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## FIVE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 3, 1941

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

W.H.Branson, L.H.Christian, H.T.Elliott, E.D.Dick, A.W. Cormack, W.E.Nelson, W.H.Williams, H.H.Cobban, W.A.Spicer, I.H. Evans, E.E.Andross, H.L.Rudy, T.J.Michael, Dr. H.M.Walton, J.J. Strahle, J.A.Stevens, D.A.Ochs, C.S.Longacre, H.H.Votaw, W.K. Ising, Miss Lois Burnett, M.L.Andreasen, H.E.Rogers, S.A.Wellman, W.H.Bergherm, Steen Rasmussen, M.C.Taft, H.J.Detwiler, W.A.Butler, H.A.Morrison.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

C.B.Haynes, H.W.Barrows, W.E.Phillips, Miss Lora Clement, D.E.Robinson.

Prayer by Dr. H.M.Walton. Minutes of meetings held February 24, 26 and 27 were approved.

## S.DEMCHUK--SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to S.Demchuk, of the Bureau of Home Missions, the call from the Pacific Union for him to connect with the work in the Southern California Conference.

J.W.McCOMAS--UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE  
ROSS DUSTIN--KANSAS CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and the Kansas Conference the call from the North Pacific Union for J.W.McComan to connect with the Upper Columbia Conference; and to pass on to the North Pacific Union and the Upper Columbia Conference the call from the Central Union for Ross Dustin to connect with the work in the Kansas Conference.

## E.H.EMMERSON--SOUTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference and Pacific Union College the call from the Southwestern Union for E.H.Emmerson to connect with Southwestern Junior College as head of the Bible Department.

## THEODORE CARCICH--FLORIDA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the New York Conference the call from the Southern Union for Theodore Carcich to connect with the work in the Florida Conference.

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## CHINA DIVISION--TWO NURSES:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern European Division the request from the China Division, that two nurses, man and wife, be secured from Denmark to accompany Dr. Hendricksen to China, for service in Manchukuo.

## T.R.HUXTABLE--ANGOLA UNION:

VOTED, To invite T.R.Huxtable, of Takoma Park, to connect with the Southern African Division, for the superintendency of the Angola Union Mission.

## DR. J.R.MITCHELL--VISIT TO COLLEGES:

VOTED, That we invite Dr. J.R.Mitchell, of the Atlanta Southern Dental College, to visit Emmanuel Missionary College, Union College and Washington Missionary College, for the purpose of making contact with students interested in the course in dentistry, the transportation and entertainment expense in connection with these visits to be met by the General Conference treasury.

## AUDITOR TO SOUTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE:

VOTED, To accede to the request of the Southwestern Union for the services of one of the General Conference auditors in connection with a survey that is to be made of Southwestern Junior College.

## FUNDS TO MISSION FIELDS OF NORTHERN EUROPE:

VOTED, That in view of present uncertain conditions and pending the receipt of definite information, the Treasurer be authorized to send one or two months' remittances to the African missions of the Northern European Division.

## E. NEY--PASSPORT EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to meet the expense incurred by E.Ney and family in making a trip from New York to Canada and return, for the purpose of having necessary adjustment made in their passports.

W.H.Branson, Chairman.  
H.T.Elliott, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Sec'y.

## FIVE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 6, 1941

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

W.E. Branson, A.W. Cormack, E.D. Dick, H.T. Elliott, W.E. Nelson, W.H. Williams, H.H. Cobban, W.A. Spicer, I.H. Evans, E.E. Andross, J.A. Stevens, O. Montgomery, E.E. Franklin, J.J. Strahle, J.J. Ireland, C.S. Longacre, W.H. Bergherm, W.A. Butler, D.A. Ochs, Dr. H.M. Walton, Miss Lois Burnett, M.C. Taft, L.E. Froom, C.L. Bond, H.H. Votaw, W.H. Teesdale, W.K. Ising, S.A. Wellman, H.A. Morrison, H.E. Rogers, T.J. Michael.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

H.W. Barrows, W.E. Phillips, C.B. Haynes, Miss Lora Clement  
Dr. E.N. Dick, D.E. Robinson.

Prayer by O. Montgomery. Minutes of the meeting of March 3 were approved.

## SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR RELIEF:

The 1940 Autumn Council having referred to the Minority Committee requests from North American union conferences for emergency appropriations for drought relief, etc., it was

VOTED, That appropriations be made from the Emergency Fund for relief in North American unions as follows:

Canadian Union:			
Maritime Conference	\$	750	
Ontario-Quebec		500	
Manitoba-Saskatchewan		1,250	
Alberta		1,250	
British Columbia		500	
Canadian Junior College (fire loss)		500	4,750
Northern Union:			
South Dakota		2,000	
North Dakota		4,000	
Sheyenne River Academy (special repair fund)		1,000	
Redfield Academy		1,000	8,000
Central Union:			
Wyoming (for work)		1,500	1,500
			<u>14,250</u>



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## WAR RELIEF IN GREECE:

VOTED, To authorize the disbursement of \$250 from the Emergency Relief Fund, for relief of our people in Greece.

## SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION--WAR RELIEF:

VOTED, That we authorize the disbursement of \$1000 from the Emergency Relief Fund, for war relief in the Southern European Division, including the added territory of Hungary, to be disbursed by the division committee.

## COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS--COMEBACK:

VOTED, To make available \$20,000 debt-paying comeback to the College of Medical Evangelists, inasmuch as the College qualified for the comeback during the year 1940.

## AFFILIATION WITH ST. JOHN'S MEDICAL SCHOOL--APPROPRIATION:

VOTED, That on the expense of affiliation with the St. John's Medical School, the Treasurer be authorized to appropriate to the China Division the equivalent of \$41,000 national currency, to cover amounts accumulated up to December 31, 1940.

## PRINTING OF DEPARTMENTAL SUPPLIES IN CANADA:

VOTED, That we give authorization for the printing of certain departmental supplies, such as offering envelopes, etc., that are to be used in Canada, by the Canadian Watchman Press.

## MELVIN ECKENROTH RELEASED:

VOTED, That since he does not see his way clear to accept, Melvin Eckenroth be released from the call to the Cuyo Mission, in Argentina, South America.

## MELVIN ECKENROTH--COLUMBIA UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Indiana Conference the call for Melvin Eckenroth to connect with the work in the Columbia Union.

## J. J. DOLLINGER--WISCONSIN:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Northern New England Conference the call from the Lake Union for J. J. Dollinger to connect with the work in the Wisconsin Conference.

## MRS. ANNA GIDDINGS-VAN AUSDLE--LA SIERRA COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union Conference and Walla Walla College the call from the Pacific Union for Mrs. Anna Giddings-Van Ausdle to connect with La Sierra College as matron and cook.

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## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

H.A.Morrison to attend the board meeting of Southern Junior College, March 24,25.

W.H.Williams to Oshawa, Canada, on Treasury Department business.

W.H.Branson to Ohio, March 28 to April 5 in the interests of Big Week.

H.H.Cobban to visit schools in the Southern Union, about ten days in April.

## JOHN HAMEL--SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION:

VOTED, To request the North Pacific Union and the Washington Conference to release John F.Hamel, to connect with the work in the Southern Asia Division.

## COLBURN J.SMITH--EGYPT:

VOTED, To request the North Pacific Union and the Idaho Conference to release Colburn J.Smith, to connect with the Central European Division, Section II, as an evangelist for the Egyptian Mission.

## DEATH OF STEEN RASMUSSEN:

With deep sorrow we record the death of our dear brother and fellow worker, Elder Steen Rasmussen, who passed away suddenly at his home last evening.

Resolved, That we hereby extend to Sister Rasmussen and the children, and to other relatives, our deepest sympathy in this hour of bereavement. We pray that the God of all grace may supply comfort and assurance and hope to their hearts. Brother Rasmussen was a man greatly beloved. His courteous, kindly manner endeared him to all who knew him. His earnest Christian zeal was a notable characteristic, and through his work in Europe and in these later years in the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference, he has rendered a valuable and lasting service to the cause of God. Truly it can be said of him that a Prince in Israel has fallen. He will be greatly missed not only by our office family, but by very many around the circle of our world work.

VOTED, That the treasurer be requested to arrange for a floral piece for the funeral of Elder Rasmussen.

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## WORK OF DR. E.N.DICK:

Recommendations relative to the work of Dr. E.N.Dick were submitted and adopted as follows:

We recommend, That Dr. Everett N.Dick work on the following program until September 1, 1941:

Between now and April 1, he proceed to College View, stopping in Indianapolis and Cicero, Indiana, and during this time he be authorized to respond to week-end calls in the Central, Northern and Lake Unions.

During the month of April, he enter the Army Officers' Training Course at Carlisle Barracks in Pennsylvania, provided army authorities make this possible. Failing this, that he proceed to Fort Robinson in Arkansas, for observation and such training as he may find possible to obtain there in up-to-date army methods; and that he be provided with the text books in use at Carlisle Barracks for his personal study.

That during the month of May he be authorized to respond to invitations for inspection and training work in connection with the Medical Cadet Corps in the Central corps area.

Also during April and May that he be requested to work up outlines for a Medical Cadet Corps officers' training course.

That in June he connect with a Medical Cadet officers' training camp for the Central corps area at Lake Taneycomo, Missouri, in connection with a Medical Cadet training camp for the Central Union Conference.

That in July he connect with a Medical Cadet officers' training camp for the Western corps area, somewhere in the North Pacific, in connection with a Cadet camp of the North Pacific Union Conference.

That in August he conduct a Medical Cadet officers' training camp for the Eastern corps area, at Reading, Pennsylvania, in connection with a Medical Cadet training camp of the Columbia Union Conference.

All of these Medical Cadet officers' training camps are planned for a three weeks' period.

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We recommend, That the General Conference officers be requested to invite the cooperation of the union conferences in North America in following the foregoing program, urging them to select and send men of potential officer qualifications to these Medical Cadet officers' training camps.

SELECTION AND ADMISSION OF  
INDIVIDUALS FOR OFFICER TRAINING:

The following recommendations were also adopted:

We recommend, That the criteria for selection and admission of individuals to the officers' training course be as follows:

1. Promising graduates of the Medical Cadet Corps training course or such individuals as have attended the Basic and Technical Training for three fourths the number of hours of the full course.
2. Individuals who have had previous army experience and who give evidence of promise of leadership.
3. Qualified physicians.
4. It is to be understood that all candidates for officer training shall be members of the Seventh-day Adventist church who by their lives and example exert a strong spiritual influence and leadership in their church.

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

## FIVE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 10, 1941

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

L.H.Christian, H.T.Elliott, E.D.Dick, A.W.Cormack, W.H. Williams, H.H.Cobban, W.A.Spicer, I.H.Evans, E.E.Andross, M.L. Andreasen, H.H.Votaw, D.A.Ochs, E.E.Franklin, H.E.Rogers, G.W. Wells, T.J.Michael, W.K.Ising, S.A.Wellman, Dr. H.M.Walton, C.E. Weaks, J.J.Strahle, W.H.Bergherm, J.A.Stevens, C.S.Longacre, C.L.Bond, M.C.Taft, W.A.Butler, M.E.Kern.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

C.B.Haynes, Miss Lora Clement, W.E.Phillips, H.W.Barrows, D.E.Robinson.

Prayer by M.L.Andreasen.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

G.E.Nord, Atlantic Union, March 11-17.

W.H.Bergherm, Southern Union, March 21-30; Southwestern Union, March 31-April 5.

H.A.Morrison, Union College for Semi-Centennial, May 4,5.

M.L.Andreasen to assist in the Week of Prayer at Atlantic Union College, March 19-21

## R.G.CAMPBELL--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That on the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division Committee, we authorize the permanent return of R.G. Campbell from the Philippines.

## BORGE ANDERSON RELEASED FROM CALL:

VOTED, That Borge Anderson, of the Northern European Division, now at Emmanuel Missionary College, be released from the call to Sierra Leone, West Africa.

TEMPERANCE EXHIBIT AT  
GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION:

Request has been received from officials of the W.C.T.U. that they be granted the privilege of having a temperance

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exhibit at the coming General Conference session. The request has been studied by the officers and the American Temperance Society, with a number of heads of departments present, and it was felt that the temperance issue is so important and so interwoven with the interests of all our departments, that we would be warranted in making an exception to the general ruling of no departmental exhibits at this session, and open the way for a temperance exhibit. It was therefore

VOTED, That we grant the W.C.T.U. the privilege of setting up a temperance exhibit in connection with the coming General Conference session.

#### BUS FACILITIES FOR TAKOMA PARK:

The officers having given some study to suggestions made by the Capitol Transit Company of the District of Columbia, looking toward changes in the bus service in Takoma Park and to the City, submitted the following recommendations, which were adopted:

We recommend, That three representatives be appointed to represent the General Conference at a meeting arranged for consideration of the proposed changes in the bus facilities in Takoma Park and between Takoma Park and the City, and that these representatives be authorized to express the desires of the General Conference Committee (which organization represents many families that have been brought to Takoma Park in its service and the service of its subsidiary organizations located in Takoma Park ) as being as follows:

1. That there should be no increase in bus fares.
2. That there should be universal transfer facilities provided in connection with all bus service, express and otherwise.
3. There should be sufficient buses provided to adequately meet the needs of the residents of Takoma Park.
4. That endeavor be made to have the service from Flower and Erie Avenues continued to Laurel and Eastern Avenues (to connect with the General Conference and Review and Herald Buildings).

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Representatives appointed: H.H.Votaw, J.A.Stevens,  
H.A.Morrison.

L.H.Christian, Chairman.  
H.T.Elliott, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## FIVE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 12, 1941

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L. McElhany, L.H. Christian, W.G. Turner, E.D. Dick, A.W. Cormack, H.T. Elliott, W.E. Nelson, W.H. Williams, H.H. Cobban, W.A. Spicer, I.H. Evans, E.E. Andross, G.W. Wells, W.A. Butler, D.A. Ochs, J.J. Strahle, J.A. Stevens, T.J. Michael, W.E. Howell, E.E. Franklin, M.L. Andreasen, C.S. Longacre, Miss Lois Burnett, C.E. Weeks, J.J. Ireland, L.E. Froom, W.K. Ising, H.H. Votaw, W.H. Teesdale, C.L. Bond, S.A. Wellman, H.E. Rogers, Dr. H.M. Walton, W.H. Bergherm, M.E. Kern, M.C. Taft.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

C.B. Haynes, W.E. Phillips, Miss Lora Clement, D.E. Robinson, Frederick Lee.

Prayer by L.H. Christian.

## I.J. WOODMAN--PACIFIC PRESS:

Request was presented from the Pacific Press Publishing Association for I.J. Woodman to connect with that institution as assistant general manager and vice-chairman of the board. This would call for the release of Elder Woodman from his connection with the General Conference as an associate secretary of the Medical Department, giving attention to the placement of graduates from the College of Medical Evangelists, a position which he has filled with outstanding success for the past six years or more. After some discussion of the matter, it was

VOTED, That while regretting to lose the services of I.J. Woodman in connection with the important work he has been doing, yet in view of the need at the Pacific Press, we pass on to him the call to connect with the Pacific Press Publishing Association as assistant general manager and vice-chairman of the board, granting his release from his present position to accept this call if he so desires.

## OVERSEAS DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE:

Some consideration was given to the question of delegations to the coming General Conference session from the Australasian Division and the three European Divisions, especially with reference to the probable difficulty of securing transportation and the hazards of sea travel. Because of the conditions these divisions are questioning the advisability of trying to send delegates. In view of the importance of having all the

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overseas divisions represented at the Conference in this time when our world work is confronted with so many grave problems, it was

VOTED, That the officers be asked to communicate with the Australasian Division and the Central, Southern and Northern European Divisions, urging them to send at least one or two delegates to the General Conference session, by clipper plane service if necessary, and that the officers be authorized to propose to these divisions that the General Conference will share in the transportation expense by this method in order that these fields may be represented at the Conference.

#### DETROIT CHURCH--PURCHASE OF LAND:

Request was presented from the Lake Union on behalf of the Michigan Conference for approval of the purchase of a piece of land in Detroit, by the Grand River Boulevard church, on which to establish a church and school center. The property on which they have an option can be secured for \$15,790. The church has \$5000 cash in hand, the Michigan Conference will contribute \$3,000 and the Lake Union \$2,000, and there are pledges to cover the balance that are being paid at approximately \$1,000 a month. It was

VOTED, That we give authorization for the purchase of the piece of property desired by the Grand River Boulevard church of Detroit, with the understanding that no building operations will be begun until the land is entirely paid for and funds have been raised according to the regular policy for building purposes.

#### FAR EASTERN DIVISION ACCOUNT IN HAMILTON NATIONAL BANK:

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Hamilton National Bank of Washington, D.C., be, and hereby is, authorized to recognize the signatures of W.E.Nelson, Treasurer, and/or W.H.Williams, Undertreasurer, and/or C.L.Torrey and/or C.D.Forshee, for the account of the Far Eastern Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, to sign or make all or any changes and orders for the payment of money. All prior authorizations are hereby annulled and canceled.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

F.A.Morrison to attend the meeting of the North Central Association, March 26-28; visit the Atlanta Southern Dental College, and attend the Oakwood Junior College Board meeting, April 7



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A.W.Cormack to Pacific Union College, for the Consecration Service, May 16.

W.A.Spicer to Pacific Union College, for the Baccalaureate Sermon, May 17.

G.B.Haynes to Pacific Union College, for the Commencement Address, May 18.

Miss Lois Burnett, Huntsville for Oakwood Junior College Board meeting, and visit Greenville, Madison, Fisgah and Fletcher Sanitariums.

W.A.Butler, Atlantic Union, April 11-20.

E.E.Franklin, colporteur institute at Atlantic Union College, April 11 -17; colporteur institute at Canadian Junior College, April 23-30.

Dr. H.M.Walton, Oakwood Junior College Board meeting, April 7.

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

## FIVE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 13, 1941

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L. McElhany, L.H. Christian, W.G. Turner, E.D. Dick, A.W. Cormack, H.T. Elliott, W.E. Nelson, W.H. Williams, H.H. Cobban, W.A. Spicer, I.H. Evans, E.E. Andross, G.W. Wells, H.A. Morrison, W.A. Butler, W.H. Bergherm, Miss Lois Burnett, L.E. Froom, W.K. Ising, H.E. Rogers, E.E. Franklin, C.E. Weeks, Dr. H.M. Walton, J.A. Stevens, C.L. Bond, W.E. Howell, S.A. Wellman, M.E. Kern, D.A. Ochs.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

C.B. Haynes, W.E. Phillips, D.E. Robinson.

Prayer by G.W. Wells.

## CONTACTS BETWEEN PUBLISHING HOUSES AND AUTHORS:

VOTED, That a committee be appointed to formulate a policy of procedure with reference to contacts between our publishing houses and authors in the matter of manuscripts and pictures to illustrate them, especially in cases where the literature is produced under the sponsorship of, and to be circulated by the General Conference, this committee to report either at the time of the General Conference session, or to the Autumn Council.

LIBRARY AND CHAPEL BUILDING  
AT WALLA WALLA COLLEGE:

Request was received from the North Pacific Union for authorization to begin construction of the library and chapel building for Walla Walla College, which it is estimated will cost approximately \$50,000. They have \$20,000 cash in hand and will have another \$5,000 by the end of the current year. The building is to be of solid concrete. Inasmuch as the building is to be put up largely by student labor, and the plan is to go only as far with construction as the funds in hand will permit, assurance being given that no indebtedness will be incurred, it was

VOTED, That on the arrangement as outlined, we give authorization for the erection of the library and chapel building at Walla Walla College.

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## CHURCH BUILDING AT WATTS, CALIFORNIA:

Request was presented from the Pacific Union on behalf of the Southern California Conference, for approval of the erection of a church building for the colored church at Watts, California. It is estimated that the building will cost \$12,230, toward which the Southern California Conference has appropriated \$9,000. The congregation is to raise \$2,000 in cash and supply the balance of \$1,230 in labor. It was

VOTED, That we give authorization for the erection of the proposed church building for the colored congregation at Watts, California, with the understanding that the \$2000 in cash shall be in hand, and the labor guaranteed before construction is begun, and that the conference will underwrite any shortage in the amount of funds required.

## CHURCH BUILDING AT BILLINGS, MONTANA:

Request was presented from the North Pacific Union on behalf of the Montana Conference, for authorization to begin construction of a new church building at Billings. The estimated cost of the project is \$7,100. They have \$5,600 cash in hand, and expect to receive another \$1000 through gifts from local business men. It was

VOTED, That we give authorization for the erection of the new church building in Billings, Montana, with the understanding that work of construction will proceed only as the funds are in hand, so that no indebtedness will be incurred.

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

## FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 17, 1941

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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, I.H. Evans, E.E. Andross, G.W. Wells, W.H. Bergherm, L.E. Froom, C.L. Bond, C.E. Weeks, E.E. Franklin, H.H. Votaw, H.A. Morrison, W.H. Teesdale, W.K. Ising, H.E. Rogers, Dr. H.M. Walton, M.L. Rice, M.C. Taft, T.J. Michael, S.A. Wellman, Miss Lois Burnett, W.A. Butler, W.E. Howell, C.S. Longacre, A.W. Peterson, M.E. Kern.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, H.W. Barrows, C.B. Haynes, D.E. Robinson, G.E. Jones (of Atlantic Union College).

Prayer by M.L. Rice. Minutes of the meetings of March 6, 10 and 12 were approved.

## CABLE TO CHINA:

Inasmuch as recent developments lead us to feel it would be a mistake to carry out the plan for establishing the China Division headquarters in Burma, and in view of the fact that the brethren have made March bookings for the trip to Burma, it was

VOTED, That a cable be sent to the China Division in Shanghai, instructing them not to go forward with the plan to remove the division office to Burma, but to await further instruction from here.

## ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE--NEW BUILDING:

M.L. Rice, of the Atlantic Union Conference, stated that in the expansion program for Atlantic Union College, it is desirable that they have a building to be used as an auditorium and gymnasium. Such a building can be erected for approximately \$25,000. In order to finance the project they request a continuation of the privilege that has been granted them thus far in their building program, of using the debt-paying comeback of approximately \$10,000; and permission for the College to borrow \$10,000, to be repaid by June of 1942, from the Harvest Ingathering overflow accruing to the Atlantic Union in this year's campaign. The balance needed will be raised in the Atlantic Union territory.

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VOTED, To accede to the request of the Atlantic Union, allowing them to use the debt-paying comeback for 1941, in the Atlantic Union College building program, and that the College be permitted to borrow \$10,000, to be repaid by June, 1942, from the Harvest Ingathering funds accruing to the union.

MISS HELENE FINSTAD--AMERICA:

Miss Helene Finstad, a young worker in the Northern European Division office, whose home is in Norway, being cut off from all communication with her relatives, is desirous of coming to America, and a tentative arrangement looking toward this end was entered into at the time of the Autumn Council, with Elder W.E. Read present.

VOTED, That the Secretary be authorized to give the necessary guarantees to the United States government in behalf of Miss Finstad, it being understood that her transportation to America will be met by the Northern European Division.

SUBSTITUTIONS FOR

STEEN RASMUSSEN ON COMMITTEES:

VOTED, That substitutions for Steen Rasmussen on committees of which he was a member, be as follows:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
Auto Allowance and Free Transportation	W.A. Butler
Central Europe, II	W.H. Bergherm
Harvest Ingathering Editorial, 1941	W.A. Butler, H.T. Elliott, Editor.
Home Commission	W.H. Bergherm
Missionary Volunteer Advisory	W.A. Butler
Promotion of Offerings	W.H. Bergherm
Review and Herald Book Committee	(Referred to R & H)
Spirit of Prophecy Reading Program	W.A. Butler
Temperance Society	W.H. Bergherm
E.G. White Books in Foreign Languages	W.A. Butler
White Estate Trustees	(Referred to Board)
American Reading Circle	W.A. Butler, E.D. Dick, Chairman.
American Reading Circle Appropriation	W.A. Butler, W.H. Bergherm
Big Week Promotion Plans	W.H. Bergherm, Chairman
	W.A. Butler
Church Funds (for 1941 G.C. Session)	W.A. Butler
Publication of Foreign S.S. Lessons	S.A. Wellman
General Conference and Seminary Libraries	W.A. Butler
Prophetic Charts	W.H. Bergherm, L.E. Froom, Chairman.
Special Days for 1942	W.A. Butler
Spirit of Prophecy Index Supplement	E.E. Andross

V.E. HENDERSHOT--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That on recommendation of the Far Eastern Division Committee, and in harmony with his own request, the return of V.E. Hendershot from Singapore be changed from the furlough to the permanent return basis.

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## V.E.HENDERSHOT--WALLA WALLA COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to V.E.Hendershot the call from the North Pacific Union Conference, to connect with the Bible Department of Walla Walla College.

## J.I.ROBISON--WALLA WALLA COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to J.I.Robison, returned from the Northern European Division, the call from the North Pacific Union Conference, to connect with the Bible Department of Walla Walla College.

## E.C.BANKS--NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and the Florida Conference the call from the Atlantic Union for E.C.Banks to connect with the work in the Northern New England Conference.

## MRS. MARY CHAMPION--LAURELWOOD ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union Conference and Southern Junior College the call from the North Pacific Union for Mrs. Mary Champion to connect with Laurelwood Academy as preceptress.

## E.J.McMURPHY--OHIO:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and the Nevada-Utah Conference the call from the Columbia Union for E.J. McMurphy to connect with the work in the Ohio Conference.

## WARREN WHITFIELD--PARADISE VALLEY SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union Conference and the Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium the call from the Pacific Union for Warren Whitfield to connect with the Paradise Valley Sanitarium as director of physical activities, and for other work.

## E.F.HEIM--LODI ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union and the Minnesota Conference the call from the Pacific Union for E.F.Heim, of Maplewood Academy, to connect with Lodi Academy as principal.

## MR. AND MRS. H.L.DARLING--IOWA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Illinois Conference the call from the Northern Union for Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Darling to connect with the work in the Iowa Conference.

## T.I.BUSH--MICHIGAN:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference the call from the Lake Union for T.I.Bush to connect with the work in the Michigan Conference.

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## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

J.L.McElhany, W.G.Turner, W.E.Nelson, Dr. H.M.Walton, H.T.Elliott, to Hinsdale, April 8.

J.L.McElhany, St. Helena Sanitarium, June 15.

R.H.Wentland to assist in Big Week promotion in the North Pacific Union a week or ten days.

L.H.Wood, baccalaureate sermon at La Sierra College, and week end in Southwestern Union in May.

J.L.Shuler to hold a week's meeting in San Barnardino, California, in May.

## SIAM--EXCHANGE RATE:

VOTED, To accede to the request of the Far Eastern Division, that the fixed rate of exchange for Siam be changed from 35 cents to 39 cents for 1941.

## CHURCH HYMNAL--EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to meet initial expense in connection with the compilation of the new Church Hymnal, amounting to \$405.35.

## CANADIAN UNION--ADJUSTMENT IN APPROPRIATION:

On the basis of information received from the Canadian Union, it was

VOTED, That our action of March 6, making an emergency appropriation of \$500 to the Ontario-Quebec Conference be rescinded, and that that appropriation of \$500 be made to the Newfoundland Mission.

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

## FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 18, 1941

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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, W.E. Nelson, W.H. Williams, H.H. Cobban, W.A. Spicer, I.H. Evans, E.E. Andross, G.W. Wells, W.E. Howell, Dr. H.M. Walton, C.E. Weeks, E.E. Franklin, H.E. Rogers, T.J. Michael, W.H. Teesdale, H.A. Morrison, L.E. Froom, W.K. Ising, A.W. Peterson, Miss Lois Burnett, W.H. Bergherm, S.A. Wellman, M.V. Tucker, H.H. Votaw, C.L. Bond, M.C. Taft, C.S. Longacre.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

C.B. Haynes, Claude Conard, D.E. Robinson, J.E. Shultz, Frederick Lee.

Prayer by C.S. Longacre.

## CHINA SITUATION:

A committee that had been appointed to study the China situation and to give counsel regarding further evacuation of our workers, submitted a report which was adopted, subject to further consultation with the United States Department of State.

## RUMANIA--\$4000:

VOTED, To appropriate \$4000 from the Emergency Fund to the Southern European Division, to assist in repairing church buildings in Rumania that were damaged by the recent earthquake.

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



## FIVE HUNDRED NINETEENTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 20, 1941

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L. McElhany, W.G. Turner, L.H. Christian, W.H. Branson, A.W. Cormack, E.D. Dick, H.T. Elliott, W.E. Nelson, W.H. Williams, H.H. Cobban, W.A. Spicer, I.H. Evans, E.E. Andross, G.W. Wells, W.H. Bergherm, C.L. Bond, C.E. Weaks, W.E. Howell, Dr. H.M. Walton, E.E. Franklin, T.J. Michael, M.C. Taft, L.E. Froom, A.W. Peterson, H.H. Votaw, O. Montgomery, W.H. Teesdale, H.A. Morrison, Miss Lois Burnett, W.K. Ising, H.E. Rogers, S.A. Wellman, H.J. Detwiler, D.A. Ochs, M.E. Kern.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

C.E. Haynes, M.E. Olsen, Claude Conard, Frederick Lee, Miss Lora Clement, D.E. Robinson.

Prayer by O. Montgomery.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

W.H. Teesdale, North Central Association meeting, March 24-29; and following that, visit schools in the Southern Union.

Dr. H.M. Walton to the Florida Sanitarium Board meeting, April 28-29.

W.A. Spicer to preach the baccalaureate sermon at Lodi Academy, Sabbath, May 24.

F.A. Mote, two weeks in the North Pacific Union the latter part of April.

## ROBERT WOODS--UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union Conference and Atlantic Union College the call from the Central Union for Robert Woods to connect with Union College as head of the Physics Department.

## DICK MITCHELL--CAROLINA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the Ohio Conference the call from the Southern Union for Dick Mitchell to connect with the work in the Carolina Conference.

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## MISSES CHANG AND WOO--PENANG SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the China Division the call from the Far Eastern Division for Misses Chang and Woo, nurses, to connect with the Penang Sanitarium.

## A.M.TILLMAN--CUYO MISSION, ARGENTINA:

VOTED, To request the Lake Union and the Indiana Conference to release A.M.Tillman, to connect with the South American Division and the Austral Union Conference, as an evangelist for the Cuyo Mission, in Argentina.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION

## PRE-CONFERENCE COUNCILS:

VOTED, That the Publishing, Missionary Volunteer, Sabbath School, Religious Liberty, Medical and Home Missionary Departments be authorized to hold pre-Conference councils, commencing the evening of May 24; it being understood that the General Conference Secretaries shall write to the union presidents telling them of this plan for a one or two days' council of the representatives of the departments whom they are already planning to send to the General Conference, but that the plan does not involve the idea of any additional representatives being sent to the session.

## EVANGELISTIC COUNCIL:

VOTED, That the Evangelistic Council be held in San Francisco commencing the evening of May 22 and closing the evening of May 25; it being understood that the General Conference Secretary shall write to the union presidents, informing them of this plan and suggesting that they arrange for such evangelistic workers, and those engaged in the Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer work as are otherwise to be present at the General Conference session, to be in San Francisco in time to attend this Evangelistic Council.

## WORKERS INVITED TO THE SESSION:

VOTED, That the following workers be invited to attend the General Conference session: Miss Rosamond Ginther, Mrs. Grace Mace, S.Christoffers, D.E.Robinson, G.E.Nord, J.I.Robison, E.P.Mansell, S.Kaplan, G.W.Casebeer, Otto Schuberth.

VOTED, That the following retired workers be invited to attend the General Conference: C.M.Kinney, William Guthrie, Charles Thompson, Mrs. L.Flora Plummer, J.H.Schilling, E.K.Slade, J.H.Cochran, M.N.Campbell.

VOTED, That one half the expense connected with D.E. Rebok and Otto Schuberth's attending the General Conference session be met by the General Conference.

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## ENTERTAINMENT OF MISSIONARIES:

VOTED, That the same arrangements be authorized as have prevailed at previous General Conference sessions, providing for a board allowance to delegates from the mission fields of \$1.50 a day, or \$2.00 if accompanied by their wives; and that the General Conference be responsible for the entertainment of non-delegate foreign missionaries in attendance.

## ALUMNI AND OTHER SOCIAL GATHERINGS:

VOTED, That in view of this time in which we live and the seriousness of our work, an earnest letter be written to the heads of colleges and chairmen of boards, urging that no Alumni meetings or other meetings of a social character be held during the time of the General Conference session.

## BUSINESS MANAGER:

VOTED, That Claude Conard be appointed business manager for the session, and C.W.Higgins assistant business manager.

## ACCOUNT IN SAN FRANCISCO BANK:

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to open a temporary deposit account in the name of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in the Bank of America, San Francisco, California, and that the said bank be hereby authorized to honor the signatures of either W.H.Williams, Undertreasurer, or H.H. Cobban, Assistant Treasurer, on checks drawn against this account.

## CALL TO PRAYER:

VOTED, That the President and Secretary be asked to address a message through the front page of the Review and Herald to the church at large, inviting our members to join in praying for the success of the session, and that a similar but shorter message be prepared for publication in the union papers.

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Other suggestions having to do with arrangements and preparations for the General Conference session, such as plans for the music, leaders of devotional groups, preparation of the printed program, platforms, telephones, the work of the stenographers, etc., were submitted by the officers, and approved.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
MEETINGS IN SAN FRANCISCO:

VOTED, That we authorize the holding of General Conference Committee meetings in San Francisco, California, between May 10 and June 20, as may be necessary.

LETTER FROM RUSSIA:

The Chairman read a letter received from a brother in Moscow, reporting that he and others were well, and indicating that our work is going forward in that field. He hoped he might hear from his brethren in America. It was

VOTED, That Elder McElhany be asked to convey our Christian greetings to our brethren in Moscow.

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

FIVE HUNDRED TWENTIETH MEETING  
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 24, 1941, 10 A.M.

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

L.H.Christian, J.L.McElhany, 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, I.H.Evans, E.E.Andross, G.W.Wells, W.E.Howell, L.E.Froom, H.H.Votaw, W.K.Ising, S.A.Wellman, H.E.Rogers, C.E.Weaks, Miss Lois Burnett, E.E.Franklin, F.C.Gilbert, T.J.Michael, M.C.Taft, C.S.Longacre, H.J.Detwiler, Dr. H.M.Walton, C.L.Bond, W.P.Elliott, M.L.Andreasen, W.H.Teesdale, M.E.Kern.

OTHERS PRESENT:

C.B.Haynes, Claude Conard, Frederick Lee, D.E.Robinson.

Prayer by W.A.Spicer. Minutes of meetings held March 13, 17, 18 and 20 were approved.

REQUEST OF PACIFIC UNION:

VOTED, That in response to a request from the Pacific Union, L.E.Froom, F.D.Nichol and H.A.Morrison be appointed to meet with a special committee in San Francisco, May 21.

MRS. STEEN RASMUSSEN:

VOTED, That an allowance of \$350 be made on the medical and funeral expenses of Steen Rasmussen; that Brother Rasmussen's salary be continued to his widow for a period of six months; and that thereafter Sister Rasmussen's name be recommended to the Sustentation Committee for favorable consideration.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

VOTED, 1. That the Empire Hotel serve as the headquarters hotel during the General Conference session, and the officers' meetings preceding the session.

2. That those who take accommodations in the Empire Hotel be allowed the minimum single rate for a man alone, and the minimum double rate for man and wife.

3. That those who take any other quarters be allowed to charge the actual expense up to the minimum single rate of \$2.70.

## MEETING OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That an executive session of the General Conference Committee be held in San Francisco, California, May 26, from 8 to 10 A.M.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--MUSIC:

VOTED, That we invite Prof. George Greer to serve as music director during the General Conference session, it being understood that the General Conference will meet his entertainment expense and make an allowance of \$100 on his transportation.

VOTED, That we invite H.B.Hannum, Irving Steinel and J.W.Osborn to serve as organists and pianists during the General Conference session, it being understood that the General Conference will care for their entertainment expense.

VOTED, That the following be appointed as the Music Committee for the session: C.L.Bond, Chairman; S.A.Wellman, L.K.Dickson, G.W.Greer.

## G.E.HARTMAN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, On recommendation of the South American Division Committee, that we authorize the permanent return of G.E.Hartman from Brazil.

## DANIEL AND EMMA GAMBORG--CHINA:

VOTED, That we request the Northern European Division and the West Nordic Union to secure the release of Daniel and Emma Gamborg, nurses of the Skodsborg Sanitarium, to connect with the China Division, for service in the Mukden Sanitarium.

## W.H.RALEY--COLORADO:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and the Southern California Conference the call from the Central Union for W.H. Raley to connect with the Colorado Conference as secretary-treasurer.

## HELEN KICKLITER--FOREST LAKE ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Michigan Conference the call from the Southern Union for Miss Helen Kickliter, of Cedar Lake Academy, to connect with Forest Lake Academy, in Florida, as preceptress and teacher.

## MRS. GRACE HENRICKSEN--FOREST LAKE ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Illinois Conference the call from the Southern Union for Mrs. Grace Henricksen, of Broadview Academy, to connect with Forest Lake Academy as matron and teacher.

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

Dr. H.M.Walton to Madison, Tennessee, March 28.

H.D.Casebeer to meet appointments during the months of April and May in the Pacific, Central and Southwestern Unions, as arranged by the fields.

EVACUATION FROM SOUTH CHINA:

On report from W.H.Branson of a further interview he and A.W.Cormack had with officials of the State Department, it was

VOTED, That the China Division be counseled to arrange without delay for the evacuation of all the women and children from the South China Union, including Hongkong, and also from Wenchow in the East China Union.

GENERAL COMMISSION ON ARMY AND NAVY CHAPLAINS:

Inasmuch as in religious matters affecting men in army service, the United States Army is dealing with only three organizations which have received official recognition for this purpose; namely, the Vicariate for the Catholics, the Jewish Welfare Board for the Jews, and the General Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains for all Protestant bodies; and

Whereas, The acceptance of membership in the General Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains offers advantages to us which otherwise we could not possess in ministering to the spiritual interests of our members in the army; and

Whereas, We have been invited to accept membership in the General Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains,

VOTED, That we appoint C.B.Haynes and H.H.Votaw for membership in the General Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains, it being understood that this membership involves a fee of \$100.00; and it being further understood that this does not commit us to approval of the policy of the appointment of army chaplains under government pay.

L.H.Christian, Chairman.  
H.T.Elliott, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIRST MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 24, 1941, 1:30 P.M.

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

L.H.Christian, J.L.McElhany, W.G.Turner, W.H.Branson, H.T.Elliott, E.D.Dick, A.W.Cormack, W.E.Nelson, H.H.Cobban, W.A.Spicer, I.H.Evans, E.E.Andross, G.W.Wells, T.J.Michael, L.E.Frocm, Dr. H.M.Walton, Miss Lois Burnett, C.E.Weaks, W.K. Ising, C.S.Longacre, H.E.Rogers, S.A.Wellman, C.L.Bond, W.E. Howell, H.J.Detwiler, E.E.Franklin, W.P.Elliott, H.H.Votaw.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

C.B.Haynes, Claude Conard.

Prayer by E.E.Andross.

## STATEMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE:

VOTED, That the following statement be filed with the United States Department of Justice:

Statement in Behalf of the Seventh-day  
Adventists in the United States in Regard to the Official  
Teaching of their Denomination with Reference to Participa-  
tion in War and Training for War

In harmony with their understanding of the principles taught by the Prince of Peace, Seventh-day Adventists make their contribution to the support of their government in time of war or preparation for war in the direction of saving life rather than taking life. They willingly serve in any capacity in war or in peace where they can make this contribution.

From the time of their organization Seventh-day Adventists have been noncombatants, serving only in those units of the army where they are not required to bear arms. They went on record with the United States Government in 1864 as noncombatants and their noncombatant position was then officially recognized and a noncombatant status accorded them. They reaffirmed this position in 1917 when again the United States Government accorded them a noncombatant status.

Seventh-day Adventists have from the beginning of their history been intensely loyal to government. This is part of their religious faith. Their conscientious objection is not to service for their country, but to the taking of human life. Their claim to exemption is from combatant not noncombatant service. They quite willingly salute the flag, wear the uniform, and do any and all service that contributes to the saving, welfare, and maintenance of human life. They hold that their supreme allegiance to God forbids their taking human life.



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We are aware that our members serving their country are not as likely to encounter difficulties and misunderstanding regarding their noncombatant position as they are with reference to their conscientious convictions regarding the performance of their routine duties upon the day which they observe as the Sabbath, which is the seventh day of the week, from sunset Friday to sunset Saturday.

They will manifest no unwillingness to take care of the sick and wounded on that day, or meet emergency needs as they grow out of such lines of service. They will, however, request to be allowed to perform merely routine duties, those which do not involve works of necessity and relief, on other days than the Sabbath, and will seek to obtain mutually satisfactory arrangements so that their relief time may fall upon the Sabbath in order that this day may be used by them as far as possible for purposes of worship. It is here that we plead for due consideration to be shown our members whose conscientious convictions will be displayed in loyal devoted service to their country as well as in obedience to their God.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY  
ADVENTISTS

J.L.McElhany, President.  
E.D.Dick, Secretary.

MEDICAL CADET CORPS AND NATIONAL  
SERVICE COMMISSION--REORGANIZATION:

In view of the need for coordination of the work of the various phases of the Medical Cadet Corps training, and the work of the National Service Commission as it relates to inducted men in military training, it was

- VOTED, 1. That the Medical Cadet Corps Council, as provided for by the 1939 Autumn Council and later appointed by this Committee, be disbanded.
2. That The Training and Service Committee,--a sub-committee of the Medical Cadet Corps Council,--and the National Service Commission be merged into one commission, to foster the work previously carried on by both groups, this new commission to be directly responsible to the General Conference Committee.
3. That the personnel of the joint commission be as follows: W.H.Branson, Chairman; H.T.Elliott, C.B.Haynes, H.H.Votaw, A.W.Peterson, H.A.Morrison, Dr. H.M.Walton, C.P.Sorenson, E.N.Dick, F.G.Ashbaugh, T.J.Michael.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--PROGRAM:

A committee that had been appointed submitted a draft of a detailed program for the entire General Conference session, showing the leaders of the daily Bible studies and devotional

groups, the time when reports would be submitted in the business sessions, the time and place of departmental meetings, and the Sabbath and evening services. With one or two suggestions of additions to be made, it was

VOTED, To approve the program as submitted.

L.H.Christian, Chairman.  
H.T.Elliott, Secretary.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 27, 1941

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

W.G.Turner, W.H.Branson, A.W.Cormack, E.D.Dick, H.T. Elliott, W.E.Nelson, W.H.Williams, H.H.Cobban, W.A.Spicer, I.H. Evans, E.E.Andross, G.W.Wells, F.M.Wilcox, Dr. H.M.Walton, Miss Lois Burnett, C.L.Bond, L.E.Froom, W.K.Ising, H.E.Rogers, M.L. Andreasen, C.E.Weaks, F.C.Gilbert, M.C.Taft, M.E.Kern, H.H.Votaw, T.J.Michael, W.E.Howell, W.P.Elliott, S.A.Wellman, C.S.Longacre.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, C.B.Haynes, M.E.Olsen, Miss Lora Clement, D.E.Robinson, Frederick Lee.

Prayer by F.M.Wilcox.

C.H.LAUDA--CENTRAL CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union and the Minnesota Conference the call from the Pacific Union for C.H.Lauda to connect with the Central California Conference as Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

L.H.Christian, Ohio Conference, March 29 to April 8.

D.A.Ochs, Pacific Union, May 3-10.

W.A.Spicer, Pacific Union, from now until time of the General Conference session.

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## C.R.WEBSTER RELEASED:

VOTED, That in view of the unfavorable medical report, C.R.Webster be released from the call to the South Caribbean Conference.

## R.C.McALLISTER--BOLIVIA:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and the Southern California Conference to release R.C.McAllister, to connect with the South American Division and the Inca Union to serve as treasurer of the Bolivia Mission.

## MARJORIE FIELDS--SOUTH AMERICA:

VOTED, To request the Southern Union Conference and the Southern Publishing Association to release Miss Marjorie Fields, to connect with the South American Division, for stenographic work in the division office, in Buenos Aires.

## B. PETERSON RELEASED:

VOTED, That B.Peterson be released from the call to China for work in Manchukuo, in view of the questionable medical report for Mrs. Peterson.

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE--OFFICE BUILDING:

Inasmuch as the Northern California Conference is in need of more office space than they have in their present quarters, request was presented from the Pacific Union on behalf of the conference, for authorization to proceed with the purchase of a suitable property they have found in a convenient location, the building in good repair, and which with an adjoining lot, can be secured for \$12,500. The cost of remodeling will be approximately \$1,000. Funds are in hand for financing the project.

VOTED, That we approve of the purchase by the Northern California Conference of the property suggested.

## SAN BERNARDINO CHURCH BUILDING:

Request was presented from the Pacific Union on behalf of the Southeastern California Conference, for authorization to begin work on the erection of a new church building in San Bernardino, the total cost of which it is estimated will be \$30,000.

The plan for financing includes cash in hand, reliable pledges, pledges of labor, building material on hand, the sale of the old church property and other lots, and appropriations from the conference and the union conference, amounting to a total of \$24,127. It is felt that this will cover the cost of

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bringing the building near enough to completion so that it can be used while the remainder of the cost is being raised. Assurance is given that construction work will proceed only as the funds are in hand.

VOTED, That we give authorization to the Southeastern California Conference to begin the erection of the proposed church building in San Bernardino, with the definite understanding that work on the building will proceed only as the funds are in hand.

#### LODI CHURCH BUILDING:

When approval was given for the remodeling of the Lodi, California, church building, it was estimated that the work could be done for \$16,000. The Pacific Union for the Northern California Conference now reports that the cost will be \$19,000. Assurance is given that the conference and the church will meet this additional amount as the work progresses.

VOTED, That we reaffirm our approval of the remodeling of the Lodi church building.

#### SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION--TRANSFER OF CHURCH EXTENSION APPROPRIATION:

VOTED, To accede to the request of the Southern Asia Division for permission to use in the completion of a village church in Bihar, Church Extension funds remaining from an appropriation that was made for the erection of a building for a native church at Oraon.

The following recommendations were submitted from the Medical Council held recently in Boulder, Colorado:

#### TRAINING OF NURSE ATTENDANTS OR SUBSIDIARY WORKERS:

We recommend, 1. That medical institutions needing the services of non-professional workers for non-professional duties employ such persons and train them for the specific need.

2. That the Medical Department of the General Conference work in conjunction with the Educational Department to plan an outline for a course of instruction for the preparing of trained attendants. It is understood that--

a. The first part of this course shall be made up of some courses now given in the Home Economics Department of the college. These courses shall be so grouped that the students will be encouraged to take them in sequence as a basis of preparation for practical experience.

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b. The Medical Department shall work out plans with medical institutions not connected with schools of nursing, so that students who have completed the above mentioned courses may receive the prescribed practical experience.

c. On completion of the prescribed theoretical and clinical work these individuals shall be entitled to a certificate indicating their accomplishment.

d. That the Medical Department design the certificate of accomplishment.

VOTED, That we approve of the foregoing recommendations, and that the Medical Department be authorized to prepare the outline for the course of instruction, to be submitted to this Committee later.

A further recommendation from the Medical Council was submitted as follows:

MANUAL ON ORGANIZATION OF MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS:

We recommend, That a manual be prepared showing the organization of medical institutions with organic and functional relationships between the different departments.

VOTED, That we approve of the preparation of such a manual, and that in due course the manuscript be submitted to a committee to be appointed by the officers.

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

## FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-THIRD MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

March 31, 1941

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

W.H.Branson, W.G.Turner, H.T.Elliott, E.D.Dick, A.W. Cormack, W.H.Williams, H.H.Cobban, I.H.Evans, E.E.Andross, F.M. Wilcox, G.W.Wells, F.C.Gilbert, Dr. H.M.Walton, C.S.Longacre, D.A.Ochs, L.E.Froom, H.H.Votaw, H.A.Morrison, W.K.Ising, S.A. Wellman, Miss Lois Burnett, M.L.Andreasen, M.C.Taft, H.E.Rogers, T.J.Michael, M.E.Kern, C.E.Weaks, C.L.Bond, A.W.Peterson, W.E. Howell, W.H.Teesdale.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, Miss Lora Clement, C.B.Haynes, A.L.White, Frederick Lee, A.A.Carscallen (of British Guiana).

Prayer by F.C.Gilbert.

## MISS ELSIE ARGENT--GUARANTEES:

The Secretary stated that Miss Elsie Argent, who came to America from England on a student visa, on completing her school work accepted appointment to work in the Inter-American Division office in Balboa. In returning to the United States for her vacation period, she desires to enter on the quota basis. It was

VOTED, That the Secretary be authorized to give the necessary guarantees to the United States government in behalf of Miss Elsie Argent.

## MEDICAL CADET CORPS RECOMMENDATIONS:

The following recommendations from the Medical Cadet Corps commission were submitted and adopted:

We recommend, 1. That the newly-merged organization formerly known as the Subcommittee on Training and Service of the Medical Cadet Corps Council, and the National Service Commission, be named the Commission on National Service and Medical Cadet Training.

2. That C.B.Haynes be appointed Secretary of the Commission on National Service and Medical Cadet Training.

3. That where they have not already done so, union conferences in whose territory army camps are located, be urged to appoint camp pastors to care for the spiritual interests of Seventh-day Adventist draftees, wherever their number in such camps makes this advisable.

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4. The preparation and issuance by the Commission on National Service and Medical Cadet Training, of a card of identification and authorization for use by appointed representatives of the Commission in union and local conference territories, as well as by the Commission members themselves.

5. That the Chairman and Secretary of the Commission on National Service and Medical Cadet Training be authorized, on their way to the General Conference session, to visit such union conference headquarters as may be necessary in order to make the preliminary arrangements for the three proposed summer officers' training camps.

6. That, in response to the invitation of the National Service Board for Religious Objectors, C.B.Haynes and H.H.Votaw be asked to sit as observers at their April meeting.

#### APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That D.A.Ochs be authorized to attend a week-end Missionary Volunteer convention at Parkersburg, West Virginia April 4,5.

VOTED, That H.G.Stoehr be asked to meet appointments in the Missouri Conference, in the interests of the Harvest In-gathering campaign, April 15-27.

#### SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION BUDGET:

This Committee in its meeting of July 22, 1940, took the following action:

"Voted, That no transfer of funds be made from Section 2 to Section 1 of the South American Division budget without counsel with the General Conference."

VOTED, That that action be rescinded, and that all such adjustments of budgets be left with the respective division committees.

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