

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE

June 6, 1967, 2:00 P. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

R. C. Mills, R. E. Anderson, D. L. Chappell, H. C. Lamp, MD,
Manoug Nazirian, K. L. Vine, R. W. Wilmot, R. L. Jacobs

OTHERS PRESENT:

By invitation: George Ghazal, Salim Japas, George Yared

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by Manoug Nazirian.

67/104 MIDDLE EAST UNION--EMERGENCY ORGANIZATION

Due to current circumstances it is considered advisable to make temporary provision for the administration of the work in the Middle East Division. It was therefore,

VOTED, To create a Middle East Union to operate under, but embracing the same territory as the Middle East Division, to function during the absence of, or the inability to communicate with the General Conference-appointed and previous Division-appointed staff. The following staff is hereby appointed for this new Union organization:

MIDDLE EAST UNION

OFFICERS:

President, Chafic Srour
Secretary, George Khoury
Treasurer, George Ghazal

Executive Committee: Chafic Srour,
George Ghazal, George Khoury, Presidents or
Acting Presidents of Local Sections, Departmental Secretaries of the Union, President or Acting President of Middle East College, Medical Director or Acting Medical Director of Benghazi Hospital, Manager or Acting Manager of Middle East Press.

DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARIES:

Education, George Khoury
Lay Activities, Publishing, Sabbath School,
Manoug Nazirian
Ministerial, Radio-TV, Salim Japas
Public Affairs, Public Relations, George Nehme
Religious Liberty, Chafic Srour
Temperance, Y.P.M.V., Salam Aboujouda

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SECTION OFFICERS:

Cyprus	President (Acting), Moses Elmadjian Secretary Treasurer, Moses Elmadjian
Egypt	President, Habib Ghali Secretary, Shafic Ghali Treasurer, Wadie Housni Kolta
Iran	President, Vigain Marcarian Secretary Treasurer, Vigain Marcarian
Iraq	President (Acting), Salim Majeed Secretary Treasurer, Basim Fargo
Jordan	President (Acting), Mousa Azar Secretary Treasurer, Mousa Azar
Lebanon	President (Acting), Manoug Nazirian Secretary Treasurer, George Yared
Syria	President, Maurice Katrib Secretary Treasurer, Maurice Katrib
Turkey	President (Acting), Manuk Benzatyan Secretary Treasurer, Manuk Benzatyan

INSTITUTIONS:

Benghazi Hospital

Medical Director (Acting), M. T. Oliverio, M.D.
Business Manager, (Acting), Habib Banna

Temporary Administrative Board:

Chairman, Chafic Srouf
Secretary, M. T. Oliverio, M. D.
Habib Banna, Bishara Aziz, Rafic Issa,
George Ghazal, George Khoury, Irma Kintanar

Middle East College

Acting President and Dean, Ignatius Yacoub
Business Manager, George Ghazal

Temporary Administrative Board:

Chairman, Chafic Srouf
Secretary, Ignatius Yacoub
George Khoury, George Ghazal, George Yared,
Siegfried Schwantes, Jad Katrib

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Middle East Press

Acting Manager, Boutros Ghazal
 Treasurer, Boutros Ghazal

Temporary Administrative Board:
 Chairman, Chafic Srour
 Secretary, Boutros Ghazal
 Manoug Nazirian, George Khoury, Naim Awais,
 George Ghazal

67/105 GHASSAN DEEB--SPONSORSHIP

VOTED, To request the General Conference to grant sponsorship required by La Sierra College for Ghassan Deeb to study pre-medicine.

67/106 SUSTENTATION--NASHED YACOUB BISHAI

VOTED, To approve the request of Nashed Yacoub Bishai, a worker in Egypt, for sustentation benefits as of June 1, 1967, and set his rate at the maximum of 60%, and further

To express to Brother Nashed our sincere appreciation for his 43 years of faithful service in the Cause of God.

67/107 SUSTENTATION--LILLY HABIB DOSE

VOTED, To grant sustentation to Lilly Habib Dose, widow of William Gayed Khalil, a worker in Egypt until his death August 8, 1966, and to set her single rate at 27%, based on her husband's service record of 21 years.

67/108 NILE ACADEMY--APPROPRIATION REASSIGNMENT

In harmony with the request of the Egypt Section, it was

VOTED, To reassign LEg 1800,000 granted in 1966 for a diesel engine for the Nile Academy, as follows:

Irrigation pump and redrilling of well	LEg 550,000
Girls' Dormitory addition	500,000
Lawn watering system	300,000
Wall in front of academy	200,000
Remodeling - offices, etc.	150,000
Industrial project	100,000

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67/109 B. L. GILLEROTH--FURLOUGH ITINERARY

In harmony with the request of Middle East College, it was

VOTED, To approve the following furlough itinerary for B. L. Gilleroth and family:

Beirut - Stockholm, June 15, 1967
 Stockholm - New York, July 16
 New York - Beirut in time to arrive in Beirut
 by September 15

It is understood that while in Sweden they will visit Mr. Gilleroth's parents, attend the Swedish Union Session and visit churches and camps on special invitation. While in the United States they will visit Mrs. Gilleroth's parents in Mount Vernon, Ohio and in Washington, D. C. Brother Gilleroth's request to visit Dr. F. Feltman at Pacific Union College and Dr. Royal Sage at L. F. C. for Academic improvement is authorized on a single travel and per diem allowance basis.

67/110 GEORGE ISSA--CALL TO MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

VOTED, To pass on to the Lebanon Section the request of Middle East College for George Issa to teach lower division Arabic classes at the college for the 1967-68 school year as the assigned work load under the Worker In-Service Policy.

67/111 NAIM AWAIS--SERVICE REQUEST

VOTED, To pass on to the Middle East Press a request for the part time services of Naim Awais to teach upper division Arabic in Middle East College during the 1967-68 school year while Henry Melki is in the States obtaining a higher degree.

67/112 AIDA AWAIS--CALL TO MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

VOTED, To authorize Middle East College to employ Aida Awais to serve as a stenographer for the 1967-68 school year if a work permit can be obtained for her.

67/113 DALE HEPKER--VACATION PLAN

In harmony with the recommendation of Middle East College, it was

VOTED, To approve the request of Dale Hepker to take his summer vacation from July 15 to August 15, 1967 in Europe. It is understood that the time in excess of the legitimate two weeks will be without pay. In case there is an evacuation of overseas personnel and the resulting forced absence period come within the dates stated above, there will be no deduction from his wage.

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67/114 J. R. STEPHAN--STUDY AUTHORIZATION

In harmony with the recommendation of Middle East College, it was

VOTED, To authorize for J. R. Stephan the cost and travel expenses for two piano lessons per week during the summer of 1967, in preparation for his responsibilities as head of the music department.

67/115 BANK SIGNATURE--GEORGE GHAZAL

VOTED, That the British Bank of the Middle East, Beirut, Lebanon, be, and hereby is authorized to recognize the signature of George Ghazal to make withdrawals by check and to sign and make any or all changes in order for the payment of money on the account of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Middle East Division. This authorization is additional to prior authorizations currently in force and may be exercised with them severally or individually.

Adjourned at 4:00 p.m. with closing prayer by George Ghazal.

R. C. Mills, Chairman, Pro Tempore

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE
Omonia Hotel, Athens, Greece
June 13, 1967, 5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, R. E. Anderson, W. J. Clemons, R. C. Mills,
R. W. Wilmot, R. L. Jacobs

OTHERS PRESENT:

By invitation: L. H. Cowles, R. G. Lorenson, W. A. Potter,
E. W. Waring

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by R. E. Anderson.

67/117 ITINERARIES

VOTED, To approve the following itineraries:

Ray L. Jacobs	June 15 - 17	Nicosia, Cyprus
Robert C. Mills	June 19 - 21	Florence, Italy

67/118 RELIEF SUPPLIES--JORDAN

VOTED, To request the Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service to investigate the possibility of sending food and medicines to Jordan.

Adjourned at 6:10 p.m. with closing prayer by
W. A. Potter.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE
Hilton Hotel, Athens, Greece
June 18, 1967, 5:00 P. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, R. E. Anderson, D. L. Chappell, R. C. Mills,
R. W. Wilmot, R. L. Jacobs

OTHERS PRESENT:

From the General Conference: K. H. Emmerson
By invitation: L. H. Cowles

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by R. E. Anderson.

67/119 DALE HEPKER--VACATION PLAN

VOTED, To approve the request of Dale Hepker to travel in the United States during his vacation on the same basis as was formerly approved for travel in Europe (MED 67/113). All travel expense is personal.

67/120 QUADRENNIAL SESSION AND MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

Due to the impossibility of bringing workers together due to the present emergency, it was

VOTED, To postpone the Quadrennia Session and Ministerial Council, scheduled to convene in Beirut, July 19-30, until a more favorable time.

67/121 RUBEN LORENSON--PERMANENT RETURN

Due to the political situation, plans cannot now be carried forward for the development of the Center program in Jerusalem. Inasmuch as Ruben Lorensen desires to continue a study program and since his furlough would be due in July 1968, it was

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference with our recommendation, the request of Ruben Lorensen for a permanent return to his homeland as of July 15, 1967, and further

To request that he be placed on deferred appointment for return to the Middle East Division.

67/122 D. L. CHAPPELL--PERMANENT RETURN

After a careful study with D. L. Chappell of the situation in the Middle East which seems greatly to hinder the carrying forward of the Publishing Departmental activities in most of the field, and since he planned to request a permanent return at the termination

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of this period of service in 1968, for educational reasons, it was

VOTED, To recommend to the General Conference that D. L. Chappell be granted a permanent return to his homeland, effective July 31, 1967, and

To authorize Elder and Mrs. Chappell and their son, Milton, to return to Beirut to dispose of their personal effects, and further

To express to Elder and Mrs. Chappell our appreciation for their dedicated and efficient service in the Division.

67/123 RUBEN LORENSON--TRAVEL TO JERUSALEM

VOTED, To authorize the travel expense of Ruben Lorensen to his home in Jerusalem to dispose of his personal effects.

Adjourned at 7:45 P. M. with closing prayer by Ray L. Jacobs.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE
June 23, 1967, 9:00 A. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, Chafic Srour, Manoug Nazirian, Ray L. Jacobs

OTHERS PRESENT:

By invitation: Boutros Ghazal, George Ghazal, Salam Aboujauda, Ignatius Yacoub, George Khoury, George Nehme, Salim Japas

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by Chafic Srour.

67/124 JERRY NOLIN--PERMANENT RETURN

In harmony with the request of Russell Nolin, maintenance superintendent of the Benghazi Hospital, it was

VOTED, To approve the permanent return of Jerry Nolin, son of Russell Nolin, to the United States for educational reasons, effective June 15, 1967.

67/125 JACK BOHANNON--FURLOUGH DATE

Due to circumstances making it necessary for Jack Bohannon to leave Iran by June 26, 1967 it was

VOTED, To authorize Jack Bohannon to begin his furlough June 26, 1967. His furlough is to terminate at the end of the school year, June 1968.

67/126 MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE--SOLICITATION APPROVAL

The Middle East College teachers have taken the initiative in raising funds and collecting materials to aid the victims of the recent hostilities in Syria and Jordan. Considering the advantages of extending this collection, it was

VOTED, To authorize the Middle East College faculty to solicit the workers of other organizations in the Division for aid to be given the victims of the Middle East conflict.

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67/127 WELFARE SUPPLIES--REQUEST TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

Considering that it would be advisable to stock-pile welfare supplies in Beirut for distribution to Jordan and Syria as the need becomes increasingly urgent, it was

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference a request for the following supplies to be sent to Beirut for later distribution in Jordan and Syria:

- 500 tents
- 2,000 blankets
- 200 bales Men's clothing (Winter so far as possible)
- 200 bales Women's clothing (Winter so far as possible)
- 200 bales Children's clothing (Winter so far as possible)

67/128 WRITERS' CONFERENCE--REVISION OF DELEGATES

A Writers' Conference was scheduled to be held in Beirut June 27-29, 1967 (MED 67/86). Recent developments have made it advisable to hold this institute in Nicosia, Cyprus, and to reduce the delegation. It was therefore

VOTED, To amend MED action 67/86, and name Salam Aboujauda, Naim Awais, Maurice Katrib, and Henry Melki as delegates to attend the Writers' Conference in Nicosia, Cyprus, June 27-29, 1967.

Adjourned at 11:40 A. M. with closing prayer by Manoug Nazirian.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary