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## FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-SIXTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 1, 1940

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The meeting was held immediately following the morning chapel period.

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

W.H.Branson, A.W.Cormack, E.D.Dick, H.H.Cobban, H.L.Rudy, M.E.Kern, G.W.Wells, J.J.Ireland, W.K.Ising, A.W.Peterson, F.C.Gilbert, R.Ruhling, L.E.Froom, H.A.Morrison, Kathryn Jensen, C.L.Bond, F.M.Wilcox, S.A.Wellman, M.C.Taft, H.H.Votaw.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

E.L.Richmond, D.E.Robinson, A.L.White, Claude Conard, M.E.Olsen.

## CHURCH HYMNAL:

Question was raised by the Review and Herald with reference to the copy submitted for the new church hymnal. The copy contains at the top of each page the topical heading, and over each hymn the names of the author and composer, the name of the tune, and the meter; but only in some cases are the titles of the hymns given. It was

VOTED, That the copy for the new church hymnal be followed as submitted, except that the titles of the hymns in every case, or in the absence of a title, the first line of the hymn, be placed in the center above the hymn, the other designations on the page to be in relatively inconspicuous type.

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to insert the titles of the hymns in the copy for the Review and Herald.

Appointed: C.L.Bond, chairman; L.E.Froom, E.L.Richmond.

W.H.Branson, Chairman.  
A.W.Cormack, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Sec'y.

## FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 2, 1940

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

E.D.Dick, A.W.Cormack, W.H.Williams, H.H.Cobban, F.C. Gilbert, F.M.Wilcox, Steen Rasmussen, A.W.Peterson, A.W.Spalding, M.L.Andreasen, C.L.Bond, H.A.Morrison, Miss Kathryn Jensen, J.J. Ireland, H.H.Votaw, J.J.Strahle, W.K.Ising, C.S.Longacre, S.A. Wellman, H.L.Rudy, M.C.Taft, M.E.Kern.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, H.W.Barrows, W.E.Phillips, Miss Lora Clement.

E.D.Dick was asked to take the chair. Prayer by H.A. Morrison.

## "REVIEW" FILES TO EMMANUEL MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

Request was presented from Emmanuel Missionary College for a gift or the loan of certain volumes of the Review and Herald, in order that the College may have a complete file for use in connection with a college course in denominational history. We have only two complete files of the Review, one in the Statistical Department, and one belonging to the White Estate; but we do have duplicates of some of the volumes. It was

VOTED, That from the duplicates in our Statistical Department, we make available to Emmanuel Missionary College on a loan basis, the volumes of the Review and Herald they have requested, so far as we have them, it being understood that these loaned volumes will be held for use in the College library only.

## JAMES RUSSELL--TANGANYIKA:

VOTED, To invite James S.Russell, of New York, to connect with the Central European Division, Section II, for teaching work in the Tanganyika Mission.

## DORA GREVE--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That on recommendation of the China Division Committee and in harmony with her own desires, we approve of the permanent return of Miss Dora Greve from China.

## W.L.HYATT--CAROLINA:

VOTED, To extend to W.L.Hyatt, returned from the Southern African Division, the invitation from the Southern Union, to connect with the work in the Carolina Conference.

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## H H VOTAW--CONTINUANCE COMMISSION:

The group of religious leaders who met in Washington on June 11, in the interests of an educational campaign on the question of religious liberty and the separation of church and state, took action looking to the appointment of a Continuance Commission in Behalf of Religious Liberty. They have asked that H.H.Votaw be appointed a member of this Commission.

VOTED, That we hereby appoint H.H.Votaw as our representative on the Continuance Commission in Behalf of Religious Liberty.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That we approve of the following appointments and itineraries:

T.J.Michael to make a trip to Hartford, Conn., in connection with plans for certain missionary appointees to take some work in the Kennedy School of Missions.

F.C.Gilbert to spend two or three months in the Pacific Union Conference following the Autumn Council.

## AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATURES:

The following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That the National City Bank of New York, Lima, Peru, South America, be, and hereby is, authorized to recognize the signatures of F.L.Harrison, Treasurer, and/or J.D.Cornell, Cashier, for the account of the South American Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, to sign or make all or any changes and orders for the payment of money.

RESOLVED, That the National City Bank of New York, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, South America, be, and hereby is, authorized to recognize the signatures of F.L.Harrison, Treasurer, and/or James F.Cummins, for the account of the South American Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, to sign or make all or any changes and orders for the payment of money.

E.D.Dick, Chairman.  
A.W.Cormack, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 6, 1940

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

W.G. Turner, J.L. McElhany, A.W. Cormack, H.T. Elliott, W.E. Nelson, W.H. Williams, H.H. Cobban, W.A. Spicer, G.W. Wells, M.A. Hollister, Steen Rasmussen, Miss Kathryn Jensen, C.L. Bond, W.H. Bergherm, J.J. Ireland, R.L. Benton, C.S. Longacre, A.W. Peterson, D.A. Ochs, W.K. Ising, J.J. Strahla, H.L. Rudy, H.A. Morrison, F.M. Wilcox, R. Ruhling, W.A. Butler, C.E. Weeks, S.A. Wellman, M.E. Kern, H.H. Votaw, T.J. Michael, F.C. Gilbert.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, D.E. Robinson, Frederick Lee, W.E. Phillips  
A.L. White, H.W. Barrows.

Prayer by W.A. Spicer.

## UNION COLLEGE TO BORROW \$15,000:

Request was presented on behalf of Union College, that College be allowed to borrow \$15,000, in order to carry the inventories of the woodworking and broom shops, \$9,000 for the woodworking shop and \$6,000 for the broom shop. Through an annual sinking fund of \$3,110, to be created by setting aside a percentage of the amount of student labor and of the volume of business, the indebtedness would be liquidated in a minimum of five years.

VOTED, That we grant Union College permission to borrow \$15,000 for financing their woodworking and broom-making industries, with the understanding that a sinking fund will be created as outlined, and the indebtedness liquidated within a period of five years.

## DR. GORDON BECKNER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That on recommendation of the Southern African Division, and in view of his family situation, we authorize the permanent return of Dr. Gordon Beckner from Africa.

## E. NEY RELEASED FROM CALL TO PERSIA:

VOTED, That E. Ney be released from the call to Persia, in view of conditions that make it impossible for him to go forward to that field at the present time.



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DR. DAVID H. UNSELL--RELEASED FROM CALL TO CHINA:

VOTED, That inasmuch as the way is not entirely clear for him to accept, Dr. David H. Unsell be released from the call to China for the Wuhan Sanitarium.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That we approve of the following appointments and itineraries:

J.E. Weaver to the Atlantic Union for teachers' institutes, October 6-12.

S.A. Wellman to the Atlantic Union, for meetings in Southern and Northern New England, September 14-21; and to the Pacific Union for Sabbath School work, one month, beginning in January, 1941.

H.L. Rudy to attend a regional camp meeting at South Stukely, Quebec, September 27-29.

COUNCIL OF HOME MISSIONARY  
AND SABBATH SCHOOL SECRETARIES:

VOTED, That we authorize the holding of a joint council of union Home Missionary and Sabbath School secretaries, at St. Paul, October 10-14.

SOUTHWESTERN UNION--  
NEW ORLEANS SANITARIUM PROJECT:

R.L. Benton, president of the Southwestern Union Conference, presented a proposition looking toward the establishment of a privately owned sanitarium near New Orleans, Louisiana. Elder Benton told of the earnest desire of the brethren in his union to see our health and medical work properly represented in the Southwest, and particularly have they been interested for some time in seeing something done in or near the important city of New Orleans.

The union not being in a position to go forward with such an enterprise, a number of brethren in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference who have been studying the matter, have submitted a plan for soliciting business men and others who may be interested in the vicinity of New Orleans, in an effort to raise \$40,000 for the establishment of a sanitarium. With this amount they would hope to compass the following: purchase a property which has on it an unfinished house; finish the house to accommodate about ten patients; provide the necessary equipment; and erect a number of small cottages on the grounds. The Southwestern Union desired counsel in the matter.

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After considerable discussion of the proposition, it was:

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee of nine to give detailed study to all features, both financial and as regards denominational responsibility, that would be involved in such a venture.

Committee appointed: W.E.Nelson, W.A.Spicer, M.A. Hollister, G.W.Wells, Claude Conard, H.T.Elliott, H.H.Votaw, W.H.Williams, W.G.Turner.

W.G.Turner, Chairman.  
A.W.Cormack, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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#### FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-NINTH MEETING

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 8, 1940, 11:15 A.M.

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#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

W.G.Turner, L.H.Christian, W.H.Branson, E.D.Dick, A.W. Cormack, H.T.Elliott, W.E.Nelson, W.H.Williams, H.H.Cobban, W.A.Spicer, G.W.Wells, M.A.Hollister, E.E.Franklin, H.L.Rudy, C.S.Longacre, R.Ruhling, W.H.Bergherm, W.A.Butler, J.J.Strahle, D.A.Ochs, A.W.Peterson, G.L.Bond, A.W.Spalding, R.L.Benton, S.A.Wellman, F.C.Gilbert, C.E.Weaks, H.H.Votaw, T.J.Michael, J.J.Ireland, G.A. Roberts (of the Inter-American Division).

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, H.W.Barrows, W.E.Phillips, A.L.White, D.E.Robinson.

Prayer by F.C.Gilbert.

The committee on the New Orleans Sanitarium project submitted a report, which was still under discussion when the noon hour arrived, and it was agreed to recess until 1:30 P.M.

On reassembling at 1:30, discussion of the New Orleans Sanitarium project was resumed. Various suggestions were offered, and the report was referred back to the committee for revision in the light of the discussion.

W.G.Turner, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## FOUR HUNDRED FIFTIETH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 9, 1940

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

W.G.Turner, L.H.Christian, W.H.Branson, E.D.Dick, A.W.Cormack, H.T.Elliott, W.E.Nelson, H.H.Cobban, W.A.Spicer, E.E.Andross, G.W.Wells, M.A.Hollister, W.H.Bergherm, E.E.Franklin, Steen Rasmussen, F.C.Gilbert, J.J.Strahle, T.J.Michael, D.A.Ochs R.Ruhling, J.J.Ireland, A.W.Peterson, C.L.Bond, A.W.Spalding, H.H.Votaw, C.S.Longacre, R.L.Benton, S.A.Wellman, H.A.Morrison, M.E.Kern, C.E.Weaks, W.A.Butler.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, H.W.Barrows, W.E.Phillips, A.L.White, D.E.Robinson.

Prayer by H.H.Votaw.

## NEW ORLEANS PRIVATE SANITARIUM PROJECT:

The committee appointed to study the proposed private sanitarium project near New Orleans, submitted a revised report, which was further amended, and adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The President of the Southwestern Union Conference has requested counsel concerning a proposal for the establishment of a privately-owned and controlled sanitarium near New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, The southwestern Union Conference Committee, while desiring to promote the medical phase of our work within their territory have expressed themselves as feeling that the proposed project should not be a denominational institution, and they now desire from us counsel as to the launching of the enterprise as a private venture; and

WHEREAS, The financing of the undertaking is wholly dependent upon a proposed plan for the solicitation of funds from the general public:

Resolved, That we concur in the opinion of the Southwestern Union Conference Committee that the project be not undertaken as a denominational institution; and, further, that we are unable to favor it as a private enterprise for the following reasons:

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1. We would point out that in our opinion it will be impossible for any group of Seventh-day Adventists to solicit funds from the public for the launching of such a private enterprise without seriously implying in the public mind moral and financial denominational responsibility.

2. Moreover, without a sound plan of sufficient financial backing to assure the successful continuance of the institution, we fear the confidence of the public in the church organization and the conference in which the institution would be located would be endangered, with a consequent unfavorable reaction upon the best interests of our work in New Orleans.

In offering this counsel, we recognize the encouragement found in the Spirit of prophecy regarding the establishment of medical missionary work, and appreciate the sincere desire of our brethren to successfully establish such work. We find that throughout our history our brethren, in harmony with this counsel, have done a strong medical missionary work by encouraging qualified individuals in operating treatment rooms and other similar units for the service of the sick on a private, self-supporting basis.

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HARVEST INGATHERING MAGAZINE --  
EDITORIAL COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the Chair be asked to appoint nine persons to constitute the editorial committee for the 1941 Harvest Ingathering Magazine.

Appointed: H.T.Elliott, chairman; Steen Rasmussen, editor; A.W.Cormack, E.D.Dick, J.E.Shultz, Dr. H.M.Walton, F.C.Gilbert, A.W.Peterson, W.G.Turner.

W.G.Turner, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

Mistake in numbering pages. 1583 should have been 1573

## FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-FIRST MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 13, 1940, 8:20 A.M.

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The meeting was held immediately following the morning chapel period.

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L. McElhany, L.H. Christian, W.H. Branson, W.G. Turner, A.W. Cormack, E.D. Dick, H.T. Elliott, W.E. Nelson, W.H. Williams, W.A. Spicer, E.E. Andross, H.L. Rudy, T.J. Michael, E.E. Franklin, D.A. Ochs, C.E. Weeks, J.J. Strahle, F.C. Gilbert, Steen Rasmussen, H.A. Morrison, A.W. Peterson, J.E. Weaver, R. Ruhling, G.W. Wells, Dr. H.M. Walton, C.L. Bond, W.H. Berghern, L.E. Froom, M.E. Kern, H.H. Votaw, F.M. Wilcox, J.J. Ireland, C.S. Longacre, W.A. Butler.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, H.W. Barrows, W.E. Phillisp, D.E. Robinson, M.E. Olsen, Miss Lora Clement, A.L. White.

## J.L. SHULER--POTOMAC CONFERENCE:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Theological Seminary Board, that we accede to the request of the Columbia Union and the Potomac Conference, for the services of J.L. Shuler, to conduct an evangelistic effort and school of evangelism in Silver Spring, Maryland, during the summer of 1941, Brother Shuler to begin his preparatory work for the effort soon after the close of the first term of the winter quarter of the Seminary, in March.

## J.L. SHULER--APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Theological Seminary Board, that we approve of the following appointments for J.L. Shuler: Attend the Autumn Council; assist in the Week of Prayer at Emmanuel Missionary College following the Council; assist in an evangelistic council in the Central Union the early part of December.

## E. NEY AND S. DEMCHUK:

VOTED, To adopt the following report of a subcommittee that was appointed to make suggestions relative to the work of Elders E. Ney and S. Demchuk:

1. That we adhere to the proposed plan for Elder E. Ney to be loaned to the Greater New York Conference for Russian work, for a period of three to six months, in the hope that he may be permanently employed within that time.

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2. That we suggest to L.Halswick that S.Demchuk move to Chicago, as previously voted by this Committee, to hold an effort there; leaving the way open, however, for Brother Halswick to make other suggestions with regard to Brother Demchuk's evangelistic work, in case he wishes to do so.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That we approve of the following appointments and itineraries:

W.H.Williams to make a trip to Canada on Treasury Department business.

E.E.Andross to attend the annual meeting of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference at Winnipeg, October 4-6.

W.A.Spicer to attend the dedication services of the Albert Lea church, Minnesota, October 12; and to visit academies in the Northern Union Conference this autumn, the definite time to be arranged.

#### BUREAU OF HOME MISSIONS--COMMITTEE MEETING:

VOTED, That we hereby authorize the Bureau of Home Missions to call a meeting of the Bureau Committee in St. Paul at the time of the Autumn Council.

#### MEETINGS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE IN ST. PAUL:

VOTED, That we hereby authorize the holding of meetings of the General Conference Committee in St. Paul, Minnesota, as may be found to be necessary, between October 6 and 26.

#### THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERINGS--1942:

VOTED, That the fields to benefit by the overflow of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings in 1942 be as follows: first quarter, South American Division; second quarter, Southern Europe; third quarter, China; fourth quarter, Far East.

#### AUTUMN COUNCIL--STANDING COMMITTEES:

Suggestions from the officers regarding standing committees for the Autumn Council were presented, and accepted to be submitted to the Council.

#### AUTUMN COUNCIL--DEVOTIONAL AND OTHER MEETINGS:

VOTED, That the following speakers be appointed for the devotional and public meetings during the Autumn Council:

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| Tuesday evening   | October 15 | - Opening meeting | J.L. McElhany. |
| Wednesday morning | October 16 | - Devotional      | W.A. Spicer    |
| Wednesday evening | October 16 | -                 | J.F. Wright    |
| Thursday morning  | October 17 | - Devotional      | W.G. Turner    |
| Thursday evening  | October 17 | -                 | N.C. Wilson    |
| Friday morning    | October 18 | - Devotional      | H.L. Rudy      |
| Friday evening    | October 18 | -                 | W.E. Read      |
| Sabbath School    | October 19 | - In charge of    | J.A. Stevens   |
| Sabbath morning   | October 19 | - Service         | J.L. McElhany  |
| Sabbath afternoon | October 19 | -                 | G.A. Roberts   |
|                   |            |                   | N.P. Neilsen   |
| Sunday morning    | October 20 | - Devotional      | L.H. Christian |
| Sunday forenoon   | October 20 | - Symposium by    | North American |
|                   |            | Division leaders  | W.G. Turner to |
|                   |            |                   | arrange        |
| Sunday evening    | October 20 | - Sermon on the   |                |
|                   |            | Coming of the     |                |
|                   |            | Lord              | W.H. Branson   |
| Monday morning    | October 21 | - Devotional      | E.E. Andross   |
| Tuesday morning   | October 22 | - Devotional      | M.L. Andreasen |

## INITIAL EXPENSE OF E.G. WHITE

## BOOKS IN OVERSEAS DIVISIONS:

The committee on requests for help from the fund which was set up to aid on the initial expense in connection with the publication of E.G. White books in overseas divisions, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

We recommend, That appropriations be made from this fund as follows:

To the South American Division, to apply on initial expense of publishing "Great Controversy" in Spanish, by the Buenos Aires publishing house, \$500.

To the China Division, for a five-volume set of the Testimonies, \$300.

To the Southern European Division, for the book "Christian Service," to be published in the Rumanian, \$300.

To the Southern European Division, for a volume of the Testimonies in the French language, \$500.

To the Northern European Division, for Selections from the Testimonies, in Finnish, \$100.

SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION:--\$500:

VOTED, To appropriate another \$500 to the Southern European Division, from the Refugee Relief Fund.



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## HAYWARD CHURCH:

Request was presented from the Pacific Union on behalf of the Northern California Conference, for approval of the erection of a new church building for the Hayward Church, at a cost of \$8,750. With the amount of cash in hand and the amount of labor to be donated, the financing of the project is within the policy.

VOTED, That we give authorization to proceed with the erection of the church building for the Hayward Church.

## NORTH PARK CHURCH, SAN DIEGO:

Request was presented from the Pacific Union on behalf of the Southeastern California Conference, for approval of the erection of a new church building for the North Park Church, in San Diego, at an approximate cost of \$23,500. Inasmuch as 75% of the cash is in hand, and the other 25% is assured, it was

VOTED, That we give authorization to proceed with the erection of the church building for the North Park Church in San Diego.

## CHRISTIAN RECORD INVESTMENT:

Request was presented from the Christian Record Board, of Lincoln, Nebraska, that with some of their surplus funds they be permitted to build a group of ten apartments on a lot which they own. It is estimated that the rent from the apartments would assure the Christian Record a substantial income for their operating, which would be a great help in case their present privilege of general solicitation should be curtailed. The project would cost between \$30,000 and \$35,000. They have \$20,000 on hand, enough to enclose all the apartments and finish part of them. They would proceed with construction only as they have the funds.

VOTED, That we approve of the plan of the Christian Record Board to erect a group of apartments, with the understanding that they will proceed with the work only as the funds are in hand.

## SPANISH SCHOOL:

A committee that was appointed to give study to the present status of the Spanish school proposition submitted the following report, which was adopted:

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WHEREAS, We have been unable to carry into effect the plans for the establishment of the proposed mission training school for the Spanish-speaking young people of the Southwest, as recommended at the time of the 1940 Spring Meeting, since the cash available for the establishment of such an institution amounts to less than \$10,000, which we feel to be insufficient for the purchase of land and the erection of necessary buildings; and the provision for working capital and operating is also inadequate for the maintenance of a proper teaching staff and meeting the administrative expense;

THEREFORE, While we sense the need of educational work for the Spanish-speaking young people of the Southwest (for we believe that many of them are drifting into the world for lack of Christian educational opportunities, and we would desire to see a small training school established), being faced with this problem of insufficient financial provision for the undertaking,

We recommend, 1. That the matter of the proposed Spanish school be referred to the forthcoming Autumn Council for further consideration.

2. That until such time as definite arrangements are made for the establishment of such an institution, the budget of the Bureau of Home Missions be provided on the same basis as heretofore.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.  
A.W.Cormack, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-SECOND MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 16, 1940, 10 A.M.

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, L.H.Christian, W.G.Turner, W.H.Branson, H.T.Elliott, E.D.Dick, A.W.Cormack, W.E.Nelson, W.H.Williams, H.H.Cobban, W.A.Spicer, E.E.Andross, F.M.Wilcox, G.W.Wells, C.E.W eaks, Steen Rasmussen, J.J.Strahle, E.E.Franklin, H.L.Rudy, T.J.Michael, R.Ruhling, A.W.Peterson, L.E.Froom, H.H.Votaw, W.K.Ising, H.A.Morrison, W.H.Teesdale, A.W.Spalding, W.E.Howell, Dr. H.M.Walton, J.J.Ireland, D.A.Ochs, J.E.Weaver, C.S.Longacre, M.C.Taft, M.E.Kern, M.L.Andreasen.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, W.E.Phillips, A.L.White, D.E.Robinson, Miss Lora Clement.

Prayer by A.W.Spalding. Minutes of meetings of August 26 and 29, and September 1 and 2 were approved.

## INVITED TO ATTEND AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, That the following workers from the General Conference office be invited to attend the Autumn Council: Claude Conard, H.W.Barrows, W.E.Phillips, A.L.White, Malin E.Olsen, A.W.Spalding, W.A.Benjamin.

VOTED, That the following workers who are on furlough be invited to attend the Autumn Council:

China Division: C.B.Green, W.I.Hilliard, Dr. H.E.James, W.E.Strickland.

Far East: O.A.Blake, F.A.Mote, A.P.Ritz.

Inter-America: C.A.Edwards, M.E.Olsen.

Northern Europe: C.A.Reeves.

South America: J.C.Ruskjer, H.G.Stoehr.

Southern Asia: E.M.Meleen.

Southern Africa: Miss Helen Hyatt, Mrs. J.F.Wright.

Southern Europe: E.P.Mansell.

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VOTED, That other workers be invited to attend the Autumn Council, as follows:

Dr. Gordon Beckner, M.B.Butterfield, W.A.Scharffenberg, M.F.Wiedemann, S.E.Wight, W.H.Holden.

C.B.HAYNES--AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, That C.B.Haynes be invited to attend the Autumn Council, and that he be requested to take charge of the publicity work.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AT THE COUNCIL:

VOTED, That the General Conference departmental secretaries be requested to present short reports to the Council.

AUDITORS--OFFICERS' MEETINGS:

VOTED, That the General Conference auditors be invited to sit with the Officers in their meetings in St. Paul preceding the Autumn Council.

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY READING PROGRAM--COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the Spirit of Prophecy Reading Program Promotion Committee for 1941 be as follows: W.G.Turner, A.W. Peterson, L.E.Froom, Arthur L.White, Steen Rasmussen.

C.A.REEVES--COLUMBIA UNION:

The Columbia Union would like to have the services for a short time of C.A.Reeves, who is in America on a leave of absence from the British Union, and who is now visiting in Berrien Springs and Chicago.

VOTED, That we invite C.A.Reeves to spend some time visiting churches in the Columbia Union, before the Autumn Council, with the understanding that the General Conference will meet his transportation to the union, and the union will meet his entertainment expense while in their territory.

S.W.MUNRO--NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

T. TREAT--IDAHO:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and the Idaho Conference the call from the Pacific Union for S.W.Munro to connect with the Northern California Conference; and to pass on to the Pacific Union and the Northern California Conference the call from the North Pacific Union for T.Treat to connect with the Idaho Conference.

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PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH  
THE CONSCRIPTION ACT:

Reference was made to the passing of the conscription act by the United States Congress, making it compulsory for every man between the ages of 21 and 35 to register, and thereby become subject to call by the government to enter a training camp. Many in our ranks will immediately be faced with difficulty and perplexity because of the denominational position as regards noncombatancy, and also with reference to the keeping of the Sabbath. It was felt that steps should be taken at once to set up a committee or commission, whose duty it should be to give counsel and guidance to our people as they are called upon to meet this situation.

VOTED, That the officers be asked to nominate such a commission.

C.E.WEAKS AND J.J.STRAHLE--LAKE UNION:

VOTED, That C.E.Weaks and J.J.Strahle be authorized to respond to the request for their services in the Lake Union, October 25 to November 3.

MEDICAL COUNCIL--WORKERS TO ATTEND:

VOTED, That the following workers be authorized to attend the Medical Council at Boulder, Colorado, November 29 to December 4: J.L.McElhany, W.G.Turner, W.E.Nelson, E.D.Dick, Dr. H.M.Walton, M.A.Hollister, Miss Kathryn Jensen, F.Griggs, I.J.Woodman, Claude Conard, Mrs. June Norton.

CLINIC IN BANGKOK, SIAM:

Word has been received from the Far Eastern Division that a piece of land has been found in the city of Bangkok, Siam, suitable for the location of the clinic building which is being planned for, and which is greatly needed for the growing medical work in that city. The tract consists of about three acres, and can be bought for approximately \$10,020, and this amount of funds is in hand. The plan is to solicit funds from the public for the erection of the clinic building.

VOTED, That we approve of the purchase of the proposed site for the location of a clinic building in the city of Bangkok.

GENERAL CONFERENCE AND  
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LIBRARIES:

A request was presented from the Theological Seminary Board, that the General Conference Library be united with the Seminary Library, and be housed in the Seminary Library rooms.

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There was considerable discussion of the question, especially as regards removing all the reference books now in the General Conference Library, from the General Conference building. It was

VOTED, That a committee be appointed by the Chair, of which he shall be a member, to give careful study to the whole question as to what would be involved in combining the two libraries, and to see if a plan can be worked out that will meet the library needs of the General Conference staff as well as the needs of the Theological Seminary.

Committee appointed: H.A.Morrison, M.E.Kern, L.E.Froom, L.H.Christian, A.W.Peterson, W.E.Howell, W.A.Spicer, Steen Rasmussen, J.L.McElhany.

#### DEATH OF G.F.JONES:

Word was received by cable from the Australasian Division office, of the death of G.F.Jones, on September 14. Elder Jones was a well loved worker in Malaysia and the South Sea Islands, in which fields he spent many years in loyal, devoted service, his first connection with the South Sea Islands being in the year 1901.

VOTED, That we hereby record our appreciation of the devoted Christian life, and years of faithful service of Elder G.F.Jones, and to sorrowing relatives and friends we extend our deepest sympathy.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.  
H.T.Elliott, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Sec'y.

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#### FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-THIRD MEETING

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 16, 1940, 3 P.M.

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#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, L.H.Christian, W.G.Turner, W.H.Branson, E.D.Dick, A.W.Cormack, H.T.Elliott, H.H.Cobban, E.E.Andross, J.J.Strahle, Dr. H.M.Walton, C.E.Weaks, F.C.Gilbert, F.M.Wilcox, R.Ruhling, J.J.Ireland, W.E.Howell, A.W.Spalding, L.E.Froom, D.A.Ochs, A.W.Peterson, H.A.Morrison, W.H.Teesdale, W.K.Ising, C.S.Longacre, T.J.Michael, M.C.Taft, J.E.Weaver.

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, W.E.Phillips, Miss Lora Clement, A.L. White, D.E.Robinson.

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Prayer by H.A.Morrison.

COUNSEL AND GUIDANCE IN  
CONNECTION WITH THE CONSCRIPTION ACT:

The officers having been asked in the forenoon meeting to nominate a committee, whose duty it should be to give counsel and guidance to our young men as they are called upon to meet the requirements of the Conscription Act just passed by the United States Congress, submitted the following recommendations, which were adopted:

We recommend, 1. That the large committee that was appointed in the meeting of July 9, 1940, to keep in touch with developments in connection with the Conscription Bill, be discharged.

2. That a committee be set up here in Washington, to be available to the field for counsel, and to handle the emergency problems which it is anticipated will arise as our members are called upon to meet the requirements of the Conscription Act.

3. That the personnel of this committee be as follows: H.T.Elliott, chairman; W.H.Branson, vice-chairman; C.B.Haynes, secretary; and H.H.Votaw, A.W.Peterson, H.A.Morrison.

4. That each union conference be asked to appoint one of their union workers, who shall give special study to the problems in that union, and who will work in cooperation with the Washington Commission.

After some discussion as to the name under which this committee should function, it was

VOTED, That the committee, or commission, be designated "The National Service Commission."

C.B.HAYNES TO WASHINGTON;

VOTED, To request the Lake Union and the Michigan Conference to release C.B.Haynes, and that we invite Brother Haynes to connect with the General Conference headquarters staff, to serve as secretary of the National Service Commission, requesting that he come to Washington immediately to enter upon this work.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-FOURTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 19, 1940

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

W.H.Branson, L.H.Christian, A.W.Cormack, E.D.Dick, H.T. Elliott, H.H.Cobban, W.A.Spicer, E.E.Andross, F.M.Wilcox, H.L. Rudy, T.J.Michael, L.E.Froom, R.Ruhling, D.A.Ochs, F.C.Gilbert, E.E.Franklin, G.W.Wells, W.K.Ising, J.J.Ireland, W.H.Teesdale, Steen Rasmussen, C.E.Weaks, J.J.Strahle, A.W.Peterson, M.C.Taft, Dr. H.M.Walton, W.P.Elliott, C.S.Longacre, H.A.Morrison, W.E. Howell, H.H.Votaw.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, W.E.Phillips, Frederick Lee, Miss Lora Clement, A.L.White, D.E.Robinson.

Prayer by Frederick Lee. Minutes of meetings of September 6, 8 and 9 were approved.

## MERLE MILLS RELEASED:

VOTED, That Merle L.Mills be released from the call to Manchuria, because of unfavorable medical reports.

## LEON ROBBINS--NORTHWEST INDIA:

VOTED, To request the Columbia Union and the Ohio Conference to release Leon Robbins, to connect with the Southern Asia Division for evangelistic work in Northwest India.

## MISS KATHRYN JENSEN--RESIGNATION:

Resignation was presented from Miss Kathryn Jensen as associate secretary of the Medical Department, and from the various committees of which she was a member, including the Board of Regents, to take effect October 11.

VOTED, To accept the resignation of Miss Kathryn Jensen, to become effective October 11, and in doing so to hereby take occasion to express to Miss Jensen our sincere appreciation of her efficient and faithful service in the cause through the years and during the time she has been connected with the General Conference Medical Department. We also extend to her our best wishes in connection with her plans for the future.

VOTED, further, that the salary of Miss Kathryn Jensen be continued to December 7, 1940.



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## MISS LOIS BURNETT--MEDICAL DEPARTMENT:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union Conference and the Glendale Sanitarium to release Miss Lois Burnett, and that Miss Burnett be invited to connect with the General Conference Medical Department as an associate secretary of the department.

VOTED, That in case Miss Lois Burnett accepts the call to connect with the Medical Department, she be invited to attend the coming Autumn Council.

## DR. D.P.LaTOURETTE--POSTGRADUATE WORK:

VOTED, To accede to the request of Dr. D.P.LaTourette, who is under appointment to China, that he be permitted to continue the postgraduate work he is taking at the White Memorial Hospital until the end of December, thus giving him six months instead of the three months originally granted, it being understood that two months of this time shall be at his own personal expense.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That we approve of the following appointments and itineraries:

A trip by H.D.Casebeer to the South Dakota Indian Reservation, and to the Six Nations Reserve in Ontario-Quebec, October 4-6.

T.J.Michael to Atlantic Union College for the Week of Prayer, beginning November 3.

W.A.Butler to attend a Home Missionary Secretaries' Council in the Southern Union, November 4-5.

Steen Rasmussen, Home Missionary Secretaries Council and Laymen's Institutes in the North Pacific Union, October 30 to November 23.

H.A.Morrison, Atlanta Dental School, the week of September 29.

J.E.Weaver, to Illinois teachers' institutes, and other work in Illinois, the week beginning September 22.

## MRS. GRACE MACE--HOME MISSIONARY SECRETARIES' COUNCIL:

VOTED, That Mrs. Grace Mace be authorized to attend the union Home Missionary Secretaries' Council at St. Paul, October 10-14.

W.H.Branson, Chairman.  
A.W.Cormack, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-FIFTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 23, 1940

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

W.H.Branson, J.L.McElhany, W.G.Turner, H.T.Elliott, E.D.Dick, A.W.Cormack, W.E.Nelson, W.H.Williams, H.H.Cobban, W.A.Spicer, F.M.Wilcox, G.W.Wells, M.A.Hollister, C.E.Weaks, F.C.Gilbert, E.E.Franklin, J.J.Ireland, L.E.Froom, A.W.Peterson, S.A.Wellman, W.K.Ising, H.L.Rudy, D.A.Ochs, C.S.Longacre, H.H.Votaw, M.L.Andreasen, E.E.Andross, W.P.Elliott, W.H.Teesdale, Dr. H.M.Walton, T.J.Michael.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, W.E.Phillips, Miss Lora Clement, C.B. Haynes, D.E.Robinson.

Prayer by W.K.Ising. Minutes of the meeting of September 13 were approved.

## FRENCH SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON QUARTERLIES:

VOTED, That we authorize the Canadian Watchman Press to print an edition of 1500 French Sabbath School Lesson Quarterlies, for the French-speaking believers in the North and Inter-American Divisions.

## C.B.HAYNES--PRESS BUREAU WORK:

VOTED, That in addition to his work as secretary of the National Service Commission, we request C.B.Haynes to give temporary direction to the General Conference Press Bureau work.

## ONTARIO-QUEBEC CONFERENCE--\$1158.85:

VOTED, To appropriate \$1158.85 from the Emergency Fund to the Ontario-Quebec Conference, to help in meeting the extra heavy expense involved in connection with the Gordon Smith case.

## NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION--L4000:

In order to help meet the emergency situation in the Northern European Division, which has come through the rising cost of living in various parts of the division field, it was

VOTED, To appropriate L4000 from the Emergency Fund to the Northern European Division, this amount to cover bonuses to salaries in all the unions and mission fields of the division where such bonus becomes necessary because of the increased cost of living.

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## USE OF HARVEST INGATHERING FUNDS IN NORWAY:

VOTED, To accede to the request of the West Nordic Union, that they be permitted to use part of their Harvest Ingathering funds for relief work in damaged places, with the understanding that account of the use of these funds will be made to the General Conference following the present emergency situation in Europe.

## USE OF MISSION OFFERINGS IN NORWAY:

VOTED, That we give authorization to the East and West Nordic Unions to make temporary use of the mission funds accumulated in their treasuries in the payment of financial obligations, report to be made to the General Conference of the application of all such funds to this purpose as soon as the present war emergency in Europe is past.

## CHINA DIVISION--EXCHANGE GAINS:

The China Division was authorized to use certain exchange gains in 1939 to meet the emergency situation affecting our workers in that division, both foreign and national, through the rising cost of living.

VOTED, That in connection with this emergency situation a special appropriation be made from the Exchange Gains Fund, equivalent to the exchange gains made by the China Division from June 1 to December 31, 1939.

## FAR EASTERN DIVISION--EXCHANGE GAINS:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to appropriate \$4012.24 to the Far Eastern Division from the Exchange Gains Fund, this being equivalent to the gains in exchange in Japan and Chosen from July 1 to December 31, 1939, and which was authorized to be used in meeting emergency items in connection with the Japan Union training school, and for the sanitarium and school in the Chosen Union.

## EVELYN WELLS--AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, That Miss Evelyn Wells be requested to go to St. Paul for stenographic work during the Autumn Council.

W.H.Branson, Chairman.  
H.T.Elliott, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-SIXTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 25, 1940, 2:30 P.M.

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

W.G.Turner, J.L.McElhany, W.H.Branson, E.D.Dick, A.W.Cormack, H.T.Elliott, W.E.Nelson, W.A.Spicer, G.W.Wells, J.J.Strahle, E.E.Weaks, M.C.Taft, T.J.Michael, A.W.Peterson, H.L.Rudy, L.E.Froom, D.A.Ochs, C.S.Longacre, A.W.Spalding, M.A.Hollister, S.A.Wellman, W.K.Ising, Miss Kathryn Jensen, H.H.Votaw, F.M.Wilcox, Dr. H.M.Walton, E.E.Franklin, E.E.Andross.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, W.E.Phillips, D.E.Robinson, A.L.White, Miss Lora Clement, Frederick Lee, B.G.Wilkinson, C.C.Pulver.

Prayer by E.E.Andross.

## LEAFLET ON

## "SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT":

Consideration was given to a manuscript outlining the principles held by Seventh-day Adventists with reference to civil and religious liberty, and with reference to our relationship to civil government. It also makes reference to our historical record and present stand on noncombatancy. After extended discussion and careful amendment, it was

VOTED, That the manuscript be printed as a leaflet, under the title "Seventh-day Adventists and Civil Government," to be circulated among our people generally in the United States.  
WASHINGTON MISSIONARY COLLEGE--HEATING PLANT:

Request was presented from Washington Missionary College, for approval of the construction of a central heating plant, at a total cost of \$30,000. The College has \$15,000 cash in hand, and can make available as the work progresses, \$8,415 from the current year's operating funds. The balance of \$6,585 will not be needed until a third boiler is installed and the lines extended in the summer of 1941, and this amount will be made available from the operating funds for the year 1941-42.

VOTED, That, subject to approval of the building plans by the Building Plans Committee, we give authorization for Washington Missionary College to proceed with the construction of the proposed central heating plant, on the understanding that the work will go forward only as the funds are available, so that the plant will be completed without the involvement of indebtedness.

W.G.Turner, Chairman.  
E.D.Dick, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVENTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

September 30, 1940

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

L.H.Christian, W.H.Branson, H.T.Elliott, E.D.Dick, A.W.Cormack, H.H.Cobban, W.A.Spicer, F.M.Wilcox, G.W.Wells, M.A.Hollister, W.H.Bergherm, E.E.Franklin, F.C.Gilbert, A.W.Peterson, C.S.Longacre, W.H.Teesdale, E.E.Andross, M.C.Taft, J.J.Strahle, S.A.Wellman, H.J.Detwiler, W.K. Ising, H.A.Morrison, H.E.Rogers, H.H.Votaw, C.E.Weaks, Dr. H.M.Walton, J.E.Weaver, A.W.Spalding.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, W.E.Phillips, A.L.White, D.E.Robinson, Miss Lora Clement, Frederick Lee.

Prayer by C.S.Longacre. Minutes of meetings held September 16, 19, 23 and 25 were approved.

## INVITED TO AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, That C.B.Sutton, on furlough from the Inter-American Division, be invited to attend the Autumn Council.

VOTED, That Miss Rosamond Ginther, of the Sabbath School Department, be invited to attend the Autumn Council, and the convention of union Sabbath School secretaries, preceding the Council.

## MEDICAL CADET CORPS LEADERS TO ST. PAUL:

VOTED, That the members of the Training and Service Commission of the Medical Cadet Corps Council, and the men in each union conference in the United States who have been appointed as union Medical Cadet Corps leaders, be invited to St. Paul for a special meeting, beginning October 14, at 1:30 P.M.

## V.W.BECKER--RELEASED:

VOTED, That since the way is not clear for him to accept, V.W.Becker be released from the call to China.

## TILLIE E.BARR--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That on her own request, the return of Miss Tillie E.Barr from China be changed from the furlough to the permanent return basis.

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## E.E.FRANKLIN--INTER-AMERICA:

VOTED, That E.E.Franklin be assigned to visit the Inter-American Division, in response to the request for a representative of the Publishing Department to attend a series of institutes in that field, beginning immediately after the Autumn Council.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That we approve of the following appointments and itineraries:

L. Halswick to the Atlantic Union for several weeks, dates to be arranged.

A.L.White to Toledo, Ohio, and Union College, en route to the Autumn Council.

C.S.Longacre to Boise, Idaho, the first week in January, to assist in opposing passage of a Sunday bill; and to spend some time in other parts of the North Pacific Union in Religious Liberty work.

F.L.Peterson to remain in the Southern California Conference to December 31, 1940.

F.Griggs to visit colleges in the East, Central West and Northwest, in connection with his trip to and from the Autumn Council.

L.E.Froom, Southern California, Union College and Emmanuel Missionary College, following the Autumn Council.

H.L.Rudy, two to three weeks in Northern Union after the Autumn Council, date to be arranged, and Week of Prayer at Shattuck, Oklahoma.

Steen Rasmussen, North Pacific Union for union Home Missionary Secretaries' Council, and Lay Preachers' Institutes, in November.

W.A.Butler, Southern Union, Home Missionary and Sabbath School convention at Decatur, November 4-7; Northern Union, Lay Preachers' Institutes, November 8-24.

J.A.Stevens, Southern Union, Home Missionary and Sabbath School convention at Decatur, November 4-7.

S.A.Wellman, North Pacific Union, December 8 to January 12.

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J.E.Weaver, Teachers' Institutes in the Southern Union,  
November 8-16.

W.E.Nelson to attend a meeting of the Southern Union  
Conference Committee at Atlanta, November 18-21.

M.E.Olsen, appointments in Northern Ohio, beginning  
October 5 in Toledo, en route to the Autumn Council, and ten  
days in Michigan following the Council.

ACCOUNT IN ST. PAUL BANK:

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That a deposit account be opened in the name  
of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in the First  
National Bank of St. Paul, and that the said bank be, and hereby  
is, authorized to honor the signatures of W.H.Williams, Under-  
treasurer, and/or H.H.Cobban, Assistant Treasurer, on checks  
drawn against this account.

L.H.Christian, Chairman.

H.T.Elliott, Secretary.

E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.