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FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY--SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 1, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J L McElhany, W G Turner, L H Christian, T J Michael,
 H T Elliott, A W Cormack, W E Nelson, H H Cobban, J F Cummins,
 W H Teesdale, V T Armstrong, L E Froom, C L Bond, C B Haynes,
 J A Stevens, J J Strahle, S A Wellman, M C Taft, Paul Wickman,
 H W Barrows, W E Phillips, H M Blunden, N F Brewer, R Ruhling,
 E E Andross, M L Andreasen, L L Moffitt, C S Longacre, D E Rebok,
 R A Anderson, H H Votaw, W A Butler, G E Peters, W K Ising.

OTHERS PRESENT:

J R Ferren, Roger Altman.

Prayer by W.H.Teesdale.

CONFERENCE OF UNITED NATIONS
 STATEMENT ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY:

The committee that was appointed to draw up a statement of our position on the question of religious liberty, for presentation to the Conference of United Nations, which is to be held in San Francisco, submitted the draft of such a statement, which was adopted as follows:

TO THE DELEGATES TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE
 ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
 MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO, APRIL 25, 1945

Honorable Delegates:

You are not unaware that among the most prolific causes of war are efforts to repress and control the exercise of religion. Consequently, among the chief contributions which can be made in bringing war to an end is to completely free religion in its profession, its practice, its propagation. Freedom of worship is not enough. What is required is complete freedom of religion in all its phases.

God made man free. He imposed fetters on neither mind nor soul. Even the choice of evil, of turning away from God, was not denied. He meant that freedom to continue. But men have ventured to impose restraints, to exercise coercion, where God conferred complete liberty. Freedom of belief has been denied, freedom of worship has been suppressed, freedom of religion has been refused. And out of these denials, suppressions

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and refusals have issued many of the wars which have cursed mankind.

As a tortured world emerges from the intolerable agonies of war, the United Nations, upon whom now rests the responsibility of victory, have chosen representatives from among their sagest statesmen and entrusted to them the solemn responsibility of planning a world organization to safeguard and maintain peace and security. To this high station you have been called. We petition you to meet the lofty hopes of humanity by including among your actions one that will completely remove all shackles from religion and the exercise thereof.

Freedom of religion is a basic freedom. It affects all other human rights. It is more than religious toleration. It is more than freedom of worship. It goes far beyond these. It includes not alone the right to put into practice the conscientious religious convictions of the individual, but also the unrestricted right to change his religion. It includes freedom to rear and train children in their parents' faith, freedom to preach, teach, propagate, publish, and carry forward missionary activities, as well as freedom to organize with others, function as a church, and acquire and hold property for the inculcation, maintenance and propagation of the faith.

The Seventh-day Adventists of the world join other Christian bodies in petitioning you to remove one of the chief causes of armed conflict by establishing as a part of the basic law of the proposed World Security Organization a provision guaranteeing complete religious liberty to the peoples of the earth. In this connection we venture to invite your consideration to what earnest, Christian people hope may be included. Your petitioners respectfully submit the following suggestion, not necessarily in its form, but in its impartiality, its inclusiveness, and its refusal to favor one religion above another.

Recognizing that the relations of the individual soul with its Creator should be free, and that repression and coercion in the field of religion are fertile sources of war, the powers signatory hereto agree that all nations admitted to membership in the World Security Organization shall give assurance that they will make no law, nor engage in any program which will place restraints on the free exercise of religion, either in worship, teaching or propagation, and that they will in no way discriminate, either in law or in fact, against those who practice any particular creed, religion or belief whose practices do not interfere with the equal rights of others.

In support of the foregoing principles we offer the following statements:

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The Archbishop of York, in his analysis of conditions essential to the maintenance of a durable peace, said:

"First of all, there must be religious freedom. Without religious freedom it is impossible for the Churches to act spontaneously and vigorously. Without religious freedom they will be suspected of being a mere Department of State. By religious freedom I mean that the Churches should have freedom of worship, freedom of preaching and teaching and freedom of determining their own organization, and that the individual should have freedom to worship or not to worship God, as his own conscience dictates. This freedom has been largely set back during the war. . . . I hope indeed that when the Peace Treaties are drawn up a very special care will be taken in seeing that religious freedom is secured as well as political freedom and economic freedom." -- The Spiritual Issues of the War, No. 271, January 18, 1945, distributed by British Information Services, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, N.Y.

In the case of U.S. v. Ballard, et al, 322 U.S. 86,87; 64 S.Ct. 886,887, decided by the United States Supreme Court on April 24, 1944, Mr. Justice Douglas, delivering the opinion of the Court, said:

"Men may believe what they cannot prove. . . . The Fathers of the Constitution were not unaware of the varied and extreme views of religious sects, of the violence of disagreement among them, and of the lack of any one religious creed on which all men would agree. They fashioned a charter of government which envisaged the widest possible toleration of conflicting views. Man's relation to God was made no concern of the state. He was granted the right to worship as he pleased and to answer to no man for the verity of his religious views. . . . The First Amendment does not select any one group or any one type of religion for preferred treatment. It puts them all in that position."

In the case of Jones v. City of Opelika, ³¹⁶ 318 U.S. 618, 621, decided by the United States Supreme Court on June 8, 1942, Mr. Justice Murphy, in a dissenting opinion, in which he was joined by Chief Justice Stone, Mr. Justice Black and Mr. Justice Douglas, said:

"Freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and freedom of religion all have a double aspect -- freedom of thought and freedom of action. Freedom to think is absolute in its nature; the most tyrannical government is powerless to control the inward workings of the mind. But even an aggressive mind is of no missionary value unless there is freedom of action, freedom to communicate its message to others by speech and writing. . . . Important as free speech and a free press are to a free government and a free citizenry, there is a right even more dear to many individuals -- the right to worship their Maker according to their needs and the dictates of their souls and to carry their message or their gospel to every living creature."

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[Note.--The dissenting opinion in the Jones v. Opelika case became the majority opinion in 319 U.S. 103.]

Among the pledges made to the German people in the name of the Allied Nations, General Eisenhower, in a broadcast on December 7, 1944, promised complete religious liberty. Surely if conquered nations can be guaranteed full religious liberty, the Allied Nations, through their representatives meeting at San Francisco, will provide and guarantee nothing less for the people of all the world. We urgently request your cooperation in bringing to final realization this age-long hope of the world.

By official authorization of its World Executive Committee, we, with deep respect, subscribe our names in behalf of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

(Signed) J.L. McElhany,
President.
E.D. Dick,
Secretary.

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

FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 5, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W G Turner, L H Christian, A W Cormack, H T Elliott, T J Michael, W E Nelson, H H Cobban, J F Cummins, R Ruhling, W H Teesdale, C L Bond, H H Votaw, Paul Wickman, L E Froom, V T Armstrong, E E Andross, J A Stevens, Dr H M Walton, N F Brewer, Miss Winifred McCormack, Miss Lois Burnett, D E Rebok, M L Andreasen, L Halswick, H W Barrows, W K Ising, L L Moffitt, S A Wellman, R G Strickland, C S Longacre, F H Robbins, M C Taft, W A Butler, W E Phillips, G E Peters, H M Blunden, R A Anderson, J J Ireland.

OTHERS PRESENT:

A L White.

Prayer by F.H.Robbins. Minutes of meetings held March 26 and 29 were approved.

F. C. WEBSTER--RELEASED:

VOTED, That F.C.Webster be released from the call to Syria, on account of unfavorable medical report for Mrs. Webster.

LIONEL ROTH--PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Lionel Roth, a senior student in the College of Medical Evangelists, be placed under provisional appointment for mission field service, under the policy adopted at the Spring Meeting of 1944, which provides for financial assistance to be granted to a junior or senior medical student, by contract between the student and the General Conference.

A. C. HEINRICH--MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIP:

The Ministerial Internship Committee submitted the application of A.C.Heinrich for ministerial internship, the application being submitted to this Committee because the applicant is past the thirty year age limit.

VOTED, That ministerial internship be granted to A.C. Heinrich, for work in the North Dakota Conference, beginning as of April 1, 1945.

LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION:

VOTED, That the following members of the large committee that was appointed on Literature Distribution be asked

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to give preliminary study to this question, with a view to having something definite to present to the large committee at a meeting of the large committee to be arranged for by the officers prior to the Autumn Council:

L.K.Dickson, W.E.Nelson, H.M.Blunden, W.A.Butler, R.G.Strickland, H.J.Detwiler, A.W.Peterson, it being understood that W.G.Turner will meet with this group if possible.

MEETING OF ITALIAN WORKERS:

VOTED, That the Bureau of Home Missions be authorized to arrange for a meeting of the Italian workers in the Columbia, Atlantic and Lake Unions, the meeting to be held in July in New York City.

HAZEL PARTAIN--WASHINGTON MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union Conference and Emmanuel Missionary College the call from the Columbia Union for Miss Hazel Partain to connect with Washington Missionary College as commercial teacher and registrar.

BERNICE PITTMAN--FLORIDA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the Ohio Conference the call from the Southern Union for Miss Bernice Pittman, to connect with the Florida Conference, to teach the seventh and eighth grades in the Orlando church school.

T.M.ROWE--CENTRAL UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Greater New York Conference the call for T.M.Rowe to connect with the work in the Central Union Conference.

A.E.WEBB--GREATER NEW YORK:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and the Missouri Conference the call from the Atlantic Union for A.E.Webb to connect with the Greater New York Conference.

R.M.WHITSETT--CENTRAL UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to R.M.Whitsett, returned from the Inter-American Division, the call from the Central Union to connect with that union as head of the evangelistic company.

CARL SUNDIN--NEBRASKA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union and the Minnesota Conference the call from the Central Union for Carl Sundin to connect with the Nebraska Conference, to serve as pastor of the Lincoln church.

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R. E. FINNEY--BRITISH COLUMBIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and the Upper Columbia Conference the call from the Canadian Union for R. E. Finney to connect with the British Columbia Conference as pastor-evangelist in Vancouver.

NELS NELSON--SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Review and Herald Board the call for Nels Nelson to connect with the Southern Publishing Association.

R. M. ELDRIDGE--SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Review and Herald Board the call for R. M. Eldridge to connect with the Southern Publishing Association.

C. L. PADDOCK--SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and the Georgia-Cumberland Conference the call for C. L. Paddock to connect with the Southern Publishing Association.

EARL ROBBINS--OHIO:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Michigan Conference the call from the Columbia Union for Earl Robbins to connect with the work in the Ohio Conference.

R. M. DAVIDSON--SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union Conference and Walla Walla College the call for R. M. Davidson to connect with the Southern Publishing Association.

G. C. JORGENSEN--WALLA WALLA COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union Conference and Union College the call from the North Pacific Union for G. C. Jorgensen to connect with Walla Walla College as head of the Chemistry Department.

EVELYN LINDBERG--WALLA WALLA COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union Conference and Atlantic Union College the call from the North Pacific Union for Evelyn Lindberg to connect with Walla Walla College as dean of women.

R. L. BADGLEY--MONTANA:

VOTED, To pass on to R. L. Badgley, returning from the Inter-American Division, the call from the North Pacific Union to connect with the work in the Montana Conference as pastor-evangelist.

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MRS. LAURABELLE COOK--ILLINOIS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and the Missouri Conference the call from the Lake Union for Mrs. Laurabelle Cook to connect with the Illinois Conference as a church school teacher.

VELMA WIDGEHALL--ILLINOIS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the Potomac Conference the call from the Lake Union for Miss Velma Midgehall to connect with the Illinois Conference as a church school teacher.

VESTA CASH--ILLINOIS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Greater New York Conference the call from the Lake Union for Miss Vesta Cash to connect with the Illinois Conference for work among the Italians.

G.G. DAVENPORT--OAK PARK ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union and the Oklahoma Conference the call from the Northern Union for G.G. Davenport to connect with the Iowa Conference as Bible teacher for Oak Park Academy.

ELSIE LARMON--MAPLEWOOD ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Wisconsin Conference the call from the Northern Union for Elsie Larmon, of Bethel Academy, to connect with Maplewood Academy in Minnesota, as music teacher.

ROBERT KITTO--PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and the Washington Conference the call from the Pacific Union for Robert Kitto, of Auburn Academy, to connect with the Bible Department of Pacific Union College.

F.B. JENSEN--SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference and Pacific Union College the call from the Southern Union for F.B. Jensen to connect with Southern Missionary College as head of the Bible Department.

DOROTHY BARTLETT--SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union Conference and Atlantic Union College the call from the Southern Union for Miss Dorothy Bartlett, to connect with Southern Missionary College as associate English teacher, and editor of the Southern Tidings

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GEORGE SHULTZ--SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union Conference and Emmanuel Missionary College the call from the Southern Union for George Shultz to connect with Southern Missionary College Press as assistant superintendent.

PAULINE KLADY--GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE:

VOTED, To request the College of Medical Evangelists to release Miss Pauline Klady, of the White Memorial Hospital, to connect with the General Conference office for stenographic work.

DONALD HAYNES--IDAHO:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Greater New York Conference the call from the North Pacific Union for Donald Haynes to connect with the work in the Idaho Conference as pastor-evangelist.

MILTON ADAMS--OKLAHOMA:

VOTED To pass on to the Pacific Union and the Southeastern California Conference the call from the Southwestern Union for Milton Adams to connect with the Oklahoma Conference for district work.

BETTY BUCKLEY--CENTRAL CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union and the Minnesota Conference the call from the Pacific Union for Miss Betty Buckley to connect with the Central California Conference for stenographic work.

R.W. ENGSTROM--MINNESOTA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Greater New York Conference the call from the Northern Union for R.W. Engstrom to connect with the work in the Minnesota Conference.

GENEVA BRYAN--OHIO:

VOTED, To accede to the request of the Columbia Union on behalf of the Ohio Conference, for the services of Miss Geneva Bryan for three or four weeks to teach a class in home nursing at Dayton.

KENNETH PHILLIPS--CENTRAL UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union the call from the Central Union for Kenneth Phillips, who has been connected with the Abilene Service Center, to connect with the Service Center that is being established at Neosho, Missouri.

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SERVICE CENTERS IN MISSOURI:

The closing of Camp Barkeley in Texas has resulted in the transfer of about 350 of our boys to Camps Crowder and Leonard Wood in Missouri. The Central Union is desirous of establishing Service Centers for the benefit of these boys. Responding to their request for financial assistance in this connection, it was

- VOTED, 1. To meet the transportation of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Phillips from the Service Center at Abilene, Texas, to the center being established at Neosho, Missouri, and continue their salary.
2. To transfer the Service Center equipment from Abilene to Neosho, and pay the freight.
3. To meet one half the rent involved in providing Worship and Service Centers for the boys in Camps Crowder and Leonard Wood.
4. To meet one half the salary and travel expense for a man to be placed in the center at Leonard Wood.

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM:

The committee that was provided for by action of March 19, on Thanksgiving Services, was announced as follows:

M.E.Kern, C.B.Haynes, J.A.Stevens, R.A.Anderson, N.F. Brewer.

DR. PAUL FOSTER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That in view of the health condition of Dr. Paul Foster, we authorize the permanent return of Dr. and Mrs. Foster from the Southern African Division.

SOUTHERN AFRICAN DIVISION--EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY:

VOTED, That on recommendation of the Southern African Division Committee, we hereby appoint Edward W.Tarr Educational Secretary of the Southern African Division.

F.A.ALLUM:

VOTED, To meet the return transportation of F.A.Allum to Australia, as well as his transportation to visit relatives in Florida before returning to Australia, and to make him a special allowance of \$200 for the purchase of certain articles to take back with him.

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ORLEY FORD:

VOTED, That the Treasury be authorized to meet the transportation of Orley Ford, on furlough from the Inter-American Division, from California to Walla Walla and return to California.

BUS OR STREET CAR FARE:

The committee that was appointed to give consideration to the question of granting increased allowances to workers of the General Conference office, to meet the expense of transportation from their homes to the office, when the place of residence is beyond the district served by the local street car and bus lines, submitted their recommendation, which was adopted as follows:

We recommend, That inasmuch as the selection of a rural location is due to the personal choice of the worker, no change be made in the present allowance of one local round trip bus or street car fare per day.

CHINA DIVISION--DEPENDENT PARENTS OF WORKERS:

In response to a request received from the China Division on behalf of the national workers who have dependent parents living with them, whose support they are finding it difficult to compass in the present situation in China, it was

VOTED, To appropriate \$5,000 from the Emergency Fund, to enable the China Division to render some assistance, in the present emergency situation, to national workers who have dependent parents living with them.

PAUL PETTRA:

VOTED, To accept the charge from the China Division for \$759.84, advanced by the division to Paul Pettra, a Seventh-day Adventist young man who is in a prison camp in Shanghai, having been captured by the Japanese when they invaded Wake Island; and further, that financial assistance be continued to him if assurance can be obtained that he is actually receiving the funds.

RELIEF CLOTHING PROJECT:

VOTED, That L.E.Esteb, R.J.Christian, and the Home Missionary Secretary of the Northeastern Conference, be a committee, with L.E.Esteb as chairman, to counsel with A.Dorn in New York City, on questions in connection with the relief clothing project.

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HOUSING FOR SEMINARY STUDENTS:

The following report from a subcommittee appointed by the Seminary Board was presented:

"Inasmuch as the problem of an apartment house for the Seminary immediately raises the question of a site, and since this involves the whole plan for the future enlargement and development of each of the institutions located on this plot here in Takoma Park,

"We recommend, That the Seminary Board request the General Conference Committee to appoint a committee representing the General Conference, the Review and Herald, the Home Study Institute, and the Theological Seminary, to give study to the future development of each institution and prepare a sketch of the complete layout, providing a satisfactory site for each unit showing present and future needs. We suggest that each organization give early study to its own plans for development and then bring such ideas and plans to the larger combined committee for approval, all of this preliminary work being done before final plans are made for the Seminary apartment building."

VOTED, That the officers be asked to appoint the committee called for in the foregoing recommendation.

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

FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 9, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

L H Christian, H T Elliott, A W Cormack, W H Williams, H H Cobban, S A Wellman, R Ruhling, C S Longacre, J A Stevens, Dr H M Walton, L Halswick, N F Brewer, M L Andreasen, C L Bond, J J Ireland, V T Armstrong, E E Andross, L L Moffitt, W K Ising, H M Blunden, E W Dunbar, Miss Winifred McCormack, Paul Wickman, R A Anderson, Claude Conard, H H Votaw, D E Rebok, M C Taft.

Prayer by Dr. H.M. Walton.

DEATH OF MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER:

With sorrow we record the passing of our sister, Mrs. L. Flora Plummer, who fell peacefully asleep at the Washington Sanitarium early yesterday morning. For many years Sister Plummer's name was known and beloved in every Seventh-day Adventist home as the leader of our Sabbath school work. Her connection with the General Conference Sabbath School Department began in 1901, and continued uninterruptedly until the spring of 1936, the intervening years witnessing most remarkable growth of the department, much of it attributable to Mrs. Plummer's devoted and energetic promotion of all phases of its work. It can truly be said of her that she served long and well and faithfully. To her son and daughter, Mr. Donn Plummer and Mrs. Dorothy Boggs, and to Miss Mamie Burnett, who has been a member of the family for many years, we extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in their sorrow and bereavement.

EDWARD NACHREINER--SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Illinois Conference the call from the Southern Union for Edward Nachreiner of Broadview Academy, to connect with Southern Missionary College as language teacher.

W.H. WESTERMEYER--OKLAHOMA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference the call from the Southwestern Union for W.H. Westermeyer to connect with the Oklahoma Conference for district work.

EDWARD WINES--SOUTHWESTERN UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and the Nebraska Conference the call from the Southwestern Union for Edward Wines, of Shelton Academy, to take charge of the eleventh grade school

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in the Rio Grande Valley.

G. A. SPAULDING--SOUTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Michigan Conference the call from the Southwestern Union for G. A. Spaulding of Adelpian Academy, to connect with Southwestern Junior College, to take charge of the college mill.

LOIS JENSEN--HAWAII:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union Conference and Emmanuel Missionary College the call from the Pacific Union for Miss Lois Jensen to connect with the Hawaiian Mission for elementary teaching.

STERLING GERNET--EMMANUEL MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union Conference and Walla Walla College the call from the Lake Union for Sterling Gernet to connect with the Music Department of Emmanuel Missionary College.

MILDRED DESSAIN--NORTHERN UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union Conference the call from the Northern Union for Miss Mildred Dessain to connect with the Northern Union for secretarial work in the union office.

EUGENE SAMPLE--OREGON:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union and the Texas Conference the call from the North Pacific Union for Eugene Sample to connect with the Oregon Conference as principal of the Salem intermediate school.

IRENE WHITCOMB--UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and the Colorado Conference the call from the North Pacific Union for Miss Irene Whitcomb to connect with the Upper Columbia Conference for teaching work.

DANIEL WALTHER--PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union Conference and Southern Missionary College the call from the Pacific Union for Daniel Walther to connect with Pacific Union College as associate professor of history.

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G. E. HUTCHES--MISSOURI:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union and the North Dakota Conference the call from the Central Union for G. E. Hutches to take the presidency of the Missouri Conference.

N. C. WILSON TO WASHINGTON:

VOTED, That N. C. Wilson be invited to attend the meeting that is to be held in Takoma Park early in May, to give consideration to questions pertaining to the self-supporting institutions in the South.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE--COMMENCEMENT:

VOTED, To pass on to the Review and Herald the request that Frederick Lee give the commencement address at Oakwood College.

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Indiana Conference the request for C. D. Henri to preach the baccalaureate sermon at Oakwood College.

SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE--COMMENCEMENT:

VOTED, That E. W. Dunbar be authorized to respond to the request to deliver the commencement address at Southern Missionary College, May 20.

STATEMENT ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY:

VOTED, That copies of the statement on Religious Liberty that is to be submitted to the Conference of United Nations, be furnished to all division headquarters, in English and in the languages involved in the countries of the divisions, with the recommendation that it be published in their missionary periodicals, and in the public press in all countries, even if it has to be entered as a paid advertisement.

VOTED, also, to furnish a copy in English to Elders Lindsay, Lowe and Charpiot; to our denominational foreign language papers in the United States; and to the editors of the Signs of the Times, Watchman, Message Magazine, and Review and Herald.

CHINA DIVISION--RELIGIOUS LIBERTY SECRETARY:

VOTED, On recommendation of the China Division Committee that we hereby appoint James D. Wang Religious Liberty Secretary of the China Division.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS CONFERENCE-- 150:

VOTED, To appropriate \$150 to the Foreign Missions Conference, on behalf of the newly appointed Committee on Religious Liberty and Missionary Freedom.

DR. OTTO SCHUBERTH:

VOTED, That in response to the request of the Missions Advance Committee, the Treasury be authorized to meet the travel expense of Dr. Otto Schubert in visiting Prisoner of War Camps in the United States this summer.

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

FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 12, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

L H Christian, E D Dick, H T Elliott, T J Michael, H H Cobban, N F Brewer, J A Stevens, J J Ireland, H A Morrison, A W Peterson, R Ruhling, S A Wellman, L.L.Moffitt, E W Dunbar, E E Andross, L Halswick, M L Andreasen, W H Teesdale, Paul Wickman, V T Armstrong, Dr H M Walton, H H Votaw, M E Kern, Claude Conard, R G Strickland, C S Longacre, H M Blunden, R A Anderson, W K Ising, J E Weaver, Miss Winifred McCormack, W P Bradley, C L Bond, M C Taft, D E Rebok.

OTHERS PRESENT: J R Ferren.

Prayer by S.W.Wellman. Minutes of meetings held April 1 and 5 were approved.

J.M.CLEMONS--RELEASED:

VOTED, That J.M.Clemons be released from the call to the Congo Union Mission, on account of unfavorable medical reports.

C.J.SMITH--RELEASED:

VOTED, That C.J.Smith be released from the call to the Songa Mission, in the Belgian Congo, on account of unfavorable medical reports.

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MRS. ESTHER WOODIN--RUSANGU MISSION:

VOTED, To invite Mrs. Esther Woodin, of Emmanuel Missionary College, to connect with the Southern African Division, in response to the call for a teacher for the girls at the Rusangu Mission.

MRS. MARY PHILMON-BYERS--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Mrs. Mary Philmon-Byers be released from the call to connect with Helderberg College, in South Africa.

MR. AND MRS. EDWARD WINES--ETHIOPIA:

VOTED, To request the Central Union and the Nebraska Conference to release Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wines, of Shelton Academy, to connect with the Ethiopian Union Mission, for teaching work.

W. E. EISEMAN--NIGERIA:

VOTED, To request the North Pacific Union Conference and the Walla Walla Academy to release W.E.Eiseman to connect with the African West Coast Union, in response to the call for an educational worker for Nigeria.

E. L. SORENSON--RELEASED:

VOTED, That since the way is not clear for them to accept, Mr. and Mrs. E.L.Sorenson be released from the call to New Delhi, India.

A. S. ZYTKOSKEE--SOUTH INDIA:

VOTED, To invite A.S.Zytkoskee, of Union College, to connect with the Southern Asia Division, to serve as superintendent of a local mission in South India.

WALDO HESSELTINE--BOLIVIA:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and the Northern California Conference to release Waldo Hesseltine, to connect with the South American Division, to serve as a mission station director in Bolivia.

PAUL MISENKO--RUSSIAN LANGUAGE:

VOTED, That Paul Misenko be placed under provisional appointment, to study Russian at the Theological Seminary, with a view to a possible appointment to Russian work in the future.

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J.P.HABENICHT--CONGO:

VOTED, To request the Lake Union and the Michigan Conference to release J.P.Habenicht, to connect with the Southern African Division, for work in the Belgian Congo.

D.H.SCHMEHL--SONGA MISSION:

VOTED, To request the Columbia Union and the Ohio Conference to release D.H.Schmehl, to connect with the Southern African Division, for work at the Songa Mission, in the Belgian Confo.

STANLEY FOLKENBERG--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That on recommendation of the Inter-American Division Committee, Stanley Folkenberg be granted one month's extension of his furlough.

INGATHERING MAGAZINE--COVER:

VOTED, That we approve of the designs for the front and back covers of the 1946 Ingathering Magazine, as submitted by the Ingathering Editorial Committee.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

C.S.Longacre, hearing at Gary, Indiana, April 16; temperance lecture at Toledo, Ohio, May 22.

S.A.Weliman, special Child Lecture Committee, Mountain View, May 28; Glendale and San Diego, to counsel re child films.

Representative of the Sabbath School Department, North Pacific Union, Child Evangelism Institutes, beginning late July.

M.L.Andreasen, New Haven, Connecticut, April 28.

J.R.Ferren, Emmanuel Missionary College, April 26,27.

J.E.Weaver, Emmanuel Missionary College, during the week beginning April 15.

LOIS BURNETT--PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To accede to the request of the Pacific Union College for the services of miss Lois Burnett, in connection with advanced nurses' training work, August 6-11.

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MIRIAM PEASE--HAWAII:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and the Oregon Conference the call from the Pacific Union for Miss Miriam Pease, to connect with the Hawaiian Mission, for elementary teaching work.

V. E. ADAMS--WASHINGTON MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union Conference and Emmanuel Missionary College the call from the Columbia Union for V. E. Adams to connect with Washington Missionary College, as manager of the College Press.

C. ROY SMITH--WASHINGTON MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Illinois Conference the call from the Columbia Union for C. Roy Smith, of Broadview Academy, to connect with the Washington Missionary College Press.

L. M. SELTZER--ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Canadian Union and the Manitoba Conference the call from the Southwestern Union for L. M. Seltzer to connect with the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, to serve as pastor of the Little Rock church, it being understood that certain agreements have been entered into between the two unions in respect to this call.

VINNIE L. GOODNER--GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the Potomac Conference the call from the Southern Union for Miss Vinnie L. Goodner to connect with the Georgia-Cumberland Conference as Bible instructor.

INEZ MOREY--GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Illinois Conference the call from the Southern Union for Miss Inez Morey to connect with the Georgia-Cumberland Conference as Bible instructor.

VIOLET LARSEN--FLORIDA SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union Conference and the Porter Sanitarium the call from the Southern Union for Miss Violet Larsen to connect with the Florida Sanitarium, as Bible instructor and librarian.

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

FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 13, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

L H Christian, E D Dick, H T Elliott, A W Cormack, T J Michael, W E Nelson, H H Cobban, J F Cummins, H A Morrison, C S Longacre, J A Stevens, E E Andross, W H Teesdale, Claude Conard, H H Votaw, Paul Wickman, W K Ising, N F Brewer, W A Spicer, E B Rudge, R H Adair, S A Wellman, V T Armstrong, Dr H M Walton, L Halswick, H L Blunden, R G Strickland, Miss Winifred McCormack, R G Strickland, L.L. Moffitt, J E Weaver, R Ruhling, A W Peterson, E W Dunbar, L E Froom,

OTHERS PRESENT:

J.R.Ferren, D.E.Robinson.

Prayer by E.E.Andross.

DEATH OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT:

On receipt of the news of the death of President Roosevelt, it was

VOTED, To spread the following action on our General Conference Committee minutes:

The General Conference Committee of Seventh-day Adventists, being in session in Washington as the sad news comes of the death of our esteemed President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, at Warm Springs, Georgia, takes action in behalf of our church, expressing deep sorrow in the passing of a great executive of our nation. We honor his memory for the untiring work President Roosevelt has done in leading the nation through troublous times, seeking to establish the way of freedom of thought and life for all. We mourn this loss of a strong administrator, and express sympathy with Mrs. Roosevelt and the family, praying that God's comfort may be theirs in sorrow. As the new administration takes over the high duties of government in the midst of a world war, we assure President Harry S. Truman and his associates of the prayers of this people that God may give them strength and guidance in this time.

By action of the Committee, April 13, 1945.

(Signed) J.L. McElhany, President.
E.D. Dick, Secretary.

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

FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 13, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

L H Christian, E D Dick, H T Elliott, A W Cormack, T J Michael, W E Nelson, H H Cobban, J F Cummins, H A Morrison, C S Longacre, J A Stevens, E E Andross, W H Teesdale, Claude Conard, H H Votaw, Paul Wickman, W K Ising, N F Brewer, W A Spicer, E B Rudge, R H Adair, S A Wellman, V T Armstrong, L Halswick, Miss Winifred McCormack, Dr H M Walton, H M Blunden, R G Strickland, J E Weaver, R Ruhling, A W Peterson, L L Moffitt, L E Froom, E W Dunbar.

OTHERS PRESENT:

J R Ferren, D E Robinson.
Prayer by E.E.Andross.

MARTHA HANSEN--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Martha Hansen be released from the call to Nigeria.

MR. AND MRS. SHEPARD--FLORIDA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union and the Texas Conference the call from the Southern Union for Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Shepard to connect with the Florida Conference, as teachers in the St. Petersburg elementary school.

BOOKS SENT TO MAJOR E.L.BECKER:

VOTED, To accept the charge for books ordered by Major E.L.Becker, for distribution to our workers and members in Italy.

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

FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 16, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

E D Dick, H T Elliott, T J Michael, H H Cobban, J F Cummins, S A Wellman, J A Stevens, Dr H M Walton, J J Ireland, H A Morrison, J E Weaver, E E Andross, E W Dunbar, N F Brewer, L L Moffitt, V T Armstrong, W K Ising, H M Blunden, R Ruhling, Miss Winifred McCormack, C L Bond, W P Bradley, A W Peterson, H H Votaw, M C Taft, D E Rebok, H W Barrows, R A Anderson, W A Butler, Claude Conard.

OTHERS PRESENT: J R Ferren.

Prayer by Claude Conard. Minutes of meetings held April 12 and 13 were approved.

N.D. PLUMB--GLENDALE UNION ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and the Nebraska Conference the call from the Pacific Union for N.D.Plumb to connect with the Glendale Union Academy, to teach band and instrumental music.

C.E.COTTON--LOMA LINDA FOOD COMPANY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Northern New England Conference the call from the Pacific Union for C.E. Cotton to connect with the Loma Linda Food Company.

HAROLD TOUSLEY--WASHINGTON SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference and Pacific Union College the call from the Washington Sanitarium Board for Harold Tousley to connect with the Washington Sanitarium as head chef.

J.J.NORTH--MISSOURI:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Northeastern Conference the call from the Central Union for J.J.North to connect with the Missouri Conference, to serve as pastor of the Beacon Light Church in Kansas City.

H.L.NIELSEN--WASHINGTON SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to H.L.Nielsen, returned from the Inter-American Division, the call from the Washington Sanitarium Board to connect with the Washington Sanitarium as desk clerk.

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H. J. PERKINS--WALLA WALLA SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Canadian Union and the British Columbia Conference the call from the North Pacific Union for H. J. Perkins to connect with the Walla Walla Sanitarium as business manager.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

G E Nord, North Dakota, May 10-22; Toronto and Simcoe, Canada, May 25-June 2; Jamestown, New York, Mt. Jewitt and Warren Pennsylvania, June 15-18; Greater New York and New Jersey, June 22-24; Southern New England, June 29-July 1.

M. L. Andreasen, New York Conference workers' meeting, June 3-9; Central Union, June 10-July 7; Texico workers' meeting, July 9-13.

**RESTORATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIES
IN WAR DEVASTATED LANDS:**

The brethren of the Far Eastern Division called attention to the fact that in the destruction of our properties in the Philippines, their school libraries, involving some 16,000 volumes, have been utterly destroyed, and they suggested that a call for books might meet with a hearty response on the part of our people in America. In view of the fact that in other divisions affected by the war, no doubt school libraries have suffered a fate similar to those in the Philippines, it was

VOTED, That the Chair be asked to appoint a committee of seven, to give consideration not only to the question of making a call to our people for books to restore these school libraries, but to the whole matter of procedure in case such a call is made.

Appointed: H. A. Morrison, A. W. Peterson, W. P. Bradley, J. E. Weaver, D. E. Rebok, N. F. Brewer, R. G. Strickland or W. A. Butler,

GREETINGS TO LEADERS AND BELIEVERS IN THE PHILIPPINES:

V. T. Armstrong read from communications received from the Philippines, which indicated that our national workers have been faithful to their trust during these years in which they have been separated from counsel with American leaders, and that as a result many converts have been baptized and united with the church. It was

VOTED, That a message of greeting be sent from this General Conference Committee to our national workers and believers in the Philippines, expressing to them our appreciation of

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their faithfulness and loyalty and devotion to the cause of God during these years of special stress and strain.

RETURNING INTERNEES:

VOTED, That a personal letter be sent as from this Committee to each of the internees returning from the Philippines, containing a message of greeting and welcome. That these workers be informed they are regarded as on the furlough basis, at least for the present; that they are authorized to proceed to their homes, or to the place where they wish to make their home during a period of rest and recuperation; and that they be requested to have a thorough physical examination as soon as possible. Further, That our counsel to them is that they rest and husband their strength for a time before accepting too many speaking appointments.

VOTED, That request be made of the leaders in the conferences where these workers may locate, to cooperate in protecting them against too many speaking appointments until they have had time for sufficient rest and recuperation.

WIVES TO MEET HUSBANDS ON WEST COAST:

VOTED, That the wives of internees from the Philippines be authorized to meet their returning husbands on the Pacific Coast, and that the husbands be instructed to include the wife's expense for transportation, and entertainment in San Francisco, in his report to the Treasury.

E.D.Dick, Chairman.
H.T.Elliott, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 17, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J L McElhany, W H Branson, Glenn Calkins, C L Torrey, T J Michael, E D Dick, H T Elliott, H H Cobban, J F Cummins, J A Stevens, Dr H M Walton, E E Andross, L L Moffitt, D E Rebok, W P Bradley, W K Ising, W A Butler, H H Votaw, R Ruhling, L E Froom, Claude Conard, H W Barrows, R A Anderson, Miss Winifred McCormack, N F Brewer, H M Blunden, V T Armstrong, A W Peterson, E W Dunbar, C L Bond, M C Taft, S A Wellman.

OTHERS PRESENT: J R Ferren.

Prayer by Dr H. M. Walton.

INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION--HEADQUARTERS:

Consideration was given to two requests from the Inter-American Division. (1) For approval of locating the division headquarters in Miami, Florida. (2) That the Southern Union and the Florida Conference be asked to grant to the Inter-American Division that part of the Florida Peninsula which includes the district of Coroonut Grove and the territory to the south, including the islands to Key West.

Glenn Calkins, the president of the Inter-American Division, reviewed the situation as regards the division headquarters. The office was located temporarily in Cuba in the spring of 1942, conditions in the Canal Zone due to the war seeming to make such a move advisable. The lease on the property occupied in Havana is soon to expire, and the division committee feels that the time has come to make decision of a permanent location.

After thorough study of the matter at the recent division committee meeting, it was unanimously agreed that some place in the neighborhood of Miami would be the most favorable location, taking all factors into consideration, and especially the matter of transportation and mail connections with all parts of the division field. Elder Calkins stated that the Southern Union had been consulted, and they were agreeable to have the Inter-American Division office located in the southern part of Florida. He explained that they have an option on a very desirable property in Cocoonut Grove, admirably suited for an office building, which they can secure for \$26,000.

VOTED, That we approve of the Inter-American Division locating their headquarters in Cocoonut Grove, Florida, and that we approve of their purchase of the property at 1921 South Bay-shore Drive, to serve as the headquarters office.

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Inasmuch as according to the General Conference Constitution changes cannot be made in division boundaries except at a General Conference session or a biennial council, it was

VOTED, To refer to the coming General Conference session for favorable consideration, the request of the Inter-American Division that there be ceded to the division that part of the Florida Peninsula which includes the district of Coconut Grove and the territory to the south including the islands to Key West.

J.L. McElhany,
W.H. Branson, Chairmen.

T.J. Michael, Secretary.
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FIVE HUNDRED FORTIETH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 19, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W H Branson, J L McElhany, H T Elliott, T J Michael, H H Cobban, J F Cummins, J A Stevens, C S Longacre, Dr H E Walton, H M Blunden, H H Votaw, J J Strahle, Claude Conard, A W Peterson, M L Andreasen, Miss Lois Burnett, Miss Winifred McCormack, H A Morrison, W P Bradley, R G Strickland, H W Barrows, W A Butler, C L Bond, E W Dunbar, J J Ireland, E E Andross, M C Taft, M E Kern, W K Ising, D E Rebok, V T Armstrong.

OTHERS PRESENT: J R Ferren.

Prayer by M.L. Andreasen. Minutes of the meetings of April 13 and 16 were approved.

G.N. BANKS--LIBERIA:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and the Southern California Conference to release G.N. Banks, to connect with the African West Coast Union, to serve as superintendent of the Liberia Mission.

G.A. CAMPBELL--FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

VOTED, To request the Southwestern Union and the Texas Conference to release G.A. Campbell, to connect again with the Far Eastern Division, to serve as Publishing Department Secretary.

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KENNETH HAM--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Kenneth Ham, a senior student in the College of Medical Evangelists, be placed under provision/appointment for mission field service, under the policy which provides for financial assistance to be granted to a junior or senior medical student, by contract between the student and the General Conference.

J. C. KOZEL--MEXICAN UNION:

VOTED, To request the Southwestern Union Conference to release J.C.Kozel, to connect with the Inter-American Division, as secretary-treasurer of the Mexican Union Mission.

MRS. ESTHER WOODIN--RELEASED:

VOTED, That since the way is not clear for her to accept Mrs. Esther Woodin be released from the call to the Rusangu Mission in South Africa.

I. M. VACQUER--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That I.M.Vacquer, of South America, be granted an extension of his furlough, to enable him to finish the present term at the Theological Seminary.

W. H. BRANSON AND R. A. ANDERSON--AUSTRALIA:

VOTED, That in response to the request from the Australasian Division, W.H.Branson and R.A.Anderson be assigned to visit Australia in time for the division meeting in September.

E. D. DICK AND J. F. CUMMINS--WEST AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST:

VOTED, That E.D.Dick and J.F.Cummins be assigned to visit the African West Coast Union, the Middle East and Ethiopia.

VERNON WALDO THOMPSON--LA SIERRA COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union Conference and Emmanuel Missionary College the call from the Pacific Union for Vernon Waldo Thompson to connect with La Sierra College as professor of music and piano.

PHYLLIS MEIER--MONTANA:

VOTED, To pass on to the North American Radio Commission the call from the North Pacific Union for Miss Phyllis Meier, of the Voice of Prophecy office, to connect with the Montana Conference office for secretarial work.

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NEAL BECKER--CAMPION ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union and the North Dakota Conference the call from the Central Union for Neal Becker to connect with Campion Academy as Bible teacher.

GEORGE SCHRAM--NEBRASKA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Michigan Conference the call from the Central Union for George Schram to connect with the Nebraska Conference for evangelistic-pastoral work.

C.M.MELLOR--NEBRASKA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Michigan Conference the call from the Central Union for C.M.Mellor to connect with the Nebraska Conference for evangelistic work.

O.B.GERHART--WYOMING:

VOTED, To pass on to the Canadian Union and the Ontario-Quebec Conference the call from the Central Union for O.B.Gerhart to connect with the Wyoming Mission for district work.

E.R.THIELE--UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union Conference and Emmanuel Missionary College the call from the Central Union for E.R.Thiele to connect with Union College as head of the department of Bible and Religion.

V.A.ANDERSON--MINNESOTA:

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

A.C.LONG--NEW ENGLAND SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union Conference and the Porter Sanitarium the call from the Atlantic Union for A.C.Long to connect with the New England Sanitarium, to take charge of the men's hydrotherapy department.

MRS. ESTHER WOODIN--HAWAII:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union Conference and Emmanuel Missionary College the call from the Pacific Union for Mrs. Esther Woodin to connect with the Hawaiian Mission.

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ELSA HAGBURG--GREATER NEW YORK:

VOTED, To pass on to the East Nordic Union Conference the call from the Atlantic Union for Miss Elsa Hagburg to connect with the Greater New York Conference, for Bible work among the Swedish people.

RUTH WHITFIELD--PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Michigan Conference the call from the Pacific Union for Ruth Whitfield, of Adelpian Academy, to connect with Pacific Union College as matron.

H.C.LILLEY--FLORIDA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the Ohio Conference the call from the Southern Union for H.C.Lilley to connect with the Florida Conference as secretary of the Book and Bible House.

MRS. VIOLA CARPENTER--GLENDALE SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Northern New England Conference the call from the Pacific Union for Mrs. Viola Carpenter to connect with the Glendale Sanitarium as a Bible worker.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

R.Ruhling, North Dakota, latter part of May to visit churches, and Gackle church dedication, May 26,27.

E.W.Dunbar, Junior and Senior Youth's Camps in Southern Union, June 11-July 9, and August 8-26; Junior Camp in Wisconsin, July 29-August 7.

A.W.Peterson, Colorado Junior Camp at Palmer Lake, July 15-22.

Dr. H.M.Walton, Marion, Virginia.

PARSONAGE AT EUGENE, OREGON.

Request was presented from the North Pacific Union on behalf of the Oregon Conference, for approval of the purchase of a property to serve as a parsonage at Eugene, Oregon, at a cost of \$6,400.

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VOTED, That we approve of the purchase of the property for a parsonage at Eugene, Oregon, with the understanding that the funds are in hand, so that no indebtedness will be incurred.

C.G. BUSHNELL:

VOTED, That C.G. Bushnell, under appointment to educational work in Bolivia, be authorized to complete the work for his Master's Degree, which he expects to be able to do in three months, the expense involved being approximately \$215, in addition to his salary following the termination of his teaching work at Southwestern Junior College.

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

FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 23, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W H Branson, J L McElhany, T J Michael, J F Cummins, Claude Conard, H W Barrows, E E Andross, L L Moffitt, J J Ireland, W P Bradley, N F Brewer, W A Butler, W E Phillips, F H Robbins, C L Bond, E W Dunbar, W K Ising, M L Andreasen, Dr H M Walton, V T Armstrong, Miss Lois Burnett, H M Blunden, Miss Winifred McCormack, D E Rebok, M E Kern, J J Strahle, J E Weaver, R G Strickland, R A Anderson, H A Morrison, A W Peterson.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Roger Altman, D E Robinson, J R Ferren, Miss Lora Clement

Prayer by W.K. Ising.

SAN FRANCISCO SECURITY CONFERENCE:

VOTED, That A.W. Cormack, who is now in California, be added to the group appointed to be in San Francisco at the time of the United Nations Conference.

VOTED, That the Pacific Union be asked to arrange for Dr. H.W. Vollmer to go to San Francisco, if H.H. Votaw, the chairman of our group, learns that questions of a medical character are to come before the United Nations Conference.

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R.G. STRICKLAND--SOUTH AMERICA:

VOTED, That in response to the request from the South American Division, R.G. Strickland be assigned to spend five months in South America, beginning at Lima, Peru, May 1.

J.B. FRANK--GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the New York Conference the call from the Southern Union for J.B. Frank to connect with the Georgia-Cumberland Conference as Book and Bible House manager.

D.A. OCHS--NORTH DAKOTA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Northern New England Conference the call from the Northern Union for D.A. Ochs to take the presidency of the North Dakota Conference.

E.E. BIETZ--CANADIAN JUNIOR COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Indiana Conference the call from the Canadian Union for E.E. Bietz, of the Indiana Academy, to take the presidency of Canadian Junior College.

LOIS WALKER--SOUTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union and the Minnesota Conference the call from the Southwestern Union for Lois Walker, of Maplewood Academy, to connect with Southwestern Junior College, as teacher of English, and as librarian.

MRS. CARLTON BLACKBURN--SOUTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Michigan Conference the call from the Southwestern Union for Mrs. Carlton Blackburn, of Adelpian Academy, to connect with Southwestern Junior College as dean of women.

J.J. HAFNER--SOUTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union Conference and Emmanuel Missionary College the call from the Southwestern Union for J.J. Hafner to connect with Southwestern Junior College as head of the music department.

N.E. ASHBY--ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union Conference and Oakwood College the call from the Columbia Union for N.E. Ashby to connect with the Allegheny Conference, as principal of the union academy in Washington, D.C.

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WILBERT SCHNEIDER--PORTER SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union Conference and Southwestern Junior College the call from the Central Union for Wilbert Schneider to connect with the Porter Sanitarium as accountant.

C.L.VORIES--MISSOURI:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and the Upper Columbia Conference the call from the Central Union for C.L.Vories to connect with the Missouri Conference for evangelistic work.

IDA COLEMAN--CENTRAL UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Greater New York Conference the call from the Central Union for Ida Coleman to connect with the Central Union, to serve as secretary and musician in the Colored Department.

GOLDIE SCHANDER--CENTRAL UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union and the North Dakota Conference the call from the Central Union for Goldie Schander, to serve in the union office as secretary in the Home Missionary and Publishing Departments.

RACHEL CHRISTMAN--ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union Conference and Emmanuel Missionary College the call from the Atlantic Union for Rachel Christman to connect with Atlantic Union College as dean of women.

VESTA WEBSTER--ATLANTA UNION ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the Potomac Conference the call from the Southern Union for Vesta Webster to connect with the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, as teacher in the elementary division of the Atlanta Union Academy.

JOHN D. GEORGE--SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference the call from the Atlantic Union for John D. George to connect with the Southern New England Conference, as teacher in the Providence, Rhode Island, school.

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

Claude Conard, to attend the United Stewardship Council, in Cleveland, Ohio, over the coming week end.

J.L.McElhany, two or three days at the Nurses' Workshop at Union College.

F.D.Nichol, regional meeting at Nashville, May 18, 19.

INSTITUTIONAL PLANNING BOARD:

Announcement was made of the committee called for by action of April 5, to plan for the accommodation of General Conference institutions in Takoma Park, as follows:

J.L.McElhany, chairman; W.E.Nelson, vice-chairman; W.P. Elliott, L.W.Graham, M.E.Olsen, D.E.Rebok, L.H.Wood, E.D.Dick, J.F.Cummins.

E.L.BRANSON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That, on recommendation of the Provisional Division Committee, the return of E.L.Branson from the Middle East Union Mission be changed from the furlough to the permanent return basis, that he be given a leave of absence for one year in which to recuperate his health, and that we authorize the transportation of the family to California.

J.L.McElhany,
W.H.Branson, Chairmen.

T.J.Michael, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 26, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J L McElhany, W H Branson, T J Michael, H T Elliott, H F Cobban, J F Cummins, E E Andross, Dr H M Walton, A W Peterson, J J Ireland, Miss Winifred McCormack, J E Weaver, H A Morrison, W K Ising, M E Kern, N F Brewer, J J Strahle, H W Barrows, W E Phillips, V T Armstrong, W P Bradley, Claude Conard, H M Blunden, C L Bond, L L Moffitt, S A Wellman, R A Anderson, E W Dunbar, M C Taft.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Roger Altman, D E Robinson, B P Hoffman, Miss Lora Clement.

The Chairman announced that prayer had been requested for Mrs. R.R. Breitigam, who is critically ill at her home in Glendale, and earnest prayer was offered in her behalf by M.E. Kern and A.W. Peterson.

DEATH OF J.E. FULTON:

We were made sad to learn by a telegram from E.B. Hare that Elder J.E. Fulton had passed away on Monday, April 23. Elder Fulton was esteemed and honored in our ranks for the long and devoted service he rendered as a leader in the cause of God, in Australia, in Fiji, the Far East and Southern Asia, as well as in the homeland. He was beloved by all who knew him for his kind and consistent Christian character.

Resolved, That we extend to Sister Fulton and other members of the family our deepest sympathy in this hour of sorrow. We mourn with them, while at the same time we look forward with them to the day of glad reunion at the coming of the Lord.

VOTED, That the Treasurer be instructed to arrange for a floral tribute for the funeral of Elder Fulton.

RESTORATION OF DESTROYED LIBRARIES:

The committee that was appointed to give consideration to the question of making a call for books to restore school libraries lost through the war, and to recommend the procedure in case such call is made, submitted the following recommendations, which were adopted:

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We recommend, 1. That the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department be invited to make the gathering of books for the restoration of lost denominational libraries a departmental project.

2. That the campaign be carried forward July 1 to September 1, 1945.

3. That a Collecting Committee be appointed consisting of W.P. Bradley, D.E. Rebok, C.L. Bond and R.L. Kimble, to furnish a list of the types of books (and magazines) desired, to check those sent in, and to make apportionment of those received to the various fields involved.

4. That all books and magazines be sent to Washington for processing and assigning.

5. That to provide a nucleus of new books for the libraries which will have to be replaced, the General Conference invite the publishing houses in North America to unite in donating sixteen sets of the regular denominational books published in this country, the expense to be borne on the ratio of the Review and Herald 2, the Pacific Press 2, and the Southern Publishing Association 1; and that they endeavor to assist in assembling back volumes of denominational periodicals.

6. That where the colleges and the Theological Seminary have duplicate volumes of useful books beyond their needs, they be invited to make these available to the Collecting Committee.

MARY SACHS--SPONSORSHIP:

In view of the circumstances as reported in correspondence from the Southern African Division, it was

VOTED, That we approve of Miss Mary Sachs coming to the United States to labor for a time, so that she may have opportunity to attend to matters of citizenship.

VOTED, That we authorize the sponsorship required by the United States Government on behalf of Miss Mary Sachs, in connection with her application for entrance into the United States, and that E.D. Dick and Roger Altman be named as sponsors to appear when a hearing is called in her case. Miss Sachs, who went to Africa from Esthonia some seven or eight years ago, has been laboring in Uganda.

GEORGE CASEBEER--RELEASED:

VOTED, That in view of the recent break in his health, George Casebeer be released from the appointment to Colombia.

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FRANCES STODDARD--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Frances Stoddard be released from the call to the Bethel Training School in South Africa.

OBED KLEIN--VENEZUELA:

VOTED, To request the Lake Union and the Michigan Conference to release Obed Klein, to connect with the Inter-American Division, to serve as superintendent of the Venezuela Mission.

M.E. MOORE--ANGOLA UNION:

VOTED, To request the Southern Union and the Carolina Conference to release M.E. Moore, to connect with the Southern African Division, as departmental secretary for the Angola Union Mission.

LILLIAN LARSEN--JAMAICA:

VOTED, To request the Central Union Conference and Union College Academy to release Miss Lillian Larsen, to connect with the Inter-American Division, in response to the call for a mathematics and science teacher for the West Indian Training School, at Mandeville, Jamaica.

DANIEL AUGSBURGER--COLLONGES SCHOOL:

VOTED, To pass on to Daniel Augsburger, of Emmanuel Missionary College, the call from the Southern European Division to return to connect with the faculty of the Collonges School.

WARREN BECKER--PACIFIC UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union Conference and Walla Walla College the call to connect with the Pacific Union Conference, for teaching service in one of the colleges of the union.

PEARL CANTWELL--NORTHERN CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and the Oregon Conference the call from the Pacific Union to connect with the Northern California Conference office for stenographic work.

Z.H. COBERLY--CENTRAL CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to Z.H. Coberly, returned from the China Division, the call from the Pacific Union to connect with the work in the Central California Conference.

G.B. NELSON--WALLA WALLA SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference and

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the Glendale Sanitarium the call from the North Pacific Union for G.B.Nelson to connect with the Walla Walla Sanitarium as business manager.

H.F.HALENZ--WALLA WALLA COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union Conference and Emmanuel Missionary College the call from the North Pacific Union for H.F.Halenz to connect with Walla Walla College as head of the Chemistry Department.

WILBUR WEAVER--AUBURN ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the Potomac Conference the call from the North Pacific Union for Wilbur Weaver, of Shenandoah Valley Academy, to connect with Auburn Academy as Bible teacher.

F.W.SCHNEPPER--NORTH DAKOTA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference and Pacific Union College the call from the Northern Union for F.W. Schnepfer to take the presidency of the North Dakota Conference.

DR. AND MRS. T.R.LARIMORE--ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union Conference and Emmanuel Missionary College the call from the Atlantic Union for Dr. and Mrs. T.R.Larimore to connect with Atlantic Union College, Dr. Larimore as head of the Department of Business Administration, Mrs. Larimore's work to be determined later.

PAUL QUIMBY--ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference and Pacific Union College the call from the Atlantic Union for Paul Quimby to connect with Atlantic Union College as Professor of Religion.

LILLIAN MORATTI--GREATER NEW YORK:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the East Pennsylvania Conference the call from the Atlantic Union for Miss Lillian Moratti to connect with the Greater New York Conference for Bible work among the Italian people.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, That a representative of the Educational Department be authorized to attend the Nurses' Workshop at Union College, June 13-27(not necessarily the same person throughout).

VOTED, That H.M.Blunden be authorized to meet with the Temple Church in New York, Sabbath, May 12.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.
T.J.Michael, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

April 30, 1945

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J L McElhany, W H Branson, T J Michael, E D Dick, H T Elliott, H H Cobban, J F Cummins, Dr H M Walton, J J Ireland, W A Butler, L L Moffitt, H W Barrows, N F Brewer, S A Wellman, E E Andross, R G Strickland, E W Dunbar, H A Morrison, C L Bond, W P Bradley, R Ruhling, C S Longacre, A W Peterson, J E Weaver, Miss Winifred McCormack, W A Scharffenberg, W E Phillips, H M Blunden, R A Anderson, W K Ising, D E Rebok, M E Kern, C B Haynes

OTHERS PRESENT:

D E Robinson, J R Ferren.

Prayer by D.E.Rebok. Minutes of meetings held April 17, 19 and 23 were approved.

DEATH OF MRS. B.MILLER:

Word was received of the death of Mrs. B. Miller, at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, last Friday evening, April 27. Sister Miller spent approximately thirty-two years as a missionary in China, returning home only when the war situation made it dangerous to remain longer at her post. She will be mourned by many in China who came to love her through her long service among them.

VOTED, That the Secretary be asked to extend to Sister Miller's nieces, Mrs. H.W. Miller and Mrs. Frederick Lee, and to other relatives, an expression of our sincere sympathy with them in this bereavement.

DEATH OF G.B.WALKER:

Announcement was made of the death of G.B. Walker, at his home in Takoma Park, Sabbath morning, April 28. Brother Walker was the first custodian of our General Conference office building and grounds, until advancing age and failing health compelled him to relinquish the task to other hands. He was highly honored by those who knew him for his integrity and faithfulness in connection with the service which he rendered.

VOTED, That the Secretary be asked to convey to Mrs. Walker, and to the son, Goldsborough Walker, an expression of our deep sympathy with them in their sorrow.

DATES OF SPECIAL MEETINGS:

VOTED, That the date for the meeting of the Committee on Rehabilitation of our Publishing Work, be July 10-12, in Takoma Park.

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VOTED, That a meeting be called in Takoma Park, July 16 to 18, to give study to Medical and Sanitarium problems, and that representatives be invited to attend this meeting, as follows: the chairmen of the sanitarium boards, and the medical directors and business managers of the sanitariums.

L. EDMONDS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That we authorize the permanent return of L. Edmonds from West Africa to England, on account of the serious health condition of Mrs. Edmonds.

THEDA EBERT--NORTHERN CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union and the Oklahoma Conference the call from the Pacific Union for Miss Theda Ebert to connect with the Northern California Conference office for secretarial work.

Z.H. COBERLY--MAPLEWOOD ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and the Central California Conference the call from the Northern Union for Z.H. Coberly to connect with Maplewood Academy as superintendent of the print shop.

MR. AND MRS. T.R. LARIMORE--PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union Conference and Emmanuel Missionary College the call from the Pacific Union for Mr. and Mrs. T.R. Larimore to connect with the faculty of Pacific Union College.

JOHN DEAN--LA SIERRA COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the College of Medical Evangelists the call from the Pacific Union for John Dean, of the White Memorial Hospital, to connect with La Sierra College, for work in the Grounds and Garden Department.

ALEX STEINERT--SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and the Oregon Conference the call from the Pacific Union for Alex Steinert, to connect with the Southeastern California Conference as principal of the grade school at the Loma Linda Academy.

MR. AND MRS. IRAD LEVERING--ILLINOIS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the West Pennsylvania Conference the call from the Lake Union for Mr. and Mrs. Irad Levering, of Pittsburgh, to connect with the Illinois Conference as church school teachers.

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

J.E.Weaver, Canadian Union, May 9 to June 10.

L.K.Dickson, commencement address at Southwestern Junior College, May 20.

H.A.Morrison and W.H.Teesdale, meeting of Missouri Academy Commission, Kansas City, June 18.

ALASKA--SCHOOL BUILDING:

Request was presented from the North Pacific Union on behalf of the Alaska Mission for approval of the erection of a two-room school building, with a small gymnasium, at Ketchikan, at a cost of \$6,500, of which \$5,500 is already provided, and assurance is given that the building will be completed without incurring any indebtedness.

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the school building at Ketchikan, Alaska, according to the plan as outlined.

RELIEF CLOTHING COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That C.R.French, the Home Missionary Secretary of the New Jersey Conference, be added to the New York Clothing Warehouse Committee.

DIVISION BOUNDARIES:

VOTED, That the Chair be asked to appoint a commission of nine, to give preliminary study to the question of future division boundaries, with the thought of having information available when this question comes before the General Conference session for decision.

Appointed: J.L.McElhany, E.D.Dick, T.J.Michael, W.G. Turner, W.H.Branson, W.E.Nelson, R.Ruhling, W.H.Williams, L.H. Christian.

ROYALTIES:

VOTED, That a representative committee be appointed, to give preliminary study to the question of royalties and the purchase of manuscripts, such committee to report to the coming General Conference session.

Appointed: J.L.McElhany, W.P.Elliott, G.H.Childs, H.C. Kephart, H.M.Blunden, C.B.Haynes, W.E.Nelson, W.A.Spicer, T.G. Bunch, E.D.Dick, M.E.Kern, M.L.Andreasen.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.
T.J.Michael, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.