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SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 2, 1946

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J L McElhany, W H Branson, E D Dick, H T Elliott, J I Robison, W P Bradley, W E Nelson, W H Williams, H H Cobban, E E Franklin, H A Morrison, J A Stevens, W K Ising, E W Dunbar, L Halswick, S A Wellman, L L Moffitt, A W Peterson, H M Blunden, H W Lowe (of the British Union), William McClements (of the West African Union), M L Andreasen, W H Teesdale, R A Anderson, C L Bond, L E Froom, Miss Winifred McCormack, Claude Conard, R Ruhling, G E Peters, W L Pascoe (of the Australasian Division), M E Kern, D E Rebok, F D Nichol, J R Ferren, Dr H M Walton, G A Huse, J J Ireland.

OTHERS PRESENT:

R L Benton, J M Howard (of England), Miss Lora Clement, A Varmer, A L White, Dr J W McFarland.

Prayer by H.W.Lowe. Minutes of the meetings of April 25 and 29 were approved.

CHRISTIAN RECORD--APARTMENT HOUSES:

Request was presented from the Central Union on behalf of the Christian Record Benevolent Association, for approval of the erection in College View of a court in two parallel units, with eight apartments in one unit and ten in the other. The estimated cost is \$35,000 to \$40,000, and the Christian Record has the funds in hand.

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the two apartment units in College View, as proposed by the Christian Record Benevolent Association.

BRITISH UNION--PURCHASE OF HOUSES:

A letter was read from the secretary-treasurer of the British Union Conference, telling of the great difficulty of securing rented quarters for their workers in any of the large cities where they may be called to labor, it being almost impossible to rent anything within working distance of the assignment. In some cases men are compelled to take houses eighteen and twenty miles from the place of their work. Counsel was desired as to the advisability of the Union purchasing houses in a number of cities, so as to have a house available for occupancy when an exchange of workers is made. The plan suggested

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is to make a down payment of twenty to twenty-five percent on the cost price, and secure the balance from a Building Society, with payment of the interest and principal over a period of years.

VOTED, That we approve of the purchase of a limited number of houses, in a few strategic centers, by the British Union on the plan as suggested, if they find this to be the only solution of their housing problem, it being understood that the funds will be available without borrowing for the down payment in each case.

COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS--APPROPRIATION:

VOTED, That from funds appropriated to the College of Medical Evangelists for the year 1945, we authorize them to place in their operating budget \$50,000 of the total amount granted.

J.A.SCHARFFENBERG AND C.J.McCLEARY--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That J.A.Scharffenberg and C.J.McCleary, who have been released from the Army Specialized Training Program, be placed under deferred appointment to the mission field, under the policy by which financial assistance is granted to junior and senior medical students who enter into contract with the General Conference for mission field service.

K.S.BROWN--INDIA:

VOTED, To invite K.S.Brown, graduating from Washington Missionary College this spring, to connect with the Southern Asia Division in response to the call for an evangelist for Travancore, India.

MISS FINSTAD--WEST AFRICAN UNION:

VOTED, To extend to Miss Finstad, of Norway, through the West Nordic Union, an invitation to connect with the West African Union Mission, to serve as stenographer in the union mission office.

L.R.DOWNING--GOLD COAST:

VOTED, To request the Southern Union and the Florida Conference to release L.R.Downing, of Forest Lake Academy, to connect with the West African Union Mission, in response to the call for a teacher for the Bekwai Training School, in the Gold Coast.

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WORKERS RELEASED FROM APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That the following workers be released from appointment to the mission field:

Ernesto Ferreira from the call to the Angola Union.

L.L.Dunn from the call to the Santo Domingo Mission.

ETHEL JOHNSON--SOUTH AFRICA:

VOTED, To request the North Pacific Union and the Oregon Conference to release Miss Ethel Johnson, to connect with the Southern African Division, as Normal Director for the Bethel Training School.

MR. AND MRS. E.L.GARDNER--WEST INDIAN TRAINING SCHOOL:

VOTED, To request the Central Union and the Nebraska Conference to release Mr. and Mrs. E.L.Gardner, to connect with the Inter-American Division, Mr. Gardner to serve as industrial man, and Mrs. Gardner as dean of women, for the West Indian Training College.

L.F.WOODS--UGANDA:

VOTED, To request the Lake Union and the Michigan Conference to release L.F.Woods, to connect with the Southern African Division, to serve as secretary-treasurer of the Uganda Mission.

FANNIE SPILLMAN--GLAND SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern African Division the call from the Southern European Division for Miss Fannie Spillman, now on furlough in the United States, to connect with the staff of the Gland Sanitarium.

RUTH MITCHELL--EMMANUEL MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference and Pacific Union College the call from the Lake Union for Miss Ruth Mitchell to connect with Emmanuel Missionary College, as Director of Health Service.

ETHEL HULL--WISCONSIN:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and the Georgia-Cumberland Conference the call from the Lake Union for Miss Ethel Hull to connect with the Wisconsin Conference as a Bible worker.

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JOHN SHULL--GEM STATE ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Michigan Conference the call from the North Pacific Union for John Shull of Cedar Lake Academy, to connect with the Gem State Academy, in Idaho, as principal.

MILDRED MARTIN--OHIO:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union Conference and Emmanuel Missionary College the call from the Columbia Union for Miss Mildred Martin, to connect with the Ohio Conference, to teach the seventh and eighth grades in the Mt. Vernon church school.

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

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

J L McElhany, H T Elliott, E D Dick, J I Robison, W P Bradley, W E Nelson, W H Williams, H H Cobban, Roger Altman, J A Stevens, Dr H M Walton, J J Ireland, W K Ising, L L Moffitt, M L Andreasen, R Ruhling, A W Peterson, Miss Winifred McCormack, G A Huse, H W Barrows, F H Robbins, H M Blunden, Claude Conard, C L Bond, E W Dunbar, L Halswick, F D Nichol, W A Butler, W H Teesdale, M E Kern.

OTHERS PRESENT:

A L White, Otto Schuberth, R L Benton, Dr J W McFarland, Miss Lora Clement.

Prayer by F.H. Robbins.

OAKWOOD AND RIVERSIDE--COMPTROLLER:

VOTED, On nomination by the committee appointed in the meeting of April 23, to recommend to the boards of Oakwood College and the Riverside Sanitarium, that Charles Franz be secured to serve as comptroller of the two institutions.

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E. MAGI--SEMINARY:

VOTED, That on his request, E. Magi, recently arrived from Europe and expecting to connect with the work in the Greater New York Conference, be authorized to attend the summer term at the Theological Seminary.

VERNON SMITH--BOULDER SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference and the Glendale Sanitarium the call from the Central Union for Vernon Smith to connect with the Boulder Sanitarium, to care for the grounds of the institution.

E. C. BANKS--CALLS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Illinois Conference calls for E. C. Banks as follows: from the Central Union, to connect with the Nebraska Conference as pastor of the Omaha Memorial Church; and from the Southern Union, to connect with Southern Missionary College, as teacher in the academic field in the Department of Theology.

R. L. WINDERS--NEBRASKA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and the Carolina Conference the call from the Central Union for R. L. Winders to connect with the Nebraska Conference as district leader and evangelist.

MABEL MADSEN--GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union and the Iowa Conference the call from the Southern Union for Miss Mabel Madsen to connect with the Georgia-Cumberland Conference as a church school teacher.

MERIE CAMPBELL--MINNESOTA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and the Missouri Conference the call from the Northern Union for Miss Merie Campbell to connect with the Minnesota Conference as a church school teacher.

LUCY MAY DEPAS--OKLAHOMA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Illinois Conference the call from the Southwestern Union for Miss Lucy May Depas to connect with the Oklahoma Conference, to teach in the Cherokee mission school at Stillwell.

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E.NEY--LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

VOTED, That E.Ney, who has been teaching the Russian language class at the Theological Seminary, be granted a leave of absence from October, 1946, until June of 1947, to pursue work in New York on his doctorate degree.

LITERATURE FOR REFUGEES AND WAR PRISONERS:

VOTED, That \$1500 be taken from the Servicemen's Library Fund and added to the \$1000 already appropriated to supplement the \$1000 from the Bureau of Home Missions, to provide literature for distribution to refugees and war prisoners.

PAUL MISENKO--RELEASED:

VOTED, That on his request, Paul Misenko be released from the appointment to Europe.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

Voted, That G.E.Peters be authorized to meet appointments in Charleston and Huntington, West Virginia, May 25.

VOTED, That R.L.Benton be authorized to meet appointments in Kansas City.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION

REPORTING AND STENOGRAPHIC STAFFS:

VOTED, That for the Sabbath services at the General Conference session, there be added to the reporting staff, Katie Farney, Hazel Shadel, Thelma Wellman, Edna Edeburn; and that there be added to the general stenographic staff for the session, Ingrid Beaulieu and Mary Ogle.

REST HAVEN SANITARIUM--PURCHASE OF HOUSE:

Request was presented from the Canadian Union on behalf of the Rest Haven Sanitarium for approval of the purchase of a six room house near the Sanitarium, at a cost of \$5,500, the Sanitarium having the necessary funds in hand.

VOTED, That we approve of the purchase of the house as proposed by the Rest Haven Sanitarium, to provide living quarters for Sanitarium workers.

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MANITOBA-SASKATCHEWAN--PURCHASE OF HOUSE:

Request was presented from the Canadian Union on behalf of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference, for approval of the purchase of a property in the city of Saskatoon, to accommodate the families of two departmental workers. The cost is \$5,700, and the conference has the funds in hand.

VOTED, That we approve of the purchase of the proposed piece of property in Saskatoon, to provide housing for workers in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference.

REQUEST FROM ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE:

Request was presented from the Allegheny Conference for an emergency appropriation from the General Conference, for the purchase of tents and equipment, so that they may begin this summer to hold evangelistic efforts in the large cities of the conference.

VOTED, That the Chair be asked to appoint a committee to take this request under consideration.

Committee appointed: W.E.Nelson, E.D.Dick, W.H.Williams, H.T.Elliott, H.F.Blunden, Claude Conard, J.A.Stevens.

SUBVERSIVE AND DECEPTIVE LITERATURE:

VOTED, That the Chair be asked to appoint a committee to prepare a statement, for submission to the General Conference in session, with reference to warning our people against subversive and deceptive literature that is often circulated among them by apostates from the church, who in some cases claim to be Seventh-day Adventists in good standing.

Committee appointed: M.E.Kern, F.D.Nichol, D.E. Robinson.

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

SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

J L McElhany, W H Branson, L H Christian, E D Dick, H T Elliott, T J Michael, J I Robison, W P Bradley, W E Nelson, W H Williams, H H Cobban, Roger Altman, J F Cummins, A L Ham and A F Tarr (of the Southern Asia Division), J A Stevens, C L Bond, J J Ireland, R Ruhling, S A Wellman, L L Moffitt, W A Butler, L Halswick, W H Teesdale, H A Morrison, H M Blunden, M C Taft, W K Ising, E W Dunbar, M L Andreasen, E E Franklin, C B Haynes, Dr H M Walton, A W Peterson, Miss Winifred McCormack, G A Huse, H W Barrows, H H Votaw, G E Peters, F D Nichol, Claude Conard, D E Rebok.

Prayer by A.L.Ham. Minutes of the meetings of May 2 and 6 were approved.

REHABILITATION ALLOWANCES:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Rehabilitation Committee, that allowances be made from the Rehabilitation Fund to the following workers, to apply on losses suffered through the war:

A.G. Rodgers	\$1013.20.
L.C. Wilcox	137.28

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--REPORTING STAFF:

VOTED, That Chester Rogers be added to the reporting staff for the Sabbath meetings, at the General Conference session.

REQUEST OF ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE:

The committee that was appointed to give consideration to the request of the Allegheny Conference for a special appropriation of \$60,000 for camp and evangelistic equipment, submitted the following recommendation, which was adopted:

While appreciating the courageous way in which the Allegheny Conference has faced its problems, and while feeling sympathetic toward its needs, yet inasmuch as our policy requires that requests for appropriations of this character be considered at the time of the Autumn Council, therefore

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We recommend, That the request for an appropriation to the Allegheny Conference be referred to the Autumn Council of 1946.

CHINA DIVISION--\$25,000 FAMINE RELIEF:

VOTED, That an additional \$25,000 be sent to the China Division from the Famine Relief Fund, for the purchase of food for our believers in the famine areas of China.

ELIZABETH HUDAK--FLORIDA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the New Jersey Conference the call from the Southern Union for Elizabeth Hudak to connect with the Florida Conference as a church school teacher.

VERA LESTER--SHEYENNE RIVER ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and the Florida Conference the call from the Northern Union for Miss Vera Lester, of Forest Lake Academy, to connect with the Sheyenne River Academy in North Dakota, to teach piano.

ROSE BUDD--SHENEYVE RIVER ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and the Idaho Conference the call from the Northern Union for Miss Rose Budd to connect with the Sheyenne River Academy as dean of girls.

ANITA BRITTON--TAKOMA ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union Conference and Atlantic Union College the call from the Columbia Union for Miss Anita Britton to connect with the Takoma Academy for part time teaching and to assist in the administrative offices.

LENNART OHMAN--CANADIAN UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the British Union Conference the call for Lennart Ohman, of England, to connect with the work in the Canadian Union.

R. RUHLING--APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That R. Ruhling be authorized to meet appointments in Windsor and Chatham, Ontario, May 17-20.

DR. M.B. RUDISAILE--CHINA:

VOTED, To invite Dr. M.B. Rudisaile, of Missouri, to connect with the China Division as a self-supporting dentist.

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JAMES LEE--CHANGE IN APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That in harmony with his expressed desire, the appointment of James Lee to the Far Eastern Division be changed from the Philippines to Korea.

WORKERS RELEASED FROM APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That since the way is not clear for them to accept, the following workers be released from appointment to the mission field:

J.D.Hayward, M.D., from the appointment to Singapore.

J.C.Gaiten from the call to East Africa.

Miss Alice Holst from the call to the West Indian Training College.

Eric Zins from the call to Nyasaland.

Evelyn Ryder from the call to the Medellin school.

M.W.Fowler, M.D., from the call to the Chulumani Hospital, Bolivia, South America.

A.W.ANDERSON--RELEASED:

VOTED, That on account of his condition of health, A.W.Anderson be released from the Arabic language class.

B. FAERNSTROM--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That B.Faernstrom, of the Middle East Union Mission, be granted an extension of eight and a half months on his furlough, to enable him to complete a course in physiotherapy at Loma Linda.

RUTH TOBIASEEN--ZAMBESI UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the West Nordic Union the call for Miss Ruth Tobiasen, of the Skodsborg Sanitarium, to connect with the Southern African Division, for nursing service in the Zambesi Union Mission.

ROBERT HASSO MILLER--MOSUL SCHOOL:

VOTED, To invite Robert Hasso Miller, student at Washington Missionary College, to connect with the Middle East Union Mission, to serve as head of the Mosul school, in Iraq. (While

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Brother Miller grew up in Iraq, yet he is an American citizen by birth, and therefore this appointment is on the regular foreign missionary basis.)

J. PAUL SUNDQUIST--CONGO UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the East Nordic Union the call for J. Paul Sundquist to connect with the Southern African Division, to serve as departmental secretary for the Congo Union Mission.

B. W. MATTISON--RUANDA-URUNDI:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and the Northern California Conference to release B. W. Mattison to connect with the Southern African Division as superintendent of the Ruanda-Urundi Mission.

LAURETTA FICKESS--SANTA CLARA SCHOOL:

VOTED, To request the Northern Union and the Idaho Conference to release Miss Lauretta Fickess, of the Gem State Academy, to connect with the Inter-American Division, to serve as preceptress of the Santa Clara school in Cuba.

W. W. STILES, M. D.--CHULUMANI HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To invite W. W. Stiles, M. D., of New Mexico, to return to the South American Division, for service with the Chulumani Hospital, in Bolivia.

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

SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 13, 1946

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J L McElhany, W H Branson, H T Elliott, E D Dick, T J Michael, J I Robison, W P Bradley, W E Nelson, H H Cobban, Roger Altman, Dr H M Walton, J J Ireland, C B Haynes, L Halswick, L L Moffitt, L E Froom, S A Wellman, E W Dunbar, R A Anderson, Miss Louise Kleuser, C S Longacre, E E Franklin, H M Blunden, N F Brewer, G J Appel, R S Watts, H W Barrows, G A Huse, C L Bond, H A Morrison, W H Teesdale, H H Votaw, Miss Winifred McCormack, W A Scharffenberg, F D Nichol, W E Phillips, M E Kern, F H Robbins, G E Peters, J E Weaver, J R Ferren, W P Elliott, M L Andreasen, D E Rebok, J A Stevens, A W Peterson, W K Ising, Claude Conard, E W Pohiman (of the Southern Asia Division).

OTHERS PRESENT:

C A Coon, A L White, F H Yost, H J Detwiler, Dr J W McFarland, R L Benton, B P Hoffman, B M Heald.

Prayer by C.S.Longacre.

REQUEST FROM SEMINARY BOARD:

Some consideration was given to a request from the Theological Seminary Board, that in connection with the plans for providing a church building to care for the enlarged membership of the Takoma Park church, the present church building be made available to the Seminary for use of the Department of Practical Theology. In view of the desirability of a full discussion of all aspects of the question, it was agreed that it be made the first order of business in the meeting of the Committee Thursday morning, beginning at nine o'clock.

ALICE SMITH--NEW ENGLAND SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and the Washington Conference the call from the Atlantic Union for Miss Alice Smith, of Auburn Academy, to connect with the New England Sanitarium as anesthetist.

C.D.CHRISTENSEN--SUNNYDALE ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to C.D.Christensen, returned from South America, the call from the Central Union, to connect with Sunnysdale Academy, in Missouri, to teach Bible and Spanish.

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JOHN HICKMAN--ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and the Nebraska Conference the call from the Southwestern Union for John Hickman to connect with the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

IRENE BOWES--WISCONSIN:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union and the Iowa Conference the call from the Lake Union for Miss Irene Bowes to connect with the Wisconsin Conference as stenographer in the conference office.

LEOTA GIBSON--MT. VERNON ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union and the Minnesota Conference the call from the Columbia Union for Miss Leota Gibson, of Maplewood Academy, to connect with Mt. Vernon Academy, in Ohio, as matron.

VELMA WALLACE--LOMA LINDA SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and the Southern California Conference the call from the College of Medical Evangelists, for Miss Velma Wallace, of the Loma Linda Academy, to connect with the Loma Linda Sanitarium as preceptress in the nurses' dormitory.

CLARKE WILLISON--CANADIAN UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Indiana Conference the call from the Canadian Union for Clarke Willison, of Indiana Academy, to connect with Canadian Union College as assistant to the president in business lines.

S.K.GERNETT--PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union Conference and Walla Walla College the call from the Pacific Union for S.K.Gernett to connect with Pacific Union College as instructor in Piano.

ELIZABETH COWDRICK--LA SIERRA COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union Conference and Union College the call from the Pacific Union for Elizabeth Cowdrick to connect with La Sierra College as assistant to the dean of women.

ELIZABETH SAUNDERS--LOMA LINDA ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the New York Conference the call from the Pacific Union for Elizabeth Saunders, of Union Springs Academy, to connect with Loma Linda

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Academy, to teach Piano.

W.S.JESKE--MANITOBA-SASKATCHEWAN:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and the Colorado Conference the call from the Canadian Union for W.S.Jesske to connect with the work in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference.

LEROY BOWMAN--REVIEW AND HERALD:

VOTED, To pass on to the Washington Sanitarium Board the call from the Review and Herald Board for Leroy Bowman to connect with the Review and Herald, for work in the Maintenance Department and in the boiler room.

D.C.MARCUS--EAST PENNSYLVANIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union and the Texico Conference the call from the Columbia Union for D.C. Marcus to connect with the East Pennsylvania Conference as pastor-evangelist.

F.W.WERNICK--EAST PENNSYLVANIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union and the North Dakota Conference the call from the Columbia Union for F.W. Wernick to connect with the East Pennsylvania Conference as pastor-evangelist.

MRS. D.G.HILTS--SEMINARY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union Conference and Atlantic Union College the request from the Board of the Theological Seminary, for the services of Mrs. D.G.Hilts as teacher of speech during the summer quarter at the Seminary.

E.BETHMANN--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, To extend the sponsorship and financial guarantees required by the Government on behalf of E.Bethmann, in connection with his application for visa to the United States. Brother Bethman is one of the missionaries from the Middle East who has been interned in India during the war.

MRS. KINZER AND MRS. LARRABEE--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That we authorize the permanent return of Mrs. N.H.Kinzer and Mrs. H.M.Larrabee from the Inter-American Division.

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KENNETH OSTER--IRAN:

VOTED, That Kenneth Oster, member of the Arabic language class at the Seminary, be definitely appointed to connect with the Middle East Union, for work in Iran.

M.C.TAFT--NICARAGUA:

VOTED, That M.C.Taft be authorized to visit Nicaragua, in connection with the trip to Guatemala.

E.E.FRANKLIN--MILWAUKEE:

VOTED, That E.E.Franklin be authorized to meet appointments in Milwaukee, May 17-20, in connection with other appointments in the Lake Union.

SANITARIUM PROJECT IN NORWAY:

A committee that was appointed to study the advisability of the establishment of a sanitarium in Norway, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, For many years the brethren in Norway have been very desirous of establishing a stronger medical work in that country that is already health conscious and favorable to the sanitarium idea,

We recommend, 1. That conference funds already appropriated and money for the same purpose collected from the public in Norway, be used in the establishment of such an institution.

2. That in connection with this sanitarium project, a clinic for Polio cases be established, with facilities for modern treatment, including hydrotherapy.

3. That in the development of these plans the brethren in Norway seek counsel from the West Nordic Union, the Northern European Division, and the General Conference, and that in the establishment of the institution the general policy of the denomination be adhered to, in that no commitments be made or buildings erected except as funds are in hand.

FOREST LAKE ACADEMY--ADMINISTRATION BUILDING:

Request was presented from the Southern Union on behalf of the Florida Conference for approval of the erection of an administration building at Forest Lake Academy, at a cost

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of \$50,000, including furnishings. Inasmuch as assurance is given that the Florida Conference has funds sufficient to cover the financing of the project without incurring any indebtedness, it was

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the proposed administration building at Forest Lake Academy.

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

H.T. Elliott, Secretary.
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

SIX HUNDRED EIGHTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

J L McElhany, W H Branson, L H Christian, E D Dick, H T Elliott, T J Michael, J I Robison, W P Bradley, W E Nelson, W H Williams, H H Cobban, J F Cummins, Roger Altman, W E Phillips, G A Huse, J J Ireland, C S Longacre, J A Stevens, A L Ham, A F Tarr, W McClements, F Brennwald, N F Brewer, R S Watts, G J Appel, H A Morrison, L L Moffitt, C L Bond, H W Barrows, W K Ising, M E Kern, Miss Louise Kleuser, W A Scharffenberg, Claude Conard, M C Taft, J E Weaver, F D Nichol, G E Peters, Dr H M Walton, J R Ferren, M L Andreassen, L Halswick, W E Read, W P Elliott, F H Robbins, D E Rebok, H M Blunden, R A Anderson, L E Froom, H H Votaw, A W Peterson, C B Haynes, R Ruhling, E W Dunbar.

OTHERS PRESENT:

B P Hoffman, C A Coon, C J Jensen, H J Detwiler, J L Shuler, D E Robinson, A L White, L H Wood, Miss Lora Clement, L W Graham, H J Shaw, F H Loasby, R L Benton, Dr J W McFarland, E Bjaanaes, Ole Jordahl, Sabye Larsen, L J Stene.

Prayer by L.H. Christian. Minutes of the meeting of May 9 were approved.

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REQUEST OF SEMINARY BOARD FOR
TAKOMA PARK CHURCH BUILDING:

As agreed upon in the meeting of the Committee on Monday, the early part of this meeting was devoted to a further consideration of the request of the Theological Seminary Board, that the present Takoma Park church building be made available to the Seminary for use of the Department of Practical Theology.

The situation as regards the need for a larger church building for what is known as the Takoma Park Church congregation was reviewed, as well as the need of the Seminary for a building for their use as suggested. Statement was made that a building large enough to accommodate the congregation can be built on the present church lot, and the general feeling was that with that in view it would be better to transfer the present building to the Seminary as requested, if it can be moved to another location, rather than to tear it down in order to make way for the new structure. After a full discussion of the question, it was

VOTED, That it is the consensus of this body that there should be provided enlarged church facilities for the Takoma Park Church by the erection of a new building on the present church site; and further, that the present building should be offered to the Theological Seminary, in harmony with their request.

HIGHLAND ACADEMY--DORMITORY:

Request was presented from the Southern Union on behalf of the Alabama-Mississippi and Kentucky-Tennessee Conferences, for approval of the erection of a dormitory for the Highland Academy (formerly Fountain Head Academy), at an estimated cost of \$60,000. They have funds on hand to the amount of \$47,550, with which it is estimated they can complete the building to the point where it can be used for the opening of school in the fall, and they give assurance that they will go no farther until the balance is secured.

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the proposed dormitory for the Highland Academy, with the understanding that the funds in hand are sufficient to make the building usable, and that further work will proceed only as the remaining funds necessary are in hand.

RIVERSIDE SANITARIUM--OFFERING FOR EQUIPMENT:

VOTED, That Sabbath, October 5, be designaged as the day for an offering to be taken in all the colored churches in North America, ending the campaign among the colored constituency to raise \$60,000 for equipment for the Riverside Sanitarium.

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FAMINE RELIEF:

A report from the Famine Relief Committee was presented, and adopted as follows:

We recommend, 1. That Rye Anderson, of Denmark, be asked to assist J.J.Strahle temporarily in relief work in Poland and elsewhere, operating from Denmark.

2. That David Rose and J.F.Knipschild, German language students, be assigned to help in relief work in Switzerland and nearby countries, under the general direction of J.J.Aitken; and that F.W.Bieber, German language student, be assigned for relief work in the British occupation zone of Germany, under the general direction of J.J.Strahle.

3. That request be made of the Columbia Union and the East Pennsylvania Conference for the temporary services of G.F.Thiess, for general relief work in Czechoslovakia.

SALARY AND EXPENSES OF FAMINE RELIEF WORKERS:

VOTED, That the salaries of the German language students who have been assigned to famine relief work be met as heretofore from the Missions Advance Fund which was set up at the Autumn Council; and that their traveling and other expenses as well as the salary and expenses of other workers aside from the German language students, who are assigned to this relief work, be charged to the Famine Relief Fund.

SPONSORSHIPS FOR ALIEN STUDENTS:

VOTED, That H.A.Morrison, Roger Altman, the chairmen of the college boards, the college presidents, and the secretary and treasurer of the General Conference be a committee to give study at the time of the General Conference session to the question of sponsorships for alien young people who apply to our colleges in America for acceptance as students.

T.T.BABIENCO--BALTIC STATES:

VOTED, That endeavor be made to secure permission for T.T.Babienco to enter the Baltic States in order to contact our work, workers and people in those fields, the Atlantic Union and the Greater New York Conference being requested to grant him a leave of absence for this purpose if such permission is obtained; and that in the meantime Brother Babienco be asked to come to Washington, for counsel especially with reference to our property interests in Poland.

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REHABILITATION:

A committee that was appointed to give study to special rehabilitation requests, and to suggest a policy to be presented to the General Conference session for the handling of the rehabilitation funds, submitted a report, which was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The funds raised for rehabilitation are not provided for the enlargement of our institutions and staffs, but are for the purpose of repairing material damage and to aid in the transportation of evacuated workers so that we may resume our former operations,

We recommend, 1. That the General Conference officers be asked to formulate a general policy for the administration of the Rehabilitation Fund, and to recommend it to the General Conference session.

2. That contact be made with all division presidents and treasurers, asking them to submit detailed figures covering rehabilitation needs.

3. That no further appropriations, except in cases of immediate emergency, be made from the Rehabilitation Fund until this policy is put into effect.

4. That the expenditure of funds already appropriated from the Rehabilitation Fund be suspended, except as provided in paragraph 3, until the policy has been implemented.

To meet the present emergency,

We recommend, That \$8,000 be appropriated to the West Nordic Union for a church building at Tromso, Norway. This sum, together with \$15,000 which has been raised in the field, will provide for the erection of a new church building.

The headquarters of the North Norway Conference is located in Tromso. The buildings formerly occupied by the officers of this conference have been destroyed by bombing and there is little possibility of renting any suitable place for these workers. We therefore

Recommend, That an appropriation of \$11,000 be made to the West Nordic Union for the erection of two housing units in Tromso.

We recommend, That the requests for the Vejle fjord school in Denmark, and for the West Nordic Union school at Unruh, be referred to the Autumn Council.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--ARRANGEMENTS:

Sabbath Collections:

VOTED, 1. That all the Sabbath school offering at the session be credited to the Potomac Conference.

2. That the offering at the first Sabbath service of the session be considered as the regular Second Sabbath Mission Offering, and that it be credited directly to the General Conference.

3. That envelopes be provided for the Sabbath service offering on June 15, and that the mission offering be divided among the conferences as indicated on the envelopes.

4. That H.H. Cobban be requested to arrange for the necessary envelopes.

Stenographic Staff:

VOTED, That Miss Leila Fred Ballard be added to the stenographic staff for the session.

Moving Equipment:

VOTED, That H.R. Dixon be asked to oversee the moving of desks, typewriters and other equipment needed during the session, from the General Conference Building to the Sligo Church and College buildings where it will be needed, and its return to the General Conference Building.

Platform Committee for Overflow Meetings:

VOTED, That W.P. Bradley, L.L. Moffitt, R.A. Anderson, R.S. Watts and J.E. Weaver be a committee to serve in the nature of a platform committee for the overflow audiences in the Chapel below the main auditorium in the church, and in Columbia Hall.

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY--BASIC LIBRARY:

Further recommendations with reference to the Basic Spirit of Prophecy Library were adopted as follows:

1. That in the European languages Early Writings be added to the Basic Library list as adopted at the Autumn Council of 1945.

2. That the educational volume be the book Education.

3. That Christian Service be added to the Basic Spirit of Prophecy Library volumes.

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ROBERT REIGER--KANSAS CITY JUNIOR ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and the Arizona Conference the call from the Central Union for Robert Reiger to become principal of the Kansas City, Missouri, Junior Academy.

MR. AND MRS. ALVIN BARTLETT--INDIANA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union and the Iowa Conference the call from the Lake Union for Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bartlett to connect with the Indiana Conference, Mr. Bartlett as principal, and Mrs. Bartlett as teacher of a church school.

DYRE DYRESON--MINNESOTA:

VOTED, To pass on to Dyre Dyreson the call from the Northern Union to connect with the work in the Minnesota Conference.

MARGARET WEAVER--FRESNO UNION ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to Miss Margaret Weaver, of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, the call from the Pacific Union and the Central California Conference, to connect with the faculty of the Fresno Union Academy.

MARTHA JOHNSON--GLENDALE SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union Conference and Emmanuel Missionary College the call from the Pacific Union for Miss Martha Johnson to connect with the Glendale Sanitarium as head of the Women's Hydrotherapy Department.

A.N.ANDERSON--APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That A.N.Anderson, returned from the Far Eastern Division, be authorized to meet appointments in South Lancaster, Massachusetts.

W.E.GILLIS AND H.M.J.RICHARDS--CREDENTIALS:

VOTED, That ministerial credentials be granted to W.E. Gillis and H.M.J.Richards, of the Voice of Prophecy office.

WORKERS RELEASED FROM APPOINTMENTS:

VOTED, That since the way is not clear for them to accept, the following workers be released from appointment to the mission field:

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Miss Finstad from the call to Nigeria, West Africa .

R.A.Wolcott from the call to Sierra Leone, West Africa.

J.E.Sandness, M.D., from the call to Bolivia, South America.

F.A.Wyman from the call to Burma.

R.H.Nightingale from the call to South Africa.

Lionel Roth, M.D., from the call to the Northeast Congo.

Martha Johnson from the call to the Jamaica Hospital.

S.R.Peterson from the call to Panama.

C.W.Smith from the call to British Guiana.

H.W.Wolcott from the call to the Buenos Aires Conference, in South America.

W.L.MAZART--PARAGUAY:

VOTED, To request the Southern Union and the Alabama-Mississippi Conference to release W.L.Mazart, to connect with the South American Division, in response to the call for an evangelist for Paraguay.

BLOOMA WOODARD--JAMAICA:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union Conference and the Paradise Valley Sanitarium to release Miss Blooma Woodard, to connect with the Inter-American Division, to serve as nurse in the hospital in Kingston, Jamaica.

DONALD B.SIMONS--SIERRA LEONE:

VOTED, To request the Southern Union and the South Central Conference to release Donald B.Simons, to connect with the West African Union for evangelistic work in Sierra Leone.

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

E.D.Dick, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 20, 1946

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J L McElhany, W H Branson, H T Elliott, E D Dick, T J Michael, J I Robison, W P Bradley, W E Nelson, W H Williams, H H Cobban, Roger Altman, A L Ham, G J Appel, A F Tarr, V T Armstrong, F Brennwald, R R Figuhr, E B Rudge, N F Brewer, J J Ireland, J A Stevens, L L Moffitt, Dr H M Walton, E W Dunbar, A W Peterson, R A Anderson, L E Froom, M L Andreasen, D E Rebok, H M Blunden, Claude Conard, H W Barrows, C B Haynes, S A Wellman, C S Longacre, W E Phillips, J E Weaver, H H Votaw, W A Butler, W K Ising, W A Scharffenberg, Miss Winifred McCormack, M E Kern, F D Nichol.

OTHERS PRESENT:

A L White, C H Mackett, Miss Lora Clement, Dr J W McFarland.

Prayer by G.J.Appel. Minutes of the meetings of May 13 and 16 were approved.

EDMUND PETERSON--NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and the Carolina Conference the call from the Atlantic Union for Edmund Peterson to connect with the Northern New England Conference for district and evangelistic work.

HELEN GUTHRIE--WEST PENNSYLVANIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union Conference and the New England Sanitarium the call from the Columbia Union for Helen Guthrie to connect with the West Pennsylvania Conference as a church school teacher.

C.D.CHRISTENSEN--WALLA WALLA COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to C.D.Christensen, returned from South America, the call from the North Pacific Union to connect with the Bible Department of Walla Walla College.

JANET MILLER--WALLA WALLA COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and the Southern California Conference the call from the North Pacific Union for Janet Miller, of Lynwood Academy, to connect with the Music Department of Walla Walla College.

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ANNETTE WAGNER--UPPER COLUMBIA ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and the Southern California Conference the call from the North Pacific Union for Annette Wagner, of the Glendale Academy, to connect with the Upper Columbia Academy as assistant matron and home economics teacher.

W.B.RIFFEL--UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to W.B.Riffel, returned from the Far Eastern Division, the call from the North Pacific Union to connect with the work in the Upper Columbia Conference.

IRVING A.FRIESEN--WASHINGTON SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union Conference and the Boulder Sanitarium the call from the Washington Sanitarium Board for Irving A.Friesen to connect with the Washington Sanitarium as pharmacist.

DR. JULIAN GANT--FLORIDA SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to Dr. Julian Gant, of Boston, the call from the Southern Union, to connect with the Florida Sanitarium as medical superintendent.

MARJORIE JONES--SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Illinois Conference the call from the Southern Union for Marjorie Jones, of Broadview Academy, to connect with Southern Missionary College to serve as dean of women.

DR. WALTON AND MISS BURNETT--RIVERSIDE SANITARIUM:

VOTED, That Dr. H.M.Walton and Miss Lois Burnett be authorized to meet an appointment at the Riverside Sanitarium May 28.

DISPLACED PERSONS FROM EUROPE:

Information was given that an organization known as the Church World Service, is endeavoring to care for the displaced persons from Europe who have been granted entrance to the United States, as they arrive in this country, and they are soliciting the cooperation of the churches that may have members among these people. It is expected that the first group of about 800 will arrive in New York in a few days. Inasmuch as we may have members in this group and others arriving later, it was

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VOTED, That assurance be given to the Church World Service that we will be responsible financially and in the way of seeking to find suitable locations, for any Seventh-day Adventist church members, who, as displaced persons from Europe, are aided by their organization as they arrive from Europe.

H.EELSING--ITINERARY:

VOTED, That an itinerary to the Pacific Coast, visiting our various institutions, be arranged for H.Eelsing, president of the Netherlands Union Conference, following the General Conference session.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY--\$1500:

VOTED, That a special gift of \$1500 be made to the American Bible Society on the occasion when the General Conference session is addressed by a representative of the Society.

COLORED CHURCH IN SEATTLE:

Request was presented from the North Pacific Union on behalf of the Washington Conference, for approval of the purchase of a church building for the colored church in Seattle, at a cost of \$17,000, the necessary funds being in hand.

VOTED, That we approve of the purchase of the church building, as proposed, for the colored congregation in Seattle.

ST. HELENA SANITARIUM:

Request was presented from the Pacific Union on behalf of the St. Helena Sanitarium for approval of the erection of a new hospital building, at an estimated cost of \$350,000. Satisfactory arrangements having been made for financing the project, it was

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the proposed new hospital building for the St. Helena Sanitarium.

SPANISH-AMERICAN SEMINARY:

VOTED, That a special appropriation of \$560 be made to the Spanish-American Seminary for this year, to assist in meeting the ten per cent salary increase to the workers connected with the institution.

R.L.OSBORNE--\$150 ON INDEBTEDNESS:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to make payment of \$150 on the indebtedness of R.L.Osborne, under appointment to Brazil, this amount to be canceled in harmony with the policy according to the length of service in the field.

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NORMA RHODES--\$150 ON INDEBTEDNESS:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to make payment of \$150 on the indebtedness of Miss Norma Rhodes, appointed to Helderberg College, this amount to be canceled according to the length of service in the field.

MAPLEWOOD ACADEMY--BUILDING PROJECTS:

Request was presented from the Northern Union on behalf of the Minnesota Conference, for approval of the erection of an industrial building at Maplewood Academy, at an estimated cost of \$25,000; and a housing court of six apartments to provide living quarters for their teachers, at a cost of \$20,000, the necessary funds being in hand.

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the proposed industrial building at Maplewood Academy, as well as the erection of the six-apartment housing unit.

SPAIN--RATE OF EXCHANGE:

VOTED, That the fixed rate of exchange for Spain, beginning as of January 1, 1946, be 9½ cents to the peseta.

MRS. F.T.YAP--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, To extend the sponsorship required by the Government on behalf of Mrs. F.T.Yap and her three children, of China, in connection with their application for visa to the United States. Mrs. Yap has been a teacher in our South China Training Institute. Brother Yap is at the present time in government work in Europe.

DEATH OF L.J.BURGESS:

Word was received of the death of Elder L.J.Burgess, on May 4, at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. Brother Burgess will be remembered as one of the pioneers of our work in India, to which field he and Sister Burgess gave many years of faithful and devoted service.

RESOLVED, That we hereby record our appreciation of the years of missionary service rendered to the cause of God by Elder L.J.Burgess, and that the secretary be asked to convey to Sister Burgess and other relatives an expression of our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of sorrow.

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

SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 23, 1946, 2:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W H Branson, L H Christian, E D Dick, H T Elliott, T J Michael, J I Robison, A W Cormack, W P Bradley, W E Nelson, W H Williams, E B Rudge, W G Turner, A H Adair, W L Pascoe, N F Brewer, G J Appel, V T Armstrong, R S Watts, Glenn Calkins, C L Torrey, H W Lowe, R R Figuhr, H O Olson, W R Beach, H M Blunden, Meade MacGuire, L E Froom, J A Stevens, J J Ireland, L L Moffitt, S A Wellman, W K Ising, W H Teesdale, R Ruhling, C S Longacre, L Halswick, J R Ferren, W A Butler, W A Scharffenberg, M E Kern, H W Barrows, R A Anderson, Paul Wickman, J E Weaver, G A Huse, E W Dunbar, A W Peterson, H H Votaw, L K Dickson, Dr H M Walton Claude Conard, C W Bozarth, Milton Robison, A L Ham, A F Tarr, A V Olson.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Otto Schuberth, Miss Lora Clement, A L White, D E Robinson.

Prayer by A.L.Ham. Minutes of the meeting of May 20 were approved.

B.C.J.HOWARD--SIERRA LEONE:

VOTED, To pass on to the British Union Conference the call for B.C.J.Howard, of England, to connect with the West African Union Mission, in response to the call for a teacher for Sierra Leone.

ELLA J.ESAU--SIERRA LEONE:

VOTED, To request the Southern Union and the Florida Conference to release Miss Ella J.Esau, to connect with the West African Union Mission, to serve as a girls' teacher in Sierra Leone.

ELVERA ECKERMAN--WEST NIGERIA:

VOTED, To request the Lake Union and the Michigan Conference to release Miss Elvera Eckerman, to connect with the West African Union Mission, to serve as a girls' teacher in West Nigeria, this appointment to be effective as from the first of June, 1947.

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MR. AND MRS. R.V.SANTINI--IFE HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To invite Mr. and Mrs. R.V.Santini, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, to connect with the West African Union Mission, in response to the call for a nurse couple for the Ife Hospital, in Nigeria.

B.L.HASSENPFUG--LAKE TITICACA MISSION:

VOTED, To request the North Pacific Union and the Oregon Conference to release B.L.Hassenpflug, to connect with the South American Division and the Inca Union, to serve as superintendent of the Lake Titicaca Mission.

EDWARD REBOK--DEFERRED APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Edward Rebok be placed under deferred appointment to China, under the policy by which financial assistance is granted to junior and senior medical students who enter into contract with the General Conference for mission field service.

B.C.CLARK--NORTHWEST CHINA:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and the Southeastern California Conference to release B.C.Clark, and that Brother Clark be invited to return to China, to serve as Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the Northwest China Union.

K.H.WOOD, Jr.--KIANGSU, CHINA:

VOTED, To request the Columbia Union and the Ohio Conference to release K.H.Wood, Jr., to connect with the China Division for evangelistic work in Kiangsu.

C.C.KROHN--SOUTH CHINA TRAINING INSTITUTE:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union Conference and La Sierra College to release C.C.Krohn, and that Brother Krohn be invited to return to China to serve as agricultural teacher in the South China Training Institute.

HELEN ANDERSON--CANTON, CHINA:

VOTED, To request the Washington Sanitarium Board to release Miss Helen Anderson, and that Miss Anderson be invited to return to China in response to the call for a nurse for Canton.

R.G.STRICKLAND--WEST CHINA:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union to release R.G.Strickland, of the Hawaiian Mission, to connect with the China

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Division, to serve as secretary-treasurer of the West China Union.

C.F.LARSEN--SOUTH CHINA:

VOTED, To invite C.F.Larsen, of the Atlanta Dental Home, to return to China, for service in the South China Union.

JOHN ANDERSON--NORTHEAST TRAINING SCHOOL:

VOTED, To invite John Anderson, graduate of Walla Walla College, to connect with the China Division, to serve as industrial and Bible teacher in the Northeast Training School, in Manchuria.

NELLIE FERREE--PHILIPPINE UNION COLLEGE:

VOTED, To request the Southern Union and Southern Missionary Conference to release Miss Nellie Ferree, to connect with the Far Eastern Division, in response to the call for a normal director for the Philippine Union College.

HELEN OIUM--CHINA:

VOTED, To request the North American Radio Commission to release Miss Helen Oium, of the Voice of Prophecy office, to connect with the China Division for secretarial work.

WORKERS RELEASED FROM APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That R.E.Bolton, M.D., be released from the call to China.

VOTED, That Miss Marjorie Schweder be released from the call to China.

MR. AND MRS. E.EDSTROM--FRENCH LANGUAGE STUDY:

VOTED, That Mr. and Mrs. E.Edstrom, of Oshawa, who are under appointment to the Belgian Congo, be authorized to take advantage of an intensive French language course, offered at Montreal, this authorization covering the expense for board, room, and tuition, and transportation to Montreal.

ETHEL JOHNSON--RELEASED:

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

J.J.EWING--CHILLAN TRAINING SCHOOL:

VOTED, To request the Inter-American Division to release J.J.Ewing, of the Mexican Training School, to connect

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with the South American Division, to serve as Bible teacher in the Chillan Training School, in Chile.

L.L.DUNN--CENTRAL AMERICAN UNION:

VOTED, To request the Lake Union and the Wisconsin Conference to release L.L.Dunn, to connect with the Inter-American Division, to serve as Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the Central American Union Mission.

DR. R.S.NEWBOLD--BELGIAN CONGO:

VOTED, To invite Dr. R.S.Newbold, of New York, to connect with the Southern African Division, for medical missionary service in the Belgian Congo, Dr. Newbold being authorized to take the course in tropical medicine at Tulane University before proceeding to the field, which it is understood will not be until some time next year.

H.A.MORRISON--APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That H.A.Morrison be authorized to meet an appointment in Atlanta, Georgia.

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE TEXT:

VOTED, That the Educational Department be authorized to arrange for the following named teachers to meet as a committee in Takoma Park, June 18 to August 23, to prepare Bible materials for the third and fourth grades, such as text book, work book, and teachers' manual:

Ivogene Elliston, of the Southwestern Union.
Eleanor Rue, North Pacific Union.
Mavis Smith, Pacific Union.
Verna Goodsite, Lake Union.
Vesta Webster, Southern Union.

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY LIBRARY--NEW NAME:

VOTED, That from henceforth that which has been termed the uniform Basic Spirit of Prophecy Library, be known as the Introductory Spirit of Prophecy Library.

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY LITERATURE RECOMMENDATIONS--AMENDMENT:

VOTED, That number nine of the recommendations on Spirit of Prophecy Literature, adopted in the meeting of this Committee on July 12, 1945, be amended to read as follows:

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"9. That the promotion committee devote its attention also to the production of the Spirit of prophecy subscription books, encouraging and aiding the division fields in the publication and distribution of the E.G.White subscription books, either in complete or abridged form."

INTRODUCTORY LIBRARY AND INITIAL EXPENSE COMMITTEES:

VOTED, That the functions and funds of the present committee that has been dealing with initial expense for E.G.White publications in foreign languages in overseas divisions, be transferred to the promotion committee of the Introductory Spirit of Prophecy Library.

PULASKI CHURCH BUILDING:

Request was presented from the Columbia Union on behalf of the Potomac Conference for approval of the erection of a church building for the church at Pulaski, Virginia, at an estimated cost of \$8,000. The Potomac Conference has agreed to underwrite any amount needed in addition to the funds the church has in hand in order to complete the building.

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the church building for the church at Pulaski, Virginia.

SAN FERNANDO CHURCH SCHOOL:

Request was presented from the Pacific Union on behalf of the Southern California Conference, for approval of the erection of a new building for the San Fernando church school, at an estimated cost of \$40,000 for the building, equipment and two school buses, the necessary funds being in hand.

VOTED, That we approve of the provisions made for a building and equipment for the San Fernando church school.

PORTLAND UNION ACADEMY:

Request was presented from the North Pacific Union for approval of the erection of a five-room addition to the Portland Union Academy, at an estimated cost of \$25,000, the necessary funds being in hand.

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the proposed addition to the Portland Union Academy.

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LOS ANGELES COLORED ACADEMY:

Request was presented from the Pacific Union on behalf of the Southern California Conference for approval of the erection of a new building for the Colored Academy in Los Angeles, at an estimated cost of \$175,000. The plan for financing the project is \$15,000 short, in addition to \$20,000 which they are requesting from the General Conference, but inasmuch as they can get permit for erecting only the administration building without the wings, they feel they have sufficient in hand for that purpose.

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the proposed building for the Los Angeles Colored Academy, on condition that the funds in hand will cover the project as far as they have permit to build, without the \$20,000 from the General Conference, which must be referred to the Autumn Council.

W.A.HILLIARD--WEST CHINA:

VOTED, To request the Southern Union and the Georgia-Cumberland Conference to release W.A.Hilliard, to connect with the China Division, in response to the call for an evangelist for West China.

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

SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

May 28, 1946, 8:30 A.M.

The meeting was held immediately following the morning worship hour.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J L McElhany, W H Branson, L H Christian, L K Dickson, E D Dick, T J Michael, A W Cormack, J I Robison, W E Nelson, W H Williams, H H Cobban, J F Cummins, Roger Altman, E B Rudge, W G Turner, W L Pascoe, A H Adair, E L Longway, G J Appel, N F Brewer, V T Armstrong, W P Bradley, R S Watts, C L Torrey, G A Lindsay, P G Nelson, R R Figuhr, H O Olson, F L Harrison, Milton Robison, A L Ham, A F Tarr, A V Olson, W R Beach, W E Read, S A Wellman, L Halswick, A W Peterson, W H Teesdale, E W Dunbar, J A Stevens, W A Scharffenberg, Frederick Griggs, J E Weaver, G A Huse, Miss Louise Kleuser, L L Moffitt, R A Anderson, Dr H M Walton, R Ruhling, H M Blunden, W A Butler, W K Ising, M E Kern, Miss Winifred McCormack, Claude Conard, J R Ferren, H H Votaw, Paul Wickman, W E Phillips, H W Barrows, M L Andreasen, C S Longacre, F D Nichol, D E Rebok, Meade MacGuire, Miss Lois Burnett, M C Taft.

Minutes of the meeting of May 23 were approved.

DEATH OF MRS. H.STRUVE:

A.V.Olson, of the Southern European Division, reported a cable message just received, telling of the death of Mrs. Struve, on Monday afternoon, in Berne, Switzerland. Mrs. Struve was the wife of Elder H.Struve, the Home Missionary Secretary of the Southern European Division.

VOTED, That the Secretary be asked to convey to Brother Struve and other relatives an expression of our deep sympathy in their sorrow and bereavement.

SPONSORSHIPS:

VOTED, To extend the sponsorship required by the Government on behalf of Miss Florence Tuckey, one of our workers in India, in connection with her application for visa to the United States.

VOTED, To extend the sponsorship required by the Government on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. H.C.Alexander and their two daughters, in connection with their application for visa to the United States. Brother and Sister Alexander are members of the faculty of Spicer College, in India, who desire to come to America for their furlough.

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VOTED, To extend the sponsorship required by the Government on behalf of Dr. and Mrs. Eino Magi and their child, formerly of Estonia, now in France, in connection with their application for visa to the United States.

T.T.BABIENCO:

VOTED, That in connection with the arrangements for T.T.Babienco to visit the Baltic States, to make contact with our work and workers, and to endeavor to secure the restoration of our property in Warsaw, as provided by our action of May 16, Brother Babienco be asked to assist in the Famine Relief work we are carrying on, and also to give us guidance in connection with requests from Displaced Persons in that part of Europe, who desire to come to America.

J.J.STRAHLE:

VOTED, That in view of all that is involved, arrangements be made for J.J.Strahle to return to Europe following the General Conference session, to continue for a time at least, the Famine Relief work he has so ably begun, this regardless of any position to which Brother Strahle may be called at the time of the session.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION

COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS:

VOTED, That the following named persons constitute the Committee on Distribution of Materials at the General Conference session:

H.T.Elliott, J.A.Stevens, S.A.Wellman, W.A.Scharffenberg
H.W.Barrows, Paul Wickman, J.J.Strahle, J.E.Weaver, C.L.Bond,
Horace Shaw.

ATTORNEY'S CHARGES:

Consideration was given to a letter from David J.Cod-daire, with which he submitted a bill for additional remuneration for services rendered in connection with the James Louis Girouard naturalization case.

VOTED, That the Chair appoint a committee to take this matter under advisement and make recommendation.

Appointed: W.E.Nelson, H.H.Votaw, C.B.Haynes, W.H. Williams, M.C.Taft.

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WORKERS RELEASED FROM APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That Miss Jean Revert of France be released from the call to the Congo Union Mission.

VOTED, That B.W. Mattison be released from the call to the Congo Union Mission.

MARY SLATE--BOULDER SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union Conference and the St. Helena Sanitarium the call from the Central Union for Miss Mary Slate to connect with the Boulder Sanitarium, as office nurse or floor supervisor.

E.P. MIRANDA--PORTUGUESE EAST AFRICA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern European Division the call from the Southern African Division for E.P. Miranda, of Portugal, to connect with the Munguluni Mission in Portuguese East Africa.

FINLAND--EXCHANGE RATE:

VOTED, That the fixed rate of exchange for Finland, beginning as of January 1, 1946, be one cent to the Finnish mark.

PACIFIC UNION--DELANO AND SUNNYVALE CHURCHES:

Request was presented from the Pacific Union on behalf of the Central California Conference, for approval of the erection of church buildings for the Delano and Sunnyvale churches. In the case of the Delano church, the plan is to construct only one half of the building at the present time, at an estimated cost of \$7,500, which they have in hand. The estimated cost of the building for the Sunnyvale church is \$10,050, which amount they have in hand.

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the building for the Sunnyvale church, and of the proposed portion of the building for the Delano church.

OKLAHOMA CAMP GROUND--DINING PAVILION:

Request was presented from the Southwestern Union on behalf of the Oklahoma Conference, for approval of the erection of a dining pavilion on the Oklahoma camp ground, at a cost of \$12,000, replacing the building which was destroyed by tornado a year ago. They have the necessary funds on hand.

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VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the dining pavilion on the Oklahoma camp ground.

WISCONSIN SCHOOL SITE:

Request was presented from the Lake Union on behalf of the Wisconsin Conference, for approval of the purchase of an additional 100 acres of land for the new school site, near Columbus. This is desirable since it is property immediately adjoining that portion of the school property on which it is proposed to erect the school buildings. The plan is to sell off outlying portions of the property previously purchased, which will more than meet the estimated cost of \$15,000 for the new land.

VOTED, That we approve of the purchase of the additional land proposed for the new school site in Wisconsin.

LITERATURE SALES RESTRICTIONS:

Report being made that colporteurs are meeting with restrictions in a number of places in connection with the sale of our literature, similar to the situation that obtained in Wyoming some years ago, it was

VOTED, That the committee that gave consideration to the situation created for our colporteurs some years ago by restrictions by municipal ordinance on the sale of our literature, be reappointed to give study to and make recommendation with reference to cases now coming to our attention.

The committee was constituted as follows: W.H.Williams, H.H.Votaw, H.M.Blunden, M.C.Taft, W.P.Elliott.

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

SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 2, 1946

The meeting was held immediately following the morning worship hour.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J L McElhany, L H Christian, E D Dick, H T Elliott, J I Robison, W E Nelson, W H Williams, H H Cobban, Roger Altman, R R Figuhr, W G Turner, E L Longway, G J Appel, F L Harrison, A V Olson, W R Beach, V T Armstrong, Glenn Calkins, P G Nelson, G A Lindsay, H W Lowe, E L Pascoe, William McClements, F Griggs, F M Wilcox, C S Longacre, J E Weaver, W H Teesdale, W A Butler, W K Ising, N F Brewer, R A Anderson, H M Blunden, E W Dunbar, H A Morrison, G A Huse, S A Wellman, C L Bond, A W Peterson, L E Froom, L Halswick, J R Ferren, M E Kern, J A Stevens, Dr H M Walton, H H Votaw, W A Scharffenberg, H W Barrows, L L Moffitt, R Ruhling, G E Peters.

OTHERS PRESENT:

D E Robinson, R L Benton, A L White, E E Roenfelt.

Minutes of the meeting of May 28 were approved.

BLOOMA WOODARD--RELEASED:

VOTED, That since the way is not clear for her to accept, Miss Blooma Woodard be released from the call to the Kingston, Jamaica, Hospital.

JESSIE M. HAWMAN--TANGANYIKA:

VOTED, To request the Southern Union and the Florida Conference to release Miss Jessie M. Hawman, to connect with the Southern African Division, to serve as teacher in the Ikizu training school, in Tanganyika, it being understood that she will not go forward to the field until the end of this year, the Southern African Division to be responsible for her support in the meantime.

RUTH MITCHELL--JAMAICA:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union Conference and Pacific Union College to release Miss Ruth Mitchell, to connect with the Inter-American Division, to serve as director of the School of Nursing of the Kingston, Jamaica, Hospital.

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F.A.WYMAN--WASHINGTON:

VOTED, To pass on to F.A.Wyman, returned from the Southern Asia Division, the call from the North Pacific Union, to connect with the Washington Conference for district work.

WINNIPEG AND VICTORIA CHURCH BUILDINGS:

Request was presented from the Canadian Union on behalf of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference for approval of the erection of a church building for the German church in Winnipeg, at an estimated cost of \$8,000; and a request on behalf of the British Columbia Conference for approval of the erection of a church building for the Victoria church, at an estimated cost of \$25,000. Inasmuch as the funds are in hand for financing both of these buildings, it was

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the church building for the German church in Winnipeg, and of the erection of a church building in Victoria, British Columbia.

FORT WORTH SCHOOL BUILDING:

Request was presented from the Southwestern Union on behalf of the Texas Conference, for approval of the erection of a church school building in Fort Worth, at an approximate cost of \$12,500, exclusive of the lot, which is fully paid for. The funds are in hand for the building.

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the proposed church school building in Fort Worth, Texas.

OZARK JUNIOR ACADEMY--ADMINISTRATION BUILDING:

Request was presented from the Southwestern Union on behalf of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, for approval of the erection of an administration building for the Ozark Junior Academy, at an estimated cost of \$10,000, the necessary funds being in hand.

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the proposed administration building for the Ozark Junior Academy.

CHINA DIVISION--REHABILITATION:

VOTED, To accede to the request from the China Division Committee for emergency appropriations from the Rehabilitation Fund, as follows, in U.S. currency:

1. \$20,000 for restoration of the Changsha church, workers' quarters and mission offices.

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2. \$2,000 for emergency repairs on the Tsinanfu Mission homes and school.

3. \$20,000 for purchase of paint, hardware, plumbing supplies, flooring, etc., for the repairs on the mission homes at Shanghai and Nanking, and the Shanghai Sanitarium.

4. From the Publishing House Rehabilitation Fund, an amount for the purchase of a truck for the Signs Publishing House, and \$2,000 for repairs on the roof of the Signs Publishing House.

AUTHORIZATION OF SIGNATURE:

RESOLVED, That the Citizens Bank be, and hereby is, authorized to recognize the signature of H.H.Cobban, Assistant Treasurer, in addition to the signatures of W.E.Nelson, Treasurer, and/or W.H.Williams, Undertreasurer, heretofore authorized, for the checking account which is in the name of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, to sign or make all or any changes and orders for the payment of money.

LITERATURE SALES RESTRICTIONS:

The committee appointed in the meeting of May 28, to give consideration to the question of municipal restrictions on our colporteur work, submitted the following recommendation, which was adopted:

We recommend, That in the event of a case arising where a colporteur is apprehended under local ordinances and fined for selling our religious literature from door to door, the provisions of the action of this General Conference Committee of June 28, 1943, be put into effect, provided the colporteur concerned would make a well qualified and capable witness before the court in a test case; and further, that we retain the firm of Cummings and Stanley to guide us in the various procedures which will be involved in such cases as may arise.

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

SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

June 4, 1946, 2:00 P.M.

The meeting was held in the Theological Seminary chapel.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J L McElhany, L H Christian, W H Branson, E D Dick, H T Elliott, T J Michael, A W Cormack, J I Robison, W E Nelson, W H Williams, H H Cobban, Roger Altman; E B Rudge, W G Turner, W L Pascoe, A H Adair and E L Minchin, of Australasia; E L Longway and G J Appel, of China; V T Armstrong and W P Bradley, of the Far East; Glenn Calkins and C L Torrey, of Inter-America; G A Lindsay and P G Nelson, of the East and West Nordic Unions; R R Figuhr, H O Olson, F L Harrison and E N Lugenbeal, of South America; C W Bozarth and Milton Robison, of Southern Africa; A L Ham, of Southern Asia; A V Olson, W R Beach, F Brennwald, Dr J Nussbaum, J C Guenin, Luigi Beer, Henri Pichot and A Meyer, of Southern Europe; E L Branson, of the Middle East Union; Wm. McClements, of the West African Union; L K Dickson, M L Rice, H L Rudy, N C Wilson, F H Robbins, J J Nethery, M V Campbell, V G Anderson, W B Ochs, E F Hackman, J W Turner, M L Andreasen, Frederick Griggs, M E Kern, Meade MacGuire, R Ruhling, W E Phillips, H W Barrows, L Halswick, H D Casebeer, H A Morrison, W H Teesdale, J E Weaver, W A Butler, W A Scharffenberg, Dr H M Walton, Miss Lois Burnett, Miss Winifred McCormack, L E Froom, R A Anderson, Miss Louise Kleuser, G E Peters, H M Blunden, E E Franklin, G A Huse, H H Votaw, C S Longacre, J A Stevens, S A Wellman, W K Ising, L L Moffitt, A W Peterson, C L Bend, E W Dunbar, C B Haynes, J J Ireland, H C Kephart, Dr W E Macpherson, F D Nichol, W E Read, M C Taft, F M Wilcox, D E Rebok.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Otto Schuberth, Dr O B Pratt, C H Mackett.

"Nearer, My God to Thee," was sung to open the meeting, and prayer was offered by W.E.Read.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--DELEGATES AT LARGE:

VOTED, That the following persons, which include general and mission and inter-union institutional workers, be appointed delegates at large to the General Conference, it being understood that this action must be ratified by the Conference in session:

D H Kress, M D, C T Everson, M E Olsen, W A Benjamin, N P Neilsen, M N Campbell, H M Johnson, Otto Schuberth, H F Halenz, E R Thiele, F O Rittenhouse, S W Tymeson, G T Anderson, L H Hartin, Daniel Walther, F B Jensen, C E Weniger, L L Caviness, J C Haussler, K J Reynolds, H M S Richards, J B Johnson, H G Stoehr, Arthur Delafield, E A Sutherland, M D, T W Steen, E Ney,

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George Keough, A G Roth, C A Haysmer, M D, Paul Starr, M D, R T Smith, M D, M C Lysinger, A A Jasperson, E C Waller, J B Penner, A T Okohira, R C Calderone, B L Grundset, M S Krietzky, T T Babienco, G C Hoskin, S L Frost, D D Rees, J L Shuler, L H Wood, B P Hoffman, A L White, D E Robinson, R L Odom, R E Crawford, C L Paddock, L B Reynolds, L W Graham, Frederick Lee, J D Snider, M E Dawson, M R Thurber, C E Palmer, I J Woodman, E W Everest, A S Maxwell, M L Neff, R P Rowe, E N Dick, R W Woods, F L Peterson, C E Moseley, L E Ford, O B Edwards, J M Cox, M D, H D Dobbins, G S Luther, L E Biggs, O A Hudson, Harold Shryock, M D, W F Norwood, M D, O B Pratt, M D, A D Butterfield, M D, E E Cossentine, J Wayne McFarland, M D, Miss Lora E Clement, R M Davidson, V E Hendershot, G E Shankel, R L Benton, R A Hare, M D, J H Nies, J F Brownsberger, M D, L V Finster, J S Washburn, A L Bietz, W H Bergherm, H K Christman, E Magi, J W Westphal, C E Weeks, T E Bowen, E C Wood, H G Hadley, M D, G M Krick, H G Rutherford, G Gudmundsen, B Faernstrom, M G Champion, Miss Emma Binder, Miss Beatrice Gore, H H Mattison, Mrs Nora Mattison, L A Hansen, A W Truman, M D, Mrs. M J Sorenson, H F Benson, M E Cady, L F Passebois, A Anderson, W I Smith.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION--STANDING COMMITTEES:

VOTED, To make the following suggestions to the Conference in session relative to standing committees for the session:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

W E Nelson, Chairman; Roger Altman, Secretary; W E Abernathy, R H Adair, G J Appel, V T Armstrong, H W Barrows, C L Bauer, W R Beach, L Beer, R Belz, L E Biggs, H M Blunden, C W Bozarth, W P Bradley, E L Branson, W H Branson, F Brennwald, N F Brewer, W A Butler, Glenn Calkins, H G Childs, L H Christian, F G Clifford, H H Cobban, Claude Conard, A W Cormack, E E Cossentine, J F Cummins, E D Dick, L K Dickson, H Eelsing, H T Elliott, R R Figuhr, J C Guenin, E F Hackman, A L Ham, Herbert Hanson, F L Harrison, C H Kelly, S J Lee, G A Lindsay, E L Longway, H W Lowe, C H Mackett, O O Mattison, Wm. Clements, J L McConaughy, J L McElhany, T J Michael, F R Millard, C B Miller, L G Mookerjee, H A Morrison, W E Murray, P G Nelson, W A Nelson, J J Nethery, D A Ochs, A V Olson, H O Olson, W L Pascoe, W E Phillips, R H Pierson, M L Rice, M P Robison, J I Robison, E B Rudge, W Schubert, H M Sparrow, J A Stevens, A F Tarr, C L Torrey, J W Turner, W G Turner, A Varmer, Dr H M Walton, R S Watts, W H Williams, N C Wilson .

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

That the Nominating Committee be constituted on the basis of one member for each ten thousand members of major fraction thereof on the basis of the membership at the close of 1945, it

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it being understood that no division be represented by less than two members; the members of the Nominating Committee to be chosen by the division delegations. Delegates at large will respond to the call of the division to which they are attached as workers.

PLANS COMMITTEE:

H A Morrison, Chairman; W G Turner, Secretary; Roger Altman, G J Appel, V T Armstrong, W R Beach, H M Blunden, C W Bozarth, W P Bradley, W H Branson, F Brennwald, N F Brewer, W A Butler, Glenn Calkins, L H Christian, H H Cobban, A W Cormack, J F Cummins, E D Dick, L K Dickson, H T Elliott, J R Ferren, R R Figuhr, L E Froom, L Halswick, A L Ham, R E Hare, F L Harrison, C B Haynes, E L Longway, J L McElhany, T J Michael, W E Nelson, G E Nord, A V Olson, H O Olson, W L Pascoe, G E Peters, A W Peterson, J I Robison, Milton Robison, E B Rudge, J A Stevens, A F Tarr, C L Torrey, H H Votaw, Dr H M Walton, W H Williams, Representative from White Trustees; Division Department Heads, ten members from North America, three members from each of the other divisions, these to be chosen by the delegates from each division.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

W H Branson, Chairman; H T Elliott, Secretary; Roger Altman, R A Anderson, G J Appel, V T Armstrong, W R Beach, C L Bond, C W Bozarth, W P Bradley, F Brennwald, N F Brewer, Glenn Calkins, L H Christian, H H Cobban, A W Cormack, J F Cummins, E D Dick, L K Dickson, R R Figuhr, A L Ham, R E Hare, F L Harrison, G A Lindsay, C S Longacre, E L Longway, H W Lowe, J L McElhany, T J Michael, W E Nelson, A V Olson, H O Olson, W L Pascoe, G E Peters, J I Robison, Milton Robison, E B Rudge, W A Scharffenberg, J J Strahle, A F Tarr, W H Teesdale, C L Torrey, Dr H M Walton, S A Wellman, W H Williams. Each division, including North America, to appoint three additional members.

CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES:

L K Dickson, Chairman; M E Kern, Secretary; W P Bradley, M V Campbell, L H Christian, A W Cormack, R R Figuhr, F H Robbins, H L Rudy.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS:

E.D.Dick, Chairman; Claude Conard, Secretary; Roger Altman, V T Armstrong, C W Bozarth, W H Branson, N F Brewer, Glenn Calkins, L H Christian, H H Cobban, A W Cormack, J F Cummins, L K Dickson, H T Elliott, R R Figuhr, A L Ham, G A Lindsay, E L Longway, H W Lowe, J L McElhany, T J Michael, W E Nelson, A V Olson, J I Robison, E B Rudge, M C Taft, W H Williams

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SEATING OF DELEGATES:

E.D.Dick, Chairman; W.H.Williams, T.J.Michael.

That for the purposes of the session, the representatives from Holland be grouped with Northern Europe.

That the Northern European delegation be called together by E.D.Dick, and that he act as temporary Chairman.

SELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The Chairman called attention to the fact that the large institutional interests in the United States are represented by men in the group of delegates at large, and that in the general plan for the selection of the Nominating Committee, there is no provision for representation from this group.

It was agreed that suggestion be made to the session that in the selection of the Nominating Committee, at least one member be chosen to represent the educational, medical and publishing interests respectively.

GENERAL CONFERENCE STAFF:

A recommendation from the Home and Foreign Officers, who have been in session the past few days, was submitted, and adopted as follows:

In view of the intensifying world conditions and the multiplying needs of a rapidly growing work in all lands,

We recommend, That the Nominating Committee of the General Conference session be asked to nominate a General Conference staff that will be adequate to provide for the world-wide needs of our work, it being understood that to make this possible the staff will need, in some instances at least, to be larger than it has been hitherto.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE WORK IN NORTH AMERICA:

A recommendation resulting from a meeting of the Home Officers and the North American Union Presidents was presented and adopted as follows:

We recommend, That the General Conference Committee appoint a small representative committee to study suggestions and plans whereby the methods of carrying forward our work in the North American Division may be strengthened.

VOTED, That the committee called for above be appointed by the Chair.

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Appointed: L.K.Dickson, the Union Conference Presidents,
H.T.Elliott, W.E.Nelson.

BUREAU OF HOME MISSIONS:

A further recommendation from the Home Officers and the Union Conference Presidents was adopted as follows:

We recommend, That a committee be appointed to give study to the question as to whether the Bureau of Home Missions should be continued as at present constituted, or whether some other plan for the administration of this department of our work should be instituted.

Committee appointed: L.K.Dickson, H.T.Elliott, W.H. Williams, L.Halswick, the Union Conference Presidents.

REHABILITATION ALLOWANCES:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Rehabilitation Committee, to make appropriations to workers who suffered losses through the war as follows:

Miss Ernestine Gill	\$ 40.00
John Oss	950.35

GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE BUILDING:

A committee that was appointed to make a survey of the crowded condition of the General Conference Office Building, submitted the following statement:

Ten years ago the General Conference Office was comfortably filled, and our entire basement, except for the mailing and duplicating departments and vaults, was available for storage space. In the intervening time, the demands of the work have necessitated the addition of from one to three secretaries in several departments of the office, together with the stenographic help required to care for the correspondence of these secretaries. There have also been added to our office the following:

International Insurance Company, with a staff of five persons.

The White Publications with a staff of four persons.

Radio Commission with a staff of four persons.

War Service Commission with a staff of two persons.

Department of Purchase and Supply with a staff of five.

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Ten years ago the Purchasing Department was being cared for by Elder L.A. Hansen along with his work as Secretary of the Medical Department; hence the present set-up constitutes an entire addition to the staff as it was constituted ten years ago.

Ten years ago the Bureau of Home Missions Miscellaneous Languages Department and also the German Department were located outside of Washington. Elder Halswick who, as head of the Bureau of Home Missions, carried the work of the Miscellaneous Languages Department, now has his office in the General Conference Building, as does also Elder Ruhling, of the German Department.

World War II has made necessary the carrying on of accounting work in the General Conference Office for overseas divisions which would not ordinarily be done here at all. This has required additions to our staff in order to care for this work. Some officers of overseas divisions have also been accommodated until the way opened for their return to their fields.

Due to an ever-expanding work and our inability to get our printing work done promptly outside of our own office, our printing staff and equipment have been more than doubled during the last ten years, but with no addition of floor space -- a need which is keenly felt.

In an effort to accommodate added departments and staff members, rooms formerly used as storage space in the basement have been turned into offices and a number of our larger rooms on upper floors were partitioned off in order to make two small rooms out of one large one. This has been done as much as seemed practicable.

So crowded has our office become that we cannot take care of our present staff as now constituted. Some members of the staff have had only temporary tenure of the space allotted to them, since the room given to them was available only because the one occupying it was away on an extended trip. Upon the return of such person it has become necessary to find some other temporary location for such members of the staff, simply because there was no vacant room to which they could be assigned. Even the employment of an extra stenographer has presented a serious problem, because of the lack of office space. We have been under keen embarrassment because we have had no spare office room which we could offer to visiting members of the General Conference Committee where they could sit down and write and do their work.

The General Conference Committee recently authorized Dr. E.A. Sutherland to come to Washington to act as Coordinator of the Rural School Work in North America, but at present there is no room at the disposal of the General Conference which can be assigned to him and his stenographer.

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What was formerly storage space in our basement has been turned into offices, and we are practically without any storage space for supplies or for baggage which frequently is shipped to us by appointees and others who may be passing through Washington. This has necessitated filling our halls with materials which at times offer a hazard as well as inconveniencing the work of the office.

At the present time all large shipments of mail or express must be prepared for shipment in our Printing Department, which is already overcrowded, because there is no other place where it can be done. All incoming shipments of freight and express find a resting place in our basement hall until other disposition is made of them.

Altogether, we feel that we have reached a condition which is not only difficult and embarrassing, but it is hindering the efficiency of the work of the office. We believe that this condition can be cured only by the provision of additional office, storage, shipping and printing room space. We appeal for an early consideration of this urgent need.

VOTED, That the foregoing statement and appeal be referred to the Finance Committee of the session.

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