

OFFICERS' MEETING OF THE AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION

Beirut, Lebanon

November 1, 1972

8:30 A.M.

PRESENT: M. E. Lind, D. K. Bazarra, R. L. Jacobs, E. J. Gregg

Prayer by R. L. Jacobs.

EAST AFRICAN UNION REPRESENTATION - YEAREND COMMITTEE

In view of the fact that the presidency of the East African Union is to be filled at the yearend meeting, it was

VOTED, To invite W. S. Edsell and P. E. Giddings who will be attending the Division Youth and Lay Activities Departmental Council, to attend the 1972 yearend committee meeting as additional representatives from East Africa.

CHILE CASPE - DATE OF PERMANENT RETURN

In view of the fact that Miss Chile Caspe served seven months over the usual two-year term during her first term of service, it was was

VOTED, To recommend that her request to leave on permanent return as soon as she has completed her duties following the close of the present school year be granted. (See AMD 72-42)

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

VOTED, To recommend to the Plans Committee that the following be appointed as a Spirit of Prophecy Advisory Committee:

D. K. Bazarra, Chairman
A. P. Bokovoy
R. C. Darnell
E. J. Gregg
R. H. Henning, Secretary

FRITZ MARTINSEN - TANZANIA UNION LA SECRETARY

VOTED, To reaffirm authorization (0-72-64) granting permission to the Tanzania Union to make direct contact with Fritz Martinsen (with approval from the East African Union) with a view to his serving as Lay Activities Secretary of the Tanzania Union. Should he accept this appointment he is hereby invited to attend the Division LA Departmental Council in Beirut.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - YEAREND COMMITTEE

VOTED, To recommend that the Nominating Committee to be appointed for service in connection with the 1972 yearend meeting be constituted as follows: (Following the principle usually used at the Division Council)

Division officers - M. E. Lind, R. L. Jacobs, C. E. Schmidt, D. K. Bazarra, E. J. Gregg

General Conference - C. E. Bradford, R. M. Reinhard

East African Union - P. E. Giddings, W. S. Edsell, S. O. Omulo

AMD Departmental Secretary - Bekele Heye

Middle East College - O. C. Bjerkan

M. E. Lind, Chairman

E. J. Gregg, Secretary

OFFICERS' MEETING OF THE AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION

Beirut, Lebanon November 3, 1972 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: M E Lind, R L Jacobs, C E Schmidt, D K Bazarra, E J Gregg

Prayer by R L Jacobs.

PURCHASE ADDITIONAL CHAIRS - AMD COMMITTEE/WORSHIP ROOM

VOTED, To authorize the purchase of additional chairs for the committee/worship room.

STUDENT MISSIONARIES - EXTENSION OF VISAS

VOTED, To ask Ignatius Yacoub, with others to be selected, to contact the immigration authorities with respect to the extension of visas for student missionaries in Lebanon.

E. H. SEQUEIRA - INVITED TO ATTEND YEAREND MEETINGS

VOTED, To recommend that E. H. Sequeira be invited to attend the yearend committee meetings.

Meeting held November 6, 1972 at 8:45 A.M. with same members present.

Prayer was offered by E. J. Gregg.

C. T. SHAH, MD - STATUS

Dr. C. T. Shah, an Asian physician expelled from Uganda, has been invited to connect with the medical work in Ethiopia. He could not go directly from Uganda to Ethiopia so has proceeded to England where he is at present. It was

VOTED, To seek counsel from the General Conference concerning his homeland status, recommending that England be considered as his home base. It would be necessary for Dr. Shah to determine his status in England.

MINISTERIAL STUDENTS - OBSERVERS

VOTED, To invite two or three ministerial students from Middle East College to sit as observers with the Division Committee during the first day's session.

M E Lind, Chairman

E J Gregg, Secretary

OFFICERS' MEETING OF THE AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION
Beirut, Lebanon November 7, 1972 8:30 A.M.

PRESENT: M E Lind, R L Jacobs, D K Bazarra, C E Schmidt, E J Gregg

Prayer by R. L. Jacobs.

This meeting was with R. C. Darnell, President of the Middle East Union.

Elder Darnell spoke of the desires of the Middle East Union for:

1. Assistance with preparation and publication of the back-up material and literature for the Mission '73 Evangelism Program. The amount needed is to be submitted to the Division Treasurer as soon as possible.

2. Developing the Five-Day Plan to stop smoking as a means of opening doors in many parts of the Union territory. There have been requests for this material to be prepared for release on National Television in the different countries of the Middle East. The possibility of presenting the Five-Day Plan in book form is also being considered.

3. Presenting a scheme of health education as a means for reaching the Muslim population, incorporating

- a. health centers
- b. health foods - peanut butter, soya milk, etc.

4. Counsel in the matter of the indemnity settlement with Jad Katrib.

5. Damascus Center - **expropriation not eminent.**

6. The matter of the biennial sessions was discussed and it was recommended that the Middle East Union follow the general procedure of quadrennial sessions rather than biennial sessions.

M. E. Lind, Chairman

E. J. Gregg, Secretary

OFFICERS' MEETING OF THE AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION

Beirut, Lebanon November 7, 1972 10:15 A.M.

PRESENT: M. E. Lind, R. L. Jacobs, C. E. Schmidt, D. K. Bazarra,
E. J. Gregg

Prayer by E. J. Gregg.

This meeting was with O. C. Bjerkan, President of Middle East College.

The first matter mentioned was the resignation of George Ghazal as business manager of Middle East College.

It was also indicated that George Khoury who had requested study leave has now requested to defer that leave for two years.

The matter of marriage between workers with non-members was discussed. Some staff members in the College have presented problems in this respect.

Affiliation of the College with Loma Linda University was mentioned. It will be discussed on the Board Meeting, November 19.

Ignatius Yacoub, Academic Dean, plans to leave on study leave at the close of the present school year. Replacement should be decided upon in the May Board meeting or sooner.

The matter of the observance of certain Muslim holidays was discussed and it was to be referred to the Lebanon co-ordinating committee.

Accounting problems at the College were discussed.

Problems with maintenance were also mentioned.

M. E. Lind, Chairman

E. J. Gregg, Secretary

OFFICERS MEETING OF THE AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION

Beirut, Lebanon November 8, 1972 2:30 P.M.

PRESENT: M. E. Lind, R. L. Jacobs, C. E. Schmidt, D. K. Bazarra,
E. J. Gregg

Prayer by D. K. Bazarra.

This meeting was with C. D. Henri, President of the East African Union.

Pastor Henri briefly reported on the situation in Uganda. George Dunder has accepted the EAU call to serve as principal of Maxwell Preparatory School. The EAU is placing a call for Gary Marsh of Ikizu also to connect with Maxwell Prep. School.

It was recommended to the EAU that no facilities or staff be provided for church schools on the station campuses beyond the fourth standard (grade).

Recommended that M. Keith Dowell be granted immediate permanent return for personal reasons.

Lynn Belleau requests a change of work. His name is to be referred to the Distribution of Labour committee.

Recommended that Don Folkenberg be asked to serve as acting auditor for the EAU for the balance of his present term, ending August, 1973.

Elder Henri reported on the matter of the grievance certain discharged Voice of Prophecy workers have brought against the EAU and the disaffection of the Karatina church in the Central Kenya Field under the leadership of Pastor Andrew Gothemia.

M. E. Lind, Chairman

E. J. Gregg, Secretary

OFFICERS' MEETING OF THE AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION

Beirut, Lebanon November 12, 1972 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: M. E. Lind, R. L. Jacobs, D. K. Bazarra, C. E. Schmidt,
E. J. Gregg

The four union presidents - R. C. Darnell, C. D. Henri,
H. W. Palm, L. C. Robinson

Prayer was offered by R. L. Jacobs.

VACATIONS - NOT EXTENDED -- Some committees have granted more than one month. When institutional workers must work on a legal holiday, this time is granted on another day and not added to the yearly.

FURLOUGH POLICY -- The new policy incorporating the idea of an initial 6-year term was explained briefly.

SELF-SUPPORT -- was discussed and some results obtained in East Africa were favorably mentioned. A plan is being studied to reduce gradually appropriations in view of using savings for new work.

STEWARDSHIP MANUAL IN SWAHILI -- Cost Shs 5/-- each for edition of 3,000. The unions can use very few. Suggest D. K. Bazarra, C. D. Henri, and L. C. Robinson bring a recommendation.

ITINERARIES -- Departmental Secretaries will be attending World Council in September/October so will not be available for the field.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS -- All travel on furlough or permanent return **should be cleared** with the Division beforehand.

DONATIONS FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS -- Three projects to be selected by each Division. (AC 95) Evangelism, new areas; Capital improvement; church buildings; scholarships. Each president to present suggestive projects to the secretary within 24 hours.

SUSTENTEE WORKERS - Sustentation benefits begin after approval by the Division. Overseas sustentees to be requested through the Division and the General Conference.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES -- Division to be advised immediately when overseas workers arrive and leave.

MINISTERIAL STUDENTS IN MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE -- Suggested that students be encouraged to come to MEC for ministerial studies.

SURPLUS MATERIALS -- Information was given regarding the possibility of securing government surplus materials.

Adjourned with prayer by C. D. Henri.

M. E. Lind, Chairman
R. L. Jacobs, Secretary pro tem

OFFICERS' MEETING OF THE AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION

Beirut, Lebanon November 12, 1972 3:00 P.M.

PRESENT: M. E. Lind, R. L. Jacobs, D. K. Bazarra, C. E. Schmidt
E. J. Gregg

The following Departmental Secretaries: A. H. Brandt, A. P. Bokovoy, R. H. Henning, Bekele Heye, R. W. Taylor, Ignatius Yacoub

Elder Lind read from ISamuel 12:6. "It is the Lord that advanced Moses and Aaron and brought the children of Israel out of Egypt."

Prayer was offered by E. J. Gregg.

RECOMMENDATION TO AMD COMMITTEE TO BUY OFFSET PRESS

VOTED, To recommend to the budget committee that provision be made for the purchase of a small offset press. The estimated cost is LL 6,000.00.

Request has been made by the Publishing Department for an increase in departmental expense budget.

Meeting held November 13, with same officers present.

DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARIES - TRAVEL BUDGETS

VOTED, To recommend that Division Departmental secretaries plan for not more than two trips to Africa during 1973 (including the trip to the midyear meeting in Addis Ababa), and that the expenses of attending the Departmental Secretaries' Council in the United States be a charge against their travel budgets. It is also recommended that budgetary provision be made from 1973 specials to supplement the added cost of the Council attendance.

Meeting at 3:30 P.M. with L. C. Robinson.

The matter of the "Spear" Boat for Lake Victoria was discussed. The future use of Kibidula as a mission station was discussed. This would utilize not more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of the total land area. This would serve as a center for evangelism in the Kibidula area.

The time for transfer of F. Martinsen to the Tanzania Union was discussed.

M. E. Lind, Chairman

E. J. Gregg, Secretary

OFFICERS' MEETING OF THE AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION

Beirut, Lebanon November 9, 1972 11:00 A.M.

PRESENT: M. E. Lind, R. L. Jacobs, C. E. Schmidt, D. K. Bazarra,
E. J. Gregg

Prayer by C. E. Schmidt.

This meeting was with L. C. Robinson, President of the Tanzania Union.

Elder Robinson briefly reported on the situation at Ikizu. Elisha Okeyo, the new headmaster at Ikizu, recently returned from Philippine Union College and has now taken up his duties and seems to be well received.

The possibility of receiving aid from the SIDA (a Swedish organization for aid to under-developed countries) for Ikizu was discussed. It was agreed to place a telephone call to the Swedish Union president to see if a mathematics teacher can be secured through this organization.

A site for the relocation of the Seminary now at Ikizu has been found near Arusha. Arrangements for this property have been made. Approval of these plans by the Division committee is requested. The cost of the property is Shs. 55,000/- plus transfer and survey fees. The officers approved these transactions and

RECOMMENDED, That the Division committee be asked to approve of this project.

M. E. Lind, Chairman

E. J. Gregg, Secretary

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OFFICERS' MEETING OF THE AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION

Beirut, Lebanon

November 10, 1972

11:00 A.M.

PRESENT: M. E. Lind, R. L. Jacobs, D. K. Bazarra, E. J. Gregg

Prayer by R. L. Jacobs.

This meeting was with H. Palm, President of the Ethiopian Union.

Elder Palm indicated a feeling that a Union Evangelist could be appointed in Ethiopia.

He then referred to the problems being encountered in securing entry permits for Dr. Shah and Elder Sequeira. Elder Sequeira's name to be referred to the Distribution of Labor Committee for temporary assignment until the matter of entry to Ethiopia can be finalized.

The possibility of a course for Hospital chaplains was discussed. It was suggested that a sustentation worker could be invited to carry on such a program in the Empress Zauditu Memorial Hospital.

There is a possibility of the hospital in Addis being designated as a recipient of the United States AID program. It is planned that such aid would be used for the staff housing and x-ray equipment.

P. W. Naesheim is serving as acting principal of the Ethiopian Adventist College. A call has been placed with the General Conference for a replacement.

Dr. L. N. Wright is asking permission to leave three months early on permanent return. It is thought that Dr. John Gardner could replace Dr. Wright at Gimbie Hospital.

Pastor Gioma Dampite is requesting permission to study at Andrews University for his Masters' degree, beginning in 1973. This request should be processed by the Ethiopian Union Committee and the Division Bursary Committee.

The problem of a farm manager at Ethiopian Adventist College was discussed.

M. E. Lind, Chairman

E. J. Gregg, Secretary

OFFICERS' MEETING OF THE AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION

Beirut, Lebanon November 14, 1972 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: M. E. Lind, R. L. Jacobs, C. E. Schmidt, E. J. Gregg

By Invitation: O. C. Bjerkan, George Ghazal

Prayer by R. L. Jacobs.

HENRI MELKI - RENT SUBSIDY

VOTED, To recommend that rent subsidy be paid Henri Melki for the housing occupied by Mrs. Melki and the children from June 18, 1971 to June 30, 1972, on the basis of the old M. E. Division policy, i.e. 37½% of salary for Mrs. Melki.

Meeting held November 23, 1972 at 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: M. E. Lind, R. L. Jacobs, Bekele Heye, C. E. Schmidt,
E. J. GreggPUMP ON COMPOUND - NEW CASING AUTHORIZED

WHEREAS, The casing of the well on the Division compound has rusted out, thus permitting sand and mud to clog the pump, it was

VOTED, To authorize the installation of a new casing in the well and repairs to the pump. The estimated cost is LL 8,000.00.

Prayer was offered by M. E. Lind.

Meeting held November 24, 1972 at 7:50 A.M. with same members present.
By Invitation: R. C. Darnell, Rafic Issa

EAST MEDITERRANEAN FIELD - FINANCIAL SITUATION

The problem facing the East Mediterranean Field was brought to the officers of the Division. The Field has shown an operating loss to September 30, 1972 of over LL 70,000.00. Operating cash is non-existent and the field is unable to meet November salaries and other commitments. These problems are due largely to the devaluation of the dollar in relation to the Lebanese currency,

The representatives from the Middle East Union feel that the Union is able to assist with the immediate needs for November, but that in December they would probably not be able to grant such assistance. It was

VOTED, To authorize the Middle East Union to make a further advance of funds to the East Mediterranean Field.

GEORGE NEHME - REQUEST FOR RE-EMPLOYMENT

VOTED, To inform George Nehme that the Afro-Mideast Division regrets that there is not now an opening for which he can be re-employed.

DALE BOHANNON - EDUCATIONAL AND TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

VOTED, To inform Jack Bohannon that the Division will be prepared to pay the fare for Dale from Tennessee to Beirut, which would be equal to returning him from furlough, but that further travel assistance for his return to the school in the states after Christmas and the trip to Beirut again after the close of the school year cannot be given. It is agreed that the same allowance provided by denominational policy for study in the U. S. schools be granted for Dale's study in the states during the present 1972/73 school year. (\$540.00 for the school year.)

TANZANIA AND EAST AFRICAN UNIONS SUSTENTATION RATES - MODIFICATION

VOTED, To grant increases to sustentation beneficiaries in the Tanzania and East African Unions on the following basis:

- a. Increase of Shs 20/- per month for those receiving up to Shs 100/-per mo.
- b. Increase of Shs 15/- per month for those receiving Shs 101/- to 200/- "
- c. Increase of Shs 10/- per month for those receiving Shs 201/- to 300/- "
- d. No " to those receiving above Shs 300/- per month.

RADIO STUDIO OPERATION - VOLKER HENNING

VOTED, To authorize the employment of Volker Henning as a student operator of the Division radio studio at an hourly rate of LL 1.50. Charges for studio time in recording would be at 200% of the operator's hourly rate.

A. P. BOKOVOY - EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE EZMH

Due to the shortage of medical staff at the EZMH in Addis Ababa, it was

VOTED, To advise all the unions that Dr. A. P. Bokovoy will not be available for special itineraries outside of Ethiopia until Hospital staffing problems can be satisfactorily solved.

DR. JOHN GARDNER - GIMBIE HOSPITAL

VOTED, To approve the recommendation of the Ethiopian Union that Dr. John Gardner replace Dr. Lester Wright at the time of the Wrights' departure on permanent return.

R. W. TAYLOR - LIAISON OFFICER WITH WHITE ESTATE

VOTED, To ask R. W. Taylor to assume the responsibility of liaison with the E. G. White Estate to foster promotion of Spirit of Prophecy in the Afro-Mideast Division. It is also recommended that Elder Taylor be appointed as chairman of the subcommittee set up by the AMD action 72-127.

M. E. Lind, Chairman

E. J. Gregg, Secretary