

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE

August 23, 1967, 9:00 A. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

F. C. Webster, R. E. Anderson, W. J. Clemons, H. C. Lamp,
R. C. Mills, Chafic Srour, R. W. Wilmot, R. L. Jacobs

BY INVITATION:

Ignatius Yacoub

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

Prayer was offered by W. J. Clemons.

67/184 LOTFY ABADIR--COUNSEL REGARDING FINAL SETTLEMENT

Lotfy Abadir, pastor of the Tehran Center church, has a service record of eleven years. He now desires to leave the work temporarily to accept non-denominational work and eventually take advanced studies on his own account. He has requested the Section to make final settlement with him. Since there is no policy covering such a case, the Division committee is asked for counsel. It was

VOTED, To recommend to the Iran Section that no final settlement be made with Lotfy Abadir since he is planning to leave the work on his own volition. Should he obtain a degree at his own expense and later be called back to this Division territory, it appears that the policy "Allowances for Nationals" (MED WP 121, 122) may be applicable.

67/185 GERALD KOVALSKI--PERMANENT RETURN

Gerald Kovalski and family arrived in Iran February 6, 1967. On March 31 Mrs. Kovalski was hospitalized with a serious gastro-intestinal infection. Following this her general health continued to deteriorate and although she was again hospitalized for two weeks beginning April 18, the doctors were unable to make a satisfactory diagnosis. On May 5 the Middle East Division asked the family to go to Beirut where Mrs. Kovalski was interned in the American University Hospital where she received additional medical treatment and minor surgery. The family remained in Beirut for two weeks but on return to Iran Mrs. Kovalski was unable to regain her strength and Brother Kovalski also became ill with a kidney infection. In harmony with the repeated request of Brother and Sister Kovalski, it was

VOTED, To recommend to the General Conference that Gerald Kovalski and family be granted a permanent return to their homeland for health reasons.

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67/186 NADIA NASHED--RESIGNATION

Nadia Nashed, an Egyptian national, received travel expense to Karachi to study nursing in harmony with the Nursing Students' Travel policy (MED WP 110) and has since graduation been employed by the Benghazi Hospital for approximately one and a half years. At the time of the Middle East crisis she left Benghazi and does not plan to continue work within the organization. It was

VOTED, That Nadia Nashed's salary be continued to July 31, 1967, and that she be granted the equivalent of an economy air ticket from Benghazi to Beirut. These credits will be applied toward the unamortized portion of the loan granted for her nurses training.

67/187 L. H. COWLES--TRANSFER TO BEIRUT

Since the Middle East crisis it has not been possible for L. H. Cowles to return to Egypt. It was

VOTED, To authorize the transfer of L. H. Cowles from Cairo, Egypt, to Beirut, Lebanon, as of June 15, 1967, and

That he be asked to teach in the Beirut Overseas School.

67/188 W. A. POTTER--TRANSFER TO BEIRUT

Since the Middle East crisis has made it impossible for W. A. Potter to continue his work in Jordan, it was

VOTED, To authorize the transfer of W. A. Potter from Amman, Jordan, to Beirut, Lebanon, as of July 11, 1967, and

That he be assigned to the Lebanon Section for pastor-evangelistic work in Ras Beirut.

67/189 EGYPT SECTION--READJUSTMENT IN REALLOCATION OF FUNDS

Due to changed conditions, and upon request of the brethren in Egypt, it was

VOTED, That funds provided from 1966 Specials and later reallocated by action 67/108 be reassigned as follows:

Irrigation pump and redrilling well	LEg	350.000
Girls' dorm addition		500.000
Repair damages by army		200.000
Refrigerator for kitchen		400.000
Washing machine for laundry		<u>350.000</u>

Total LEg 1,800.000

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67/190 GREEK LITERATURE COMMITTEE

In harmony with our action 67/159, the Southern European Division appointed three members to a Greek Literature Committee. It was

VOTED, To appoint R. E. Anderson, Moses Elmadjian and J. S. Jones members of the Greek Literature Committee. The full committee is then composed as follows:

E. Naenny, Southern European Division Publishing Secretary
 C. A. Christoforides, Editor, Greek Publishing House
 N. Tallios, Publishing Secretary, Greek Mission
 R. E. Anderson, Manager, Middle East Press
 M. Elmadjian, Manager, Cyprus Book & Periodical House
 J. S. Jones, President, Cyprus Section

67/191 IRAN SECTION--CALL FOR PASTOR-EVANGELIST

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the request of the Iran Section for a pastor-evangelist from the Southern Asia Division to open up work in one of the cities of their territory, suggesting the name of B. M. Isaac.

67/192 IRAN SECTION--CALL FOR TEACHER

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the request of the Iran Section for a teacher from the Southern Asia Division to serve in the Iran Academy, suggesting the name of Thambiraj W. Thomas, presently employed as preceptor in "The Retreat", Roorkee, U. P., India.

67/193 BENGHAZI HOSPITAL--CALL FOR SHORT-TERM PHYSICIANS

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the request of the Benghazi Hospital for a surgeon and an internist or general practitioner to serve on a short-term basis for three or four months beginning May 1, 1968, to replace D. C. Ludington, M.D., and M. T. Oliverio, M.D., who will be on furlough.

67/194 BENGHAZI HOSPITAL--CALL FOR MIDWIFE

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the request of the Benghazi Hospital for a midwife from the Far Eastern Division.

67/195 BENGHAZI HOSPITAL--CALL FOR LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference the request of the Benghazi Hospital for the services of a laboratory technician from the Far Eastern Division.

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67/196 B. L. GILLEROTH--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH

B. L. Gilleroth requests that his furlough be extended ten days in order for him to complete his citizenship papers. It was

VOTED, To extend the furlough of B. L. Gilleroth to September 25, 1967.

67/197 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

On March 22, 1967, Habib Ghali was appointed president of the Egypt Section. Manuk Benzatyan was ordained June 10, 1967, and appointed president of the Turkey Section July 27. Salam Aboujauda was ordained July 29, 1967, and Hovik Sarrafian and Johnny Manassian on August 12. It was

VOTED, To approve the following salary adjustments:

		<u>Effective</u>
Habib Ghali	103%	April 1, 1967
Manuk Benzatyan	100%	August 1, 1967

And to recommend the following salaries:

Salam Aboujauda	95%	August 1, 1967
Hovik Sarrafian	95%	August 15, 1967
Johnny Manassian	94%	August 15, 1967

Adjourned at 11:50 A. M. Closing prayer by R. C. Mills.

F. C. Webster, Chairman

R. L. Jacobs, Secretary