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CAUCUS - AVAILABLE AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

August 4, 1970 7:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: R. L. Jacobs, R. C. Darnell, C. E. Schmidt,
H. N. Sheffield

AARON DENNIS TO KENDU HOSPITAL

AGREED, To advise the East African Union that Aaron Dennis and wife are willing to accept a call to work in Kendu Hospital, if a call comes to them. The Dennis family understand the problem of the schooling of their children, but are willing to make any sacrifice in order to serve in this needy field.

ENGLISH OFFICE SECRETARIES

The urgent need for English office secretaries in the new Afro-Mideast Division office was discussed. As no solution to the problem was found among the wives of workers, or national personnel, it was

AGREED, To advise the General Conference that we will probably be sending through calls for one or two office secretaries and request that they look for candidates who could come out soon.

EVACUEES FROM SYRIA AND JORDAN

Three families are presently living on the Division compound having left Syria and Jordan due to the political situation.

Saad Khilla has not been able to secure a resident permit to live in Syria, and unless the status of our church there is altered, other plans will need to be made for him. It was suggested that the Iraq Section might be interested in calling him. Otherwise he should probably be returned to Egypt.

The idea of suggesting that Habib Banna return to Egypt to await developments in Syria was studied. Elder Darnell was asked to investigate this and other possibilities.

The idea was expressed that the Jordan situation has quieted down to the extent that Jon Green could return to his home without serious danger.

Adjourned: 8:00 A.M.

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CAUCUS - AVAILABLE AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

August 5, 1970 7:30 A.M.

PRESENT: R. L. Jacobs, R. C. Darnell, C. E. Schmidt,
H. N. Sheffield

THOMAS DAVIS - CALL TO PUERTO RICO

AGREED, To pass on the call of the Inter-American Division for Thomas Davis to serve as physical therapist in the Bella Vista Hospital in Puerto Rico.

WILLIAM BRADSHAW - PERMANENT RETURN

AGREED, To approve information which has been given to William Bradshaw and the General Conference to the effect that William Bradshaw will be returning on permanent return.

KENNETH OSTER - JANUARY DEPARTURE DATE

AGREED, To accept the proposal that Kenneth Oster's departure date be set in January, 1971, considering that Mrs. Oster will complete an MA in music in December, 1970.

JACK BOHANNON - CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

AGREED, To explore the following possibilities for the education of the Jack Bohannon children, pending the arrival of Mrs. Oster:

1. Postpone the beginning of the school year until Mrs. Oster arrives.
2. Arrange for the children to take one semester by Home Study.
3. Bring the Bohannon family to Beirut for three months where the children can study in the Overseas School while Elder Bohannon assists in evangelism.

D. K. BAZARRA - SHIPMENT OF PERSONAL EFFECTS TO UGANDA

AGREED, To wait for further information on shipping expense before making a decision regarding D. K. Bazarra's request to send seven pieces of furniture (4 drawers, 1 small table, a book shelf, and a bed) to Uganda at denominational expense, rather than move them to Beirut.

Adjourned at 8:20 A.M.

CAUCUS - AVAILABLE AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

August 6, 1970 7:30 A.M.

PRESENT: R. L. Jacobs, R. C. Darnell, C. E. Schmidt, H. N. Sheffield

CYPRUS CONTACT - INFORMATION

Thomas Davis phoned from Nicosia to inquire regarding plans for his move to Puerto Rico. William Bradshaw was informed of his permanent return since he had not yet received his letter. They were requested to terminate the rent of Dr. Sines' house as of the end of September.

TRAVEL ALLOWANCE - DAVIS AND BRADSHAW

Thomas Davis and William Bradshaw indicated by phone that they desire to visit points of interest in Europe on their return to America.

AGREED, To authorize the treasurer to purchase tickets by the suggested routing with the understanding that the Division share of the cost is not to exceed the price of a direct routing on a discounted fully-endorsable ticket.

TEMPERANCE DEPARTMENT MAIL

AGREED, To authorize Dr. Sheffield to change the address for the temperance department materials from Beirut to Nairobi.

H. N. SHEFFIELD, MD - HOUSE FURNITURE IN NAIROBI

AGREED, To request the East African Union to provide furnishings for the Sheffield house in Nairobi and to charge the Division rent for same along with the house rent.

SHEFFIELD FREIGHT

AGREED, To authorize Dr. Sheffield to ship his household effects to Nairobi by air freight.

Caucus ended at 8:40 A. M.

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CAUCUS - AVAILABLE AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

August 10, 1970 7:20 A. M.

PRESENT: R. L. Jacobs, R. C. Darnell, C. E. Schmidt, H. N. Sheffield

IRBID, JORDAN LIBRARY - REQUEST FOR BOOKS

AGREED, That the Public Relations Department arrange a gift of a few books for the Irbid, Jordan public library.

BEIRUT OVERSEAS SECONDARY CLASSES

NOTED, That we have only one prospective Seventh-Day Adventist student for the Beirut Overseas School in the secondary level for the 1970/71 school year. Two non-SDA's are planning to attend.

Caucus ended 7:40 A.M.

CAUCUS - AVAILABLE AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

August 11, 1970 7:30 A.M.

THOMAS DAVIS - DATE FOR PERMANENT RETURN

NOTED, That the Tom Davis family plans to leave Cyprus approximately August 25, spend a week in Europe and arrive in the United States September 2, 1970.

JON GREEN - ASSIST IN CYPRUS CAMP

AGREED, That Jon Green assist with the Cyprus Youth Camp, August 20 - 30, it being understood that the Cyprus Section will bear all expense of travel and entertainment.

RAY L. JACOBS - TRAVEL TO CYPRUS

AGREED, That Ray L. Jacobs visit Cyprus in connection with building problems and assist with arrangements for the travel of the families leaving on permanent return.

HOMELAND DEPOSITS

During the first half of the year an amount equal to 27.777% of the homeland salary rate has been deposited to Section II workers' accounts. Inasmuch as the policy stipulates that 25% of the homeland salary rate is the maximum permitted, it was

AGREED, That beginning July 1, 1970, an amount equal to 25% of the homeland salary rate be deposited to the credit of Section II workers.

Prayer by C. E. Schmidt, and the meeting adjourned 8:15 A.M.

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CAUCUS - AVAILABLE AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

August 14, 1970 7:30 A. M.

PRESENT: Ray L. Jacobs, R. C. Darnell, C. E. Schmidt

HOUSES BEING USED TEMPORARILY BY SYRIAN AND JORDANIAN WORKERS

Soon the new workers will be arriving and housing and guest room facilities must be in readiness.

AGREED, To suggest to the Lebanon Section that they permit Saad Khilla to assist in evangelistic work in the section on a temporary basis while awaiting a reply from Iraq regarding a call for his services, it being understood that his salary will continue to be carried by the Syria Section.

MARVIN REEDER - POSTPONE VISIT

In harmony with counsel contained in a letter from M. E. Lind it was

AGREED, To recommend to the General Conference that the proposed visit of Marvin Reeder be postponed until 1971, when it will be possible to arrange for visits throughout the Division field.

AMDOC - APPROVAL

AGREED, To advise the General Conference that we approve the request of Kendu Mission Hospital in Kenya for a physician from the AMDOC group with the understanding that the doctor appointed must be a practicing Christian, a non-smoker and a non-drinker.

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CAUCUS - AVAILABLE AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

August 19, 1970 7:30 A. M.

PRESENT: Ray L. Jacobs, R. C. Darnell, C. E. Schmidt

STUDENT COLPORTEURS IN LIBYA

AGREED, To permit student colporteurs working in Libya to turn in their earnings to our shipping agent, to be applied toward the cancelation of the pending account. RCD

RAYMOND BITAR - REIMBURSEMENT FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

AGREED, To release the service record for Raymond Bitar on receipt of the amount of \$2,685.71 which was paid to him on November 6, 1968 as final settlement for fifteen years of service. It was suggested that this amount be deposited in the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Middle East Division, Account Number 10074484, First National City Bank, Overseas Division, 399 Park Avenue, New York, USA.

BEIRUT OVERSEAS SCHOOL - ACADEMY STUDENTS FROM OUTSIDE BEIRUT

AGREED, That the Division will fulfill its commitments made to academy students, children of overseas families who have made plans and do send their children to the Far Eastern Academy, but that we urge all who can, to take advantage of the offer of Middle East College to permit them to enter the dormitories and attend the Beirut Overseas School where they will be nearer their parents and incur less expense for the Division

Adjourned 8:10 A. M.

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CAUCUS - AVAILABLE AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

August 21, 1970 7:30 A.M.

PRESENT: R. L. Jacobs, R. C. Darnell, C. E. Schmidt, H. N. Sheffield,

DR. & MRS. GEORGE BENSON - CHURCH LETTER

A request has been received for the church letters of Dr. and Mrs. George Benson to connect with the Riverside Church in Nashville, Tennessee.

AGREED, To include the names of Dr. and Mrs. George Benson in the June 23, 1970 Minutes of the Middle East Division.

BENHAZI HOSPITAL CHURCH

Until the present time the Benghazi church has continued to be included in the statistical reports.

AGREED, To place the matter of the dissolution of the Benghazi Hospital church on the agenda for action, but since the church does not exist, to immediately make the necessary modifications in the statistical reports so that this church will not be counted.

DR. GEORGE BENSON - RESIDENCY

AGREED, To advise the General Conference that no decision can be made regarding the recommendation that George Benson be approved for a regular furlough-residency for four years, until the coming Division committee meeting scheduled for September 10.

J. A. SINES, DDS - DENTAL EQUIPMENT FOR ARUSHA, TANZANIA

AGREED, To advise the General Conference that J. A. Sines is authorized to spend up to \$1,000 on dental equipment for the Arusha clinic and that the G. C. is authorized to ship the equipment that has been donated for this project.

GHALIB MOUSA - SPONSORSHIP IN CUC

AGREED, To await further information before assuming any responsibility in connection with the request of Ghalib Mousa to study in Columbia Union College.

Adjourned: 8:15 A.M.

AMERICAN SAWN
MADE IN GERMANY

CAUCUS - AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION

August 30, 1970 7:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: R. L. Jacobs, R. C. Darnell, H. N. Sheffield, C. E. Schmidt

VIGAIN MARCARIAN - REQUEST FOR TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCE

AGREED, That the trip to California proposed by Vigain Marcarian is not allowable under denominational policies.

IRAN ACCOUNTING RECORDS

AGREED, To ask Brother George Yared to visit Iran to help bring their books up to date.

YARED - AUTHORIZED TRAVEL TO JORDAN

AGREED, To authorize George Yared's travel to Jordan to audit ;the treasurer's books.

MRS. ANTAR -GIFT PROPOSAL

AGREED, To negotiate with Mrs. Antar concerning her desire to give the denomination a piece of property.

HARTYOUN MERACHILIAN - ENGAGEMENT PROBLEM

WHEREAS the policy calls for no employment of workers who undertake marriage commitments to non-Adventists, and

Whereas Hartyoun Merachilian is reported to have been engaged for marriage with a non-Adventist girl of 13 years age,

AGREED, to counsel the Press that when the fact of the engagement is established, the worker should be suspended until board action can be taken.

GARY FRESH - DEBT ASSISTANCE

Whereas, Brother Fresh understands that the conditions for selling his home at this time in order to free himself for mission service resulted in a personal loss, and

Whereas, the General Conference policy provides for amortized debt assistance in the case of desirable mission appointees up to \$ 1,200 in special cases,

Whereas, the loss leaves the Fresh family with debts of \$ 1,500 above the amount for which the General Conference policy provides,

Whereas, the General Conference treasury department has called for advice as to whether the division can appropriate the necessary additional debt assistance,

Whereas, The financial condition of the division precludes assistance of this type,

AGREED, to refer subject back to the General Conference.

Adjourned: 8:00 A.M.