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FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOURTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Takoma Park, D.C., October 28, 1940, 10:30 AM

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MEMBERS PRESENT:


OTHERS PRESENT:


Prayer by N.P. Neilsen.

SOUTHERN AFRICAN DIVISION--ACTING CHAIRMAN:

The Chairman stated that J.F. Wright, the president of the Southern African Division, is not planning to return to Africa between now and the time of the General Conference session. It was

VOTED, To appoint C.W. Bozarth Acting Chairman for the Southern African Division, during the absence of J.F. Wright.

PRESS CARDS:

VOTED, That, looking toward the carrying out of the recommendation of the Autumn Council, a committee of five be appointed by the Chair to give study to the matter of drawing up regulations to govern the issuing of Press Cards.


MEETING OF UNION AND LOCAL CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS:

The Autumn Council having authorized the holding of a meeting of union and local conference presidents in the North American Division this coming winter, it was

VOTED, That we approve of this meeting being held in Kansas City, January 3-11, 1941.
WORKERS PERMANENTLY RETURNED:

VOTED, That the return of L.L. Moffitt from the Southern African Division be changed from the furlough to the permanent return basis.

VOTED, That we authorize the permanent return of Carl Schroeder from the China Division to Central Europe.

VOTED, That we authorize the permanent return of Ainsley Blair from Palestine, because of the health condition of Mrs. Blair.

VOTED, That because of conditions resulting from the international situation, we authorize the permanent return from England to America, of G.E. Nord, J.I. Robison and E.R. Colson.

COMMITTEE TO GO TO CLEVELAND:

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee of five, of which he shall be the chairman, to make a visit to Cleveland, Ohio, to investigate the facilities offered for holding the General Conference session in that city.


E.D. DICK AND J.E. WEAVER TO SOUTH AMERICA:

VOTED, That E.D. Dick and J.E. Weaver be assigned to respond to the request from the South American Division for General Conference help for the division council, beginning December 5, and other meetings following.

ADDITIONS TO CHINA REHABILITATION COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That O.A. Hall and H.L. Shull be added to the Rehabilitation Committee that is functioning in the China Division.

H.H. VOTAW--EXPENSE OF TRIP TO PITTSBURGH:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to meet the expenses of H.H. Votaw to Pittsburgh and return, Brother Votaw having been called back to Washington by a wire from the officers in St. Paul, to attend to some matters here, after he had started for the Autumn Council.

CLINIC IN MEXICO:

VOTED, That the Chair be asked to appoint a committee of three to make a trip to Mexico, to give study with the brethren on the ground, to the suggestion of the establishment of a clinic in the city of Monterrey.
Committee appointed: J.L. McElhany, W.E. Nelson, Dr. H.M. Walton.

EUNICE ROZEMA—THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Wisconsin Conference the call for Miss Eunice Rozema to connect with the Theological Seminary for stenographic work.

NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION—L500:

VOTED, That an appropriation equivalent to L500 be made to the Northern European Division from the Emergency Relief Fund.

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

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FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 31, 1940

MEMBERS PRESENT:


OTHERS PRESENT:


Prayer by R. Ruhling. Minutes of meetings held October 1, 3, 7, 8 and 13 were approved.

ANNA JOHNSON—INDIANA ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and the Colorado Conference the call from the Lake Union and the Indiana Conference for Miss Anna Johnson to connect with the Indiana Academy as teacher of French and English.
EUNICE ROZEMA RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Eunice Rozema be released from the call to the Inter-American Division.

DR. E.A. WAGNER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That we authorize the permanent return of Dr. E.A. Wagner and family from the China Division.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

M.L. Andreasen, workers' meeting in Texas, Week of Prayer at La Sierra College, Week of Prayer at Loma Linda and White Memorial, workers' meeting in the North Pacific Union.

H.A. Morrison and W.G. Turner to meet with Northern and Central Union representatives in Chicago.

Lois Burnett, of the Medical Department, to attend the Medical Convention in Boulder.

J.L. McElhany, W.G. Turner, Dr. H.M. Walton, W.E. Nelson to attend the constituency meetings in the Pacific Union.

J.A. Stevens, Sabbath school secretaries' council in the Lake Union, December 16-18.

A.W. Peterson, in connection with other appointments already made, to attend a Missionary Volunteer convention in Missouri, November 20-24.

H.A. Morrison to fill appointments that were made for J.E. Weaver in the Southern, Southwestern and Columbia Unions.

L. Halswick, Alberta, Canada, following Autumn Council; three weeks in Atlantic Union; three weeks in Lake Union; dedication of Italian church in New Orleans in December; North Pacific and Pacific Unions, January and February.

TRANSPORTATION OF MISSIONARIES FROM THE ORIENT:

Suggestion was made that in connection with the possible evacuation of missionaries from the Orient, funds may not be readily available at the time in some fields for meeting the steamship fares. It was therefore
VOTED, That in case it is necessary in order to facilitate evacuation of workers from the Orient in any instance, the Treasury be authorized to arrange for the payment of the steamship fares on this side.

N.F. BREWER TO WASHINGTON:

On receipt of a cable from the China Division Committee in Shanghai, it was

VOTED, To request N.F. Brewer, the president of the China Division, now in Fitchburg, Mass., to come to Washington for further counsel relative to the evacuation of workers from China.

CHURCH FUNDS:

The question of handling certain church funds, such as the Dorcas Society, Missionary, Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer expense funds, was before the Autumn Council, and action was taken recommending that the Minority Committee give further study to the matter, with a view to placing before the next General Conference session a uniform plan.

VOTED, That the Chair be asked to appoint a committee of nine to give careful study to this matter, and report.

Appointed: W.E. Nelson, H.H. Cobban, Steen Rasmussen, J.J. Strahle, S.A. Wellman, J.E. Weaver, A.W. Peterson, A.W. Cormack, Claude Conard,

L.H. Christian, Chairman.
E.D. Dick, Secretary.
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIXTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
November 4, 1940

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:


Prayer by G.W. Wells.

REPLY TO CABLE FROM SHANGHAI:

A cable message was received Friday, from the China Division Committee in Shanghai, requesting the reaction of the General Conference Committee to plans for the evacuation of a number of missionaries from China, and requesting also the sailing date of N.F. Brewer. It was

VOTED, That the following cable in reply be sent to the committee in China: "Approve any action you deem necessary. Brewer Coolidge twenty-nine."

LOMA LINDA MARKET BUILDING:

Request was presented from the College of Medical Evangelists for approval of the erection of a market building on a lot owned by the College in Loma Linda, at an estimated cost of $12,000, to serve the people in the immediate vicinity. The project is to be financed by $7,000 taken from operating funds, and $5,000 from funds in the investment trust department.

VOTED, That we give authorization to the College of Medical Evangelists for the erection of the proposed market building in Loma Linda.

CANADIAN WATCHMAN PRESS EQUIPMENT:

A request was presented that the Canadian Watchman Press which is under the management of C.G. Maracle, be permitted to purchase a secondhand Miehle press and a new folding machine, to replace present equipment that is in too poor condition to care for the present volume of work.

VOTED, That we give authorization for the Canadian Watchman Press to purchase a secondhand Miehle press and a new folding machine, at an approximate cost of $12,000, with the understanding that the profits now in hand of about $3,000, and all future profits accruing be applied against the cost of this machinery until the whole liability is liquidated.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION—SAN FRANCISCO:

The Chairman reported on the visit of the committee that was appointed to investigate the facilities offered by the city of Cleveland as a place for holding the coming General Conference session. He stated that the Auditorium was all that could be desired, and would meet our needs in every respect. However,
the date for the General Conference session has been set for May 27 to June 11, and it was learned by the committee while in Cleveland that another convention has already secured the use of the Auditorium for June 4 to 8. It would therefore seem that Cleveland cannot be considered.

Inasmuch as when the question was discussed during the time of the Autumn Council, by the large subcommittee which included the union and local conference presidents, the preference of meeting place was between Cleveland and San Francisco, it was

VOTED, That the coming General Conference session be held in San Francisco.

VOTED, That the officers be asked to appoint a committee, to enter into negotiations and secure definite contracts for the necessary accommodations for holding the session in San Francisco, including the use of certain hotel rooms for meeting purposes.

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

FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
November 7, 1940

MEMBERS PRESENT:


OTHERS PRESENT:


Prayer by W.H. Bergherm.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY—$500:

A request was presented from the American Bible Society for an extra appropriation from our Board, toward a fund of $150,000 which they are endeavoring to raise, to enable them to
take over some of the work formerly carried by other Bible societies which are now greatly restricted in their operations because of the international situation, and also to provide Bible portions for prisoners in the prison camps.

VOTED, To appropriate $500 to the American Bible Society as our contribution toward this emergency program that they are undertaking.

BILL FROM HOGAN & HARTSON:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to make payment of the bill from the law firm of Hogan & Hartson, for services rendered in connection with Labor Union problems, such services having been engaged by authorization of this Committee.

V.A.LaGrone RELEASED:

VOTED, That V.A.LaGrone be released from the call to the South Caribbean Conference.

M.E.CHAPMAN--SOUTH CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To request the Southern Union and the Florida Conference to release M.E.Chapman, to connect with the Inter-American Division and the Caribbean Union, for the presidency of the South Caribbean Conference.

MR. AND MRS. R.B.CALDWELL--INTER-AMERICA:

VOTED, To request the Lake Union and the Wisconsin Conference to release Mr. and Mrs. R.B.Caldwell, to connect with the Inter-American Division for work in the division office in Balboa.

C.A.EDWARDS--EXTENSION OF FURLough:

VOTED, That C.A.Edwards of the Inter-American Division be granted two months extension of his furlough.

CHRISTIAN RECORD BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, That we approve of the incorporation of the Christian Record Benevolent Association by the present members of the Board as incorporators; it being understood that the General Conference Committee, the Central Union Conference Committee, and the Christian Record Board will constitute the constituency.

REQUEST FOR ADVICE RE LABOR UNION PROBLEMS:

A telegram was received from T.L.Copeland, of the Central California Conference, requesting counsel in connection with Labor Union questions, and it was
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VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee of seven to formulate a reply to be sent in response to the telegram.


SWEDISH DEPARTMENT--L. HALSWICK:

VOTED, That L. Halswick be appointed Acting Secretary of the Swedish Department of the Bureau of Home Missions.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT--COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That Miss Lois Burnett be appointed to take the place of Kathryn Jensen, and G.H. Simpson the place of V.P. Lovell on the Committee of the Educational Department.

D.E. AND M.L. VENDEN--MICHIGAN:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the East Pennsylvania Conference the call from the Lake Union for D.E. and M.L. Venden to connect with the work in the Michigan Conference; our counsel to the Venden brothers, however, being that they remain for a longer period in the service of the Columbia Union.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

W.G. Turner and J.L. Shuler to assist in a Lake Union Ministerial Institute at Battle Creek, January 13-19, 1941.

J.L. McElhany, W.G. Turner, W.E. Nelson, W.A. Spicer and H.T. Elliott to attend the Presidents' Council to be held January 3-11, 1941.

L.A. Vixie, Lake Union, November 8-20; Pacific Union, November 24 to December 30; Central Union, January 4-19; Lake Union, two weeks the latter part of January and early February.

C.P. Sorenson to the Atlantic Union, November 10-11.

A.W. Peterson, D.A. Ochs, C.L. Bond to attend the Missionary Volunteer Regional Meetings, Portland, November 16-20; Hinsdale, December 2-6; Washington, D.C., December 18-22.

L.H. Christian, Chairman.
A.W. Cormack, Secretary.
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.
FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 8, 1940

MEMBERS PRESENT:


OTHERS PRESENT:


Prayer by H.M. Blunden.

STATEMENT ON RELATIONSHIP TO LABOR UNIONS:

The committee that was appointed to draft a reply to be sent to T.L. Copeland in response to his request for a statement relative to our relationship to labor unions, submitted what they had prepared, and it was

VOTED, That the following statement be sent to T.L. Copeland:

Seventh-day Adventists are united in believing that proper provision should be made whereby satisfactory working conditions shall be provided for all laboring men and women, holding that each should receive a just wage, be employed for proper hours, and insofar as possible under conditions that are conducive to health, and reasonable comfort and happiness.

Seventh-day Adventists in seeking to follow the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, who exhorted His followers to love their enemies, cannot organically or functionally join any organization whose objectives and methods and means of procedure may lead its members to seek retaliation and resort to the exercise of violence against their fellowmen, however worthy the cause may appear to be.

Seventh-day Adventists believe they are, according to the Scriptures, called to proclaim the message of Christ's soon return to all men, of whatever class or race, respecting and helping all alike. This view precludes their taking sides with any organization that employs measures in any way contrary or
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prejudicial to the interests of the various classes of society, because by resorting to force Seventh-day Adventists would sacrifice their opportunity for unprejudiced and sincere efforts in behalf of both groups in a labor and capital controversy.

Seventh-day Adventists believe their attitude to be consistent with freedom of the individual and good citizenship, upholding the proper requirements of the laborer, and yet withal not exercising force in behalf of any group or organization. In seeking to avoid any misunderstanding, Seventh-day Adventists have always sought to stress the fact that their attitude and position are directed always by their conscientious convictions. These conscientious convictions are based on their understanding of the teachings of the Scriptures.

In summing up we would state:

1. That Seventh-day Adventists are in harmony with those objectives of labor organizations which seek to provide the worker proper hours and wages and decent living conditions.

2. Seventh-day Adventists sincerely desire to deal justly with all men, and in declining to unite with labor unions are moved solely by the conscientious conviction that their mission in the world demands that they make no discrimination between capital and labor, between employer and employee, or between social classes. This has been the attitude of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination throughout its history.

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That we approve of the following appointments:

J.J. Strahle, council of publishing men in the Atlantic Union, November 15-19; meeting of publishing and Book and Bible House men at Berrien Springs, November 30 to December 4.

C.S. Longaore to conduct the Week of Prayer at Southern Junior College, December 7-14.

J.L. McElhany, Chairman.
A.W. Cormack, Secretary.
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.
FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 11, 1940

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MEMBERS PRESENT:


OTHERS PRESENT:


Prayer by D.A. Ochs.

R.S.J. HAMILTON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That the return of R.S.J. Hamilton from Jamaica be changed from the furlough to the permanent return basis.

C.F. THURSTON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That the return of C.F. Thurston from Japan be changed from the furlough to the permanent return basis.

RUTH BUNSTON RELEASED:

VOTED, That in view of the present situation in the Orient, Miss Ruth Bunston be released from the appointment to Korea.

DR. E.A. WAGNER--PARADISE VALLEY SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to Dr. E.A. Wagner, returning from China, the invitation to connect with the staff of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium.

BROMBERG PROPERTIES:

Explanation was made that we have two church properties in the city of Bromberg, which was formerly in Poland and is now in Germany. The Central European Division, Section I, makes request that L.H. Christian, as a member of the former Polish Union legal association, make affidavit before the German consulate in Washington, agreeing to the transfer of these properties to the Seventh-day Adventist legal Association in the Central European Division, Section I.
VOTED, That L.H. Christian be authorized to comply with this request.

E.E. ANDROSS--INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION:

VOTED, That in response to the request received, E.E. Andross be authorized to attend meetings in the Inter-American Division, beginning in Porto Rico in November, and ending with the Mexican Union meeting in March.

MEETING IN CUBA:

VOTED, That W.H. Branson, E.E. Andross and H.T. Elliott be appointed to attend a special meeting in Cuba, beginning December 23.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

W.H. Williams and S. Arason to the Canadian Watchman Press for counsel, request being made to Washington Missionary College that Brother Arason be permitted to make this trip.

L.H. Christian to assist in the Missionary Volunteer Department regional meetings, Portland, November 16-20; Kansas City of St. Louis, December 2-6; Washington, D.C., December 18-22.


W.G. Turner, Chairman.
H.T. Elliott, Secretary.
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.
FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 14, 1940

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MEMBERS PRESENT:


OTHERS PRESENT:

H.W. Barrows, A.L. White, Miss Lora Clement.

Prayer by J.J. Strahle.

PHILIPPINE UNION--$1500:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to remit to the Far Eastern Division for the Philippine Union, $1500 which was received from one individual in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign with the stipulation that it be used for medical work in the mountain provinces of the Philippines. Further, we agree as an exception to the regular policy that this may be applied on the Forty-cent-a-Week goal of the Mountain View (California) church.

PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to make an appropriation to the Pacific Union Conference, in lieu of funds donated by that union to the General Conference.

JAMAICA--APPROPRIATION:

VOTED, That in order to make possible a ten per cent increase in salaries in the Jamaica Conference, necessitated by the increased cost of living due to war conditions, we make appropriation from the Emergency Fund of £300 for 1940, and £600 for 1941.

CHILLAN SCHOOL--APPROPRIATION:

VOTED, That an appropriation of 125,000 Chilean pesos be made from the 1940 Emergency Fund, to assist in completing the rebuilding of the Chillan School, in South America, which was destroyed by the earthquake about two years ago.
NICARAGUA—EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION:

VOTED, That in view of an emergency exchange situation in Nicaragua, the Treasurer be authorized to make an appropriation from the Emergency Fund to the Central American Union for the benefit of the Nicaragua Mission, of 2,350 cordobas.

C.A. REEVES—ITINERARY:

VOTED, That we approve of the following itinerary for C.A. Reeves: St. Louis, Sabbath, November 16; Keene, November 19-23; La Sierra, November 27-30; Pacific Union College, December 3-5; Oakland or Mountain View, December 7; Walla Walla and Seattle, December 10-15.

J.F. WRIGHT—SAN FRANCISCO:

VOTED, That we approve of J.F. Wright's making a trip from Vancouver, Washington, to San Francisco, to counsel with a party of workers who are to sail for Africa November 23.

COMMITTEE ON OFFICE SPACE AND
EMPLOYMENT OF OFFICE HELP:

VOTED, That the Chair be asked to appoint a standing committee on the allocation of office space, and the employment of General Conference office help.


J.L. McElhany, Chairman.
H.T. Elliott, Secretary.
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIRST MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
November 18, 1940

MEMBERS PRESENT:


OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, Miss Lora Clement, A.L. White.
Prayer by W.K. Ising.

Minutes of the Autumn Council, and of the meeting of the Committee October 23 were approved.

MEDICAL COUNCIL--WORKERS INVITED:

VOTED, That the following workers be invited to attend the Medical Council, at Boulder, November 29 to December 4: Miss Rena Curtis, of the Nokuphila Hospital, Africa; Miss Bessie Irvine, of the Manila Sanitarium; Miss Gladys Hurd, of the Nuzvid Hospital, India; Miss Ethel Porter and O.G. Erich, of China.

W.E. HOWELL--CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, That W.E. Howell be authorized to spend the winter months in California, it being understood that his work will be so arranged as to permit of his carrying it on from there, no transportation expense to the office being involved.

MEETING MISSIONARIES FROM CHINA:

Inasmuch as Elders McElhany, Turner and Nelson will be on the Pacific Coast when the boats arrive bringing our missionaries who are being evacuated from China, it was

VOTED, That these brethren arrange to meet the "Mariposa" and the "Washington," in order to confer with these workers.

PROPHETIC CHARTS--COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the Chair be asked to appoint the committee called for by action of the Autumn Council, to work in collaboration with the Review and Herald Board on the matter of the prophetic charts which are in process of preparation.


R.G. STRICKLAND--REVIEW AND HERALD:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union the call for R.G. Strickland to connect with the Review and Herald Publishing Association as associate manager of the Periodical Department.

F.W. JOHNSTON--SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

G.A. TRUESDELL--OKLAHOMA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union and the Oklahoma Conference the call from the Pacific Union for F.W. Johnston to connect with the Southeastern California Conference; and to pass on to the Pacific Union and the Southeastern California Conference the call from the Southwestern Union for G.A. Truesdell to connect with the work in the Oklahoma Conference.
GERALD SWITZER--GLENADELE ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union Conference and the Southern Publishing Association the call from the Pacific Union for Gerald Switzer to connect with the Glendale Union Academy as pressman in their print shop.

LETTER FROM THE CUBA SCHOOL:

Letter was read from the Colegio Adventista de las Antillas, signed by the members of the school family, expressing gratitude for the appropriation made to the school by the recent Autumn Council, which they said will make it possible for them to go forward with the erection of one or more of the permanent school buildings.

The Secretary was asked to convey to the school family of the Adventista de las Antillas our appreciation of their kind letter.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

J.L. McElhany, W.E. Nelson, W.G. Turner, appointments on the Pacific Coast for counsel following the Medical Council at Boulder.

C.B. Green, on furlough from China, three weeks visiting centers in the Southern Union.

H.L. Rudy, Wyoming, February 5-12; Nebraska, February 13-18; Colorado, February 19-23.

H.T. Elliott to attend the meeting of the American Bible Society in New York, December 4.

FURLOUGH WORKERS--RENT SUBSIDIES:

VOTED, That the responsibility of determining rent allowances for missionaries on furlough, in harmony with the recommendation of the recent Autumn Council, be referred to the Standing Committee on Permanently Returned Workers, and Medical and Dental Allowances.

ADDITIONAL PRESENT:

At this point the following workers entered: W.E. Howell, W.P. Elliott, Mrs. Grace Made, Miss Rosemond Ginther, Miss Margaret Weir, Mrs. Nell Hunter, Mrs. Marjorie Marsh.
GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION

CHANGE IN DATE:

We learn that another organization has been promised the use of the San Francisco Auditorium for Sunday, June 8, which will necessitate our vacating many of the rooms for that day. This would mean moving our equipment and setting it up again if we held to the original date for the General Conference session. Because of this, and in view of the fact, that owing to world conditions the attendance from the overseas will probably be smaller than usual, and so less time will be required for the business of the Conference, it has been thought best to make a slight change in the date of the session. It was therefore

VOTED, That the General Conference session open Monday evening, May 26, and close Saturday evening, June 7. This will allow twelve days for the session, ten working days and two Sabbaths.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--ARRANGEMENTS:

A committee that had been appointed to draw up a suggestive working program for the General Conference session, submitted the following recommendations, which were adopted:

1. That pre-Councils, where there is no serious conflict of personnel, be held on Sunday and Monday, May 25 and 26, with the understanding that the previous Saturday evening may be used if desired.

2. That Sabbath services be held in Polk Hall for all who may be then present, on Sabbath, May 24.

3. That the daily program on working days be as follows:

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4. That for the first four days of the session, Tuesday to Friday, May 27-30, the Committee Hour, 1:30 - 3:15 P.M., be used exclusively for the main committees of the session.

5. That during the last six days of the session, from Sunday to Friday, June 1 - 6, the Committee Hour, 1:30-3:15, be subdivided as follows: 1:30 - 2:30 for session committees; and 2:30 - 3:15 for conference committees and institutional boards.
6. That the Sabbath program be as follows:

Sabbath School  9:30 -- 10:40 A.M.
Home Missionary Service 10:40 -- 10:50
Sermon 11:00
Afternoon Meeting  3:00 -- 5:00 P.M.
Evening Meeting  7:30 -- 9:00

7. That the department meetings be held in three groups every third day, as follows:

Missionary Volunteer |
Educational |
Medical |
Ministerial Association |
Religious Liberty |
Missions Round Table |
Sabbath School |
Publishing |
Home Missionary |
Temperance |
Negro |
Home Missions Bureau |

8. That the Parents' Meeting be held in Polk A, and the Junior Missionary Volunteers in Polk B, 2:00 - 3:00 P.M., on week days.

9. That the session committees be held in the following rooms:

Nominations  Room 405
Plans    " 404
Finance    " 403
Others    " 402, 401

10. That regarding exhibits the action of the General Conference Committee of August 31, 1939, be reaffirmed as follows:

"1. That at the coming General Conference session we eliminate booth exhibits as had in recent General Conference sessions.

"2. That there be no division or institutional exhibits, but that each General Conference department bring in such charts, and material, as are needed for their work, and display them in the room where the department meets, equitable division being made of the space where two or more departments use the same room.
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"3. That we favor having a book display similar to the one at the last General Conference, to be furnished by the various houses, with the Pacific Press in charge, it being understood that the E.G. White books will be included in the book display.

"4. That the revolving illuminated globe be brought up to date and put on display.

"5. That the illuminated map, showing the progress of the work by decades, be brought up to date and put on display.

11. That, tentatively, the Directory read as follows:

Bookstand, Larkin Hall.
Bulletin Board, Front Corridor, 1st floor.
Business Manager, Larkin Hall, at rear.
Cashier's Office, Room 104, at rear of Larkin Hall.
Committee on Location, Front corridor, 1st floor.
Day Nursery, Room 203, 2nd floor, west end of the front corridor.
Editorial Staff of "Review", Room 108 off west end of front corridor, 1st floor.
First Aid, Room 107, off west end of front corridor, 1st floor.
Howell, W.E., Temporary room at right of platform.
Information Bureau, Front corridor, 1st floor.
Illuminated Map, Front of Arena at right.
Ministers' Prayer Room, Temporary room at right of platform.
Post Office, Corridor between Lark Hall and Arena.
President's Office, Front corridor, 2nd floor, near the Treasurer's office.
Press Bureau, Corridor between Larkin Hall and the Arena.
Reception Room, Larkin Hall.
Reporting Staff, Room 105, at left of platform.
Secretary's Office, Room 111, at right of platform.
Stenographers' Room, South end of corridor between Larkin Hall and Arena.
Transportation and Baggage, Larkin Hall.
Treasurer's Office, Front corner 2nd floor, near Larkin Street.
Women's Rest Room, Room 203, 2nd floor, west end of front corridor.
Writing Room, Room 102, at front of Larkin Hall.

12. That the temporary rooms for the Guiding Service, for the Treasurer's office, and for the President's office, be constructed of celotex or some other rigid material.

13. That room for the Officers' meeting preceding the session be provided in the headquarters hotel.

J.L. McElhany, Chairman.

H.T. Elliott, Secretary.

E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.
FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-SECOND MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
November 20, 1940

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MEMBERS PRESENT:


OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, H.W.Barrows, A.L.White.

Prayer by G.E.Weaks.

F.W.MILLER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That because of health conditions, the return of F.W.Miller from the Inter-American Division be changed from the furlough to the permanent return basis.

M.E.CHAPMAN RELEASED:

VOTED, That since the way is not clear for him to respond, M.E.Chapman be released from the call to the South Caribbean Conference.

L.E.LENHEIM--SOUTH CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE:

VOTED, That the Southern Union and the Florida Conference be requested to release L.E.Lenheim, to connect with the Inter-American Division for the presidency of the South Caribbean Conference.

NORA ATKINS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Far Eastern Division Committee, that we authorize the permanent return of Miss Nora Atkins, because of ill health.

APPOINTEES TO CHINA RELEASED:

In view of the fact that the State Department will not issue passports to women and children for China, Japan and Korea and inasmuch as the immediate future is so uncertain that it does not seem advisable to ask men to go on to those fields without their families, it was
VOTED, 1. That C.C. Bailey be released from the call to the Shanghai Sanitarium.

2. That Joe Emmerson be released from the call to the China Division office.

3. That F.E. Hills be released from the call to the Manchurian Training Institute.

MRS. ANDREW GRIFFE—GLENDALE SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Washington Sanitarium the call from the Pacific Union for Mrs. Andrew Griffee to connect with the Glendale Sanitarium as superintendent of nurses.

T.A. SHAW—PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That in view of his condition of health, the return of T.A. Shaw from China be changed from the furlough to the permanent return basis.

COMMUNITY CHEST—$125:

VOTED, To make an appropriation of $125 to the Community Chest, for the District of Columbia and suburban areas.

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

FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
November 25, 1940

MEMBERS PRESENT:


OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, H.W. Barrows, A.L. White, Miss Lora Clement
Prayer by H.J. Detwiler.
CANADIAN WATCHMAN PRESS:

Reconsideration was given to the request of the Canadian Watchman Press relative to replacement and rebuilding of equipment, and it was

VOTED, 1. That we authorize the expenditure of $2600 in addition to the amount authorized in our action of November 4, making a total of $14,600 for new and rebuilt equipment for the Canadian Watchman Press.

2. That we recommend to the Canadian Union Conference that they appropriate $3,500 from Canadian corporation funds, toward the financing of this project.

3. That the General Conference also appropriate $3,500, with the understanding that the Press set aside its gains from operating, and when an amount equivalent to this appropriation from the General Conference has accumulated it be used on liquidation of note indebtedness of the Canadian Watchman Press.

4. That the purchasing and rebuilding of the equipment be carried on only as the funds are in hand to cover the same.

SCHOOL PROPERTY IN SOONAN, CHOSEN:

In view of the conditions prevailing in Korea, which make it impossible for our school in Sooonan to be operated as a denominational project, while at the same time the government will not allow it to be closed,

VOTED, That we concur in the action of the Far Eastern Division in turning the Soonan school property over to a group of Korean Seventh-day Adventists, who will endeavor to conduct the school in harmony with the principles of Christian education and the ideals and standards of Seventh-day Adventists.

C.A. EDWARDS--BOOKMEN'S COUNCIL:

VOTED, That C.A. Edwards, on furlough from the Inter-American Division, be authorized to attend the council of field missionary secretaries and book and Bible house men, to be held at Berrien Springs, December 1-4.

C.E. STENBERG--TUSKEEGEE INSTITUTE:

VOTED, That C.E. Stenberg, on furlough from the Caribbean Training College in Trinidad, be authorized to visit the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, en route to Trinidad.
MISS RUTH BUNSTON--MEDICAL COUNCIL:

VOTED, That Miss Ruth Bunston be authorized to attend the Medical Council in Boulder.

T.H.CHAE--ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT CHOSEN:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Far Eastern Division, that we hereby appoint T.H.Chae Associate Superintendent of the Chosen Union Mission.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.
H.T.Elliott, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOURTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
November 28, 1940

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MEMBERS PRESENT:


OTHERS PRESENT:


I.H.Evans was asked to take the chair.

Prayer by A.W.Spalding.

CHILDREN OF MISSIONARIES TO U.S.A.:

Word was received from the China Division that a number of our missionary families, non-American, are desirous in view of the present world situation of having their children come to America for educational opportunities, but the American consul will not grant visas unless there is guarantee that the children will not become public charges in the United States. In view of the possible necessity for the evacuation of these young people, the division feels they should give such guarantee, and have asked for some word from this Committee in the matter.
VOTED, That we approve of the plans of the China Division for these children of our missionaries to come to the United States for their education, confirming their guarantee to the government that the children will not become public charges in this country; it being understood that this does not in any way guarantee these young people permanent placement in the United States.

MARY WALSH--MICHIGAN:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the East Pennsylvania Conference the call from the Lake Union for Miss Mary Walsh to connect with the Michigan Conference, for Bible work in connection with the evangelistic efforts of the Venden brothers; our counsel to her, however, being that she remain in the East, where the need is so great, unless she has a definite conviction that she should accept this call at this time.

DEATH OF MRS. DORA PORTER-MASON:

Having learned of the death of Mrs. Dora Porter-Mason, who had joined her father, Mr. Henry M. Porter, in generously providing for the establishment of the Porter Sanitarium in Denver, it was

VOTED, That we extend to Mrs. Henry M. Porter our sincere sympathy with her in the loss of her daughter, Mrs. Dora Mason, whose name will always be remembered among us for her part in the generous gift to our work.

MR. AND MRS. R.B.CALDWELL--MEDICAL REPORTS:

Satisfactory medical reports were presented for Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Caldwell, and it was

VOTED, That the medical reports of Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Caldwell be accepted as clearing the way for them to proceed to their appointed work in the Inter-American Division office in Balboa.

SEMINARY LANDSCAPING--COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the Chair be asked to appoint a committee of three, to work with a committee appointed by the Review and Herald on certain features of landscaping of the grounds of the Review and Herald and the Theological Seminary.

Appointed: W.H. Williams, H.H. Cobban, H.T. Elliott.

I.H. Evans, Chairman.
A.W. Cormack, Secretary.
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.