

## MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE

January 11, 1967, 3:30 P. M.

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, R. E. Anderson, D. L. Chappell, R. C. Darnell,  
H. C. Lamp, M.D., K. L. Vine, R. W. Wilmot, R. L. Jacobs

## BY INVITATION:

George Yared

## DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by R. W. Wilmot.

67/1 TURKEY SECTION--REQUEST FOR CLOTHING

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference Welfare Service the request of the Turkey Section for 100 bales of winter clothing for children.

67/2 VACATIONS--AUTHORIZATION

VOTED, That regular vacations that are in harmony with the Middle East Division policy be arranged and authorized by the Division treasurer, it being understood that exceptions will be presented to the committee for approval.

67/3 EGYPT SECTION--EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION

VOTED, To grant an emergency appropriation of LL 10, 176.67 to the Egypt Section to be used to make pending Social Security payments for the months July to December, 1966, to be charged as follows:

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| Emergency Fund      | LL 7,424.36 |
| Aden Budget Reserve | 2,752.31    |

67/4 BENGHAZI HOSPITAL--X-RAY EQUIPMENT

VOTED, To approve the request of the Benghazi Hospital to purchase X-ray equipment for the new building from funds in hand, it being understood that this will be considered in connection with the 1968 requests for special appropriations. Cost \$15,000.

67/5 BENGHAZI HOSPITAL--AUDITORIUM/CHURCH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

VOTED, To approve the request of the Benghazi Hospital to build a combination church school and cultural center with the following characteristics, it being understood that the actual building and financial plans will be presented for study at a later date:

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## AUDITORIUM:

- a) Seating capacity of 500 including overflow rooms
- b) Level floor
- c) Ceiling--minimum height required
- d) Stage

## CHURCH SCHOOL:

- a) Two rooms, with opportunity for enlargement
- b) Principal's office
- c) Capacity for 35 pupils in each room

## GENERAL:

- a) Name--Adventist Cultural Center
- b) Adequate toilet facilities
- c) Location--Northeast corner of lot with parking area on the west side of the building
- d) Kitchenette available to auditorium

67/6 JUNE SOPER--PERMANENT RETURN AND APPRECIATION

VOTED, To recommend to the General Conference the request of June Soper for a permanent return to the United States effective at the end of the present school year; and further,

To express to Miss Soper our sincere appreciation for her two terms of consecrated and effective service as head of the Music Department of Middle East College.

67/7 MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE--CALL FOR MUSIC DEPARTMENT HEAD

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the request of Middle East College for a man to serve as head of the Music Department.

67/8 R. C. DARNELL--FURLOUGH AND STUDY PLAN

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the request of R. C. Darnell for a furlough beginning April 10, 1967, and that in view of the fact that he has been requested to secure advanced specialized training and secure a doctorate in the field of Near Eastern Languages and Literature at the University of Michigan that the provisions of the General Conference Working Policy, pp. 212, 213, paragraphs 42 and 43 apply, and that the furlough be extended to thirteen months.

67/9 SAMIR SHAHIN--CAR AUTHORIZATION

VOTED, To grant a special appropriation to Middle East College of LL 2,500.00 for car authorization and travel expense during 1967 of Samir Shahin as assistant pastor of the College Park church.

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67/10 ITINERARIES

VOTED, To approve the following itineraries:

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|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| F. C. Webster | January 2-5         | Jordan             |
|               | January 17-24       | Egypt              |
|               | January 25-31       | Sudan              |
|               | February 22-March 2 | Egypt and Libya    |
|               | March 16-April 3    | Iraq and Iran      |
|               | April 20-27         | Turkey             |
|               | May 19-25           | Cyprus             |
|               | May 30-June 7       | Jordan             |
| R. L. Jacobs  | January 17-23       | Egypt              |
|               | January 26-30       | Iran               |
| R. C. Darnell | January 26-31       | Sudan              |
| K. L. Vine    | To be arranged      | Jordan, Iraq, Iran |

67/11 MOROUN KHOURY--PLANS

Moroun Khoury is an ex-priest who has become a Seventh-day Adventist, being baptized in Beirut, January 7, 1967. It is believed that he should be associated with other workers and granted aid in harmony with the plan authorized by the General Conference. It was, therefore,

VOTED, To authorize hotel expense for one week for Moroun Khoury and to grant him a living allowance based on 75 per cent of the Lebanon basic rate, with fringe benefits as for a regular full-time worker, for a period of one year, effective January 1, 1967.

67/12 SHAHADA HALABI--MINISTERIAL LICENSE

VOTED, To rescind our action 66/315 and recommend to the Lebanon Section that Shahada Halabi be granted a Ministerial License.

67/13 CREDENTIALS--GABRIEL MELKI, MARY MATOUK

VOTED, To approve the recommendation of Middle East College and grant credentials as follows:

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| Mrs. Mary Matouk | Missionary License |
| Gabriel Melki    | Missionary License |

67/14 F. C. WEBSTER--MEC WEEK OF PRAYER

VOTED, To approve the request of Middle East College that F. C. Webster hold the college Week of Prayer from May 5 to 13, 1967.

Adjourned at 6:45 P. M.

Closing prayer by George Yared.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary