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MINUTES OF MEETINGS  
OF THE  
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 3 and 6, 1947

and

Autumn Council, November 11 - 19, 1947

## ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIXTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 3, 1947

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

J J Nethery, J L McElhany, A V Olson, N C Wilson, L K Dickson, W B Ochs, G A Lindsay, A L Ham, W R Beach, H T Elliott, E E Roenfelt, J I Robison, N W Dunn, A W Cormack, W H Williams, H H Cobban, E J Johanson, Roger Altman, F H Robbins, H W Lowe, J A Stevens, R H Adair, L R Rasmussen, L L Moffitt, R Ruhling, Claude Conard, E E Franklin, L Halswick, Dr T R Flaiz, G A Huse, E J Lorntz, W H Teesdale, L E Froom, M L Andreasen, F D Nichol, W K Ising, Miss Lois Burnett, L H Christian, J R Ferren, M E Kern, H W Barrows, H P Bloum, H A Morrison, Dr J Nussbaum, W A Butler, W P Elliott, G E Peters, E W Dunbar, M C Taft.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

F Brennwald, D E Robinson, A L White, Miss Lora Clement.

Prayer by A.L.Ham. Minutes of meetings held October 23, 26, 27 and 30 were approved.

## VISITS TO OVERSEAS FIELDS:

VOTED, That we approve of visits to overseas fields as follows:

Roger Altman and N.W.Dunn to attend the Inter-American Division Council, December 9-19.

W.B.Ochs and W.H.Williams to attend winter committee meetings of the Southern European Division, December 10-17, and Northern European Division, December 30 - January 6, and make brief field visits as may be arranged.

E.E.Roenfelt to attend such portion of the Southern European Division winter committee meeting as may be arranged by him en route to the Middle East Union.

That M.L.Andreasen be released from the appointment in Hawaii, in order to arrive in the Philippine Union at an earlier date.

## CAROL DUNN--PACIFIC UNION OFFICE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Inter-American Division the call for Miss Carol Dunn, of the division office in Miami, to connect with the Pacific Union for work in the union office.

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## MR. AND MRS. GLENN ROSS--ST. HELENA SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the College of Medical Evangelists the call from the Pacific Union for Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ross to connect with the St. Helena Sanitarium.

## MARION OFFER--FLORIDA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Southern New England Conference the call from the Southern Union for Miss Marion Offer to connect with the Florida Conference as Bible instructor and office secretary.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

A.L.White, La Sierra College, January 5-10; White Memorial Hospital, January 12-17; Loma Linda, January 18-24; Pacific Union College, January 25-31; Walla Walla College, February 2-7.

M.K.Eckenroth to assist with evangelistic meetings at Louisville, February 13-15; Chattanooga, February 27-29.

## L.J.LARSON--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That the furlough of L.J.Larson, of India, be extended to January 29, 1948, with the understanding that he be back in the field by that time.

## SANITARIUM AT AVON PARK

## MINUTES OF JULY 17 AMENDED:

VOTED, To amend that section of the minutes of our meeting of July 17, 1947, in regard to the sanitarium at Avon Park, Florida, to read as follows:

E.F.Hackman, president of the Southern Union, outlined a proposition that has come to the union with reference to the establishment of a sanitarium at Avon Park, Florida. A large hotel property which had been taken over by the Government during the war and used as a training center, has now been declared war surplus property and is being offered for sale by the War Assets Administration.

Certain residents of Avon Park, being acquainted with our sanitarium work, and feeling the need of modern hospital facilities for the community, have interested the authorities

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of the city to the extent that they have petitioned the Government to make the property available for use as a hospital, which petition has been granted, and they are now requesting us to take it over and operate it as a regular Seventh-day Adventist sanitarium and hospital.

The property is about three and a half miles from the center of the city, and eighty-three miles south of Orlando. The main building cost \$236,000 to build. It has 114 rooms, a large lobby, a large dining room, and a well equipped kitchen. There is another building 276 feet long and two stories high, which was put up by the Government. Avon Park has a population of 7,500, and within a radius of forty miles there is a population of 70,000, in which there are no general hospital facilities.

The United States Government agrees to turn over the sanitarium to the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists operating through the Florida Benevolent Association, at an evaluation of \$75,000, the amount of the Association's original bid. During the period 1947 to 1972 the Government may take over and operate the institution in case of emergency, without rental, except upon remodeling or extensive improvements the Association may have made. The evaluation of \$75,000 automatically decreases 4 per cent each year. If at any time before 1972 the Florida Benevolent Association should wish to terminate its contract with the Government, it may do so by paying the balance remaining after the annual deductions have been made. All obligations to the Government would cease with such payment.

The Chamber of Commerce of Avon Park has agreed to raise \$150,000, to be turned over to meet the cost of furnishings and equipment in order to put the place in operation as a fully equipped sanitarium and hospital.

VOTED, That we approve of the Southern Union taking over the property offered by the War Assets Administration, to be operated as a sanitarium and hospital, it being understood that our approval does not constitute any commitment financially to the establishment of the institution.

#### REVIEW AND HERALD--ADDITION TO BUILDING:

VOTED, That we approve of the plans as submitted by the Review and Herald Board for the erection of an addition to the present building, at an estimated cost of \$335,000, the necessary funds being in hand.

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## PACIFIC UNION--PURCHASE OF LOT:

Request was presented from the Pacific Union Conference for approval of the purchase of a lot 150 x 150 feet, near the Civic Center in Glendale, on which to erect a new office building for the union. The cost of the lot is \$21,800, and the necessary funds are in hand.

VOTED, That we approve of the purchase of the lot in Glendale, as suggested by the Pacific Union Conference.

MIDDLE EAST UNION--ACCOUNT IN  
NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK:

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the National City Bank of New York be, and hereby is, authorized to recognize the signatures of W.E. Nelson, Treasurer, and/or W.H. Williams, Undertreasurer, and/or A.B. King, for the account of the Middle East Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, to sign or make all or any changes and orders for the payment of money. All prior authorizations are hereby annulled and canceled.

J.J. Nethery, Chairman.  
H.T. Elliott, Secretary.  
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVENTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 6, 1947

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

N C Wilson, J L McElhany, W B Ochs, L K Dickson, A V Olson  
 J J Nethery, W R Beach, A L Ham, J I Robison, H T Elliott, N W  
 Dunn, E E Roenfelt, W E Nelson, Roger Altman, H H Votaw, D E Rebok  
 J J Ireland, E E Andross, H H Votaw, F H Robbins, J A Stevens,  
 H W Barrows, C B Haynes, M L Andreasen, H W Lowe, Paul Wickman,  
 F H Yost, W K Ising, K J Reynolds, T L Oswald, J R Ferren, W A  
 Butler, D A Ochs, Miss Lois Burnett, L Halswick, J E Edwards,  
 H A Morrison, L L Moffitt, & A Huse, Claude Conard, E J Lorntz,  
 R A Anderson, L R Rasmussen, M E Kern.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

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

Prayer by W.R. Beach. Minutes of the meeting of November  
 3 were approved.

## COMMUNITY CHEST--\$400:

VOTED, To appropriate \$400 to the Community Chest  
 Federation, National Capital Area.

## CHARLES FRANZ--SALARY AND EXPENSES:

Inasmuch as Charles Franz has been asked to serve as  
 resident auditor for Oakwood College and the Riverside Sanitar-  
 ium, in addition to his responsibilities at Madison College,

VOTED, That the General Conference bear one third of  
 his salary; and all of his travel expenses in connection with  
 his work at Oakwood and Riverside.

## OVERSEAS VISITS:

VOTED, That L.K. Dickson be released from the appointment  
 to visit the Southern Asia Division.

VOTED, That Dr. T.R. Flaiz be authorized to attend the  
 Southern Asia Division Council, following his work in the Far  
 Eastern Division.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE--MEETINGS IN GRAND RAPIDS:

VOTED, That we hereby authorize the holding of meetings  
 of the General Conference Committee in Grand Rapids, Michigan,  
 between November 9 and 21, as may be found to be necessary.

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## DEATH OF N.P.NEILSEN:

Word was received from California of the death of Elder N.P.Neilsen, on November 3. Elder Neilsen spent many years in the work in South America, first in Brazil and later as president of the South American Division. His faithful service and his bearing of heavy responsibilities in the cause are remembered with affection in South America and here in the homeland.

Resolved, That the Secretary be asked to convey to Sister Neilsen and other loved ones who mourn an expression of our sincere sympathy in their bereavement. May they be comforted by the Spirit of God and the hope of the resurrection at the Lord's soon coming.

## BUREAU OF PUBLICITY--ADVISORY COMMITTEE;

VOTED, That the officers be asked to nominate the personnel of an Advisory Committee for the Bureau of Publicity.

## WILLIE S.LEE--NORTHEASTERN CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union and the Southwestern Mission the call from the Atlantic Union for Willie S.Lee to connect with the work in the Northeastern Conference.

## MERCEDES ENGLAND--SOUTHWESTERN UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and the Missouri Conference the call from the Southwestern Union for Miss Mercedes England for stenographic work in the union office.

## GERMAN INTERNEES:

VOTED, That H.H.Votaw be added to the committee appointed October 3, 1946, to study plans for the future of the German internees.

## NAVY COLLEGE TRAINING PROGRAM:

VOTED, That the War Service Commission be asked to write the Bureau of Naval Personnel, requesting the elimination of our academies from the distribution list in connection with the Navy College Training Program, in addition to our colleges which have been eliminated in response to our request.

## FRIEDA CLARK--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Frieda Clark be released from the call to the Malayan Union Mission, because of unfavorable medical report.

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## MARY SHAKALLI--RELEASED:

VOTED, That since she does not see her way clear to accept, Miss Mary Shakalli be released from the call to Jamaica.

## CALVIN C. GORDON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That in harmony with his request, and on recommendation of the Inter-American Division Committee, we authorize the permanent return of Calvin C. Gordon from Cuba.

## DR. R. V. SHEARER--INDIA:

VOTED, To invite Dr. R. V. Shearer, of Toppenish, Washington, to connect with the Southern Asia Division, for medical missionary service at Gopalganj, India.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

L. Halswick and R. Ruhling, Detroit; November 8 and 9.

E. J. Lorntz, Detroit, November 8 and 9, and Ontario Indian meeting, November 22.

W. A. Butler, Home Missionary Council, Southern New England January 3, 1948.

L. L. Moffitt, Portland, Maine, December 21, and West Lebanon, December 22.

F. H. Yost, meeting of Interchurch Committee on Religious Liberty, Chicago, November 20.

## L. J. LARSON--ATTENDANCE AT YOUTH'S CONGRESS:

VOTED, That the Treasurer be authorized to meet the expenses involved in the attendance of L. J. Larson at the Youth's Congress. Brother Larson is on furlough from the Southern Asia Division.

## AUTUMN COUNCIL AND AUDITORS' MEETING--INVITATIONS:

VOTED, That B. P. Hoffman, of the Theological Seminary, and Adam Rudy, of the West African Union, be invited to attend the Autumn Council; and that H. H. Morse, under appointment to China, be invited to attend the Auditors' Meeting.

## M. R. REIBER--SEMINARY:

VOTED, That M. R. Reiber, on furlough from the West African Union, be authorized to attend the winter term at the Seminary.

N. C. Wilson, Chairman.

J. I. Robison, Secretary.

E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## AUTUMN COUNCIL

Grand Rapids, Michigan, November 11 - 20, 1947

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## ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 11, 1947, 7:30 P.M.

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The Black and Silver Hall of the Civic Auditorium in Grand Rapids, Michigan, was filled to capacity for the first meeting of the 1947 Autumn Council, at 7:30 P.M., November 11, and the more than five hundred voices joined in singing "Lead on, O King Eternal." Prayer was offered by W.E.Read.

In addition to the members of the General Conference Committee who are resident in North America, there were present the presidents of the local conferences in North America; the union conference treasurers and auditors and assistants, and resident auditors; one or two representatives from each college and sanitarium; representatives of the publishing houses; and the union conference colored evangelists.

Division and union leaders, workers on furlough or under appointment, representing overseas fields, were present as follows:

Australasia: A.W.Anderson, E.E.White.

China: W.E.Abernathy, C.B.Guild, T.S.Geraty.

Far East: K.Tilstra, H.E.R.Schell.

Inter-America: Glenn Calkins, L.H.Bohner, J.C.Culpepper  
J.L.Brown, C.J.Ritchie.

Northern Europe: G.A.Lindsay, Alf. Karlman.

South America: C.E.Lambeth, B.A.Larsen, J.H.Boehm, J.I.  
Hartman, E.N.Lugenbeal, Fernando Chaij.

Southern Africa: Dr. C.Paul Bringle, Dr. L.K.Rittenhouse,  
W.E.McClure, C.F.Clarke, W.L.Davy, O.I.Fields, G.A.Lewis.

Southern Asia: A.L.Ham, F.E.Spiess, C.B.Hoag, C.N.  
Abraham, C.A.Schutt, R.J.Ritchie.

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British Union: E.B.Rudge, A.Carey, G.D.King.

West African Union: Adam Rudy, James D.Meade.

#### MESSAGES OF GREETING:

Messages of greeting to the Council were read from V.T. Armstrong, P.L.Williams and C.M.Sorenson, sent from Singapore; from A.F.Tarr, from Rangoon, Burma; and from W.G.Turner, of Australia.

VOTED, That the Secretary be asked to acknowledge these messages, sending greetings from the Council in return.

#### OPENING ADDRESS:

Elder J.L.McElhany began his address to the Council by reading from the chapter in Volume 9 of the Testimonies, entitled "The Last Crisis." He called special attention to the phrases-- "We are living in the time of the end. The fast fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the transgressors of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude. The agencies of evil are combining their forces and consolidating."

Attention was called to the two great wars through which the world has passed in recent years, and then to the coming of a war infinitely worse than anything we have yet seen. "What appalls me," said Elder McElhany, "is our spirit of triviality, our spirit of casualness, our indifference in the face of all that is about to come upon this world. This spirit of triviality, of casualness and indifference is appalling in view of the fact that to us belongs the responsibility of giving voice to God's message of warning to the peoples of earth. God has called this people into being for no other purpose. How are we carrying out that divine purpose? We know that countless multitudes are going down to eternal death unless they are warned of their doom. What special preparations are we making at this hour to meet this situation, to sound aloud this message of warning, and of hope?

"It is too late in the history of this world, and it is too late in the history of God's cause in the earth for us to be satisfied to go on in an apathetic, listless, indifferent, trivial way. The concerns of the Kingdom are too great, too momentous, too important to be trifled with. The hour has come when there must be an altogether new attitude developed by this people toward the great problem of carrying this message into

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the highways and byways of earth. We dare not maintain our attitude of listless indifference, but inspired by the Spirit of God must arouse ourselves as never before to the task before us."

"I want," said Elder McElhany, "to lay a solemn charge upon all our conference and mission leaders, not only in the United States, but in all our world fields. I want that charge to impress upon you that your first and greatest responsibility is that of planning strong, continuous and aggressive evangelism in the fields in which you are called to labor. This must not be second to any other line of endeavor. There is danger that the responsibility of maintaining and directing what we already have will so consume our time, our energies and our money, that we have nothing left for progressive, forward evangelistic endeavor. I want to charge all our leaders the world around to see that that program is changed. I hope that our men everywhere will come to realize that the greatest opportunity for serving the Lord is in catching up the flaming torch of evangelism and going forth to win men and women for the eternal kingdom.

"As part of this charge, I would like to lay upon all our hearts the responsibility of seeking in every way possible to simplify our work, avoiding everything that makes it complicated or intricate or difficult to administer,--to simplify it to the point where, under God's guidance and leadership we shall see this work advancing as a spiritual power in the lives of all our believers. Every conference president, every mission superintendent, ought to be a great spiritual force, leading the people under his direction in divine and holy living."

Reference was made to the many openings in the world field for the giving of the message for this time, to the many calls for more men and means with which to occupy these openings, and to our inadequate resources, especially as regards the financial means available. But we were reminded that our greatest need is not for more men or money, but for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the greatest resource of all, which is available when we place ourselves in the channel to receive it.

Earnest prayer was offered by G.A.Lindsay and A.V.Olson, that God may arouse us to the responsibility that is ours in these last days, and that there may be more of the power of the Holy Spirit in our individual lives and in the work of the church.

After the closing hymn, the benediction was pronounced by Elder A.W.Anderson, of Australia.

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

## ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 12, 1947, 9:45 A.M.

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N.C. Wilson, conducting the devotional service Wednesday morning, November 12, took as his text 2 Peter 3:9-14, emphasizing especially the 11th verse, "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness!" Illustrating his thought, Elder Wilson made five suggestions as to the sort of men needed to measure up to the needs of the hour.

1. Men who are always conscious of the sacredness and importance of being ambassadors for God in this last moment of time. It has always been a sacred trust and a high privilege to be God's ambassador in this sin-darkened world, but much more so today. There is need today of men who know and love God and who are ready to risk everything for Christ in fearless, positive, dynamic leadership.

2. Men of deep convictions. In order to measure up to the call of God to His people at this time, there must be no reservations and doubts. There must be a clear conviction that we are preaching God's final message of love and hope to a doomed world.

3. Men controlled by the Holy Spirit--men of Pentecostal power. Men of God in less critical hours were helpless without the presence of the Holy Spirit, whereas with His help they did mighty exploits for God. Unaided by the Holy Spirit, we today have no hope of victory, but with His help and direction we are assured of success and blessing.

4. Men whose hearts are on fire for evangelism --for soul winning. Standing in the presence of the stupendous events of our day, surrounded by masses of people who are bewildered and disillusioned, men of God should not rest until the fires of evangelism burst forth as never before, and soul-winning should be the one objective of the ministry. It should be the foremost item on every conference committee agenda. It should be the dominant topic in workers' meetings and department conventions. It should be the great passion of our lives.

5. Men who walk with God,--men with a living, genuine spiritual experience. Our greatest need today is not better plans or methods of work, but rather for more of the blessing and help of the Holy Spirit.. That we must be men who constantly walk with God and who enjoy a living spiritual experience is the burden of God's Word and the messages which have come through the Spirit of prophecy to the remnant church.

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"How Firm a Foundation" was sung to open the second session of the Council, and prayer was offered by Dr. T.R. Flaiz.

A cable was read from the China Division, telling of opening doors everywhere, and requesting the sending of all possible help.

#### DEATH OF M.F. SEITZ AND D.A. LOWER:

Word was received of the death of M.F. Seitz, in Baghdad, on November 7, of a heart attack. Brother Seitz, after spending some time at the Theological Seminary, was appointed to the Middle East Union, where he has been just a little more than two years. His faithful and efficient service will be greatly missed in that needy field.

Resolved, That the secretary be asked to convey to Sister Seitz in Baghdad, and to the relatives in the homeland an expression of our sincere and fullest sympathy in this bereavement.

Word was also received of the death of D.A. Lower, the manager of the Northwest Branch of the Pacific Press, at Portland, Oregon.

Resolved, That the Secretary be asked to convey to Sister Lower and other relatives an expression of our heartfelt sympathy in their sorrow and bereavement. Brother Lower was a man whose friendship was prized by those who knew him. His work was carried on in a way that brought real credit to himself and to the organization for which he worked.

#### DAILY PROGRAM:

The following Daily Program for the Council was adopted:

Devotional	8:30 -- 9:30 A.M.
Council	9:45 -- 12:30
Subcommittees and Boards	1:30 -- 2:45 P.M.
Committees or Council Session	3:30 -- 6:00
Subcommittees or Council Session	7:30 -- 9:00

#### STANDING COMMITTEES:

Nominations of Standing Committees were presented, as made by the Minority Committee, and these committees were duly appointed.

[Additions were made to the committees from time to time and for convenience these names are included here with those originally nominated.]

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J F Cummins	W E Nelson	N C Wilson
L K Dickson	J J Nethery	W H Williams

Music Committee:

R.A. Anderson, Chairman.  
T E Lucas  
D E Venden

J L McConaughy

Platform Committee:

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Distribution of Materials:

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L E Biggs	E J Johanson	M L Rice
G W Bowers	Alvin W Johnson	J I Robison
M V Campbell	C H Kelly	E E Roenfelt
T Carcich	H C Kephart	H L Rudy
H G Childs	L E Lenheim	H E Schneider
P W Christian	W E Macpherson	C A Scriven
H H Cobban	J L McElhany	Jere D Smith
A W Cormack	L L McKinley	W A Spicer
J F Cummins	J J Nethery	J A Stevens
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H H Cobban	C S Longacre	J I Robison
A W Cormack	H W Lowe	E E Roenfelt
E W Dunbar	D A McAdams	H L Rudy
N W Dunn	D A Ochs	Jere D Smith
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		F H Yost

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J L Brown	G S Luther	E E Roenfelt
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H H Cobban	A E Mobley	F W Schnepfer
J F Cummins	W B Mohr	H A Shepard
R M Davidson	H A Morrison	H L Shull
M E Dawson	A G Munson	J C Shull
H T Elliott	H A Munson	J D Smith
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H F Brown	O T Garner	J W McFarland
C M Bunker	T Geraty	J D Meade
Lois Burnett	C Gidlund	W C Moffett
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C J Coon	C B Hoag	C E Palmer
A W Cormack	B P Hoffman	J V Peters
J M Cox	J C Holland	F L Peterson
A E Coyne	G C Hoskin	N C Peterson
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C W Degering	J H Kent	K J Reynolds
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H D Dobbins	G D King	M L Rice
N R Dower	Louise Kleuser	H M S Richards
D Duffield	C C Kott	R J Ritchie
E W Dunbar	E C Lambert	L K Rittenhouse
N W Dunn	C E Lambeth	G A Roberts
M K Eckenroth	B A Larsen	W H Roberts
J E Edwards	C V Leach	F H Robbins
W P Elliott	L E Lenheim	J I Robison
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H P Evens	C S Longacre	T M Rowe
J M Evans	E J Lorntz	Adam Rudy
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J L Shuler	H B Thomas	C C Weis
H D Singleton	M R Thurber	R H Wentland
L A Skinner	K Tilstra	F D Wells
A R Smith	H M Tippet	A L White
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REPORT OF COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM:

An action of the 1946 Autumn Council called for the appointment of a commission to make a survey of the situation in the field, to gather facts, and to prepare recommendations on how to plan conference work to give emphasis to and time for evangelism. This commission having completed its work, submitted its report. The report was spoken to by Elders L.K. Dickson, A.V. Olson, H.M.S. Richards, Meade MacGuire, N.C. Wilson, J.J. Nethery and others, and with the exception of a section on Evangelistic Centers and Teams, which was referred to the Plans Committee, was adopted as follows:

Introduction

Your Commission on Evangelism, meeting in Kansas City on October 6 and 7, has carefully studied our rate of advance in connection with our task of world evangelism in the light of the lateness of Time's Hour; the fast fulfilling prophecies; the still unfinished task of giving our commissioned message to mankind; the searching admonitions and oft-repeated counsels of the Spirit of prophecy; the definite expectations and urging of our God; the appeal of unsatisfied multitudes for the light of life; and particularly the untapped resources of that divine power that alone will finish the work. We are convinced that too much of our time and effort does not minister directly to soul winning. We are preoccupied with maintaining what we already have under way. We are encumbered with too many tasks that are secondary to our basic purpose as a movement. We have utilized a disproportionate amount of our man power and talents in the organizational and functional phases of the movement.

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These considerations, together with other facts and features, sobered and challenged us. They produced certain deep convictions, and led to certain united conclusions. They became a mighty summons to us to seek, first of all, for that endowment of divine power that alone will enable us to meet the expectation of God for this hour. Secondly, they summoned us so to adjust our fundamental emphasis that the finishing of our mission on earth will have first place in all our endeavors. A great soul-winning advance must mark the days before us. We must arise as one man to finish the task. To this end we respectfully submit the following recommendations:

### A CALL TO WORLD-WIDE EVANGELISTIC ADVANCE

WHEREAS, World conditions clearly indicate that the Advent Movement has now reached the hour when the final witness of the Advent Message is to be given in power and fullness to all the world; and,

WHEREAS, Our present evangelistic advance is manifestly not measuring up to the needs and the challenges of the present hour quickly to herald God's last message of salvation to men; therefore,

Resolved, That we, in Autumn Council assembled, here solemnly covenant with God and with each other that we will endeavor to double our accessions to the faith in 1948, and that in order to achieve this high and holy objective we summon the church to universal action in soul-winning endeavor, calling upon both our full worker force and our laity alike --experienced and beginner, adult and youth - to unite as one in the various forms of public and personal evangelism. Further,

We recommend, 1. That more of our ministers, ordained and licensed, be directed by our conference committees to devote their full time to public evangelism.

2. That conference budgets be so revised as to provide for this greater and more continuous public evangelism.

3. That the rank and file of our church membership be called upon to engage in all-out soul-winning endeavor; and that we call upon our ministers to undertake the responsibility placed on them by both the Bible and the Spirit of prophecy to train and to lead the laity, including our youth in training, in this soul-winning advance.

4. That local church officers be given greater responsibility in shepherding the flock and caring for campaigns, thus permitting more of our ministers to engage in public evangelism in unentered places, and to raise up new churches in new territories.

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5. That every ordained and licensed minister, irrespective of the nature of his responsibility, engage annually for as long a period as possible in some form of direct evangelism.

6. That conference committees plan the work of all their laborers with a view to utilizing their talents to the utmost advantage, both as regards location and the lines of endeavor for which they are best fitted and which will contribute most to direct soul winning.

7. That short evangelistic spearhead campaigns be conducted in the cities, for the purpose of securing names for personal follow-up for workers and laymen, Bible Correspondence Course enrollments, openings for community Bible schools, and regional public efforts by the local pastors.

8. That our experienced city evangelists be encouraged between their major efforts, to hold such spearhead efforts in our cities and towns, in close cooperation with the local workers

9. That the same general plan be followed by lay evangelists and capable young people in unentered towns and rural communities, for the purpose of securing enrollments in Bible Correspondence Courses, and that short repeat efforts be held to bind off ripened interests, and to secure additional names of interested persons.

10. That we fully exploit the great possibilities of evangelism for our own youth, urging not only our Missionary Volunteer secretaries but other workers as well, to engage in frequent evangelistic efforts for our own youth and for those not of our faith.

11. That conference committees, in harmony with the actions of the 1946 Autumn Council, use their ministerial interns more directly in the various forms of evangelism.

12. That our evangelists be asked to continue their evangelistic campaigns for a period sufficiently long to insure the maximum harvest of souls.

13. That the Sabbath services be simplified in such a manner as to give our ministers time really to feed their flocks, frequently utilizing the Sabbath services for revival and evangelistic meetings. We also urge that they be conducted in a way that will enable our members to feel free to bring with them their interested friends and neighbors; all campaigns being handled in a dignified, spiritual manner, so that there will be no reason for offense to any one.

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14. That our preaching emphasis be upon the everlasting gospel and God's special message for this last hour, and that there be no recourse to sensational, speculative, or political topics, and extravagant claims concerning the speaker and his qualifications, but rather an uplifting of Christ as the center of every sermon, and His imminent advent as the theme of our message to men.

15. That we decry unwarranted expenditures in public evangelistic efforts, and commend especially for the less experienced workers the more constant use of low-cost evangelism by means of the tried and fruitful program of Bible studies, cottage meetings, and personal evangelism.

16. That the distribution of message literature by our colporteur-evangelists be recognized as a vital part of the overall evangelistic program; and that colporteurs be encouraged to pioneer our work in unentered counties and cities, in preparation for appropriate evangelistic campaigns which should follow their pioneering endeavors.

17. That in view of the physical suffering that everywhere prevails, we urge a renewed emphasis of medical evangelism as a means of soul winning, encouraging the cooperation of medical and ministerial workers in this important field of evangelism

#### Identification as Seventh-day Adventists

WHEREAS, Seventh-day Adventists today are increasingly recognized as interpreters of Bible prophecy, and there is on the part of the public an increased interest in respect to the meaning of present-day events, and the study of the Bible; and,

WHEREAS, A tactful introduction of our work to the public, by announcing that we are Seventh-day Adventists, has been demonstrated as most effective in counteracting charges of misrepresentation; and,

WHEREAS, Such a frank and open approach to the public is enthusiastically welcomed by our people; therefore,

We recommend, That, in North America, our evangelists and pastors be encouraged to consider the plan of tactfully identifying their ministerial and evangelistic program as Seventh-day Adventist.

#### Use of Missionary Literature

RECOGNIZING, That missionary literature is essential to every successful soul-winning endeavor, and that its proper promotion in all our churches should be encouraged,

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We recommend, 1. That all workers and church members be urged greatly to increase the use of our missionary literature in soul-winning endeavors of the churches.

2. That, in presenting and promoting in our churches literature for the use of our members, care be exercised to preserve the spiritual, worshipful atmosphere of the church service, by emphasizing the missionary purposes of the use of our literature, by avoiding undue emphasis on goals or amounts, and by eliminating the competitive element, and anything that savors of the sales or auction method of presentation.

3. That care be exercised in the preparation of literature promotion material, so that the true missionary objectives of the church will be maintained by a dignified and spiritual presentation.

#### Care in Ordination of Ministers

RECOGNIZING the honor, dignity, and sacredness of the gospel ministry, that men are called of God to enter this holy calling and that a man should demonstrate his call before being ordained to this sacred office;

We recommend, 1. That conference committees recommend for ordination only those who have given clear evidence of the call of God to devote their lives to the ministry of the Word; and further, that we counsel such committees against the premature ordination of those who have not yet given full proof of such a call.

2. That committees charged with recommending ministerial credentials and licenses re-issue such papers only after a careful review of the soul-winning experience and activities of the workers concerned.

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VOTED, That the foregoing recommendations on Evangelism and the Opening Address by Elder J.L. McElhany, be printed in leaflet form, to be placed in the hands of our church leaders.

Adjourned to 2:30 P.M., with the closing prayer by C.B. Haynes.

J.L. McElhany, Chairman.  
H.T. Elliott,  
N.W. Dunn, Secretaries.  
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## ONE HUNDRED EIGHTIETH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 12, 1947, 2:30 P.M.

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After the opening song for the third business session of the Council, prayer was offered by D.E.Venden.

PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION  
OF DENOMINATIONAL PERIODICALS:

Recommendations from the three publishing houses in the United States were submitted, and adopted as follows:

To eliminate duplication and conflicting interests in the publication and distribution of our English language periodicals, and to provide for a more equitable distribution among our publishing houses of denominational periodical publishing, the three houses in the United States acting jointly submit the following recommendations:

1. Signs of the Times

a. That the Signs of the Times be the only full message missionary journal except as hereinafter provided under No. 3 for which an annual campaign will be systematically and personally conducted in our churches and in connection with which money may be solicited for clubs and subscriptions to be given free in missionary enterprises. (It is understood that our foreign language periodicals will continue to be promoted in connection with the annual Signs campaign as they are at present.)

b. That special issues of the Signs of the Times on current topics may be printed and sold to conference organizations to be distributed by the conferences.

c. That the Signs of the Times, either regular or special issues, be not circulated as a sales journal.\*

\*Note.--A sales journal is one intended for use by our regular and part-time colporteurs, obtainable by them at regular subscription literature discounts and sold by the single copy, by subscription in combination with our subscription books and periodicals.

2. Our Times

a. That Our Times be the only English language full message missionary journal, except as hereinafter stated under No. 3, for circulation as a sales journal.

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b. That Our Times be promoted as a sales journal by the publishers and the Publishing Department throughout the United States and in other fields where its circulation will not conflict with a journal published locally.

c. That sales for Our Times be made by part-time and regular colporteurs either by single copy, or by subscription, or in combination with books or other sales journals.

d. That conferences may arrange an hour at their camp meetings for the promotion and the taking of subscriptions for Our Times.

### 3. Message Magazine

a. That the Message Magazine be promoted as a sales journal, and that sales be made by part-time and regular colporteurs either by single copy, or by subscription, or in combination with books or other sales journals.

b. That the publishers of the Message Magazine have access to our colored churches for the purpose of sales and the solicitation of funds for clubs and subscriptions to this journal for free distribution in connection with missionary enterprises, provided that the date of any Message Magazine campaign does not conflict with the period specifically set apart for the promotion of other journals.

### 4. Life and Health

a. That the journal Health be merged with Life and Health, and published under the name of Life and Health, thus making Life and Health the only denominational health journal published in the United States, and that this journal be published by the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

b. That Life and Health be promoted by the publishers and the Publishing Department, and be sold throughout the United States and in other fields where there will be no conflict with any locally-published health journal.

c. That sales for Life and Health be made by part-time and regular colporteurs, by single copies or by subscription, or in combination with books and other sales journals.

d. That the question of the best time for the merging of Health and Life and Health be referred for determination to the two houses concerned, with the understanding that the merging of these journals will take effect not later than the June, 1948, issue.

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5. Present Truth

a. That the publication of Present Truth be transferred from the Review and Herald Publishing Association to the Pacific Press Publishing Association.

b. That Present Truth be not used as a sales journal by colporteurs either by subscription, or single copy, or in combination with another journal or book, and that annual systematic personal campaigns in our churches for subscriptions to be used in missionary work, be not conducted in connection with this journal.

c. That subscriptions for Present Truth may be solicited by means of advertisements in General and Union Conference papers and by promotion through the mail.

d. That it be recognized that there are specific fields for the circulation of Present Truth which do not conflict with fields assigned to the Signs of the Times, or to the sales magazines, for which Present Truth is naturally adapted, such as the preparation of territory for the opening of an evangelistic campaign, distribution in connection with evangelistic efforts, as a follow-up to interests developed by the radio and by conference Bible Correspondence Schools or by special activities of churches and Missionary Volunteer societies. For any of these special efforts in connection with the use of Present Truth, conferences and churches shall make special arrangement with the publishing house in respect to promotional activities.

e. That the transfer of Present Truth to the Pacific Press Publishing Association take place at a time to be determined by the management of the two houses concerned; it being understood that if possible it shall take place with the January, 1948, issues of this journal.

6. Church Officers' Gazette

a. That the publication of the Church Officers' Gazette be transferred from the Review and Herald Publishing Association to the Southern Publishing Association.

b. That the transfer of the Church Officers' Gazette be made at a time to be determined by the two houses concerned; it being understood that it be not later than the April, 1948, issue.

7. Proposed Temperance Journal

That the publication of the proposed temperance journal if and when authorized be assigned to the Pacific Press Publishing Association.

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8. Promotion Efforts

That each publishing house be authorized to conduct promotion campaigns for their respective periodicals in the way they deem best within the limitations outlined above; thus giving each publishing house the privilege of working through union and local conference officials and departmental secretaries, by advertisements in union and general periodicals, and by the use of circulars for the development of new business or the securing of renewals.

9. Future Promotion Plans

That the promotion of the above-mentioned journals be carried forward on the basis outlined herein following the adoption of these recommendations by the Autumn Council; it being understood that the campaign for Our Times being at present conducted in the Southern Publishing Association territory be completed by January 1, 1948.

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Adjourned to 9:45 A.M., November 13, with the closing prayer by Lloyd E. Biggs.

J.L. McElhany,  
N.C. Wilson, Chairmen.

H.T. Elliott,  
N.W. Dunn, Secretaries.  
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 13, 1947, 9:45 A.M.

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In the devotional service Thursday morning, November 13, Elder A.V. Olson spoke, as others had done, of the fact that above everything else we as a people and as individuals need more of the Spirit and power of God in our lives and work. The young man who came to Jesus (Matt. 19:16) asking what good thing he should do that he might have eternal life was no doubt a member of the church in good standing; he had kept the commandments all his life. Yet he realized that there was something that he lacked. We, too, have been commandment keepers, and the Lord

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has blessed and prospered us. From a very small and humble beginning a hundred years ago we have grown until our work encircles the globe. Yet we should ask ourselves the question, Are we satisfied, and is God satisfied with us? We are told by the servant of the Lord that "Had the church of Christ done her appointed work as the Lord ordained, the whole world would before this have been warned and the Lord Jesus would have come to our earth in power and great glory." And again, "If we were only vitalized by the Holy Spirit, there would be a hundred missionaries where there is now one."

Christ promised the Holy Spirit to His church, and the promise belongs as much to us as to the first disciples, but like every other promise, it is given on condition. And the condition?--"And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul, that I will give you the rain. . . the first rain and the latter rain." The promise of the early rain and the latter rain was given to God's people on condition that they keep His commandments, that they serve Him and obey Him, and be true to Him.

Elder Olson called attention to some things among us today that would seem to indicate a drift toward certain practices of the world, and indulgence in certain pleasures of the world. Are we going to permit our standards to be lowered, he asked, and if we do, can we expect the outpouring of the Spirit of God in its fulness? While there is this trend toward the world on the part of some, he has also seen evidences, he said, of a great hunger, a great longing in the hearts of very, very many for a sincere and closer walk with God, and he appealed to the leaders in the church to follow the counsel given in Joel 2, to "Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the people, sanctify the congregation." "I believe," he said, "that our people want to be led, and that if we go from city to city and from church to church with the book of the law, we shall be able to bring those who have been inclined to drift back to the standards, and that they will join us in crying to God for the outpouring of His Spirit to enable them to do mighty things for God."

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The fourth business session of the Council, Thursday morning, November 13, at 9:45, was opened with song, followed by prayer by E.F.Hackman.

Messages of greeting were read from William McClements and M. Duploux, of the West African Union, and R.R.Figuhr and O.A.Blake, of the South American Division. A letter was also read from A.Minck, of Central Europe, written from Berlin, telling of 2,694 souls baptized during the first six months of 1947 and the prospects for the future very promising.

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The Secretary was asked to acknowledge these communications, conveying greetings from the Council.

The Council recessed, and constituency meetings were called as follows:

#### INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY:

A meeting of the International Insurance Company of Takoma Park, Maryland, was called by the president, J.L. McElhany. A report of the financial standing of the Company was rendered by W.A. Benjamin, the secretary. The following four directors were reelected; W.H. Williams, H.H. Cobban, W.A. Benjamin, W.P. Elliott. The meeting adjourned.

#### RIVERSIDE SANITARIUM:

A meeting of the constituency of the Riverside Sanitarium was called by E.F. Hackman, the chairman of the Board. A report of the work of the institution was rendered by J.E. Cox, M.D., the medical director, and H.D. Dobbins, the business manager, rendered the financial report. By vote, Article 5, Section 1 of the By-laws, limiting the Board of Trustees to not less than eighteen nor more than twenty-four, was changed to read: "not less than nineteen nor more than twenty-five." The Nominating Committee of the Council was asked to make nominations for the Board of Trustees, and adjournment was taken to 10 A.M., Tuesday, November 18.

#### OAKWOOD COLLEGE:

A meeting of the constituency of Oakwood College was called by E.F. Hackman, the chairman of the Board. A report concerning the work of the College was given by F.L. Peterson, the president, and the financial statement was submitted by L.E. Ford, the assistant business manager. It was voted to make the By-laws of the Riverside Sanitarium the By-laws also of Oakwood College. The Nominating Committee of the Council was asked to bring in nominations for the Board of Trustees, and adjournment was taken to 10 A.M., Tuesday, November 18.

The Council resumed, and the Treasurer presented the Balance Sheet and Operating Statement of Income and Expenses of the General Conference for the six months ending June 30, 1947, as follows:

[See four pages following]

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Balance Sheet  
June 30, 1947

ASSETS

CASH, BANK, AND SECURITIES Comprising

* Authorized Reserves and Operating Funds	4 022 475 94	
Rehabilitation Funds	5 183 471 58	
Trust Funds	2 178 647 99	
Exchange and Securities Reserves	677 456 48	
Reserve for 1947 Special Appropriation		
Still Unpaid	<u>390 000 02</u>	12 452 052 01
Cash and Banks	2 232 749 01	
Securities	<u>10 219 303 00</u>	(12 452 052 01)

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Divisions	1 038 468 41	
Publishing Houses	30 287 85	
Transportation Agencies	95 250 88	
Personal Accounts	115 945 13	
Miscellaneous Accounts	<u>578 896 59</u>	1 858 848 86

INVENTORIES

Office Supplies and Stock		<u>13 210 91</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		14 324 111 78

LIABILITIES

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Divisions	168 475 97	
Publishing Houses	114 241 75	
Personal Accounts	209 008 28	
Miscellaneous Accounts	<u>58 213 40</u>	549 939 40

TRUST FUNDS

TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>2 728 587 39</u>
NET WORTH, June 30, 1947	<u>11 595 524 39</u>

\* Authorized Operating

Total Appropriation for 1946 Including Administrative  
12 458 150 57 - 40% =

4 983 260 23

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Balance Sheet  
June 30, 1947

DETAIL OF NET WORTH

REGULAR

Balance of Surplus, Jan 1, 1947	4 778 646 55	
Net Gain for Six Months	586 502 58	
Less: Adjustments for Previous Years	<u>13 819 99</u>	<u>572 682 59</u> 5 351 329 14

SURPLUS RESERVES

Exchange Reserve, Jan 1, 1947	423 870 32	
Net Gains Reported	58 682 91	
Less: Reverted to Divisions	<u>43 358 59</u> 15 324 32	439 194 64
Reserve for Fluctuation of Securities		238 261 84
Reserve for 1947 Special Appropriations	2 048 500 00	
Less: Payments made during six months	<u>1 658 499 98</u>	390 000 02
1946 Russian Budget Reserve (Overdrawn)		( 6 732 83)*
Rehabilitation Funds,- On Hand Jan 1, 1947	4 180 085 49	
Publishing House Restoration (Net)	189 219 63	
Reconstruction Funds (Autumn Councils)	636 873 29	
Million Dollar Offerings	<u>1 316 909 55</u>	
TOTALS	6 323 087 96	
Less: Actual payments made to Divisions	<u>1 139 616 38</u>	<u>5 183 471 58</u> <u>6 244 195 25</u>
TOTAL NET WORTH		<u><u>11 595 524 39</u></u>

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Operating Statement  
Six Months Ending June 30, 1947

INCOME

Tithes

North America

Unions 1%	82 540 05	
Percent of tithes, Regular	1 579 483 46	
Percent of tithes, Special	774 266 89	
Miscellaneous	9 145 00	2 445 435 40

Overseas

Europe--Unions 1%	3 026 75	
Europe--Percent from Local		
Conference	6 744 83	
Other Divisions, Non-Revertible	22 896 77	32 668 35

Total Tithes

2 478 103 75

Mission Offerings

North America

Sixty-cent-a-week Funds	3 839 910 68	
Miscellaneous	5 439 93	
General Conference Session		
Pledges	11 000 00	3 856 350 61

Overseas

Europe--25%	22 601 45	
Other Divisions, Non-Revertible	340 911 30	363 512 75

Total Mission Offerings

4 219 863 36

Miscellaneous Funds

Dividends, Interests, Etc.	143 272 01	
Funds Returned and Reclaimed	1 766 13	
Specific Mission Funds Received	7 123 86	
Royalties	1 447 08	153 609 08

Overseas--Mission Revertible  
Offerings

521 041 95

Total Miscellaneous Income

674 651 03

TOTAL INCOME

7 372 618 14

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
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Six Months Ending June 30, 1947

EXPENSES

Administration			
Salary and Expense of Departments	396	160	24
Transportation Agencies	16	633	03
Maintenance and General	18	524	53
			431 317 80

Appropriations			
Regular - Overseas	2	766	849 94
Regular - Home	303	833	12
			3 070 683 06

Miscellaneous and Fixed			
Appointees' Expense	1	733	47
Contingency Expense	41	121	57
Emergency Appropriations - Overseas	173	467	55
Emergency Appropriations - Home	15	200	00
Emergency Sick Benefit - Overseas	8	775	02
Emergency Sick Benefit - Home	4	039	36
Ingathering Promotion	121	371	12
Missions Promotion	7	351	27
Permanently Returned Workers	23	948	63
Retired Workers' Salary and Expense	4	925	53
Specific Mission Offerings Disbursed	7	123	86
Specific and Fixed Appropriations	35	558	85
Sustentation Appropriations	33	933	28
Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow Expense	67	790	03
			546 339 54

Appropriations by Reversion			
Ingathering Overflow	837	773	10
Institutional Comeback	440	654	69
North American Mission Funds, Revertible	48	759	67
Percent of Tithes, Special, Revertible	774	266	89

Total Reversions, Home Fields 2 101 454 35

Overseas - Revertible Mission Offerings	521	041	95
- Spring in Tithes and Offerings	115	278	86
			2 737 775 16

TOTAL EXPENSES

6 786 115 56

TOTAL INCOME

7 372 618 14

Deduct: TOTAL EXPENSES

6 786 115 56

NET GAIN FOR SIX MONTHS

586 502 58

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## STATISTICAL SUMMARIES:

Claude Conard, the Statistical Secretary, presented in printed form Statistical Summaries of the denomination for the year 1946. We can give here only a few of the interesting items.

Seventh-day Adventist work throughout the world at the close of 1946 was being administered in 70 union conferences and union missions, 137 local conferences, 204 regularly organized mission fields, and 535 institutions. There were 9,321 churches, and 598,683 baptized members.

At the end of 1946, fields at home and abroad reported 14,972 Seventh-day Adventist laborers engaged in evangelistic and colporteur activities; and 17,428 more workers employed in publishing houses, medical centers, schools and other institutions. Of these 32,400 workers, 19,198 were in divisions outside of North America, and 13,202 in the United States and Canada.

In 1946 Seventh-day Adventist contributions to church and mission endeavor in tithes and offerings totaled \$37,430,918.47, including \$1,414,390.69 for rehabilitation and famine relief. Tithe in 1946 of \$21,793,606.74 was \$2,368,654.10 more than that of the previous year. Mission offerings of \$8,823,741.74 were \$985,873.74 higher than in 1945. Home mission and local church contributions in 1946 amounting to \$5,399,179.30 exceeded the previous year by \$1,121,064.70.

At the beginning of 1946 the asset value of all Seventh-day Adventist denominational properties in the world territory was \$118,565,591.70. Of this sum, \$80,548,782.73 represented property investments in the United States and Canada, and \$38,016,808.97 material resources outside of North America.

In 1946, 370 workers were sent from home bases for mission service in other lands. Seventh-day Adventists are carrying on their work in 226 of the 282 political and geographic areas of the world listed in the British Statesman's Yearbook and the American World Almanac. The latest reports from the division fields indicate that Seventh-day Adventist literature is being or has been issued in 188 languages, and that missionary endeavor is being conducted orally in 483 more languages and forms of speech.

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Adjourned to 9:45 A.M., November 14, R.A. Anderson offering the closing prayer.

J.L. McElhany,  
A.V. Olson, Chairmen.

H.T. Elliott,  
E.E. Roenfelt, Secretaries.  
E. Zeidler, Recording Sec'y.

## ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SECOND MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 14, 1947, 9:45 A.M.

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"Finishing the Task" was the theme dwelt upon by Elder W.B.Ochs in the devotional service Friday morning, November 14. To Seventh-day Adventists, he said, has been committed a message that heralds to this sad, bleeding, suffering and doomed world the hope of the coming of the Lord, the dawn of a glorious day. But we are aware that we are still facing an unfinished task, and unless God's divine leadership is manifested in all our plans, and in all our church activities, we labor in vain. We should be talking more about the power of the Holy Spirit than about the power of the atomic bomb. The atomic bomb will save no one. The Spirit's power will. There is no substitute for the saving power of the Holy Spirit.

This is the day of God's power, the church's day of opportunity, continued Elder Ochs. God not only has a definite work for us to do, but also a definite way in which the work shall be done. "God has brought His people together in church capacity in order that they may reveal to the world the wisdom of Him who formed this organization. He knew what plans to outline for the efficiency and success of His people. Adherence to these plans will enable them to testify of the divine authority of God's great plan for the restoration of the world."--Testimonies, Vol. 9, page 248.

When the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," was given, God knew all about the trials, hardships, and difficulties that had to be met. But, "When divine power is combined with human effort, the work will spread like fire in the stubble. God will employ agencies whose origin man will be unable to discern." And further, "Light will be communicated to every city and town. The earth will be filled with the knowledge of salvation. So abundantly will the renewing Spirit of God have crowned with success the intensely active agencies, that the light of present truth will be seen flashing everywhere."

We need greater faith in God's promises, we need to act upon them, knowing that they will be fulfilled when the conditions are met, for nothing is more certain than the triumph of God's church and truth.

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The fifth business session of the Council convened at 9:45 Friday morning, November 14. After the opening song, prayer was offered by J.L.McConaughy.

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## MILITARY TRAINING OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST YOUTH:

Recommendations from a Special Committee on Universal Military Training were presented, and adopted as follows:

Inasmuch as the provisions of the proposed National Security Act of 1947, as at present written, indicate that it may be possible that, in the event of the adoption of universal military training in the United States, Seventh-day Adventist young men drafted for such training may be assigned for training as medical soldiers to their own denomination, provided the denomination is prepared and willing to give this training; and

WHEREAS, This possibility is set forth in the proposed law in the following words:

"The operation of the program, as it applies to all persons qualified for any form of military training, shall be the direct responsibility of the several (armed) service agencies. As to persons not qualified for any form of military training or who are conscientious objectors of varying degrees, the Commission shall determine the extent to which their training should be handled by these services, by other existing agencies of the Federal Government, or through other organizations, public or private, created or selected by the Commission;"

We recommend, That the General Conference Executive Committee be authorized, if and when the proposed legislation becomes law and is made effective, to request the National Security Commission

1. To select the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, or one of its specified agencies, as the agency authorized to give National Security training to Seventh-day Adventist trainees who elect such assignment.

2. To provide for the assignment of all Seventh-day Adventist trainees who so elect to the training agency of their own denomination.

And further,

We recommend, That in the event that the National Security Commission approves of our request, the Executive Committee of the General Conference be authorized to create such agency or agencies as may be necessary to provide and conduct the training of our trainees as provided by the National Security Program.

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## FINANCIAL SUMMARIES OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS:

W.E. Phillips, the auditor, presented the Financial Summaries of Educational Institutions in North America for the school year 1946-47. The comparative statement submitted this year indicates that total liabilities have increased in one year \$994,967.19. At the close of the school year in June, 1947, the total liabilities of the sixty colleges and academies amounted to \$1,858,279.89. This is the largest amount of indebtedness ever recorded by Seventh-day Adventist colleges and academies. The earned income of these educational institutions in North America for the school year 1946-47, of \$13,906,512.63, is \$3,427,949.85, or 32.7% above the previous year.

The assets of the educational institutions in North America increased \$4,302,471.29 during the school year 1946-47. This is an improvement of 28.9% over the previous year. The total assets amount to \$19,190,592.84 - an all time high for Seventh-day Adventist educational institutions.

## SANITARIUMS AND HOSPITALS:

Financial Summaries of the sanitariums and hospitals in North America were also presented by W.E. Phillips. The fourteen Seventh-day Adventist sanitariums and hospitals in North America that regularly submitted reports to the General Conference show an operating income of \$11,747,686.32 for the year 1946, a growth in operating receipts over the previous year of \$1,666,201.21. Operating expenses for the same period were \$11,022,818.29, or \$1,885,288.96 above 1945. The operating gain for the year was \$724,868.03.

During the first eight months of 1947 sanitarium and hospital receipts were \$8,317,192.22. Expenses for the corresponding period were \$7,964,683.53, and the sum of the gains \$353,041.09.

The operating income for the single month of August, 1947 of \$952,313.07 was an increase of \$92,044.51 over the income of August, 1946. Expenses for August, 1947, were \$920,651.98, and the operating gain \$32,193.49.

During the first eight months of 1947 collections equivalent to 97.9 cents for each dollar of patients' business were recorded.

## RADIO WORK:

Recommendations from the General Conference Officers and the Union Conference Presidents were presented, and being amended were adopted as follows:

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WHEREAS, It is desirable further to strengthen the organization of the Voice of Prophecy Corporation, the North American Radio Commission, and the International Radio Commission, and further to clarify their respective responsibilities and their relationships to each other;

We recommend, That all previous actions pertaining to the radio work, organizational and administrative, be and hereby are revised and amended so that our radio work will be operated on the basis of the following recommendations:

1. North American Radio Commission

a. That the responsibility for directing and promoting the work of the Voice of Prophecy in North America be borne by the North American Radio Commission.

b. That the North American Radio Commission consist of not less than eighteen or more than thirty-five members.

c. That the North American Radio Commission and its officers be appointed by the General Conference Committee the term of the Commission and its officers to be concurrent with the General Conference term.

d. That all of the work of the Voice of Prophecy now being carried on in Washington, D.C., and in Glendale, California, be united in one place as soon as this can be arranged.

e. That the North American Radio Commission appoint an Operating Board which shall carry on its work under such powers as are delegated to it by the said Commission.

2. International Radio Commission

a. That the International Radio Commission and its officers be appointed by the General Conference Committee, and that this Commission perform its functions under the direction of the General Conference Committee.

b. That in the conduct of its work the International Radio Commission may negotiate with the Voice of Prophecy organization for the provision of transcriptions and other needed materials; such negotiations to be on a mutual business basis.

3. Voice of Prophecy Corporation

a. That the General Conference Committee be the constituency of the Voice of Prophecy Corporation.

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b. That the officers of the Voice of Prophecy Corporation and the Board of Trustees be elected by the constituency.

c. That a meeting of the Voice of Prophecy Corporation be called during this Autumn Council for the purpose of revising its statutes in harmony with the above recommendations.

#### 4. Work of General Conference Radio Secretary

That the General Conference Radio Secretary devote his time to the promotion of the radio work in overseas divisions as well as in North America.

#### 5. Appointment of Commissions and Their Officers

That appointment of the North American and the International Radio Commissions and their respective officers for the remainder of the present General Conference term be made by the General Conference Committee at this Autumn Council.

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#### HONORARY CREDENTIALS:

Recommendations from the General Conference Officers with reference to the issuance of Honorary Credentials were presented, amended and adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The Working Policy of the General Conference and actions of the General Conference Committee lay down a definite plan for the issuance of credentials and licenses, providing that ministerial or other credentials be granted to workers who have reached maturity and experience in denominational employ;

We recommend, 1. That in harmony with this principle it be our policy in respect to workers admitted to the Sustentation Fund, in future to grant honorary papers only to those who have held credentials of one kind or another during their active service, and who are considered worthy of such recognition, except that those who have held ministerial license prior to the adoption of the present policy governing the issuance of credentials and licenses may be granted honorary ministerial license.

2. That experienced workers now on the Sustentation Fund be granted honorary papers of the same kind as they held when placed on the Fund, or credentials of the same class as they would have held before being placed on the Fund had our present credential policy been in operation during the time of their active service.

Adjourned to 9:45 Sunday morning.

J.J. Nethery, Chairman

H.T. Elliott,

N.W. Dunn, Secretaries,  
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-THIRD MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 16, 1947, 9:45 A.M.

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Taking John 14:6 as his text for the devotional service Sunday morning, Elder C.L. Bauer stressed the importance of attaining to a higher Christian experience, of having a closer fellowship with God. Wrapped up in these words, "I am the way, the truth, and the life," he pointed out, is the success of the Christian life. When we have the vision of Christ, when we see Him as He is, then it is that we will know the way; the truth will be revealed in our lives; and we will have eternal life.

We need constantly as leaders, said Elder Bauer, a fresh revelation of Christ, a daily experience that is higher, deeper, broader than we have yet thought of. "Come up unto Me in the mount," God bids. Before Moses could be God's instrument to deliver Israel, he was appointed to spend forty years in communion with God in the mountain solitudes. Before the disciples were sent forth on their mission, they were called into the mount with Jesus. Before the power and glory of Pentecost, came the night of communion with the Saviour. Paul drew apart with Christ, and it is said of him:

"Paul carried with him the atmosphere of Heaven. All who associated with him felt the influence of his union with Christ. The fact that his own life exemplified the truth he proclaimed, gave convincing power to his preaching. The unstudied, unconscious influence of a holy life is the most convincing sermon that can be given in favor of Christianity."

It is that union with God that the leaders in God's work need most today. We are told in Testimonies, Vol. 6, page 47, that ---

"There is nothing more needed in the work than the practical results of communion with God. We should show by our daily lives that we have peace and rest in God. His peace in the heart will shine forth in the countenance. It will give to the voice a persuasive power. Communion with God will impart a moral elevation to the character and to the entire course of action. Men will take knowledge of us, as of the first disciples, that we have been with Jesus."

Elder Bauer's closing admonition was, in the words of the Spirit of prophecy: "Talk faith. Keep on God's side of the line. Set not your feet on the enemy's side and the Lord will be your helper. . . There will be in you a power, and earnestness, and a simplicity that will make you a polished instrument in the hands of God."

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"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine," was sung to open the sixth business session of the Council, at 9:45 Sunday morning, November 16, and prayer was offered by N.C.Wilson.

Elder B.P.Hoffman, of the Theological Seminary, gave a brief report of his recent visit to Japan. He stated that every city of importance in Japan, except two, had been bombed, and that from 50 to 100% of the cities had been destroyed. In one small area, over 100,000 people had been burned to death. He found a spirit of courage among the population, with a determination to rebuild their country, not so much along material lines, but along lines that will make them once more a power for good in the world. He was greatly cheered by the spirit of our own people, and their eagerness to take advantage of the new freedom in Japan for the preaching of the gospel. All restrictions have been removed, and our people have full liberty to work and preach the gospel in a way never realized before. With many sincere people in Japan reaching out for light, surely, said Elder Hoffman, we may expect a rich harvest of souls in that island field.

#### MEMORIAL FROM BRITISH UNION CONFERENCE:

The following Memorial was presented from the British Union Conference:

##### Statement to the General Conference re British Union Conference Status

1. During the currency of the world officers' council preceding the 1946 General Conference Session at Washington, D.C., Pastor H.W.Lowe, then the president of the British Union Conference, expressed the desire of this Conference to be granted some other form of organizational relationship than that involved in the former Northern European Division. He expressed the wish of the British brethren to have some closer relationship to the General Conference than that which had been possible under the former organization.

2. In August 1946 the British Union Conference session was held at Watford. On that occasion Elder E.D.Dick, secretary of the General Conference, was present. Elder Dick stated to Brethren H.W.Lowe and E.B.Rudge that he had been directed by the president of the General Conference to invite the British believers to express themselves, on their future relationship to the general church organization. He suggested that a joint meeting be held of the members of the retiring and incoming executive committees of the British Union. This counsel was followed. This joint meeting definitely expressed itself in favor of the form of organization which would permit this field to function as a union with divisional status. It was the opinion of the brethren that this would be in keeping with the recent General Conference Session actions as, for instance, in the arrangements made for the West African Union Mission and the Middle East Union Mission.

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3. The recommendation of this meeting of the joint membership of the old and new executives placed before the full session the following recommendation:

WHEREAS, The General Conference has invited the British Union Conference to express its desire in regard to its future relationship to our world plan of organization, and in view of the serious disabilities involved in our inclusion in any new Northern European Division plan, which are:

- a. Language differences which form an insuperable barrier to exchange and transfer of workers.
- b. Widespread divergence in economic standards.
- c. Differing currencies.
- d. Travel, transport, passport and political difficulties.

WHEREAS, After sixty years of effort we still face the problem of giving the message to the great majority of the fifty millions of people in this strongly Protestant land, and also suffer from a lack of facilities in our Evangelical, Educational, Sanitarium and Health Work, particularly apparent in the historic lands of Scotland, Ireland and Wales; and

WHEREAS, It is our conviction that the time has come for a complete revision of our method of operation, including our financial set up; and in view of the pressing needs of the work of God in this field and of our desire for a closer and more intimate association with the heart of our church world leadership,

We, the Delegates assembled in Session earnestly petition the General Conference to permit the British Union Conference to continue to function as a Union, granting to it the status of a Division, and

Further, That this arrangement continue until the time of the next General Conference Session, when if necessary this plan of operation may be reviewed.

This recommendation was unanimously adopted. There was not one dissenting vote. In addition to the regularly appointed delegates, all church members present were invited to express themselves on this very important matter. This additional group was entirely unanimous in its support of the recommendation.

4. At the close of the session this action requesting that this field be allowed to function as a union with division status was forwarded to the General Conference, expecting consideration would be given to it at the time of the Autumn Council 1947. It was understood by the leadership of this field

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that no action would be taken at the Autumn Council of 1946. However, in this we were disappointed inasmuch as the Northern European Division was re-established and our British Union request deferred for later consideration.

5. In the intervening months we have endeavored in this field to re-establish the general activities of our church following the unsettlement left by the great war. As time has gone by we have become increasingly conscious of a need for a stabilizing action that will define clearly our organizational status in order that we may plan constructively and positively for the advancement of our work in Great Britain. With this in mind the executive committee of the British Union Conference at its meeting on September 3 last, recorded the following unanimous action:

"Study was once again given to the petition submitted by this Union to the General Conference immediately following the Union Session held in August 1946 and which was also presented to the General Conference Officers by our vice-president, Pastor G.D.King, at the Autumn Council of 1946. It was felt that the time has come when the status and relationship of this Union to the General Conference should be clearly defined and established, thus enabling the leadership in the British Union to plan progressively for every phase of the work within its territory.

"Voted, That we reaffirm our previous action relative to the status of this Union, taken at the Union Session held August, 1946, and inform the General Conference that this Committee is unanimous in expressing itself that the time has come when we should ask them to give further serious consideration to the request contained in our petition, and that we respectfully urge that our request be granted without undue delay."

In harmony with the wish of the British Union Conference Committee this action was forwarded to the president of the General Conference with the request that consideration be given to it at the time of the Autumn Council 1947.

6. In conclusion we wish to state that it is our profound conviction that the request outlined in this statement expresses the wishes of the entire membership of the British Union Conference with regard to its organizational relationship to the General Conference.

Coming to this body as the unanimous expression of a largely attended and fully representative session, supported by the recent unanimous vote of the British Union Conference executive committee, we ask that earnest and favorable consideration be given to implementing this desire of the British Seventh-day Adventists during the currency of this Autumn Council (1947).

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Questions were asked as to what the relationship of the Union would be in the general organization, and explanation was made that the relationship of the British Union to the General Conference would be direct rather than through any Division, especially with reference to the submitting of their budget, making calls for workers, settling of any problems, etc. After further discussion of the Memorial, it was

VOTED, That in response to the Memorial from the British Union Conference, that Union be permitted to continue to function as a union without Divisional affiliation, but with direct contact with the General Conference, as provided for in the General Conference policy for detached unions. This arrangement to continue until the time of the next General Conference Session, when if necessary this plan of operation may be reviewed.

#### MIDDLE EAST, WEST AFRICAN AND ETHIOPIAN UNIONS:

VOTED, That we interpret the former actions with reference to the status of the Middle East, West African and Ethiopian Union Missions as meaning direct contacts of those unions with the General Conference rather than through any Divisional organization.

#### GRATITUDE TO GOD:

The following resolution of Gratitude to God was adopted by a standing vote:

WHEREAS, During the past year we have been permitted to labor in comparative peace and much material prosperity, resulting in the re-entering of most fields closed to us during the war period, the rebuilding of war-damaged and war-destroyed mission properties, the erection of many new churches and the expansion of our institutions at home and abroad, coupled with the sending out of the largest number of missionaries in our history and a substantial increase in our membership; therefore,

Resolved, That we express our heartfelt gratitude to God for all His manifest blessings upon His work and His people, and for His longsuffering patience with our many shortcomings, and hereby rededicate ourselves to His service, pledging unstinted devotion to our glorious task of giving His last message of mercy to a dying world.

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Recommendations from the Plans Committee were submitted, and adopted as follows:

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## COLPORTEUR EVANGELISM:

WHEREAS, The social, economic, political, and religious world is entering the confused and perplexed condition foretold in the Scriptures and the Spirit of prophecy as heralding the climax of the controversy between righteousness and evil, and since the counsel has come to the church that the work of the angel of Revelation 18 is to be largely accomplished by the wide distribution of our literature;

We recommend, 1. That through every possible means, dynamic impetus be given to our colporteur Evangelistic program.

2. That renewed emphasis be placed on the persuasive power of the printed page to win men and women to God.

3. That this accent on the literature ministry be the conscientious burden of every leader, from the General Conference to the local church; and

4. That we ask our workers to convey this contagion of enthusiasm to our church membership by public appeals, private conversation, and messages in our church papers, with the objective in mind of doubling our present number of colporteur evangelists in 1948.

## SCHOLARSHIP PLAN:

WHEREAS, Some fields are having difficulty in meeting the hour requirements of the scholarship plan, and there is some uncertainty as to where the responsibility rests for determining a student's eligibility to a scholarship bonus,

We recommend, 1. That an exception be made in certain areas of the North American Division outside of the United States in cases where the regular hour requirements work a hardship, and that the hour requirements in such cases be decided upon by the union committee in the field concerned in counsel with the General Conference Publishing Department.

2. That the following clause be added to Section III of the Scholarship recommendations:

"That the eligibility of a person for the scholarship bonus be decided by the local conference Publishing Department Committee within the provisions of the scholarship policy."

Section III shall then read as follows:

"III. That when making claims for scholarship premiums in behalf of student colporteurs, our Bible House managers submit to the publishing house or branch office in the territory in which the student works, and to the publishers of any magazine used, a complete statement of all book and magazine sales (deliveries), it being understood that the publisher of the magazine

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shall bear his proportion of the premium allowed. That the eligibility of a person for the scholarship bonus be decided by the local conference Publishing Department Committee within the provisions of the scholarship policy."

#### FARES OF STUDENT COLPORTEURS:

WHEREAS, Student colporteurs sometimes desire to attend schools not located in the territory in which they engage in colporteur work,

We recommend, That the fares of students be paid to the school serving the territory in which the student works. If the student desires to attend some other school special arrangements in respect to fares to be paid shall be made before the student begins work.

#### SUPERSCHOLARSHIPS:

WHEREAS, A regular scholarship does not now cover all of a student's expenses such as books, fees, etc.,

We recommend, That there be offered a superscholarship equivalent to one and a quarter scholarships on the same ratio of allowances.

#### STUDENTS AS ASSISTANT PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES:

WHEREAS, College students of experience are often requested by the local conference to act as assistant publishing department secretaries for the training of other student colporteurs; and,

WHEREAS, This deprives them of a full summer in which to earn a scholarship for themselves thus jeopardizing their opportunities to earn a full scholarship,

We recommend, That when an experienced student colporteur is asked by a local conference to act as an assistant department secretary for a part of the summer, he be allowed the scholarship discount on the portion of his salary deposited with the Book and Bible House; that he not be employed in such a capacity for more than one month; and that he canvass the rest of his vacation period.

#### MINISTRY MAGAZINE AND COLPORTEURS:

Believing that there should be closer collaboration between our ministers and our regular colporteurs in their soul-winning endeavors,

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We recommend, That the Publishing Department furnish the editor of the Ministry with copy for a section in each issue and that we request our conferences to provide each regular colporteur with this magazine.

#### THEOLOGICAL STUDENT GRADUATES AND COLPORTEUR EVANGELISM:

WHEREAS, There is urgent need and unprecedented opportunity for the highest type of colporteur evangelists to unite their efforts with those of ministerial evangelists in a great forward evangelistic movement;

We recommend, 1. That many of our theological graduates be encouraged to enter the field of colporteur evangelism immediately upon termination of their theological course.

2. That these graduates engage in colporteur evangelism preferably in districts in which it is planned to conduct public evangelistic efforts.

3. That the Colporteur Internship Plan, providing a guaranteed income, be made available to such graduates under the terms of the Colporteur Internship policy.

#### COOPERATION BETWEEN COLPORTEUR AND MINISTERIAL EVANGELISTS:

WHEREAS, The Spirit of prophecy states that "if Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one under the direction of one power for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world" (Testimonies, Vol. 9, page 221),

We recommend, 1. That conference committees provide time in their various workers' meetings for discussion and counsel on ways by which the work of colporteur and ministerial evangelists can be more fully integrated.

2. That plans for evangelistic efforts in conferences include a program of literature evangelism by carefully selected colporteurs to precede the evangelistic campaign.

3. That colporteur-evangelists be urged carefully to compile lists of names, addresses, and other helpful information concerning families who have purchased our literature and manifested definite interest; such lists to be filed in the office of the publishing department secretary, and subsequently to be made available for further and more intensive evangelistic work.

4. That study be given to the possibility of making available to tactful resident colporteur-evangelists the names of those who are subscribers to our missionary periodicals, and especially of those who have given evidence of definite interest in our message.

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5. That study be given to the creation of some form of reporting that will give definite recognition to the work of our colporteur-evangelists in this integrated soul-winning endeavor.

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## DEATH OF C.E.WOOD:

Word was received of the death of Elder C.E.Wood, at his home in Missouri. Elder Wood before returning from mission service to the homeland was a worker in the Inter-American Division. He was for some years a member of the General Conference Committee, his last office being that of superintendent of the Mexican Union Mission.

VOTED, That the Secretary be asked to convey a message of sympathy and condolence from this Council to Sister Wood and other sorrowing relatives.

Adjourned to 9:45 A.M., Monday, J.L.McConaughey offering the closing prayer.

L.K.Dickson, Chairman.  
J.I.Robison,  
E.E.Roenfelt, Secretaries.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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## ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOURTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 17, 1947, 9:45 A.M.

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Elder J.J. Nethery was the speaker in the devotional hour Monday morning, November 17. The book of Revelation, he said, is a book of 22 chapters and 382 verses, in which is told the story of the world, and of the church from the days of Christ until the coming of the Lord, and even over into the time of the millennium. By some it is called a book of mystery. Some call it the Revelation of St. John the Divine. But the inspired Word calls it the Revelation of Jesus Christ, and it was given through a prophet for the benefit of the churches, with stress on the theme that the end of all things is at hand. There are indeed some things in the book that are difficult to understand, but we read in Acts of the Apostles, pages 584-585, the following:

"In the Revelation are portrayed the deep things of God. The very name given to its inspired pages, 'the Revelation' contradicts the statement that this is a sealed book. A revelation

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is something revealed. The Lord Himself revealed to His servant the mysteries contained in this book, and He designs that they shall be open to the study of all. Its truths are addressed to those living in the last days of this earth's history, as well as to those living in the days of John. Some of the scenes depicted in this prophecy are in the past, some are now taking place; some bring to view the close of the great conflict between the powers of darkness and the Prince of heaven, and some reveal the triumphs and joys of the redeemed in the earth made new.

"Let none think, because they cannot explain the meaning of every symbol in the Revelation, that it is useless for them to search this book in an effort to know the meaning of the truth it contains. The One who revealed these mysteries to John will give to the diligent searcher for truth a foretaste of heavenly things."

In this book, said Elder Nethery, is brought to view in a special way the great controversy between good and evil. The first two chapters in the Bible deal with events before sin entered our world. In the third chapter from the beginning of the Bible the enemy comes in. He makes his departure in the third chapter from the end of the Bible, the twentieth chapter of Revelation. And as we have a record of the blessings bestowed upon man before he sinned in the first two chapters of the Bible, we have recorded the blessings in store for mankind redeemed in the last two chapters of the Bible, the twenty-first and twenty-second chapters of the book of Revelation.

Elder Nethery urged a more earnest and careful study of the book of Revelation, especially in view of the prophecies contained therein with reference to the events that are soon to take place.

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The seventh business session of the Council convened at 9:45 Monday morning, November 17. Prayer was offered by M.V. Campbell.

#### CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS

The Chairman explained that in the past the Voice of Prophecy Corporation has been a small group of nine members, called the Board of Trustees. This Board has had a meeting, and they have amended the By-laws of the Corporation to provide that the General Conference Committee, rather than a small group of nine, shall in the future constitute the constituency of the Voice of Prophecy Corporation. He therefore declared the Council recessed, and a meeting of the new constituency of the Voice of Prophecy Corporation was called by N.C. Wilson. The Nominating Committee of the Council was asked to make nomination of a Board of Trustees for the Corporation, and adjournment was taken to Tuesday, November 18, at 10 A.M.

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## AMERICAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY:

In harmony with the Constitution of the newly reorganized Temperance Society, which provides that the Board of Governors, consisting of the members of the General Conference Committee residing in the United States, shall meet annually, such meeting was called, and a report of the accomplishments thus far and plans for the future was rendered by W.A.Scharffenberg, the Vice-President and Executive Secretary. The Secretary also submitted the following recommendations:

1. The appointment of a committee to give study to the adoption of a Constitution of the International Temperance Association.
2. The appointment of a special committee to give study to the advisability of conducting a School of Alcohol Studies in connection with the College of Medical Evangelists.
3. Authorization for the compilation and publishing of the material appearing in the Spirit of prophecy files on the temperance work.
4. That approval be given at this Autumn Council for the holding of two five-day regional training schools during 1948, for union and local conference Temperance Secretaries and others, and that action be taken in the matter of our policy with reference to outside temperance workers being invited into our churches to raise funds for their work, in view of the fact that we now have our own temperance organization.

The meeting was adjourned.

## CHRISTIAN RECORD AND BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION:

A meeting of the Christian Record and Benevolent Association was called by M.V.Campbell, the president. The financial statement of the Association was presented by D.C.Duffield, the treasurer, and a report of the Association was rendered by D.D.Rees, the Secretary. Nominations having been made, the following named persons were elected the Board of Management for the ensuing biennial period: M.V.Campbell, D.D.Rees, D.C.Duffield, N.C.Wilson, H.T.Elliott, W.E.Nelson, W.B.Mohr, R.W.Woods, L.E.Lenheim, M.L.Rice, J.D.Smith.

The meeting adjourned sine die.

## INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATION:

A meeting of the International Religious Liberty Association was called, the business to come before the meeting being the election of a member to take the place of T.G.Bunch on the Board of Trustees. Nomination having been made, Carl Sundin was

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duly elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Religious Liberty Association, and the meeting adjourned.

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The Council resumed.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

A report from the Committee on Distribution of Labor was submitted, and adopted as follows:

- We recommend, 1. That the Canadian Union Conference and Canadian Watchman Press be requested to release Ross Rick to connect with the Atlantic Union for service at Atlantic Union College.
2. That the Southwestern Union and the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference be requested to release J.R.Hoffman to connect with the Atlantic Union for labor in the Greater New York Conference as pastor-evangelist.
3. That the Southwestern Union and the Texas Conference be requested to release A.D.Kaelin to connect with the Central Union for service in the Kansas Conference.
4. That the Central Union and the Kansas Conference be requested to release P.W.Ochs to connect with the Texas Conference to serve as secretary-treasurer.
5. That the General Conference office be requested to release Esther Stoehr to connect with the Lake Union for stenographic work in the Michigan Conference office.
6. That the Atlantic Union and the Greater New York Conference be requested to release V.R.Pike to connect with the Lake Union to labor in the Indiana Conference.
7. That the Review and Herald Publishing Association be requested to release Irma Mabel Manuel to connect with the Pacific Union for stenographic work in the Southern California Conference.
8. That the Central Union Conference and the Boulder Sanitarium be requested to release Mrs. Sarah Williams to connect with the Pacific Union for stenographic work in the Southern California Conference.
9. That the Southwestern Union Conference and Southwestern Junior College be requested to release Mrs. Opal Smith to connect with the Pacific Union to serve as matron at Pacific Union College.

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10. That the Washington Sanitarium be requested to release Mr. and Mrs. B.W. Biggs to connect with the Southern Union and the Florida Conference to engage in nursing service at the Walker Sanitarium.

11. That the Atlantic Union Conference and the New England Sanitarium be requested to release Carl Clark to connect with the Southwestern Union to serve as head accountant at Southwestern Junior College.

12. That Donovan Olson, returned missionary from the Inter-American Division, be invited to connect with the Southwestern Union temporarily for Spanish work in the Texico Conference.

13. That the Riverside Sanitarium be requested to release H.D. Dobbins to connect with the Columbia Union for labor in the Allegheny Conference.

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A further partial report from the Plans Committee was submitted, and adopted as follows:

#### COLPORTEUR INTERNSHIP PLAN:

WHEREAS, Because of the increased cost of living, and the unusual high prices, the \$25.00 a week guaranty made to beginning colporteurs on the Colporteur Internship Plan is not sufficient to care for the needs of a man and his family,

We recommend, That Article 7 of the Colporteur Internship Plan for the North American Division which appears on page 115 of the Working Policy (1947) be changed to read as follows:

"The amount of income guaranteed the colporteur under this plan ranges from a minimum of \$25.00 a week up to a maximum of \$35.00, the amount being determined by the local conference committee on the basis of the family obligations of the new recruit. The General Conference, the union conference and the local conference share the guaranty on the following basis:

- a. General Conference, one fourth
- b. Union Conference, one fourth
- c. Local Conference, one half."

#### PROMOTION OF NURSING EDUCATION:

WHEREAS, Denominational medical work now offers broad opportunities for the professional missionary nurse; and,

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WHEREAS, There are today demands for the professional missionary nurse which exceed all previous demands; and,

WHEREAS, The planned expansion of denominational medical facilities throughout the world will approximately double the opportunities and the demand for the professional missionary nurse; and,

WHEREAS, It is generally felt that sufficient vocational guidance in nursing is not being given to the youth of this church

We recommend, That an active publicity program in respect to the enlistment of nursing trainees and the education of professional missionary nurses be inaugurated under the direction of the General Conference Medical Department; this program to involve the cooperative planning and action of the administrators of schools of nursing, medical institutions, and colleges, and the participation of secondary school administrators, conference presidents, young people's leaders, and church pastors; its purpose being to bring before the youth of our church information regarding the opportunities and needs for their service in professional missionary nursing.

#### LOCATING OF MEDICAL GRADUATES:

In view of the fact that approximately three hundred of our medical and dental graduates since the war have located in California and only about half this number in all the other states and foreign countries,

We recommend, 1. That this situation be brought to the attention of our conference presidents with the suggestion that students in our medical school and in dental schools be contacted frequently by the presidents of their home conferences, in order to maintain the necessary link with the home church and to urge upon these medical and dental students the desirability of returning to and practicing in their home conferences.

2. That conferences located in areas with few medical and dental graduates be urged to keep in close contact with interns located in their territories with a view to interesting them in permanent location in their fields.

3. That we re-emphasize the desirability of our conferences providing help to our young doctors and dentists by way of loans as inducements to having them locate in areas where our graduates are few.

4. That we urge our overseas divisions to take advantage of the provisions of our working policy by which aid in the form of transportation, salary, and loans may be made available to our medical and dental men in setting up in private practice in the various divisions.

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**SECOND-YEAR INTERNSHIPS:**

We recommend, That paragraph 4 on page 112 of the Working Policy (1947) be changed to read as follows:

"4. At the end of the first year of internship the local conference committee shall review the intern's work and experience to determine whether in their judgment he gives evidence of developing as a successful minister and evangelist, and whether he should be continued for the second year of internship. If it is decided to continue him as an intern, it is thereby understood and agreed that the conference will treat the intern as a regular worker of the conference at the expiration of the second year of the internship. However, if it is decided to discontinue the intern at the end of his first year of internship, action should be taken and passed on to the Union and General Conference Committees as outlined in Section IV, Method of Procedure, paragraph 7.

**POLICY ON GIVING OF CREDENTIALS:**

We recommend, That ministerial credentials and licenses be issued only to those employed by our conferences or missions, or denominationally-owned institutions; or who are under the supervision of conference or mission committees, or denominational-institutional boards; or who are on sustentation.

**MEETINGS OF ACADEMY PRINCIPALS:**

We recommend, That authorization be granted for the holding of meetings of the academy principals of the North American Division at three-year intervals.

**ACADEMY BIBLE TEXTBOOKS:**

We recommend, 1. That new textbooks for Old Testament History, New Testament History, and Bible Doctrines be prepared at the earliest possible date for use in our academies.

2. That a committee of three Bible teachers for each of the fields mentioned be selected by the General Conference Committee in counsel with the Department of Education to prepare the material for these textbooks, and that this committee be authorized to come together in the summer of 1948 for three months to coordinate and complete their work.

3. That we request the academies and the respective unions to pay the salaries and traveling expenses in connection with the work of these committees, and that we request the General Conference to care for any entertainment that may be necessary and to provide the needed secretarial and stenographic help.

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## ADVANCED TRAINING FOR PERMANENTLY RETURNED MISSIONARIES;

We recommend, That paragraph 2, page 156, of the Working Policy (1947) be amended by the addition of the following:

"It being understood that in cases of workers, other than doctors, in which the division committee concerned and the General Conference Committee feel that advanced educational preparation is needed to facilitate the placing of the worker in the homeland, the General Conference Committee is authorized to use part or all of this eighteen months' support provision in enabling these workers to obtain this added preparation. The employing conferences or institutions will benefit in each such case only by the unused portion of the support provided by this policy."

Adjourned to 9:45 A.M., Tuesday, with the closing prayer by A.L.Ham.

J.L.McElhany,  
N.C.Wilson, Chairmen.

H.T.Elliott,  
N.W.Dunn, Secretaries.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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## ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIFTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 18, 1947, 9:45 A.M.

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"As the spiritual leaders of this denomination we are confronted with three inescapable facts," said Elder T.E.Unruh in the devotional service Tuesday morning, November 18.

"1. The finishing of God's work in all the world is our Divine assignment,--there is no escaping it.

"2. That this task might already have been done except for the failure of God's people.

"3. That 'the work which the church has failed to do in a time of peace and prosperity, she will have to do in a terrible crisis, under most discouraging circumstances. The warnings that worldly conformity has silenced or withheld, must be given under the fiercest opposition from the enemies of the faith.'

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"The secret of success for us as workers for God lies in remembering our divine assignment and the circumstances in which that task must be completed. The great Advent Movement is strikingly unlike any other divinely inspired movement the world has ever seen. The difference is to be found not only in the field of doctrinal teaching, but also in its objectives. This movement was started to finish God's work.

"Few things are more pathetic than the tragedy of arrested development,--in the realm of the physical, and more so in the realm of the spiritual. And yet every great spiritual movement up to our own has had the experience of arrested development. The Advent Movement is God's final attempt to give to the world the whole truth, that the honest in heart everywhere may find it and walk therein."

"I am constrained to believe," continued Elder Unruh, "that like every other spiritual movement, we have come to our own crossroads, and that two distinct paths are open before us. The paths are plainly marked:

"Behold, I come quickly," is one.

"My Lord delayeth His coming," is the other.

"The message will increase its gripping power and the Movement will expand its conquests if we take one of these paths. If we take the other, the message, no matter how complete and beautiful, will lose its virility, and the movement will halt before the smallest obstacles. Our destiny will be settled by our attitude toward the divinely determined objective of this Movement,--the finishing of the work now. Abandon that objective in thought or in planning and this movement suffers the tragedy of an arrested development. The finishing of God's work is a task that will require the strength and energy of all God's people, and all of their resources. God Himself has outlined a divine program for finishing the work. Here are the essential features:

"Every Christian working for Christ.

A greatly expanded working force.

A greatly expanded colporteur army.

An army of youth trained for service.

A health program for every household that will make each home in Israel a light in the world.

"And finally, as a feature that is to implement every other provision in this program for a finished work, God calls for the return of the primitive spirit of sacrifice. This movement was launched in a spirit of sacrifice. In that spirit and that alone can it be finished.

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Prayer was offered by M.K.Eckenroth at the opening of the eighth business session of the Council, at 9:45 A.M. Tuesday, November 18. This being the hour for certain constituency meetings, the Council recessed, and these meetings were called, as follows:

#### OAKWOOD COLLEGE:

A meeting of the constituency of Oakwood College was called by E.F.Hackman, the chairman of the Board. The report of the Nominating Committee was submitted, and the following Board was duly elected:

E.F.Hackman, chairman; F.L.Peterson, H.J.Capman, W.W.Fordham, Dr. J.M.Cox, H.D.Dobbins, C.O.Franz, J.G.Dasent, H.R.Murphy, H.C.Klement, E.E.Cossentine, L.E.Lenheim, H.E.Schneider, G.E.Peters, M.L.Rice, D.A.Ochs, L.H.Bland, H.D.Singleton, N.C.Wilson, J.W.Turner, J.H.Wagner, H.T.Elliott, T.M.Rowe, W.H.Williams, Owen Troy.

The meeting adjourned.

#### RIVERSIDE SANITARIUM:

A meeting of the constituency of the Riverside Sanitarium was called, and on nomination, the same persons elected as the Board of Oakwood College were elected the Board of Management of the Riverside Sanitarium, and the meeting adjourned.

#### VOICE OF PROPHECY CORPORATION:

A meeting of the constituency of the Voice of Prophecy Corporation was called, and on recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the following persons were elected a Board of Trustees of the Corporation:

W.E.Atkin, C.L.Bauer, H.K.Blunden, H.T.Elliott, M.L.Rice  
H.M.S.Richards, Paul Wickman, N.C.Wilson, W.H.Williams.

The following officers for the Voice of Prophecy Corporation were elected:

Chairman, N.C.Wilson. Vice-chairman, H.T.Elliott.  
Secretary, Paul Wickman. Treasurer, W.H.Williams.

The Voice of Prophecy Corporation adjourned, and the Council resumed.

A further report from the Plans Committee was submitted, and adopted as follows:

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## PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINING:

WHEREAS, There has been an increasing number of calls for medical men with public health qualifications to connect with overseas public service organizations, government agencies, as well as private corporations,

We recommend, That a larger number of our young men and women be encouraged to take public health training as a field offering wide possibilities of service abroad.

## CREDENTIALS TO OUR MEDICAL WORKERS:

WHEREAS, The Spirit of prophecy counsels the closest possible tie-up of our ministerial and medical work for the greater strengthening of both,

We recommend, That local conference, union conference, and mission field administrations be encouraged to recognize the evangelical nature of the work of our doctors and other medical workers in denominational employ and that credentials or licenses appropriate to their maturity, experience, attitude, ability, and responsibility be issued to them.

## BIBLE TEACHER ATTENDANCE AT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY:

We recommend, That the administrative officers and the boards of our colleges and academies encourage and make definite plans for our teachers of Bible to take, in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, their graduate work to meet the requirements of the M.A. and B.D. degrees, thus qualifying them for their teaching work in our denominational schools and colleges while working for an accepted academic degree.

## C.O.D. MAIL FEE ON BOOK DELIVERIES:

WHEREAS, In some rural communities in the North American Division bad roads often hinder the colporteur in making personal delivery of his books and greatly add to the cost of personal delivery; and,

WHEREAS, In such communities delivery of merchandise by C.O.D. mail at the expense of the purchaser is often the commonly accepted practice,

We recommend, That in sparsely settled communities in the North American Division in which delivery by C.O.D. mail at the expense of the customer is commonly in use, the colporteur, on proper understanding with the purchaser, be allowed to add the C.O.D. fee to the price of the book.

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## PROMOTION OF HOME-FOREIGN WORK:

WHEREAS, There are millions of foreign-speaking peoples in North America, a large number of whom use their mother tongue, especially in respect to religion;

We recommend, 1. That local conferences make a survey of the needs of the foreign language groups in their respective territories, giving them a proportionate share in their evangelistic plans.

2. That workers and church officers be encouraging to put forth renewed efforts to organize Home-Foreign Bands in our churches, and that these study and put into effect plans for reaching our foreign-speaking neighbors, and that the distribution of literature in the different languages represented, be included in the local church and conference evangelistic plans.

3. That the Publishing and Home Missionary Departments cooperate with the Home-Foreign Bureau in planning for the production of needed new foreign language literature.

## CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS:

WHEREAS, The Bible Correspondence Schools are becoming an increasingly important agency in our expanding evangelistic program, and are closely integrated with our lay missionary activities; and,

WHEREAS, A work of such importance demands the most careful co-ordination and consistent direction; therefore,

We recommend, That the Home Missionary Department be requested to foster the organization and direction of the Conference Bible Correspondence Schools, and that a report of all these correspondence schools be gathered in the regular way and compiled annually by the General Conference Home Missionary Department.

## MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD:

WHEREAS, The Constitution and By-Laws of the Medical Advisory Board may be amended by approval of any proposed amendment by the General Conference Committee in Autumn Council session;

We recommend, 1. That "Article III --Membership and Qualification," be amended to read:

"b. Twelve elective members chosen from the medical and allied fields of denominational work whose education and experience qualify them to serve in an advisory capacity,"

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And that the following be added:

"c. The medical secretaries of the overseas divisions."

2. That "By-Laws Article I -- Members" be revised to read:

"2. The personnel of the Board shall be as follows:

"a. The medical secretaries of the overseas divisions."

And--

"3. The terms of the members of the first Board elected shall expire as follows:

"Three at Autumn Council session, 1946.  
Three at Autumn Council Session, 1947.  
Three at Autumn Council session, 1948.  
Three at Autumn Council session, 1949."

3. That "By-Laws Article III--Meetings" be revised to read:

"The Board shall meet annually. Meetings may be held at any time and place upon written notice from the chairman thirty days in advance of the date of the meeting."

#### 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF INGATHERING:

WHEREAS, The Annual Ingathering for Missions has been a three-fold blessing in that those engaged in this work have enjoyed a spiritual uplift, many have been added to the church, and over forty millions of dollars have been received for the support of world missions; and,

WHEREAS, 1948 will be the 40th anniversary of this "New Plan to Reach Unbelievers" which had its origin in the humble missionary efforts of Jasper Wayne, and will continue to play an important part in the finishing of God's work in the earth; and,

WHEREAS, We today face unprecedented calls from mission fields to open the work in new regions, and overwhelming opportunities of soul winning at home and in foreign lands,

We recommend, That we accept the challenge of an unfinished task and enthusiastically celebrate this 40th anniversary by,

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- a. Making this Ingathering Campaign outstanding in the raising of funds for missions, exceeding all former records.
- b. Encouraging every church member to participate.
- c. Faithfully following up all missionary contacts.

## BIBLE READING CAMPAIGN:

We recommend, That we cooperate with the American Bible Society in its 1948 Bible reading campaign; plans to be worked out by the General Conference Executive Committee.

## PRESS:

WHEREAS, The press in North America and in many overseas countries is constantly becoming more favorable to the reception and publication of all types of information concerning the Seventh-day Adventist church; and,

WHEREAS, Through articles and items in newspapers millions of people may be given opportunity better to understand Adventists, their standards, beliefs, and world mission,

We recommend, 1. That our conferences and institutions give more definite thought to planning for proper and effective publicity in connection with every feature of their work - services, activities, standards, beliefs, etc.

2. That the way be opened for conference workers and for church press secretaries to receive more practical instruction on the preparation of church news, and how intelligently to cooperate with editors and reporters.

3. That union conference leaders, in cooperation with the General Conference Press Relations Bureau, give study to formulating plans to do far more than we are now doing in cultivating friendly relations with the papers in the great metropolitan areas, to the end that they may understand our work and be in position more fully to cooperate with us.

## BLANK-DAY CALENDAR:

WHEREAS, The danger of a blank-day calendar going into effect in 1950, bringing confusion and disruption to religious observances, still remains a possibility, inasmuch as the legislation calling for a change of calendars is still before Congress; and,

WHEREAS, The supporters of the revised calendar are determined to drive this project through Congress during 1948 by bringing every possible pressure they can command on the legislators; therefore,

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We recommend, That we call on our workers and people to continue strongly their activities to inform public opinion regarding the injury to religion in a blank-day calendar, and by the circulation of literature, letters to the papers, meetings for the public, and letters to legislators, to defeat the adoption of the blank-day legislation.

#### SELF-SUPPORTING INSTITUTIONS AND RURAL LIVING:

WHEREAS, By action of the General Conference Committee the Association of Self-supporting Institutions has been brought into existence, and a legal holding corporation is in the process of being formed to guard the interests of such constituent members of the Association as desire to convey their properties in trust to the Corporation,

We recommend, That our union and local conference leaders in North America encourage the self-supporting institutions in their territories to become members of the Association of Self-supporting Institutions and to work in close cooperation with the General Conference Commission on Rural Living; and further

We recommend, That our workers and people be encouraged to study carefully the instruction contained in the writings of the Spirit of prophecy relative to seeking for themselves and their children places in which to live away from the cities.

#### ORGANIZING OUR YOUTH FOR EVANGELISM;

WHEREAS, Opportunities for soul winning by youth were never greater nor more urgently needed than at this present hour; and,

WHEREAS, The North American Youth's Congress has sounded the call for a mighty forward march in youth evangelism; and,

WHEREAS, Our young people stand ready to volunteer now for a finished work,

We recommend, 1. That the union conferences of the North American Division, and of overseas Divisions as conditions permit, give earnest study to the holding of union-wide youth's congresses during 1948.

2. That our ministers everywhere join with our young people in the "Share My Faith" program launched in the recent Youth's Congress.

3. That our Missionary Volunteer secretaries be encouraged to conduct workshops on personal, literature and public evangelism.

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4. That conference committees so plan the work of all their laborers for the 1948 spring Week of Prayer as to provide the young people of every church with an opportunity to re-dedicate their lives to God and engage in some form of personal soul winning endeavor.

WHEREAS, The stage of life through which the Junior youth and the teen-agers are passing presents the church with the most favorable opportunity of winning them to Christ and of establishing them in wholesome habits,

We recommend, 1. That every church in which the need exists elect a Junior Superintendent in harmony with the suggestions in the Church Manual.

2. That in the larger communities a church-centered year-round program of spiritual and recreational activities be planned through such agencies as:

- a. Church school
- b. Camp meeting
- c. Summer training camps
- d. J.M.V.Clubs
- e. Vacation Bible Schools.

#### INTER-AMERICAN FURLOUGHS:

WHEREAS, The territory of the Inter-American Division lies largely within the tropics and has the same health hazards as those that exist in other tropical divisions in which shorter periods of service are given workers located in tropical regions; and,

WHEREAS, The longer period of furlough now granted makes the carrying on of the work, especially in the schools and colleges of this division, difficult because of the long absence of the workers from the field; and,

WHEREAS, The territory of the Inter-American Division lies close to the North American base, making it possible for an equivalent to a coastal furlough or hill leave to be taken in the homeland at no greater expense than the usual mid-term leave that is granted in some other divisions; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That the term of service for the Inter-American Division for all its territories (except the headquarters office in Florida) be three years with a furlough of sixteen weeks for all missionary families and single workers.

2. That the financial and other arrangements for such furloughs be worked out by the Inter-American Division Committee.

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3. That workers now in the field may elect to take their furlough on the basis of the old furlough policy which was in effect at the time of their appointment to the field.

#### CHURCH MISSIONARY SERVICE:

WHEREAS, In the design of God the church missionary society and the Sabbath school are both soul-winning organizations, and both embrace the whole church in their objectives and activities; and,

WHEREAS, The class organization of the Sabbath school lends itself admirably to the grouping of the whole church into effective units for the promotion of missionary objectives, and to the taking of reports of missionary activity at the close of the Sabbath school service; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That in order to facilitate the smoothest possible transition from the Sabbath school session to the ten-minute missionary service, the Sabbath School be <sup>not</sup> dismissed, but that just prior to the close of the lesson period both the Sabbath school superintendent and the church missionary leader proceed to the platform. The superintendent shall terminate the lesson recitation at the close of the seventy-minute Sabbath school session by some appropriate signal, whereupon the church missionary leader without announcement shall immediately take charge of the ten-minute missionary service; the superintendent remaining seated on the platform during the missionary service. The missionary service may include such items as the relating of a personal missionary experience, the promotion of church missionary activities, and the gathering of written missionary reports. At the close of the ten-minute missionary period the congregation shall be dismissed with a benediction. This recommendation does not infringe on the seventy minutes devoted to the Sabbath school program. No part of the Sabbath school time shall be used for any church missionary activity such as the gathering of missionary reports, the planning or conducting of Ingathering or other campaigns, or the promotion of any other project not directly related to Sabbath school work.

2. That in order to train the children and youth of the church in missionary activity, they remain in their divisions after the close of the Sabbath school exercises for a ten-minute missionary service adapted to their age interests; dismissal of the children to follow this ten-minute missionary service.

#### EDUCATION OF TRAINED ATTENDANTS:

WHEREAS, An acute shortage of nursing personnel in our medical institutions has made it necessary to rely to an increasing degree on auxiliary workers or attendants for the bedside care of the sick; and,

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WHEREAS, It is highly desirable that such auxiliary workers be trained in basic principles of simple nursing care,

We recommend, That as a means of unifying and standardizing the attendant training program now being conducted, early consideration be given by the General Conference Medical Department to a curriculum well adapted to the training of auxiliary nursing personnel and that such training be inaugurated in institutions in the United States which are interested in offering training of this type when in counsel with the General Conference Medical Department it appears that such institutions have personnel and facilities for this training program.

#### EMPHASIZING PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING:

WHEREAS, We are meeting an increasingly persistent demand for Public Health trained nurses to occupy positions as directors of health services in our colleges and academies; and,

WHEREAS, There is a growing demand for Public Health trained nurses to serve as conference nurses in coordinating and promoting the health education activities of our elementary schools and churches,

We recommend, That the opportunities in this field be brought more fully before our graduate and student nurses.

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The Finance Committee submitted a partial report, which was adopted as follows:

#### EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO BIBLE SOCIETY:

We recommend, That a special appropriation of \$7,500.00 be made to the American Bible Society for the year 1948; this amount to be supplied by the North American Union Conferences on the basis of 1946 tithe receipts.

#### REPORTING TRAVEL EXPENSE:

We recommend, That we adhere to the policy of reporting travel expense on the basis of the regular allowance for the journey by the most direct route, with the understanding that in no case shall travel expense be allowed which was not actually incurred for the authorized journey; and further,

That all workers be urged to effect every possible economy in travel expense, since careful attention to this matter will mean substantial savings to the cause of God.

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**SPECIAL OFFERING FOR RIVERSIDE SANITARIUM:**

We recommend, That all our churches in the United States, both white and colored be invited to participate in a special offering for furniture and equipment for the Riverside Sanitarium this to be received on February 14, 1948; and that the promotion of this offering be referred to the appropriate standing committee of the General Conference.

**MISSIONS EXTENSION OFFERING:**

We recommend, That in order to give our churches the opportunity of sharing in specific mission enterprises which will benefit directly from a particular offering, the Missions Extension plan embrace projects which are in addition to those provided for in the regular budget; these projects to be decided upon at the time of the Autumn Council, the promotion to be referred to the appropriate standing committee of the General Conference.

**FINANCIAL POSITION OF ACADEMIES:**

WHEREAS, The total liabilities of our educational institutions in North America have increased in one year by \$994,967.19; bringing the total liabilities in our colleges and academies in June, 1947, to an all-time high of \$1,858,279.89, with notes and loans payable to the amount of \$553,608.88; and,

WHEREAS, A considerable amount of these liabilities centers in our academies; and,

WHEREAS, There are at present a number of new academies under construction, many building projects under way, and many projects under consideration; and,

WHEREAS, Some of our schools are finding it increasingly difficult to meet their current operating expense because of rising costs;

We recommend, That early in the year 1948 a meeting be called in each union conference of the academy principals, conference presidents or chairmen of the academy boards, with the union conference officers and the union Educational Department secretaries, and any members of the General Conference that may be invited, for the purpose of giving careful study to the overall educational financial situation within the union, and placing each institution on a sound financial basis both as to operation and capital improvements.

**DISCOUNTS TO OVERSEAS STUDENTS:**

We recommend, That our colleges and academies in North America, excluding the College of Medical Evangelists, allow

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50 per cent discount only on class tuition to missionaries on leave from other divisions, to their wives and children, and to overseas nationals who are studying in North America on the bursary plan which, it is understood, includes contractual arrangements for substantial assistance to the student, from the division, conference, or mission concerned.

#### SUPPLY INVENTORIES:

WHEREAS, Supply inventories comprise a large proportion of the current assets of our denominational organizations, requiring that great care be exercised in the recording of stocks in hand at the close of each fiscal period; and,

WHEREAS, The financial structure of our organizations can be seriously affected by inaccuracies in the recording of stocks and supplies; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That the responsibility for inventory records rest with the financial management of the organization concerned; that these records be compiled promptly at the end of the fiscal year on a suitable form bearing the signatures of those who actually inspected the stocks and calculated the values; the entire inventory to be certified to the auditor by the chief financial officers of the organization.

2. That in such certification of supply inventories, the following plan be adopted:

a. That the actual physical inspection and count be made by more than one persons.

b. That such inventory be valued at cost or market value; whichever is lower.

c. That the accounting department of the organization concerned give particular attention to checking the extensions and totals of the inventory sheets.

d. That for the purpose of uniformity, stock inventory sheets be used which have spaces provided for such information as date, department, location, and places for signatures.

e. That the following form serve as a sample of the certificate to be appended to the supply inventories prepared at the end of each fiscal period:

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## SUPPLIES INVENTORY CERTIFICATE

We hereby certify that the attached inventory record is, to the best of our knowledge and belief, a correct record of the quantities and values of stocks held by the \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 194 \_\_\_\_\_

Summary by Departments

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Total \$-----

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of President/Manager

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Signature of Treasurer

## CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION

WHEREAS, A correct record of accounts receivable and payable in the books of denominational organizations is an important factor in maintaining a well-balanced financial structure; and,

WHEREAS, The financial management of the organizations in their day-to-day management have every opportunity to keep a close check on such accounts and financial obligations; therefore,

We recommend, That the financial management of our organizations submit to the auditor at the time of the audit of the accounting records a certified statement of the financial obligations both receivable and payable and stating the particulars of any known contingent liabilities, such certification to be provided in a form similar to the following:

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## CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION

We hereby certify that to the best of our knowledge and belief, correct entries have been made on the books of record for all obligations both real and contingent either owed by or to the \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 194--  
Except as follows \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of President or Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Treasurer or Accountant

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

A partial report from the Nominating Committee was submitted and adopted as follows:

- Volunteer
- We recommend, 1. For Secretary and Missionary/Secretary of the Southern Asia Division, F.A.Mote, of the Upper Columbia Conference.
2. For Educational Secretary of the Southern Asia Division, C.A.Schutt.
3. For Secretary of the Northern European Division, Alf. Karlman.
4. As members of the Board of Regents, their tenure to be for a period of three years, expiring in 1950: G.W.Bowers, W.C.Hannah, W.E.Macpherson, M.D.

Adjourned to 7:30 P.M., with the closing prayer by J.L. McElhany.

J.L.McElhany,  
A.V.Olson, Chairmen.

H.T.Elliott,  
J.I.Robison,  
E.E.Roenfelt, Secretaries.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIXTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 18, 1947, 7:30 P.M.

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The ninth session of the Council convened at 7:30 Tuesday evening, November 18, with J.L. McElhany in the chair. All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" was sung, and prayer was offered by J.J. Nethery.

## THE BUDGET FOR 1948:

The Budget Committee presented its report, as follows:

[See following pages]

## THE BUDGET FOR 1948

We Recommend, That \$600,000.00 be transferred from the Sustentation Fund to the general mission fund for appropriation to our home and overseas divisions for 1948.

We Recommend, That the base and special appropriations for 1948 to the world fields be made from the following estimated income and available funds:

Regular General Conference income	8 771 371 99
General Conference operating reserves and trust funds	2 044 340 00
Church Extension funds	<u>265 000 00</u>
Total estimated income and available funds for 1948	11 080 711 99

We Recommend, 1. That the regular base appropriations for 1948 be as follows:

OVERSEAS:

Australia	100 000 00	
China	793 200 00	
Detached Unions:		
British	56 500 00	
British (So. Ireland)	<u>15 000 00</u>	71 500 00
Ethiopia		90 000 00
Middle East		263 000 00
West Africa		210 500 00
Far East (including Guam)		640 200 00
Inter-America		633 300 00
Northern Europe		144 500 00
South America		688 500 00
Southern Africa		788 200 00
Southern Asia		782 000 00
Southern Europe		618 800 00
World Edition Review & Herald		75 000 00
Reconstruction Base	<u>180 000 00</u>	6 078 700 00

INTERNATIONAL RADIO:

Production Expense and Specials	125 000 00	
China	30 000 00	
Detached Unions:		
British	16 000 00	
Middle East	5 000 00	
West Africa	5 000 00	
Far East	20 000 00	
Inter-America	48 500 00	
Northern Europe:		
Including Netherlands	14 000 00	
South America	64 000 00	
Southern Africa	20 000 00	
Southern Asia	25 000 00	
Southern Europe	<u>40 000 00</u>	412 500 00

Total Overseas Base Appropriations

6 491 200 00

NORTH AMERICA:

Canada		56 750 00	
Southern:			
Colored	35 000 00		
Rural Schools	<u>3 000 00</u>	38 000 00	
Oakwood College		21 500 00	
Riverside Sanitarium		17 800 00	
Southwestern:			
White	5 000 00		
Colored	14 000 00		
Spanish-American School	<u>10 140 00</u>	29 140 00	
Home-Foreign Department		102 700 00	
S.D.A. Theo. Seminary		63 000 00	
College Medical Evangelists		<u>72 500 00</u>	401 390 00

GENERAL:

Administration	920 000 00	
Miscellaneous and Fixed	<u>958 781 99</u>	<u>1 878 781 99</u>

Total Base Appropriation for North America and General	2 280 171 99
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Total Base Appropriations for 1948	8 771 371 99
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## 2. That special appropriations be as follows:

OVERSEAS:

Australia	60 000 00
China	350 000 00
Detached Unions:	
British	40 000 00
British (So. Ireland)	<u>10 000 00</u>
Ethiopia	30 000 00
Middle East	70 000 00
West Africa	40 000 00
Far East	100 000 00
Inter-America	100 000 00
Northern Europe	80 000 00
South America	100 000 00
Southern Africa	100 000 00
Southern Asia	105 000 00
Southern Europe	<u>100 000 00</u>

Total Special Appropriations Overseas	1 285 000 00
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NORTH AMERICA AND GENERAL:

Atlantic Union:	
New England Sanitarium	20 000 00
Atlantic Union College	15 000 00
Evan. Funds, Gr. New York (White and Colored)	<u>20 000 00</u>
	55 000 00
Canadian Union:	
Canadian Jr. College	15 000 00

Central Union:		
Boulder Sanitarium	20 000 00	
Union College	15 000 00	
Evan.Funds (Colored Miss.)	<u>3 000 00</u>	38 000 00
Columbia Union:		
Washington Missionary College		15 000 00
Lake Union:		
Emmanuel Missionary College	15 000 00	
Hinsdale Sanitarium	<u>20 000 00</u>	35 000 00
North Pacific Union:		
Walla Walla College		15 000 00
Pacific Union:		
St. Helena Sanitarium	20 000 00	
Paradise Valley Sanitarium	20 000 00	
Pacific Union College	<u>15 000 00</u>	55 000 00
Riverside Sanitarium:		
Remodelling Old bldgs.	10 000 00	
Completing Main bldg.	15 000 00	
Operating	<u>20 000 00</u>	45 000 00
Oakwood College:		
Finishing Dormitory	65 000 00	
Equipment	<u>7 000 00</u>	72 000 00
Southern Union:		
Evan.Funds (Colored Miss.)	10 000 00	
Florida Sanitarium	20 000 00	
Southern Missionary College	<u>15 000 00</u>	45 000 00
Southwestern Union:		
Southwestern Jr.College	15 000 00	
Spanish-American Seminary	16 340 00	
Evan.Funds (Colored Miss.)	<u>3 000 00</u>	34 340 00
Home-Foreign Department:		
Building Funds		10 000 00
College of Medical Evangelists	90 000 00	
Washington Sanitarium	60 000 00	
Funds for Small Conferences	50 000 00	
Ministerial Internships, War Emergency	25 000 00	
North America Radio	<u>88 000 00</u>	747 340 00
General:		
S.D.A Theo.Seminary		
Equipment	2 000 00	
Student Travel	<u>10 000 00</u>	12 000 00
Total Special Appropriations, North America		759 340 00
Total Special Appropriations		<u>2 044 340 00</u>

3. That the following appropriations for 1948 be made from the Church Extension Fund to Overseas and North American Division:

OVERSEAS:

Australia		8 000 00	
China		18 000 00	
Detached Unions:			
British	11 000 00		
British (So. Ireland)	<u>6 000 00</u>	17 000 00	
Ethiopia		4 500 00	
Middle East		6 000 00	
West Africa		6 000 00	
Far East		12 000 00	
Inter-America		15 000 00	
Northern Europe		14 500 00	
South America		14 500 00	
Southern Africa		11 000 00	
Southern Asia		14 500 00	
Southern Europe		<u>18 000 00</u>	159 000 00

NORTH AMERICA:

Atlantic Union:			
Attleboro, Mass.		1 000 00	
Northampton, Mass.		1 000 00	
Springfield, Mass. Colored		1 500 00	
Corning, N.Y.		2 000 00	
Cortland, N.Y.		2 000 00	
Kingston, N.Y.		<u>2 500 00</u>	10 000 00
Canadian Union:			
Bentley, Alta.		750 00	
Victoria, B.C.		3 000 00	
Chillawak, B.C.		1 000 00	
Vernon, B.C.		1 250 00	
Paris, Ontario		1 500 00	
Moose Jaw, Sask.		<u>1 500 00</u>	9 000 00
Central Union:			
La Junta, Colo.		250 00	
Las Animas, Colo.		250 00	
Boulder, Colo.		1 500 00	
Great Bend, Kans.		1 100 00	
Eureka, Kans.		620 00	
St. Joseph, Mo. Colored		530 00	
Kansas City, N.E., Mo.		1 530 00	
Grand Island, Nebr.		860 00	
North Platte, Nebr.		860 00	
Thermopolis, Wyo.		500 00	
Rawlins, Wyo.		<u>1 000 00</u>	9 000 00

Columbia Union:		
Frederick, Md.	600 00	
Trenton, N.J.	2 000 00	
Toledo, Ohio	2 400 00	
Greensburg, Pa.	800 00	
Waynesboro, Pa.	800 00	
Roanoke, Va.	2 400 00	
Martinsburg, W.Va.	<u>1 000 00</u>	10 000 00

Lake Union:		
Brookfield, Ill.	1 500 00	
Gary, Ind.	1 250 00	
Jackson, Mich.	3 500 00	
Flint, Mich. Colored	1 500 00	
Ladysmith, Wisc.	750 00	
Fond du Lac, Wisc.	<u>1 500 00</u>	10 000 00

Northern Union:		
Ames, Iowa	1 500 00	
Duluth, Minn.	2 500 00	
Minneapolis, Minn. Colored	2 750 00	
Williston City, N.D.	1 000 00	
Harvey, N.D.	500 00	
Tolstoy, S.D.	<u>750 00</u>	9 000 00

North Pacific Union:		
Seattle, Wash.		12 000 00

Pacific Union:		
Central Church, Oakland, Calif.	8 000 00	
Aiea, Oahu, Hawaii	4 000 00	
Wahiawa, Hawaii	<u>3 000 00</u>	15 000 00

Southern Union:		
Birmingham, Ala. Colored	1 700 00	
Mobile, Ala.	1 200 00	
Daytona Beach, Fla.	1 400 00	
Florida San. Church, Orlando, Fla.	2 000 00	
Fort Myers, Fla. Colored	200 00	
Albany, Ga.	1 400 00	
Atlanta, Ga. Colored	750 00	
Charlotte, N.C.	1 000 00	
Winston-Salem, N.C. Colored	300 00	
Laurinburg, N.C. Colored	200 00	
Florence, S.C.	450 00	
Nashville, Tenn.	<u>1 400 00</u>	12 000 00

Southwestern Union:		
Pocahontas, Ark.	1 000 00	
Eldorado, Ark.	500 00	
Plaquemine, La.	500 00	
New Orleans, La. Colored	5 000 00	
Choctaw, Okla.	700 00	
Oklahoma City, Okla. Colored	800 00	
Cleburne, Texas	<u>1 500 00</u>	<u>10 000 00</u>
Total Overseas		159 000 00
Total, North America		<u>106 000 00</u>
Total appropriations from Church Extension Fund		265 000 00

#### SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

Base, all divisions		8 771 371 99
Specials:		
Overseas Divisions	1 285 000 00	
North America and General	<u>759 340 00</u>	2 044 340 00
Church Extension:		
Overseas Divisions	159 000 00	
North America	<u>106 000 00</u>	265 000 00
Estimated Revertible Funds:		
Overseas, basis 1946	1 552 340 07	
North America, basis 1946	<u>1 864 454 39</u>	<u>3 416 794 46</u>
Total Appropriations for 1948 including reversions, 1946 basis		14 497 506 45

We recommend, That the following funds be made available for Special Appropriations:

Balance for Specials	368 068 91
Exchange Stabilization Fund	300 000 00
Sustentation Fund	600 000 00
General Conference Reserves	<u>776 271 09</u>
Total operating Reserves and Trust Funds	2 044 340 00

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The budget was adopted by a standing vote, with a word of prayer that God may bless in the handling of the funds to the advancement of His cause.

W.E.Nelson, the Treasurer, expressed appreciation of the liberality of our people generally, and the faithfulness of conference leaders and workers, which has made possible the voting of this, the largest budget ever presented to a Seventh-day Adventist Autumn Council.

Representing the overseas fields, words of thanks and appreciation for the provisions made for their respective fields were expressed by the following:

W.R.Beach for Southern Europe; Glenn Calkins for Inter-America; E.N.Lugenbeal for South America; A.L.Ham, Southern Asia; G.A.Lindsay, Northern Europe; E.B.Rudge, British Union; W.E.Abernathy, China; Dr. C.Paul Bringle, Southern Africa; K.Tilstra, Far Eastern Division; A.W.Anderson, Australia.

N.C.Wilson, speaking for North America, said that while appreciating the help provided for special needs in North America he was sure that the greatest joy to the workers in this land is the joy of being able to help to raise the funds for carrying forward the work in the world field.

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Further recommendations from the Budget Committee were adopted as follows:

#### MISSIONS OFFERING GOAL:

We recommend, That the missions offering goal for North America for 1948 be seventy cents per week per member; and that the goal for the colored membership in the Southern and Southwestern Unions be sixty cents per week per member.

We recommend, That the missions offering goal for Sabbath school offerings beginning with 1948 be thirty-five cents per week per member; and that the goal for the colored Sabbath schools of the Southern and Southwestern Unions be thirty cents per week per member.

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE AUTHORIZED RESERVE:

We recommend, That the Authorized Reserve Fund of the General Conference, amounting to a sum equivalent to 40 per cent of the regular and special appropriations, which the Constitution provides shall be held in the Treasury as a reserve, be divided as follows: 20 per cent as an operating fund and 20 per cent as a reserve fund.

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## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

A report from the Nominating Committee was submitted, and adopted as follows:

## MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD:

In harmony with the action taken at this Autumn Council revising the membership of the Medical Advisory Board to include the division medical secretaries, together with twelve additional members,

We recommend, That the following persons be elected in addition to the division medical secretaries:

- a. For the four-year term expiring in 1951: George T. Harding, M.D., C.E. Parrish, M.D., H.M. Walton, M.D.
- b. For the four-year term expiring in 1950: Metta Hudson, R.N., Edward Rippey, M.D., A.D. Butterfield, M.D.
- c. For the four-year term expiring in 1949: E.E. Cossentine, W.E. Macpherson, M.D., E.L. Place.
- d. For the four-year term expiring in 1948: R.A. Hare, M.D., John C. Shull, Jessie E. Tupper, R.N.

## INTERNATIONAL RADIO COMMISSION:

We recommend, That the following persons constitute the membership of the International Radio Commission: W.E. Atkin, E.D. Dick, W.E. Nelson, Paul Wickman, A.W. Cormack, W.P. Bradley, J.J. Nethery, Horace J. Shaw, H.M. Blunden, L.K. Dickson, A.V. Olson, W.H. Williams.

We recommend, The following persons as officers of the International Radio Commission: Chairman, A.V. Olson; Vice-Chairman, A.W. Cormack; Secretary, Paul Wickman; Assistant Secretary, Horace J. Shaw; Treasurer, W.H. Williams.

## NORTH AMERICAN RADIO COMMISSION:

We recommend, That the following persons constitute the membership of the North American Radio Commission: R.A. Anderson, V.G. Anderson, W.E. Atkin, C.L. Bauer, H.M.S. Richards, H.M. Blunden, W.P. Bradley, M.V. Campbell, A.W. Cormack, E.D. Dick, L.K. Dickson, E.W. Dunbar, H.T. Elliott, W.P. Elliott, E.F. Hackman, L.E. Lenheim, W.E. Nelson, J.J. Nethery, D.A. Ochs, W.B. Ochs, A.V. Olson, T.L. Oswald, G.S. Rapp, M.L. Rice, H.L. Rudy, H.J. Shaw, J.B. Smith, C.L. Torrey, Owen Troy, J.W. Turner, H.H. Votaw, Elmer Walde, Paul Wickman, W.H. Williams, N.C. Wilson.

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We recommend, As officers of the North American Radio Commission, the following: Chairman, N.C.Wilson; Vice-Chairman, C.L.Bauer; Secretary, Paul Wickman; Assistant Secretaries, Horace J.Shaw, W.E.Atkin; Treasurer, W.H.Williams.

Adjourned to 9:45 Wednesday morning. Closing prayer by Frederick Griggs.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.

H.T.Elliott,

N.W.Dunn,

E.E.Roenfelt, Secretaries.

E.Zeidler, Recording Sec'y.

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# ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVENTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 19, 1947, 9:45 A.M.

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Dr. T.R.Flaiz was the speaker in the devotional service Wednesday morning, November 19. He took for his text 2 Pet.3:11 where under inspiration Peter asks the pertinent question concerning those who live just prior to the mighty spectacle of the dissolution of all things: "What manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?"

This question, said Doctor Flaiz, is largely answered by Paul in writing to the Philippians, when he said, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." Paul points out that Christ "made Himself of no reputation," but "took on Him the form of a servant." We find Christ emphasizing the thought, continued Doctor Flaiz, that the highest aspiration of the Christian is not to dominate, but to serve, for He says, "Whosoever would be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever would be chief among you, let him be your servant."

We are called to serve as soldiers under the banner of Christ. Soldiers serving their country are not assured of ease and safety, or even that they will ever be permitted to return to their homes. So our service for Christ must be in the spirit of sacrifice. It is not a matter of idle choice. Paul says he found himself debtor to the Greeks and to the Barbarians. That necessity was laid on him, that he had no other choice but to preach the gospel.

The Lord has told us that when He comes in glory to make up the final account, it will be those who have made a covenant with Him by sacrifice who will be accounted worthy of salvation

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and life. It was the life of sacrifice that Christ lived here below that He wants us to catch the vision of as workers for Him. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." It was in sacrifice that our work was established. It was through sacrifice that this work was built up, and it is through sacrifice that it must be carried forward.

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"To God be the Glory" was sung to open the tenth business session of the Council, at 9:45 A.M., Wednesday, November 19, and prayer was offered by H.T. Elliott.

#### PLACING DENOMINATIONAL BOOKS IN LIBRARIES:

A report from the Committee on Placing Denominational Books in Libraries was presented, and adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The Autumn Council of 1946 took the following action:

"Whereas, God has raised up this church for the purpose of proclaiming the advent message to all the world in this generation; and

"Whereas, We should do all in our power to set before the reading public the historical background, present work, the prophetic basis, and the theological soundness of this advent message; and

"Whereas, There is a greater desire today than ever before for information regarding our message and our work,

"Resolved, 1. That we seek to place in all the leading public libraries, and in university, college, seminary and Bible institute libraries in the United States and Canada, a selected set of our standard books concerning the history, present work, and fundamental teachings of Seventh-day Adventists.

"2. That the General Conference Committee appoint a special committee to carry forward this plan, in cooperation with our publishing houses, the General Conference, our union and local conferences, the expense of the project to be shared equally by these four organizations. And further, that this special committee give study as to costs and involvements and report back to the 1947 Autumn Council before action is taken in the expenditure of funds covered by this recommendation.

"3. That the division conferences give consideration to developing a similar plan in each division";

We recommend, 1. That the books to be donated to libraries be distributed over a period of five years.

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2. That the five hundred libraries giving service to the greatest number of readers be served, within the categories tabulated herewith, in the quantities stated, and at costs as estimated. [See page following]

3. That library cards printed and issued by the Library of Congress be furnished each library for each title, in order to accelerate accessioning, in sufficient number to provide the author card, title card, subject cards, and shelf list card.

4. That as far as possible, personal presentation be made to each library by a conference worker in company with a local Seventh-day Adventist, and that the library catalog be checked to avoid duplication of titles, and allow for substitutions where desired.

5. That the Committee for Placing Denominational Books in Libraries proceed to carry out this project in accordance with the above plan.

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A further report from the Finance Committee being presented, was adopted as follows:

#### SECOND SABBATH FOREIGN MISSIONS OFFERING:

We recommend, That the missions offering received in our churches on the second Sabbath of each month be termed the Second Sabbath Foreign Missions Offering, and that plans for its further promotion be studied and put into practice by the Executive Committee.

#### MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIPS:

We recommend, That the allotment of regular ministerial internships for the year 1948 be the same as for 1947.

#### LOCATING PHYSICIANS:

We recommend, That the maximum amount to be advanced to physicians, under the provisions of the policy referred to on page 74, paragraph 5, of the Working Policy be revised to read "\$2,500" instead of \$1,500 as at present.

#### INSTITUTE OF FOOD RESEARCH:

WHEREAS, We as Seventh-day Adventists have been given special light through the Spirit of prophecy on the principles of diet and nutrition, which are of great significance in our health program; and

Kind of Library	No. of Libraries	No. of Books per Year	Total No. of Books Donated per Year	Average Estimated Cost per Volume	Total Estimated Cost of Books per Year	Total Estimated Cost of Books in Five Years
a. Theological Semin- aries and Institutes	125	4	500	\$2.00	\$1 000.00	\$5 000.00
b. Religious Colleges	150	4	600	2.00	1 200.00	6 000.00
c. Secular Colleges and Universities	75	4	300	2.00	600.00	3 000.00
d. Public Libraries	150	3	450	2.00	900.00	4 500.00
e. All Libraries	500		1 850	2.00	3 700.00	18 500.00

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WHEREAS, These principles are under attack by scientific groups; and

WHEREAS, The College of Medical Evangelists and the food companies have expressed their active interest in the establishment of a food research program; therefore

Resolved, 1. That we hereby approve the beginning of an institute of food research on a minimal basis in collaboration with the College of Medical Evangelists, and we recommend that this project be implemented by providing a budget as follows:

2 Technicians	\$4,000.00
Equipment and Supplies	3,000.00

2. That this cost be shared equally by the interested food companies and by the available research funds of the College of Medical Evangelists.

#### EXCHANGE RATES FOR 1948:

We recommend, 1. That the fixed rate of exchange for the interchange of business between our organizations during the year 1948 be as listed below.

2. That the General Conference Executive Committee be authorized to adjust the rates of exchange for the countries starred when conditions warrant and current exchange rates are available.

<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>Rate 1948</u>
Australasia	Australian L	3.30
British Union	English L	4.10
Central Europe		
*Germany	reichsmark	.10
China		
Hong Kong	Hong Kong \$	.25
*China	dollar	\$60,000 to U.S. \$1.00
*Manchuria	dollar	\$60,000 to U.S. \$1.00
Ethiopian Union	thaler	.41

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<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>Rate 1948</u>
<b>Far East</b>		
British N. Borneo	B.N.B \$	.48
Sarawak	Sarawak \$	.48
*French Indo-China	piaster	.145
*Japan	yen	.02
*Korea	yen	.02
*Netherlands Indies	florin	.40
Philippine Islands	peso	.50
*Siam	tical	.10
Straits Settlements	Singapore \$	.48
<b>Middle East Union</b>		
Egypt	Egyptian L	4.20
*Iran	rial	.035
Iraq	dinar	4.10
Palestine	Palestine L	4.10
*Syria	Syrian L	.475
Turkey	Turkish L	.375
<b>Inter-America</b>		
Bahamas	pound	4.10
Barbados	dollar	.85
British Guiana	dollar	.85
Colombia	peso	.58
Costa Rica	colon	.18
*Curacao	florin	.55
Cuba	peso	1.00
French West Indies	Colonial franc	.015
Guatemala	quetzal	1.00
Haiti	gourde	.20
Jamaica	pound	4.10
Mexico	peso	.21
Nicaragua	cordoba	.20
Panama	balboa	1.00
Porto Rico	peso	1.00
Santo Domingo	peso	1.00
Salvador	colon	.40
Spanish Honduras	tempira	.50
Trinidad	dollar	.85
Venezuela	bolivar	.31
<b>Northern Europe</b>		
Denmark	kroner	.21
Finland	markka	.0085
Holland	florin	.40
Iceland	kroner	.16
Norway	kroner	.21
*Poland	zloty	.01
Sweden	kroner	.28

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<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>Rate 1948</u>
South America		
Argentina	peso	.25
Bolivia	boliviano	.025
Brazil	cruzeiro	.055
Chile	peso	.035
Ecuador	sucre	.075
Paraguay	guarani	.35
Peru	sol	.16
Uruguay	peso	.565
Southern Africa		
Angola	angolar	.0425
Belgian Congo	Belgian franc	.025
Kenya	shilling	.205
N. and S. Rhodesia	pound	4.10
Nyasaland	pound	4.10
South African Union	pound	4.10
Tanganyika	shilling	.205
Uganda	shilling	.205
Southern Asia		
India, Burma, Ceylon	rupee	.31
Southern Europe		
Belgium	Belgian franc	.025
Bulgaria	leu	.0035
France	French franc	.009
Greece	drachma	.0002
*Hungary	forint	.09
Italy	lira	.003
*Madagascar	Colonial franc	.01
Portugal	escudo	.0425
*Reunion	Colonial franc	.01
*Rumania	leu	.007
Spain	poseta	.095
Switzerland	Swiss franc	.235
*Yugoslavia	dinar	.02
Mauritius	rupee	.31
*Czechoslovakia	koruna	.02
*Austria	shilling	.10
West African Union		
French Cameroons	Colonial franc	.015
Fr. Equitorial Africa	Colonial franc	.015
Gold Coast	West African L	4.10
Liberia	dollar	1.00
Nigeria	West African L	4.10
Sierra Leone	West African L	4.10

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A further report from the Plans Committee was presented, and was under consideration when the time came to adjourn.

Adjournment was taken to 3:00 P.M., with the closing prayer by L.K.Dickson.

J.L.McElhany,  
A.V.Olson, Chairmen

H.T.Elliott,  
N.W.Dunn  
E.E.Roenfelt, Secretaries.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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## ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

November 19, 1947, 3:00 P.M.

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The eleventh session of the Council convened at 3 P.M. Wednesday, November 19. After the opening song, prayer was offered by W.B.Ochs.

Consideration was resumed of the report of the Plans Committee, which was under discussion when the forenoon session adjourned. The report of the committee was amended, and adopted as follows:

## SABBATH SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP:

WHEREAS, The Sabbath school is an inseparable part of our church organization, and has been ordained by God for the spiritual upbuilding of each individual member of the church, from the youngest to the oldest; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That the Sabbath school membership objective be the enrollment of

- a. All baptized members of the church.
- b. All of our own unbaptized youth and children.
- c. Such other persons as may wish to enroll as members.

2. That our evangelists be encouraged to enroll all baptismal candidates in the Sabbath school.

3. That each Sabbath school work toward the goal of one hundred per cent attendance of the church membership in the Sabbath school.

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## AIR TRAVEL:

WHEREAS, In the conduct of our world-wide work, fast transportation is a vital item; and air travel on regular commercial lines is reasonably safe, and not unduly expensive; and regular commercial lines are financially responsible in relation to possible accidents; and,

WHEREAS, The purchase and operation of privately-owned planes involves considerable expense, and travel in such planes is relatively unsafe, and involves the spending of much time by workers in learning to fly and in servicing their planes,

We recommend, 1. That where air travel by our workers is necessary it be only on regular commercially-operated planes, and on authorization of the employing body, and that employing committees outline a policy defining where it will be permissible for workers to travel by air.

2. That the ownership or use of privately-owned planes by our workers be disapproved, except as may be arranged by any division committee concerned.

## PLACING OF COLLEGE GRADUATES:

WHEREAS, There has been some confusion in the placing of calls for graduates from our colleges in North America thus causing unnecessary embarrassment both to students and employing bodies,

We recommend, 1. That the territories served by the respective colleges seriously consider their responsibility of absorbing their own graduates, with the understanding that each local conference from which the graduates come, has priority for students from its own field.

2. That the local conferences within the territory served by a college be given up to February 15 for their selection of prospective graduates.

3. That the conferences served by each college establish an equitable procedure for the distribution of graduates in harmony with the above plan. We further suggest that the union and local conference presidents, together with the president of the college, the academic dean and the head of the department in which the student is majoring, meet before February 15 to give study to the placement of each prospective graduate.

4. That after February 15 the college submit to unions outside of its territory a list of those graduates not already assigned.

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## ESTABLISHING OF NEW ACADEMIES:

WHEREAS, The present policy governing the development of secondary schools, or the elevation of a lower school to secondary standing is inadequate,

We recommend, 1. That local conferences in the North American Division, wishing to open new academies or to elevate a school of lower grade to the status of an academy, be instructed to make application to the union conference, which, if in agreement with the request, will forward a recommendation to the General Conference.

2. That union conference approval be granted only after the local conference has satisfied the union conference committee that the proposed new school will, within the required time, satisfy the requirement of a set of minimum standards established by the Board of Regents. If it is a going school which is to be elevated to academy status its fitness is to be established by inspection. In such a case, the inspecting committee is to consist of one member from the General Conference Department of Education, the educational secretary of the union conference, the president of the local conference, and the local conference educational superintendent.

3. That approval of the application to operate an academy, if given, shall be for a two-year probationary period.

4. That at the close of the two-year probationary period the administrative officers of the academy will be expected, in order to secure recognition and accreditation, to satisfy the Board of Regents that the standards for secondary accreditation have been met.

## VOICE OF PROPHECY OFFERING:

We recommend, That an offering for the Voice of Prophecy be taken up in all our churches in the North American Division on May 22, 1948; this to be in addition to the offering on October 9, 1948, which has already been voted.

## MEETING ON COLLEGE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS:

We recommend, That a meeting be held January 20-22 to study the college financial problems, this meeting to include the union conference presidents, college presidents, available officers of the General Conference, representatives of the Medical School, representatives of the General Conference Educational Department, and one representative from each college in addition to the president, to be appointed by the board of the college or the union conference committee.

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## BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSE MEETING:

WHEREAS, There are in North America more than fifty Book and Bible House managers who through the years have had little opportunity of counseling together regarding their problems, and therefore each has been going his own way and using his own best judgment in promoting his work; and,

WHEREAS, There is need for unifying and improving the methods, record keeping, and the work in general, of our Book and Bible House managers;

We recommend, That the General Conference Publishing Department arrange for a meeting of these workers at some suitable time in 1948, and that the following persons be invited to meet with this group:

- a. One General Conference auditor.
- b. Union Publishing Department Secretaries.
- c. Managers, Book Department Managers, and Periodical Department Managers of our Publishing Houses in North America.

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A committee on Wage Scale that was appointed on recommendation of the Spring Meeting, submitted a report, which was adopted as follows:

## CHANGE IN WAGE SCALE:

By recommendation of the Spring Council on April 19, 1947, a committee was authorized to study the wage scale and report at the Autumn Council. This Wage Scale Committee respectfully submits the following recommendations:

1. That the present 5% bonus be discontinued and the Wage Scale increased 10%.
2. That the rent subsidy policy on page 229, edition of 1947, paragraph 1, be amended to read as follows: "A denominational worker is ordinarily not obliged to pay as rent, exclusive of furnishings, heat, gas, light, and water, more than thirteen per cent of his salary on the Wage Scale adopted at the 1947 Autumn Council of the General Conference Committee."
3. That the employing boards and committees review their wage rates and use this opportunity not only to put them in balance as they relate to one another, but as they relate to other conferences and institutions. It is understood that the increase need not be applied to those workers whose wages have been set or have had special adjustment since the time of the last Autumn Council.

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4. That the arrangement entered into with the doctors employed by our institutions shall not be affected by this action

5. That the recommended change in the Wage Scale shall take place as of January 1, 1948, and that the rates be adjusted to the nearest quarter dollar upward.

6. It is to be noted that the workers' actual increase will not exceed 5%, and that we are still bound by the actions taken at the 1947 Spring Council with respect to special allowances of all kinds.

7. That beginning with January, 1948, the schedule of monthly sustentation rates be increased 10% above the schedule used prior to June 1, 1947.

#### TEMPERANCE JOURNAL

Publication of a Temperance Journal having been authorized, a committee had been appointed to give study to the time of starting the journal and the place of publication. That committee submitted the following recommendations, which were adopted:

We recommend, That the American Temperance Society begin publication of its journal with the first quarter of 1948, the details of which shall be decided upon by the General Conference Executive Committee; and

That this journal be published by the Pacific Press Publishing Association, as provided for in the over-all action taken earlier in this Council covering our periodicals.

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The following final report from the Plans Committee was adopted:

#### CONFERENCE MEDICAL WORK:

WHEREAS, A need exists for instructing the members of our churches in a balanced program of healthful living and disease prevention; and

WHEREAS, Our health message has proved to be an effective entering wedge in a program of evangelism;

We recommend, That each union and local conference give serious study to the employment of a physician or nurse, if possible a nurse with public health certification, as director of the health program in their field.

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## MISSIONARY ACTIVITY BY DOCTORS AND OTHER MEDICAL WORKERS:

WHEREAS, We recognize that many missionary opportunities present themselves to our doctors, dentists, nurses, and other medical workers through their extensive contacts with the public;

We recommend, That these opportunities be capitalized more fully by our conference organizations, and that plans be studied by each conference to enlist the more active participation of these medical workers in missionary activities, such as distributing literature, assisting in or conducting evangelistic meetings, giving of Bible studies, etc. Also that the opportunities for missionary work through the use of the Voice of Prophecy lessons be brought to their attention.

## EVANGELISTIC CENTERS AND EVANGELISTIC TEAMS:

WHEREAS, The shortness of time and the immensity of our unfinished task of world evangelism call for a markedly increased tempo in our evangelistic program, especially for the large cities in our midst; and

WHEREAS, It is becoming increasingly difficult, in many cities, to obtain halls or auditoriums, or even tent or tabernacle sites, where evangelistic meetings can be conducted over any extended period of time; and

WHEREAS, This results in an inability to utilize fully the services of our experienced city evangelists; therefore

We recommend, 1. That study be given to the establishment of evangelistic centers in the larger cities of our various unions of North America in which a strong program of continuous evangelism could be maintained.

2. That consideration be given to the formation of evangelistic teams, organized within the various unions, and composed of at least a preaching evangelist and a singing evangelist, and which, if desired, could rotate among these evangelistic centers of the union.

3. That the union and its local conferences be encouraged to formulate a plan of finance in respect to these evangelistic teams in which these local conferences and the union could join.

4. That the respective union conference committees direct the movements of these evangelistic teams.

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5. That, because of the urgency of the hour, this program be started without undue delay with whatever facilities are available, such as church buildings that are suitably located, and halls or auditoriums that could be secured.

6. That the work of adequately evangelizing certain great metropolitan areas be recognized as being beyond the unaided resources of a local or even a union conference, and that it be regarded as a denominational problem.

#### POLICY FOR CALLING NURSES:

We recommend, 1. That the policy for calling workers as stated in the Working Policy, page 87, paragraph i, be revised to read as follows:

"i. In the North American Division no worker who has served less than five years within a union conference territory shall receive a call to another union conference unless the calling union conference obtains the consent of the worker's employing union conference; it being understood that this policy does not apply to calls for workers to foreign fields or to nurses; that in the case of nurses the years of training in their nurses' school shall be counted as part of the first five-year period if employed in the same institution.

#### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY BROADCAST:

WHEREAS, Vigorous attempts are being made by certain forces to vitiate the basic principle of soul liberty; and

WHEREAS, There is now more than ever before in the history of the United States an intense public interest in religious liberty, and a demand for the re-statement of man's individual rights;

We recommend, That immediate steps be taken by the General Conference Executive Committee to inaugurate a weekly radio broadcast from a Washington, D.C. station under an appropriate name identifying it as sponsored by Seventh-day Adventists, for the purpose of setting forth the position the denomination has held throughout its history; namely,

1. That every man is endowed by his Creator with the inherent right of free access to God without priestly or ecclesiastical interference.

2. That the state has no right to promote or to limit the exercise of any religious belief or practice, so long as such exercise does not interfere with the equal rights of others.

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division committees or the General Conference Committee on recommendation of the Appointees' Committee, conditions in the field of appointment make this necessary.

2. That missionary appointee families being sent where living quarters are equipped with essential heavy furniture be granted freight, cartage, handling, packing, crating and related charges on 2,500 pounds gross weight only.

3. That division committees give consideration to granting limited freight allowances to workers returning from furlough, particularly to disturbed areas of the world.

4. That the provisions of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 above be understood as temporary; the entire question to be restudied at the 1948 Autumn Council.

#### OVERSEAS NATIONALS ATTENDING THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY:

We recommend, 1. That paragraph 12 on page 71 of the Working Policy, in the section "Unified Plan for Assisting Seminary Students," be revised to read as follows:

"In the case of national workers from overseas divisions accompanied by their families, the General Conference rent subsidy will apply. When the worker is alone, the division or its subsidiary organization pays the entire room rent of quarters arranged by the Seminary, and allows \$1.50 daily food allowance, in addition to the other allowances provided above."

2. That overseas divisions sending national workers to the Seminary be reminded of the necessity for making adequate financial provision in harmony with the economic conditions prevailing in the United States.

#### SOLICITATION OF INGATHERING FUNDS:

WHEREAS, The present plan of soliciting and distributing Ingathering funds brings great financial strength to the cause of God in all parts of the world, and provides an incentive to all organizations to increase their receipts from this source; and

WHEREAS, Any departure from the recognized policy governing the Ingathering tends to confuse our people and to affect adversely that unity of effort which is so important to steady progress in all lands; therefore,

We recommend, That without exception the regularly adopted policy for soliciting, reporting, and distributing Ingathering funds be strictly adhered to, and that all our conferences pledge themselves to renewed loyalty and cooperation in this regard.

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## BASIS FOR COMPUTING SUSTENTATION

## CONTRIBUTIONS ON PHYSICIANS' SALARIES:

We recommend, 1. That the Sustentation Policy be amended by adding the following to paragraph 17, relating to amounts to be paid to the Fund by sanitariums:

"When sanitariums, because of peculiar circumstances, find it necessary to pay salaries to physicians that are in excess of those provided by the Wage Scale, such part of these salaries as is in excess of the maximum Wage-Scale rate may be deducted from the pay roll before computing the percentage to be paid to the Sustentation Fund."

2. That physicians serving our sanitariums on a straight commission basis and not on salary be not recognized as employees of these institutions and that the commissions paid to such physicians be not included in the pay rolls on which percentages to the Sustentation Fund are computed.

## ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE--SCHOOLS:

We recommend, That in view of present conditions, the authorized amount of student accounts receivable, exclusive of United States Government accounts, carried on the books of our schools be reduced from 15% to 10% of the annual charges; this reduction to be effected over a two-year period.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO VOICE OF PROPHECY:

We recommend, That contributions to the Voice of Prophecy by our organizations in North America during 1948 be the same as during 1947; the amount from conferences to be prorated on the basis of the 1946 tithe receipts.

## SALARIES OF PHYSICIANS:

WHEREAS, Some difficulty is being experienced in various fields throughout the world because of the relation to the General Conference Wage Scale of salaries paid by some organizations to physicians; therefore

We recommend, That the General Conference Committee be asked to appoint a special committee to study the question of physicians' salaries; this committee to report to the 1948 Autumn Council.

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## INTERNATIONAL TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION:

A constitution for the International Temperance Association was adopted as follows:

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ARTICLE I

## Name

This organization shall be known as the International Temperance Association.

ARTICLE II

## Purpose

It shall be the purpose of this organization to promote temperance in all its phases and to enlighten the public concerning the evil effects of alcoholic beverages and narcotics.

ARTICLE III

## Membership

Sec. 1. The membership of this organization shall consist of such national or regional temperance organizations as may be sponsored by Seventh-day Adventist Conferences or Missions around the world, which subscribe to the principles of this constitution and are accepted by vote of the Board of Governors.

Sec. 2. Individual members of regional or national temperance societies affiliated with the International Temperance Association, shall consist of those who:

a. Subscribe to the purposes for which this association was organized, and

b. Pay the required membership fee.

Sec. 3. Individual membership fees shall be set by each regional or national temperance society.

ARTICLE IV

## Board of Governors

Sec. 1. There shall be a Board of Governors which shall consist of the members of the Executive Committee of the General Conference of Seventh-day, and the presidents, and/or executive secretaries, of the temperance societies that have been accepted into the membership of the International Temperance Association.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Board of Governors:

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- a. To elect the officers.
- b. To appoint fifteen members to serve on the Executive Council.
- c. To meet quadrennially at the time of the General Conference Session to receive reports from the officers of the Association.
- d. To arrange for the available members to meet annually.
- e. To fill any vacancies that may occur on the Executive Council.
- f. To appoint an auditor whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of the Association and render an annual report to the Board of Governors.
- g. To lay such plans as will promote the objectives of the Association throughout the world.

#### ARTICLE V

##### Officers and Their Duties

Sec. 1. The regular officers of this organization shall be a president, a vice-president, an executive secretary, a treasurer, and such associate secretaries as may be needed.

Sec. 2. PRESIDENT: The president shall act as chairman of the Board of Governors and the Executive Council.

Sec. 3. VICE-PRESIDENT: The vice-president shall, in the absence of the president, serve as chairman of the Executive Council.

Sec. 4. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: It shall be the duty of the Executive Secretary to keep the minutes of the proceedings of the various meetings, and conduct the affairs of the Association in harmony with the actions of the Executive Council and the Board of Governors.

Sec. 5. TREASURER: It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive all funds of the Association, to disburse them in harmony with the actions of the Executive Council, and to render such financial statements at regular intervals as may be desired by the Board of Governors and Executive Council.

Sec. 6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: All officers of the Association shall be elected by the Board of Governors at the regular quadrennial sessions of the General Conference of Seventh day Adventists, and shall hold their office for the period of four years, or until their successors are elected and appear to enter upon their duties.

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ARTICLE VI

## Executive Council

Sec. 1. The Executive Council shall consist of the officers of the Association and fifteen other members to be appointed by the Board of Governors to serve for a period of four years or until their successors have been appointed and appear to take office.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Executive Council to:

a. Devise effective ways and means of promoting the temperance cause.

b. Appoint such standing committees as the Executive Council may feel will advance the interests of the work.

Sec. 3. Meetings of the Executive Council may be called at any time by the president or in his absence by the vice-president of the Association, to transact such business as may require the action of the Executive Council.

Sec. 4. All meetings of the Executive Council shall be held at the international headquarters, except such as may be determined by the Board of Governors.

Sec. 5. Any five members of the Executive Council, including the president, or the vice-president, shall, after due notice to members, constitute a quorum of the Executive Council, and shall be empowered to transact such business as is in harmony with the general plans outlined by the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE VII

## Finances

Ten per cent of the funds received by the national or regional societies shall be remitted through the respective organizations to the International Temperance Association treasurer for the promotion of the temperance cause throughout the world field, as the Executive Council may direct.

ARTICLE VIII

## Amendments

This constitution and by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session of the Board of Governors.

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ARTICLE IX

## Dissolution

In case of dissolution of the Association all its assets shall be transferred to the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

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## 1949 AUTUMN COUNCIL:

VOTED, That the question of the date and place for the 1949 Autumn Council be referred to the General Conference Executive Committee.

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As the Council drew to a close, Elder McElhany expressed his appreciation for the co-operative spirit that had been manifested throughout the session, and said he felt this had been due to the presence of the Lord as the work of the Council had progressed. He hoped that all who had been present might leave with that abiding sense of God's presence, and with a sense of being God's men, appointed for the task of the hour, and that with that attitude and from that angle each one would approach the carrying out of the plans laid. "It is a spiritual leadership," he said, "that this cause so greatly needs. It is not so much the wheels of the machine, but the oil of God's grace that will bring success to the work.

The Council adjourned sine die, and prayer was offered to close by N.C. Wilson and L.K. Dickson.

J.L. McElhany,  
A.V. Olson, Chairmen.

H.T. Elliott,  
N.W. Dunn,  
J.I. Robison, Secretaries.  
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.