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## FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

#### April 3, 1941

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

W.H.Branson, W.G.Turner, A.W.Cormack, E.D.Dick, H.T. Elliott, H.H.Cobban, I.H.Evans, E.E.Andross, G.W.Wells, W.K.Ising FM.Wilcox, W.E.Howell, J.J.Ireland, A.W.Peterson, S.A.Wellman, H.H.Votaw, M.C.Taft, H.E.Rogers, Miss Lois Burnett, L.E.Froom, C.S.Longacre, T.J.Michael, E.E.Franklin, F.C.Gilbert, H.A. Morrison, M.L.Andreasen, J.A.Stevens.

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, C.B.Haynes, A.L.White, Miss Lora Clement, H.W.Barrows.

Prayer by A.L.White. Minutes of meetings held March 24, 27 and 31 were approved.

JEWEL HATCHER -- M.V. DEPARTMENT.

VOTED, To request the Lake Union and the Michigan Conference to release Miss Jewel Hatcher, to connect with the Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference for stenographic work.

J.P. LAURENCE -- UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union Conference and Southwestern Junior College the call from the Central Union for J.P.Laurence to connect with Union College as dean of men.

E.E.FRANKLIN--ROANOKE:

VOTED, That E.E.Franklin be authorized to meet with the church in Roanoke, Virginia, April 5.

E.D. DICK AND D.A. OCHS--SEMINARY:

VOTED, That E.D.Dick and D.A.Ochs be authorized to take the course in Church Organization, at the Theological Seminary.

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

## FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

## April 7, 1941

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#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

C.B.Haynes, Claude Conard, A.L.White, Frederick Lee, D.E.Robinson, H.W.Barrows.

Prayer by O.Montgomery.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION -- WORKERS INVITED:

VOTED, That the following persons be invited to attend the General Conference session: A.T.Robinson, E.M.Cadwallader, Mable Hinkhouse, Erna Borm, T.R.Huxtable, Roger Atlman, R.H. Wentland, Dr. E.N.Dick.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION -- AUTOMOBILE TRANSPORTATION:

VOTED, That the members of the General Conference staff who elect to travel by automobile to San Francisco be allowed a round-trip flat rate of \$100 for transportation, plus \$6.50 for tips, taxis, etc., and \$26.00 in lieu of sleeper fares, a total of \$132.50; and five days' travel allowance each way between Washington and San Francisco.

## V.A.ANDERSON -- NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Michigan Conference the call from the Atlantic Union for V.A.Anderson to connect with the work in the Northern New England Conference.

## A.J. OLSON--MAPLEWOOD ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Illinois Conference the call from the Northern Union for A.J.Olson, of Broadview Academy, to connect with the Maplewood Academy as principal.

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DR. D WALTHER--RETURN TO AMERICA:

Inasmuch as it is the desire of Dr. and Mrs. D.Walther, of the Collonges School in France, to return to the United States and the Southern European Division has consented to their return, it was

VOTED, To cooperate with the Southern European Division in arranging for the return of Dr. and Mrs. D.Walther from France to the United States.

H. BÖX--BULGARIAN MISSION :

VOTED, That we request the Central European Division, Section I, to arrange, if possible, for H.Böx to attend a series of colporteur institutes in the Bulgarian Mission.

"SHEPHERD'S ROD" -- NEW LEAFLET:

In view of the renewed activities of the Shepherd's Rod Movement among our membership, it was

VOTED, That the Chair be asked to appoint a committee of three to give consideration to the preparation of a new leaflet for distribution among our members in an effort to counteract the false teaching of this movement.

Appointed: W.H.Branson, C.B.Haynes, F.C.Gilbert.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That we approve of the following appointments:

L.H.Wood to give the commencement address at Southwestern Junior College, May 18.

D.A.Ochs to preach the baccalaureate sermon at the Glendale Academy, May 24.

> W.G.Turner, Chairman. H.T.Elliott, Secretary. E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

#### April 10, 1941

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#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

W.G.Turner, L.H.Christian, E.D.Dick, W.H.Williams, I.H. Evans, F.C.Gilbert, G.W.Wells, L.E.Froom, W.K.Ising, S.A.Wellman, H.H.Votaw, H.E.Rogers, Miss Lois Burnett, E.E.Andross, D.A.Ochs, H.A.Morrison, J.J.Strahle, J.A.Stevens, T.J.Michael, W.H.Bergherm W.E.Howell, F.L.Peterson, M.L.Andreasen, C.S.Longacre, W.A.Butler J.J.Ireland, A.W.Peterson, H.J.Detwiler, F.M.Wilcox.

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

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

Prayer by H.J. Detwiler.

#### DEATH OF A.O.TAIT:

Word was received of the death of Elder A.O.Tait, at Mountain View, California, on Tuesday, April 8. Elder Tait, after serving in various other capacities, was associated for many years with the Pacific Press and was well known throughout our ranks as one of the editors of the <u>Signs of the Times</u>.

Resolved, That we hereby record our appreciation of the many years of faithful service rendered to this cause by our brother, Eider A.O.Tait, and that the Secretary be asked to convey to Sister Tait and other relatives the deep sympathy of this Committee with them in their bereavement.

VOTED, That the Treasurer be asked to arrange for a floral piece for the funeral of Elder Tait.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

Miss Lois Burnett, to the New England Sanitarium and Atlantic Union College.

S.A.Wellman to attend a Sabbath School convention in Syracuse, New York, April 25-27.

F.L.Peterson to attend the Oakwood Junior College board meeting, April 14.

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M.G. CHAMPION--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That the furlough of M.G.Champion from the Southern Asia Division be extended, to permit of his attending the General Conference session.

E.J.HENNING--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That the furlough of E.J.Henning from the Southern Asia Division be extended, to permit of his attending the General Conference session.

T.E.BOWEN--GENERAL CONFERENCE:

VOTED, That T.E.Bowen, of the Secretarial Department, be invited to attend the General Conference session.

A. KIESZ RELEASED:

VOTED, That A.Kiesz be released from the call to the North Mission, in Argentina, South America, because of unfavorable medical report for Mrs. Kiesz.

GLENN COON--NEW YORK:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and the Florida Conference the call from the Atlantic Union for Glenn Coon to connect with the New York Conference, as pastor-evangelist in Syracuse.

WASFINGTON MISSIONARY COLLEGE -- LIBRARY BUILDING:

Request was presented on behalf of Washington Missionary College for approval of the erection of a library building, to cost approximately \$60,000. They have \$32,000 cash in hand. Their educational building fund will bring in 12,000 this year, and they propose to use \$7,000 from College operating funds, making a total of \$51,000.

VOTED, That we give authorization to Washington Missionary College to proceed with the erection of the proposed library building, on the understanding that construction will proceed only as the funds are in hand.

#### COUNSEL TO CHINA DIVISION:

On March 18 this Committee approved the passing on to the China Division of certain counsel and advice relating to our missionaries in occupied and unoccupied China as they are affected by the present emergency situation. representatives were appointed to discuss these suggestions with officials of the State Department, and to secure authorization from the Department for the transfer of a skeleton division staff to Manila, P.I., instead of to Burma as was first contemplated.

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In the light of the counsel from the State Department growing out of these negotiations, suggestions have been passed on by cable to the China Division, as outlined in the following statement, and it was

VOTED, That we approve of this revised outline of counsel, for record in the minutes of this date:

1. That the China Division office be established in Manila, Philippine Islands, with a branch office in Shanghai.

2. That the personnel of the Manila staff be: N.F. Brewer, M.D.Howard, S.L.Frost, Frank Knight and family, E.L. Longway and family, H.H.Morse and wife, Mary Ogle, Rachel Landrum Mildred Dumas, Bessie Mount, and two Chinese secretaries.

3. That until total evacuation becomes necessary the following remain in Shanghai: O.A.Hall, V.J.Maloney, John Oss, H.L.Shull, Dr. Charles Dale and Dr. Stanton May; and that O.A. Hall be appointed assistant to the division president in conjunction with his present work.

4. That the following remain in occupied China until total evacuation becomes necessary: H.R.Dixon, K.H.Wood, J.C. Shull, J.H.Effenberg, H.W.Christian.

5. That the following be evacuated to the United States: Mrs. John Oss, Mrs. C.C.Crisler, J.E.Frick, A.N.Nelson, W.J. Harris; and Mrs. Stanton May to Manila or the United States. E.C. Wood to America unless needed for church building work in the interior.

6. That missionaries in unoccupied China who because of poor health or for other special reasons should come out, be evacuated.

7. That construction work on the Hongkong school be deferred until conditions are more settled.

8. That D.M.Barnett be released to Southern Asia for book work in Northwest India.

9. That Miss Gertrude Green be loaned with her budget for nursing work in India, also Miss Abbie Dunn with her budget for English Bible work; and that should it be found impracticable for them to proceed to India that they be returned to the United States; also that Misses Pauline Neal and Emma Pflug, nurses recently appointed to China, be loaned to India on a similar basis.

10. That we approve the plan outlined by the China Division Council for national leadership in the event of total evacuation, and that our former action be accordingly rescinded.

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

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## FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

## April 14, 1941

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, H.T.Elliott, E.D.Dick, A.W.Cormack, W.E. Nelson, W.H.Williams, I.H.Evans, E.E.Andross, G.W.Wells, F.M. Wilcox, J.A.Stevens, W.H.Bergherm, F.C.Gilbert, D.A.Ochs, A.W. Peterson, C.S.Longacre, S.A.Wellman, H.H.Votaw, Miss Lois Burnett H.E.Rogers, W.K.Ising, J.J.Strahle, T.J.Michael, W.P.Elliott, M.C.Taft, J.J.Ireland.

OTHERS PRESENT:

C.B.Haynes, Claude Conard, H.W.Barrows, D.E.Robinson, A.L.White, F.D.Nichol.

Prayer by D.A.Ochs. Minutes of meetings held April 3, 7 and 10 were approved.

MRS. LUCILE TIBBETTS -- CAROLINA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the Potomac Conference the call from the Southern Union for Mrs. Lucile Tibbetts to connect with the Carolina Conference temporarily, for Bible work three months this summer.

MR. AND MRS. RALPH CARTER--CAROLINA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union and the Texico Conference the call from the Southern Union for Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Carter, to connect with the Carolina Conference, to take charge of a two-teacher school at Wilmington, North Carolina.

ROY CHAMBERLAIN--CAROLINA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union and the Iowa Conference the call from the Southern Union for Roy Chamberlain to connect with the Carolina Conference for colporteur work.

J.B. KRAUSS -- SOUTHERN JUNIOR COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union Conference and Union College the call from the Southern Union for J.B.Krauss to connect with Southern Junior College as head of the College Press.,

MR. MEDFORD--SOUTHERN JUNIOR COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union Conference and " the Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium the call from the Southern Union for Mr. Medford to connect with Southern Junior College as assistant farm manager, and to take charge of the dairy.

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## J.C. TURNER--OAK PARK ACADEMY ;

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union Conference and Southwestern Junior College the call from the Northern Union for J.C.Turner to connect with Oak Park Academy as farm manager.

#### MRS. GLADYS STEARNS--UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union Conference and Southwestern Junior College the call from the Central Union for Mrs. Gladys Stearns to connect with Union College as Director of Elementary Education.

PERCY W. CHRISTIAN--EMMANUEL MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union Conference and Walla Walla College the call from the Lake Union for Percy W.Christian to connect with Emmanuel Missionary College as dean.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That we approve of the following appointments:

Miss Lois Burnett to attend a meeting at the Orlando Sanitarium School of Nursing, April 27-28.

C.B.Haynes to Emmanuel Missionary Gollege, April 30 and May 1, en route to the General Conference session.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION -- WORK ROOMS:

VOTED, To rescind our action of November 18, 1940, with reference to rooms in the Auditorium for the Editorial Staff of the "Review", the Reporting Staff, and the Treasurer's Office, and that we hereby adopt the following arrangement:

Editorial Staff of the "Review," Room 105, off the Arena at left of platform.

Reporting Staff, Room to be erected in the corridor between the Arena and Polk Hall A.

Treasurer's Office, Room 108, off west end of front corridor, first floor.

HOME STUDY INSTITUTE BOARD:

VOTED, That the present board of the Home Study Institute be asked to continue until the time of the General Conference session.

BOOKS FOR WAR PRISONERS IN CANADA:

VOTED, That in response to a request from the Y.M.C.A. of Toronto, we authorize the Treasurer to arrange to supply that

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organization with 100 copies of the book "Alone with God," and 50 copies of "Steps to Christ," in the German, for distribution among the German prisoners of war in Canada.

## MEMORIAL FROM BIBLE TEACHERS' CONVENTION:

Copies of a memorial from the Bible Teachers' convention addressed to the General Conference Committee, were distributed to the members for reading, to be called up later for consideration.

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

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#### FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 17, 1941

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

W.H.Branson, W.G.Turner, A.W.Cormack, E.D.Dick, H.T. Elliott, W.E.Nelson, I.H.Evans, E.E.Andross, G.W.Wells, M.E.Kern Dr. H.M.Walton, J.A.Stevens, J.J.Strahle, W.H.Bergherm, M.C.Taft, C.S.Longacre, J.J.Ireland, D.A.Ochs, L.E.Froom, T.J.Michael, S.A.W ellman, H.E.Rogers, F.M.Wilcox, W.E.Howell, A.W.Peterson, W.K.Ising, H.H.Votaw, H.J.Detwiler.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, M.R. Thurber, A.L. White, D.E. Robinson, W.E. Phillips.

Prayer by H.J.Detwiler.

SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION -- \$6,800:

In view of our action recommending that Transylvania be recognized as a part of the Hungarian Union, and that the Hungarian Union be temporarily transferred to the Southern European Division, and inasmuch as this transfer of Transylvania has led to a deficit in the Hungarian Union budget,

VOTED, That a special appropriation of \$6,800 be made from the Emergency Fund to the Southern European Division, to cover the shortage in the Hungarian Union budget.

#### WAR BONUS IN HUNGARIAN UNION:

VOTED, That the Southern European Division be advised to meet the ten per cent war bonus granted for the workers in the Hungarian Union, from the division's share of the 1941 exchange gains; it being understood that if the exchange gains are not sufficient, further consideration will be given to the matter at the proper time.

#### CANADIAN UNION--\$3,859.43:

VOTED, That a special appropriation of \$3,859.43 be made from the Emergency Fund to the Canadian Union for the benefit of the Canadian Watchman Press, to enable the Press to liquidate its obligation to the Sustentation Fund.

#### SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION -- WAR RELIEF:

VOTED, That we authorize the disbursement of another \$1000 from the Emergency Relief Fund to the Southern European Division, for war relief in the division territory.

## HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN -- EARLY SOLICITATION:

VOTED, That in view of present conditions and the possibility of greater restrictions later on the solicitation of funds, we suggest to our union conference presidents in North America that they counsel with their committees, and that wherever it seems possible and advisable, the Harvest Ingathering Campaign be started at an earlier date than the date set for the official opening of the campaign.

#### BOLIVIA -- EXCHANGE RATE:

VOTED, To accede to the request of the South American Division, that the fixed rate of exchange for Bolivia be changed from three cents to two and a half cents.

## SPECIAL PRAYER FOR STARVING MILLIONS IN EUROPE:

Inasmuch as a plan is being fostered by the other churches in America, of a Sunday in April for special prayer in behalf of the starving millions in Europe, it was

VOTED, That we join with the other churches in this plan, and that we set Sabbath, May 10, as the day when we will ask that special prayer be offered in all our churches in North America in behalf of the starving millions in Europe.

## J.L. SHULER--ATLANTIC UNION:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Theological Seminary Board, that we accede to the request of the Atlantic Union for the services of J.L.Shuler, to conduct an evangelistic effort in that union, in 1942, following the completion of his effort in the Potomac Conference, at Silver Spring, Maryland.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

F.C.Gilbert to spend two weeks in Oklahoma en route to the General Conference, April 25 to May 8.

L.H.Wood to attend a meeting of the American Oriental Society, in Chicago.

A.W.Peterson, Young People's Rally, Birmingham, Alabama, May 9 and 10, en route to General Conference; and Campion Academy commencement, May 18.

W.H.Williams to New York, to make investigation concerning repairs on the Italian church.

S.Kaplan, Pacific Union for four weeks, to assist in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

Miss S.Johnson, editor of the Icelandic paper, to visit Icelandic settlements in Western Canada and the Washington Conference.

## MYRNA KITE--GOLDEN GATE ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union Conference and Emmanuel Missionary College the call from the Pacific Union for Miss Myrna Kite to connect with the Golden Gate Academy as principal of the elementary school and teacher of grades seven and eight.

L. ASTLEFORD -- MARITIME CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To extend to L.Astleford, returning from the Inter-American Division, the invitation from the Canadian Union to connect with the work in the Maritime Conference.

#### SYLVIA SIMON--LAURELWOOD ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and the Colorado Conference the call from the North Pacific Union for Miss Sylvia Simon, of Campion Academy, to connect with Laurelwood Academy as matron.

## ESTHER KUNAU--ADELPHIAN ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the East Pennsylvania Conference the call from the Lake Union for Miss Esther Kunau, of the Philadelphia Academy, to connect with the Adelphian Academy.

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R.K.MCALLISTER RELEASED:

VOTED, That R.K.McAllister be released from the call to Bolivia, on account of unfavorable medical report for Mrs. McAllister.

#### MRS. G.G. HAMP--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, On recommendation of the China Division, and in harmony with her own wishes, that the return of Mrs. G.G.Hamp be changed from the evacuee to the permanent return basis.

GENERAL CONFERENCE -- DELEGATES AT LARGE:

VOTED, That the following workers invited by this Committee to attend the General Conference session be appointed delegates at large, it being understood that this action must be ratified by the Conference in session, as provided by the Constitution, which limits the number of such delegates to 25 per cent of the total number of delegates in attendance and otherwise provided for:

Claude Conard, H.W.Barrows, W.E.Phillips, C.B.Haynes, M.E.Olsen, W.A.Benjamin, G.C.Hoskin, D.D.Rees, O.Ziprick, S. Demchuk, S.Christoffers, G.E.Nord, J.L.Shuler, J.I.Robison, E.P.Mansell, S.Kaplan, G.W.Casebeer, Otto Schuberth, C.T.Everson, R.H.Wentland, Roger Altman, E.M.Cadwallader, E.N.Dick, T.E.Bowen.

Veteran and Retired Workers: J.A.Burden, Dr. D.H.Kress, G.B.Starr, J.E.Fulton, J.W.Westphal, A.T.Robinson, C.M.Kinney, Wm. Guthrie, Charles Thompson, J.H.Schilling, E.K.Slade, M.N. Campbell.

GENERAL CONFERENCE -- INSTITUTIONAL DELEGATES:

VOTED, That we appoint the following delegates to the General Conference session, representing general and inter-union institutions, it being understood that this action must be ratified by the Conference in session:

General Institutions:

Oakwood Junior College: J.L. Moran.

Washington Sanitarium: Dr. R.A.Hare, J.H.Nies.

College of Medical Evangelists: Otis A.Hudson, Dr. E.H. Risley, Dr. W.E.MacPherson, Dr. A.D.Butterfield, Dr. Newton Evans W.G.Wirth, V.J.Johns.

Theological Seminary: L.H. Wood, B.P. Hoffman.

White Trustees: A.L.White, D.E.Robinson.

Inter-Union Institutions:

Southern Publishing Association: J.E.Shultz, H.K. Christman, H.M.Burwell, W.R.White.

Review and Herald: L.W.Graham, E.L.Richmond, Frederick Lee, F.D.Nichol, J.D.Snider, D.A.Bailey.

Pacific Press: H.G. Childs, R.P.Rowe, B.L. Grundset, A.V. Larson, Ernest Lloyd, J.R.Ferren, A.S.Maxwell.

Walla Walla College: G.W.Bowers, P.W.Christian, H.R. Sittner.

Union College: A.H.Rulkoetter, H.C.Hartman, J.M.Howell.

Emmanuel Missionary College: H.J.Klooster, L.N.Holm, H.B.Hannum.

Washington Missionary College: L.A. Semmens, C.C. Pulver, D.E. Rebok.

EVACUATION OF MISSIONARIES FROM THE NEAR EAST:

In view of the present situation in the Near East, it was

VOTED, 1. That a cable be sent to E.L.Branson, located in Cairo, advising him to evacuate to Uganda or India, when consultation with the American Legation indicates that course as desirable, and that the receiving field be notified that he is loaned with his budget for city evangelism.

2. That a similar cable be sent to George Keough, of the Arabic Union, advising evacuation of American and British missionaries to India or East Africa, when consultation with the American Legation indicates this as desirable.

3. That a cable be sent to the Jenkins and Johnson families, who are en route to Palestine, instructing them to disembark at Cape Town, and that arrangements be made for them to locate temporarily in Tanganyika.

4. That F.E.Hills, who is under appointment to Palestine and scheduled to sail May 10, be instructed to disembark at either Cape Town or Mombasa, and that arrangements be made for him to locate temporarily in Tanganyika.

5. That A.G.Rodgers, under appointment to the Arabic Union as secretary-treasurer, and scheduled to sail May 10, be directed to disembark at either Cape Town or Mombada, and that arrangements be made in counsel with W.E.Read for him to locate temporarily in Kenya.

6. That cables be sent to the receiving divisions, asking their cooperation in working out these arrangements.

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

## FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH MEETING

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

#### April 24, 1941

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

L.H.Christian, W.G.Turner, W.H.Branson, A.W.Cormack, E.D.Dick, H.T.Elliott, W.E.Nelson, W.H.Williams, H.H.Cobban, I.H.Evans, E.E.Andross, F.M.Wilcox, G.W.Wells, M.A.Hollister, J.J.Strahle, R.Ruhling, C.L.Bond, J.A.Stevens. W.A.Butler, H.J. Detwiler, H.H.Votaw, J.J.Ireland, L.E.Froom, C.S.Longacre, W.K.Ising, Miss Lois Burnett, Dr. H.M.Walton, J.E.Weaver, A.W. Peterson, S.A.Wellman, H.A.Morrison, H.E.Rogers, T.J.Michael, W.E.Howell, W.H.Bergherm.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, A.L.White, D.E.Robinson, C.B.Haynes, W.E.Phillips, Frederick Lee.

Prayer by G.W.Wells. Minutes of meetings held April 14 and 17 were approved.

EXPENSE OF SENDING CLOTHING TO MARTINIQUE:

VOTED, That the treasurer be authorized to meet an item of \$5.00, expense of sending some donated clothing to our believers in Martinique.

CHINA ACCOUNT IN CHASE NATIONAL BANK:

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Chase National Bank of the City of New York be, and hereby is, authorized to recognize the signatures of W.E.Nelson, Treasurer, and/or W.H.Williams, Undertreasurer, and/or M.D.Howard and/or Frank B.Knight, for the account of the China Division of the General Conference of Seventhday Adventists, to sign or make all or any changes and orders for the payment of money. All prior authorizations are hereby annuled and canceled.

ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE -- NEW BUILDING:

On March 17 action was taken by this Committee authorizing Atlantic Union College to proceed with the erection of a building to be used as an auditorium and gymnasium, at an approximate cost of \$25,000. The College now desires to modify their plan somewhat, inasmuch as they propose to erect the new building on the site occupied by an old building which is being used at the present time as their shop, and which will have to be torn down to make room for the new building. They therefore propose using \$7,000 of the \$25,000 for the construction of an industrial building, and the remaining \$18,000 for the rough

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construction and roofing in of the auditorium and gymnasium, leaving the inside finishing until the necessary additional funds are available.

VOTED, That we approve of the modification in the building plan as proposed by Atlantic Union College.

# EMMANUEL MISSIONARY COLLEGE -- COLLEGE PRESS AND MANUAL TRAINING BUILDING:

Request was presented on behalf of Emmanuel Missionary College for authorization to proceed with the erection of a new building to be used by the College Press and as a Manual Training Building. The estimated cost is \$25,000. Inasmuch as the plan for financing the project is in harmony with the regular policy, and assurance is given that no indebtedness will be incurred, it was

VOTED, That we authorize Emmanuel Missionary College to proceed with the construction of the proposed College Press and Manual Training Building.

## F.M. LARSEN--GENERAL CONFERENCE:

VOTED, That F.M.Larsen, returned from China, be invited to attend the General Conference session.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

R.Ruhling to spend the time from May 1 onward with the German church in San Francisco.

A.W.Cormack, Consecration Service at the Loma Linda School of Nursing, May 23.

H.W.Lowe, of the British Union Conference, Southern Junior College, May 2 and 3; Nashville, May 4; Cincinnati, May 6; Battle Creek, May 7 and 8; Chicago, May 9 and 10; and Los Angeles the week end of May 16 and 17.

## W. D. AIREY -- LA SIERRA COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union Conference and Walla Walla College the call from the Pacific Union for W.D. Airey to connect with La Sierra College as head instructor of the English Department and assistant instructor of the History Department.

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## MISS LINNIE KEITH -- TAKOMA ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union Conference and Union College the call from the Columbia Union for Miss Linnie Keith, to connect with the Takoma Academy as head of the English Department.

## R.A.ANDERSON--WASHINGTON MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference and La Sierra College the call from the Columbia Union for R.A. Anderson to connect with the Department of Religion and Evangelism of Washington Missionary College.

## OTHO KIRK -- OAK PARK ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Illinois Conference the call from the Northern Union for Otho Kirk to connect with the Oak Park Academy as farm manager.

#### M.J.JACKSON--HAWAII:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and the Montana Conference the call from the Pacific Union for M.J. Jackson to connect with the Hawaiian Mission for pastoralevangelistic work.

## ARTHUR KIESZ--OKLAHOMA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Greater New York Conference the call from the Southwestern Union for Arthur Kiesz to connect with the work in the Oklahoma Conference.

#### DOROTHY NINAJ -- CENTRAL AMERICAN UNION:

VOTED, To request the Columbia Union Conference and Washington Missionary College to release Miss Dorothy Ninaj to connect with the Inter-American Division for stenographic work in the Central American Union Mission.

#### ALICE NEILSEN--HELDERBERG COLLEGE:

VOTED, To request the North Pacific Union Conference and Walla Walla College to release Miss Alice Neilsen to connect with the Southern African Division, as normal director for Helderberg College.

## V.O. BLAIR -- MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIP:

The application of V.O.Blair for ministerial internship was submitted to this Committee inasmuch as Brother Blair is past the thirty-year age limit.

VOTED, That ministerial internship be granted to V.O. Blair for work in the Washington Conference.

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M.J.PEREPELITZA--MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIP:

The application of M.J.Perepelitza for ministerial internship having been submitted to this Committee because of Brother Perepelitza being past the thirty-year age limit, it was

VOTED, That ministerial internship be granted to M.J. Perepelitza for work in the Michigan Conference.

CHINA DIVISION -- QUESTION OF EVACUATION FROM SOUTH CHINA:

On March 24, after consultation with the State Department, we cabled the China Division, authorizing the evacuation of all women and children from the South China Union, including Hongkong and Wenchow.

Reply has been received from the China Division, reporting that most of the women in the South China area do not wish to leave but would rather remain, and stating that from all indications there seemed no immediate danger; also that many American business men and women and other missionaries are remaining. Question was also raised as to whether the women and children could not be evacuated to Manila rather than to the United States in case evacuation should become necessary. It was

VOTED, To cable the China Division office in Shanghai that we agree to their deciding in consultation with the American consulate on the time when our women and children in South China should be evacuated, and that we agree to their going to Manila if visaes are obtainable.

> L.H.Christian, Chairman. A.W.Cormack, Secretary. E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

#### FIVE HUNDRED THIRTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 25, 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, H.H.Cobban, I.H.Evans, E.E.Andross, G.W.Wells, M.A.Hollister, J.J.Strahle, J.A.Stevens, W.H.Bergherm, H.W.Lowe (of the British Union), M.C.Taft, J.J.Ireland, W.A.Butler, T.J.Michael, A.W.Peterson, C.L.Bond, H.A.Morrison, W.H.Teesdale, H.H.Votaw, W.K.Ising, H.J.Detwiler, H.E.Rogers, Dr. H.M.Walton, J.E.Weaver, M.E.Kern, F.M.Wilcox, F.L.Harrison (of the South American Division).

OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, C.B.Haynes, J.W.MacNeil, Miss Lora Clement H.W.Barrows, W.E.Phillips, D.E.Robinson.

Prayer by H.W.Lowe.

SLIGO CHURCH, TAKOMA PARK:

Request was presented by the Columbia Union and the Potomac Conference, for authorization to proceed with the erection of a church building for the Sligo Church in Takoma Park, an outline being submitted for a building on the east side of Flower Avenue, to consist when completed of a basement containing Sabbath school rooms, a main floor with a seating capacity of 1,500, and a balcony seating 1,000. The estimated cost of the building, exclusive of the balcony, finishing the basement, and seating and furnishings, is \$125,000. Report was made that seventy-five per cent of the \$125,000 is in hand in cash and pledges, with a surplus of \$3,000. It is desirable that orders be placed at once for steel and other building materials in view of anticipated rise in prices.

Some objection was raised to the proposed building site, and it was also felt that an estimate should be given of the total cost of the project when completed.

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the proposed church building for the Sligo Church; but that we request the Columbia Union and the Potomac Conference to submit a supplementary section to the financial set-up showing the total cost of the finished project, including the finishing of the basement and construction of the balcony, as well as seating and other furnishings; and also that further study be given to the question of the building site. This approval is given with the understanding that construction will proceed only as the funds are in hand.

CHURCH AT LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA:

Request was presented from the Pacific Union and the Southern California Conference for authorization to proceed with the erection of a new church building at Long Beach. The old church property has been sold and a building site secured and paid for, The estimated cost of the new building, including furnishings, with a seating capacity of 1,000, is \$39,917.60. There is on hand in cash and conference pledges \$30,174.20, and other pledges to the amount of 99,109.23. It was

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the proposed church building in Long Beach, California.

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## CHURCH IN FUNCHAL, MADEIRA ISLANDS:

At the 1940 Autumn Council an appropriation of 26,100 Swiss Francs was made from the Church Extension Fund to the Southern European Division, to be distributed by the General Conference on recommendation of the Southern European Division Committee. The division now makes request that the appropriation be assigned to the Madeira Mission.

VOTED, That on recommendation of the Southern European Division Committee, we allocate the Church Extension appropriation of 26,100 Swiss Francs to the Madeira Mission, for a church property in Funchal.

## DRS. SCOTT AND UGGEDAL -- CHINA:

VOTED, To request the Northern European Division, the Nordic Union Conferences and the Skodsborg Sanitarium to release Drs. Scott and Uggedal, to connect with the medical work in the China Division.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE -- WORKERS INVITED:

VOTED, That T.T.Babienco and E.Ney, former workers in the Northern European Division, be invited to attend the General Conference session, it being understood that the Northern European Division has offered to share equally with the General Conference in meeting the transportation expense.

VOTED, That F.H.Westphal be invited to attend the General Conference session.

VOTED, That Miss Margaret Weir, of the Sabbath School Department, be invited to attend the General Conference session.

DR. C.B. ERMSHAR -- RELEASED:

VOTED, That Dr. C.B.Ermshar be released from the appointment to the Southern Asia Division, inasmuch as it has not been possible to secure an entry permit for India for him.

## DEATH OF ROBERT A. BECKNER:

Word was received of the sudden death of Robert A.Beckner in Glendale, on Wednesday, April 23. Brother Beckner returned with his family to the homeland only a few weeks ago, after thirty-one years of faithful service as a missionary in Burma.

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VOTED, That the Secretary be asked to convey to Sister Beckner and the children, and other relatives, our deepest sympathy with them in this hour of their sorrow and bereavement.

#### AFFILIATION WITH NATIONAL SERVICE BOARD FOR RELIGIOUS OBJECTORS:

VOTED, That we accept the invitation of the National Service Board for Religious Objectors to affiliate with them in a consultative capacity, in order to look after the interests of our own members who may be in Class 4-E in the Selective Service and thus subject to assignment to a conscientious objectors camp under the control of the National Service Board.

VOTED, further, that we hereby appoint C.B.Haynes as our representative on this Consultative Board.

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

## FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST MEETING

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

### April 28, 1941

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

W.H.Branson, W.G.Turner, L.H.Christian, W.E.Read, H.W. Lowe, E.D.Dick, A.W.Cormack, W.E.Nelson, H.H.Cobban, G.W.Wells, M.A.Hollister, R.Ruhling, H.H.Votaw, J.J.Strahle, W.A.Butler, J.A.Stevens, W.H.Bergherm, L.E.Froom, W.H.Teesdale, C.S.Longacre, C.L.Bond, W.K.Ising, H.E.Rogers, A.W.Peterson, F.M.Wilcox, M.E. Kern, M.C.Taft, H.A.Morrison.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Claude Conard, W.E. Phillips, D.E. Robinson.

Prayer by W.E.Read. Minutes of meetings of April 24 and 25 were approved.

WEST MORDIC UNION -- TEMPORARY RECRGANIZATION:

W.E.Read reported letters received from the presidents of the East and West Nordic Union Conferences, referring to problems in those fields. Owing to the present situation it seems necessary that the West Nordic Union be operated in two sections, and therefore it has been arranged for P.G.Nelson the president, and A.C.Christensen the secretary-treasurer, to locate at Skodsborg, from which center they will direct the work in Denmark. T.Tobiassen, of the North Norway Conference, has been appointed vice-president for the union, and will administer the work in that part of the union located in Ndrway.

VOTED, That we approve of this temporary reorganization of the work in the West Nordic Union.

EAST AND WEST NORDIC UNIONS -- UNION SESSIONS:

VOTED, That in view of the present situation, we counsel both the East and West Nordic Unions to postpone the holding of their union sessions at least until the summer of 1942.

WEST NORDIC UNION--USE OF MISSION FUNDS:

VOTED, To accede to the request of the West Nordic Union that they be allowed to make use of Harvest Ingathering and other mission funds, to the amount of approximately 72,000 kroner, with the suggestion that these funds be used in the reduction of indebtedness and in promoting evangelistic work, and with the understanding that account of the use of the funds will be made to the General Conference when the present war emergency in Europe is past.

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## W.J.HARRIS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, On recommendation of the China Division Committee that we authorize the permanent return of W.J.Harris to America.

#### MISS MARGARET NICKEL--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Southern African Division Committee, that we authorize the permanent return of Miss Margaret Nickel from Helderberg College.

MEMORIAL FROM BIBLE TEACHERS' CONVENTION:

VOTED, That the Memorial from the Bible Teachers' Convention be referred to the Committee on Plans at the General Conference session.

## J.I.ROBISON AND G.E.NORD--DELEGATES:

VOTED, That the names of J.I.Robison and G.E.Nord be deleted from the list of Delegates at Large to the General Conference session, and that these names be referred to the Northern European Division for listing in the division delegation.

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE -- DELEGATES AT LARGE:

VOTED, That F.M.Larsen, F.H.Westphal and C.E.Palmer be appointed delegates at large to the General Conference, it being understood that this action must be ratified by the Conference in session.

#### MILWAUKEE CHURCH BUILDING:

Authorization had been given to the Lake Union and the Wisconsin Conference to proceed with the erection of a church building in Milwaukee, on the basis that the building would cost \$40,000, which amount was provided for. The plans have been revised somewhat and it is found that the building will cost \$47,200. Request is made for authorization to proceed notwithstanding the increased cost, with the understanding that the additional funds will be secured as the work progresses.

VOTED, That we authorize the Wisconsin Conference to proceed with the erection of the Milwaukee church building, with the understanding that construction will proceed only as the funds are in hand.

## CHURCH IN HAMILTON, BERMUDA:

Request was presented from the Atlantic Union on behalf of the Bermuda Mission for approval of the erection of a new church building in Hamilton, Bermuda Islands, to cost \$14,200 exclusive of the lot, which is already paid for. Inasmuch as seventy-five per cent of the funds are in hand for financing the building project, it was

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VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the proposed church building in Hamilton, Bermuda Islands.

SOUTHERN JUNIOR COLLEGE-\_GIRLS' DORMITORY:

Request was presented from the Southern Union Conference on behalf of Southern Junior College, for authorization to enlarge the girls' dormitory, to provide much needed additional dormitory rooms, at an estimated cost of \$20,000. They have \$17,000 on hand and the balance will be provided as the building progresses without incurring any indebtedness.

VOTED, That we approve of the plan for the enlargement of the girls' dormitory at Southern Junior College.

H.B.LUNDQUIST --- SOUTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference and Pacific Union College the call from the Southwestern Union for H.B.Lundquist to connect with the faculty of Southwestern Junior College.

A.G.YOUNGBERG--SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND HORACE BECKNER--TEXAS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union and the Texas Conference the call from the Atlantic Union for A.G. Youngberg to connect with the work in the Southern New England Conference; and to pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Southern New England Conference the call for Horace Beckner to connect with the work in the Texas Conference.

> W.H.Branson, Chairman. E.D.Dick, Secretary. E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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## FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-SECOND MEETING

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

## April 30, 1941

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

W.G.Turner, J.L.McElhany, L.H.Christian, W.H.Branson, E.D.Dick, A.W.Cormack, H.H.Cobban, G.W.Wells, M.A.Hollister, F.M.Wilcox, R.Ruhling, J.J.Strahle, W.H.Bergherm, W.A.Butler, H.H.Votaw, J.A.Stevens, C.S.Longacre, L.E.Froom, W.K.Ising, H.E.Rogers, S.A.Wellman, H.A.Morrison, C.L.Bond, J.E.Weaver, M.C.Taft.

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

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

Prayer by A.W.Peterson. Minutes of the meeting of April 28 were approved.

HARVEST INGATHERING--SOLICITORS' BADGES:

VOTED, That the Home Missionary Department be authorized to have printed 15,000 ribbon badges for use in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, especially by singing band and street solicitors.

#### MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT -- RULERS:

VOTED, That the Missionary Volunteer Department be authorized to have made 2,500 small celluloid rulers, for distribution to workers at the General Conference session.

#### MISS HELEN SMITH -- REVIEW AND HERALD:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union Conference and the Southern Publishing Association the call for Miss Helen Smith to connect with the Review and Herald Publishing Association, for stenographic work.

#### HAROLD WAGER -- REVIEW AND HERALD:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union Conference and Washington Missionary College the call for Harold Wager, of the College Press, to connect with the Review and Herald as journeyman and machinist.

The meeting recessed to 2 P.M.

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On reassembling at 2 P.M., additional members of the Committee were present as follows:

W.P.Elliott, Dr. H.M.Walton, Miss Lois Burnett, W.H. Teesdale, M.E.Kern, W.E.Howell, J.J.Ireland.

Additional others present: L.W. Graham, Frederick Lee.

Prayer was offered by C.L.Bond.

ADDITION TO REVIEW AND HERALD BUILDING:

Request was presented from the Review and Herald Publishing Association for authorization to proceed with the erection of an addition to the Review and Herald building, at the rear of the present building, in order to provide needed improvements in the press room situation, and much needed storage space and quarters for the maintenance department. The contemplated addition will also provide for the composing room on the first floor immediately adjacent to the new press room quarters. The estimated cost of the addition is between \$65,000 and \$75,000. The money is in hand for financing the project.

VOTED, That we authorize the Review and Herald Publishing Association to proceed with the erection of the proposed addition to their present building, with the understanding that no indebtedness will be incurred.

MINUTES APPROVED:

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VOTED, To approve the minutes of this meeting without reading.

J.L.McElhany, W.G.Turner, Chairmen. E.D.Dick, Secretary. E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.