker in full for the first LL 50.00 or its equivalent on such purchases and will share an additional LL 100.00 expense on such purchases with the worker, affording a total possible yearly subsidy of LL 100.00. Controlling boards of institutions are to determine which of their administrative personnel are to come under this policy. Special professional journals and membership fees for certain institutional workers may be paid by the institutions upon action of controlling boards."

66/282 MEDICAL EXPENSE POLICY

VOTED, To amend the Medical Expense Policy (MED Working Policy, p. 98) paragraph 1, to read as follows:

"1. A worker having medical and/or dental and/or optical and/or hearing aid and/or obstetrical expense may be allowed 75 per cent of the expense; the allowance to be made only on receipted medical bills for which the worker has actually made payment. Assistance as provided for above may also apply on the expense of medical and orthopedic appliances when prescribed by a qualified physician."

Delete paragraph No. 2 and renumber the others.

66/283 UTILITY ALLOWANCE POLICY

VOTED, To amend paragraph 1 of the Utility Allowance Policy (MED Working Policy, p. 96) by changing LL 147.50 to LL 150.00.

66/284 WAGE SCALE

VOTED, To adopt the new General Conference Overseas Wage Scale.

66/285 RENT CEILING--LEBANON

VOTED, That the following rent ceilings be set for Lebanon:

	Married workers	Single workers
Beirut	40%	30%
Outside Beirut	30%	20%

Further, that throughout the Division the rent subsidy ceiling for single workers be 10 per cent of the wage scale below that of family heads.

66/286 MEDICAL EXPENSE--MRS. VICTORIA HADDAD

VOTED, That in view of the heavy medical expense incurred in the surgery of Mrs. Victoria Haddad, mother of Anees Haddad, special aid be granted to help with this expense following the general lines of the medical policy.

66/287 VISITATION DAY TRACTS---SUBSIDY

VOTED, To increase the annual subsidy from LL 1,500.00 to LL 2,500.00 for a special fund to provide a subsidy of 50 per cent on orders for Home Visitation Day tracts until this fund is depleted, it being understood that this will provide a subsidy for at least 100,000 tracts.

66/288 GEORGE KHOURY RESIGNATION--LEBANON SECTION

WHEREAS, Elder George Khoury has expressed personal convictions that he be appointed to evangelistic rather than administrative work, and

WHEREAS, The officers have discussed these convictions with Elder Khoury in the light of the confidence of the organization in his work, and

WHEREAS, Elder Khoury has requested an immediate change in order to provide relief from the heavy personal demands of the office on his health and well-being, it was

VOTED, To accept with regrets the resignation of George Khoury as president of the Lebanon Section and to express our appreciation for the service he has given in this position.

66/289 LEBANON SECTION ADMINISTRATION

VOTED, To appoint the Division president to care for the temporary administration of the Lebanon Section.

66/290 DIVISION COMMITTEE--ADDITIONS

VOTED, To add Chafic Srour and R. W. Wilmot to the Division committee.

66/291 SUPPORTING EVANGELISM THROUGH PUBLIC RELATIONS

WHEREAS, We recognize that, in addition to our dependence on the Holy Spirit and increasing emphasis on prayer, global evangelism will under God's leading require the use of the best tools that modern technology can provide,

VOTED, That the Bureau of Public Relations and its field representatives seek to:

1. Keep before the workers and members of the church the goal of creating a public image of Seventh-day Adventists as true believers in God and promote through all available channels this recognition of God's people.
2. Exempt Seventh-day Adventists from the prevailing prejudice by stressing that we are not associated with any parties, nations, or movements aimed at destroying Islam or dominating Islamic peoples but that our allegiance is only to God and the government under which we live and belong, and by emphasizing that Seventh-day Adventists are the friends of Muslims who share common doctrines and goals where these are meant to strengthen the spiritual values and moral life of the community, noting, for instance, that as followers of Christ we do not drink wine, smoke cigarettes, eat unclean meats, dress immodestly, follow worldly amusements, address prayers to saints, or accept other idolatrous religious practices.
3. Step up news activity that will help to mold public opinion in favor of the Church and its message, attempting to inject more of the message in news releases. In view of the worldwide mission of the Church the Bureau will also seek to give emphasis to its worldwide nature.
4. Enlarge planning for radio and television news coverage, watching for placement of personnel on programs, use of television film shorts, and spot advertising on radio and television.
5. Renew efforts to establish or improve relations with news media personnel, civic leaders, prominent citizens and other thought leaders, especially through cooperation in community activities. One means of accomplishing this will be a wider use of a completely revised handbook on the Church and its activities and teachings, to appear early in 1967.

6. Take increasing advantage of advertising as a powerful tool of communication. Assist in the preparation of evangelistic advertising materials of all types with emphasis on a professional product, and to make these available for use in newspapers and magazines. These materials will include complete evangelistic ads as well as aids for ministers and evangelists in preparing local ads and promotional pieces.

7. Assist in exploring new methods of evangelism keyed to special-interest groups and areas, through such means as community discussion groups, traveling exhibits, and mobile evangelistic units.

8. Strengthen the membership of the church in greater understanding of the church's mission through such means as specially prepared audio-visual materials, articles in church publications, and resource materials.

9. Study the best means of working with and cooperating with all departments of the church in a coordinated approach toward the task of reaching all mankind with the message entrusted to this remnant church.

66/292 HERBERT FAIMANN--HOMELAND STATUS

WHEREAS, Herbert Faimann, presently employed by Middle East College as an industrial head, is a national of Austria who was employed in Lebanon on the basis of a national worker, but now requests that Austria be established as his homeland, it was

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the request that Austria be considered the homeland of Herbert Faimann.

66/293 MEDICAL WORK IN LEBANON

VOTED, That H. C. Lamp, M.D. with the officers of the Lebanon Section investigate the possibility of extending the medical work in Lebanon and report to the Division committee.

66/294 FIVE-DAY PLAN SCHEDULE

VOTED, To conduct Five-Day Plans as follows:

Nicosia, Cyprus	H. C. Lamp, M.D. K. L. Vine	March 12-16, 1967
Limmasal, Cyprus	H. C. Lamp, M.D. K. L. Vine	March 19-23, 1967
Jerusalem, Jordan	H. C. Lamp, M.D. Jabbour Semaan	April 2- 6, 1967
Damascus, Syria	B. Brandstater, M.D.	April 23-27, 1967
Istanbul, Turkey	H. C. Lamp, M.D.	Oct. 15-19, 1967

66/295 ITINERARIES

VOTED, To approve the following itineraries:

H. C. Lamp, M.D.	November 20-22, 1966	Jordan
	March 12-23, 1967	Cyprus
	April 2-6	Jordan
	April 23-27	Syria
	May 5-19	Turkey
D. L. Chappell	November 20-22, 1966	Cyprus
	December 8-19	Egypt
	January 6-8, 1967	Turkey
	February 3-6	Iraq
	February 7-8	Kuwait
	February 9-11	Qatar
	March 3-6	Jordan
	March 16-24	Iran
	April 19-26	Egypt
	April 27-30	Libya
	May 25-28	Cyprus
June 8-11	Syria	
Chafic Srour	Nov. 25-Dec. 3, 1966	Jordan
	December 4-18	Egypt
	December 18-31	Kuwait
	Jan.-March, 1967	Iraq
	April-June	Turkey
	July-September	Lebanon
Oct.-Dec.	Egypt	

66/296 AUTO-MECHANICS CLASS--REALLOCATION OF RESERVE

VOTED, To approve the request of Middle East College to reallocate LL 500.00 from the Vocational Equipment reserve to be used for vocational education.

66/297 MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE BOARD--FILL VACANCIES

VOTED, That R. C. Mills and R. L. Jacobs be appointed members of the College Board of Trustees to fill vacancies created by the absence of V. A. Fenn and A. A. Haddad.

66/298 BIBLE SOCIETY DONATION

VOTED, To appropriate LL 100.00 as a donation to the local Bible Society.

66/299 SPIRIT OF PROPHECY TRANSLATION--SUBSIDY

VOTED, To provide a subsidy from Division operating funds of the sum of LL 7,000.00 to the Middle East Press for the translation of Spirit of Prophecy books.

66/300 MISSIONS EXTENSION PROJECT--1967

VOTED, To assign the Missions Extension offering for 1967 to the Iraq Section for the Baghdad School Project.

66/301 JOHN GREEN--CALL TO IRAQ

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the call of the Iraq Section for John Green to serve as pastor of the Baghdad Church and health educator.

66/302 JOHN GREEN--BUDGET PROVISION

VOTED, To request the Overseas Committee to provide a salary budget for John Green who is being called to serve in Iraq.

VOTED, To adopt the report of the Budget Committee as follows:

<u>Base Appropriation</u>		<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>Lebanese Currency</u>
Division Office			281,954.26
Benghazi Hospital	Li£	4,121.597	34,621.41
Middle East College			198,880.50
Middle East Press			72,057.90
Radio Studio			13,182.87
Aden Station			10,000.00
Cyprus Section	Cy£	2,990.590	25,120.96
Egypt Section	Eg£	46,491.030	299,867.14
Iran Section	Rials	3,941.591.04	157,663.62
Iraq Section	ID	9,911.755	83,258.74
Jordan Section	JD	8,308.968	69,795.33
Lebanon Section			148,568.10
Sudan Station			10,516.10
Syria Section	Sy£	45,169.85	33,877.38
Turkey Section	Tq£	61,178.27	20,392.74
			<u>LL 1,459,757.05</u>
			US 486,585.68
 <u>Voice of Prophecy Funds</u>			
Received from the General Conference			LL 67,500.00
Middle East Division Funds:			
M. E. D. Radio Commission Reserve Balance			13,159.90
Lit. Approp. Gen. Conf. Trust Fund			640.00
Evangelism Reserve			<u>30,894.94</u>
Total for Distribution			112,194.84
Cyprus School	Cy£	1,231.527	10,344.84
Iran School	Rials	186,500.00	7,200.00
Iraq School	ID	1,970.443	16,000.00
Jordan School	JD	2,463.054	20,000.00
Lebanon School			36,150.00
Syria School	Sy£	12,068.94	10,500.00
Turkey School	Tq£	37,241.64	<u>12,000.00</u>
			112,194.84
 <u>Special Funds Available</u>			
General Conference:			
Specials, General		LL 300,000.00	
Church Extension		<u>60,000.00</u>	LL 360,000.00
Division:			
Contingency Fund		10,422.09	
Emergency Fund		10,000.00	
Exchange		50,000.00	
Ingathering Reversion		28,279.68	
Spring in Tithes & Offerings		26,805.98	
Church Development Reserves		11,000.00	
1964 Istanbul Clinic Remodeling	LL	25,430.40	
Basrah Church		29,232.00	
1965 MED Property Registration etc.		33,005.86	
Egypt Badari Land & Cemetery		10,311.48	
Iran Medical Work		<u>5,800.01</u>	
		<u>103,779.75</u>	<u>240,287.50</u>
Total Funds Available			600,287.50
Less Specials for Church Extension			<u>60,000.00</u>
Net - For General Distribution			540,287.50

Special Funds Distribution

	<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>Lebanese Currency</u>
Middle East Division		
Office Equipment		4,000.00
Contingency Fund		<u>49,809.95</u>
Total - Division		53,809.95
Benghazi Hospital:		
Housing	LiB 12,857.140	108,000.00
Middle East College		
Sewer System		30,000.00
Play Courts		<u>10,000.00</u>
Total College		40,000.00
Middle East Press		
Heidelberg Cylinder Press		7,500.00
Cyprus Section:		
Nicosia Church	CyL 6,678.570	56,100.00
B&BH, HHES Working Capital	" <u>357.140</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total - Cyprus	CyL 7,035.710	59,100.00
Egypt Section:		
Social Security Back Payment	EgL 4,384.000	28,276.80
Mercy Home Vocational Equip.	" 1,535.000	9,900.75
Academy Duplex Addition	" <u>1,600.000</u>	<u>10,320.00</u>
Total - Egypt	EgL 7,519.000	48,497.55
Iran Section:		
Academy House Remodelling	Rials 150,000.00	6,000.00
Academy Fence around pool	" <u>40,000.00</u>	<u>1,600.00</u>
Total - Iran	" 190,000.00	7,600.00
Iraq Section:		
Land for Hospital & School	ID 10,000.00	84,000.00
Jordan Section:		
Office Furn. & Equip.	JD 350.000	2,940.00
Amman School Repairs & Furn.	" <u>1,900.000</u>	<u>15,960.00</u>
Total - Jordan	" 2,250.000	18,900.00

Special Funds Distribution (Cont'd)

	<u>Local Currency</u>	<u>Lebanese Currency</u>
Lebanon Section:		
Secondary School		90,000.00
Cultural & Welfare Center Equip.		<u>13,880.00</u>
Total - Lebanon		103,880.00
Syria Section:		
Douer-Taha Meeting Place & Furn. SL	5,000.00	3,750.00
Damascus Center Completion "	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>5,250.00</u>
Total - Syria SL	12,000.00	9,000.00
Total Specials		540,287.50
Church Extension:		
Cyprus - Nicosia Church		<u>60,000.00</u>
Total - All Specials		600,287.50

66/304 RESOLUTION OF GRATITUDE TO GOD

WHEREAS, The blessings from God have been multiplied to those of us in fellowship at the annual committee, and the large budget now voted by the committee reminds us of the sacrificial support of our church members and the material blessings God has liberally bestowed,

We recommend, That the following "Resolution of Gratitude to God" voted by the delegates at the General Conference session in Detroit be reaffirmed:

"As delegates assembled in Detroit, Michigan, for the fiftieth session of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, we express our united and profound sense of gratitude to God for His unfailing watchcare over the Adventist people during the past quadrennium. This providential care has been exercised by our heavenly Father in times marked by the perils of revolt and war in many lands and in the midst of a world made dangerous by worsening morality and the most violent crimes.

"In spite of physical and spiritual perils and many hindrances, including our own limitations and human shortcomings, the gracious hand of God has been felt in the worldwide church as extensive efforts have been made to extend the gospel to all parts of the world. Not only in one country but in all the lands of the earth the triumphs of the cross of our blessed and conquering Lord have been seen. For these marked evidences of soul-winning success and missions advance we are profoundly grateful.

"We have been keenly aware of the Holy Spirit's ministry in our church life prompting our people to increased faithfulness in the stewardship of material treasures. For these large gifts of love and faithfulness we express gratitude to our benevolent Lord, and with even greater joy we praise God for the abundant evidences of spiritual life and vitality among the remnant people of God.

"Seventh-day Adventists today are united in belief and organization. The church is keenly aware that the strength of this unity results from providential guidance provided through God's gift of the Holy Scriptures and the Spirit of Prophecy. For these treasures of truth--to which we steadfastly hold--we are deeply grateful to God. And for the joyful hope of the soon return of Jesus, which hope--in this age of confusion and uncertainty--we resolve to share in greater fulness with the world about us."

Most of those present, by individual testimony, rededicated their lives and energies to a more vigorous prosecution of the work toward the goal of tripling the membership of the Division during the current quadrennium and an increased endeavor to reach all segments of society in the Middle East so that the cause of God can be finished quickly here and in all the world.

The committee adjourned sine die at 5:00 p.m.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE

November 24, 1966, 2:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, D. L. Chappell, R. C. Darnell, H. C. Lamp, M.D.,
R. C. Mills, Chafic Srour, K. L. Vine, R. W. Wilmot

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by Chafic Srour and H. C. Lamp.

66/305 ROGER COON RELEASE

VOTED, To request with regrets that the General Conference release Roger Coon from his call to the Middle East Division, due to the medical problems which he describes in his letter of November 16, 1966, directed to the Division president.

66/306 AUTOMOBILE AUTHORIZATIONS:

JOSEPH KHOURY, IGNATIUS YACOB, JAD KATRIB

VOTED, Upon the recommendation of the Middle East College Board,
1) to authorize cars for the following chairmen of divisions:

Dr. Joseph Khoury, chairman of the division of education and psychology;

Ignatius Yacoub, chairman of the division of applied arts; and

2) to authorize a car for Jad Katrib, principal of the Middle East College secondary school.

66/307 TURKEY CARE REQUEST

VOTED, To request 2,000 units of CARE packages for the Turkey Section from SAWS.

66/308 HENRY MOUSALLY--SALARY AUDIT

VOTED, To set the salary of Henry Mousally, under appointment to the Benghazi Adventist Hospital, at 82 per cent.

66/309 DIVISION APARTMENTS--PLANS

VOTED, To approve the architect's plans for the Division apartments as presented with the recommendation that central heating be installed.

Adjourned at 4:00 P. M.

Closing prayer by R. W. Wilmot.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

Robert Darnell, Recording Secretary