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THREE HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 1, 1949

MEMBERS PRESENT:

A V Olson, J L McElhany, E D Dick, J I Robison, H T Elliott, N W Dunn, W H Williams, H H Cobban, J F Cummins, E J Johanson, H H Votaw, W A Butler, Paul Wickman, F H Yost, E B Hare, E E Franklin, E E Cossentine, C S Longacre, W K Ising, G A Huse, K J Reynolds, Miss Louise Kleuser, G E Peters, L R Rasmussen, Claude Conard, J R Ferren, M K Eckenroth, F D Nichol, M E Kern, J A Stevens, D E Rebok.

Prayer by E E Cossentine. Minutes of the meeting of July 28 were approved.

MANUSCRIPT FROM CITY TO COUNTRY LIVING:

Reconsidering the question of the publication of the manuscript From City to Country Living, it was

VOTED, That our action of July 7 be amended to read as follows:

That on recommendation of the reading committee, the manuscript, From City to Country Living be published as prepared with such editorial changes suggested by the reading committee as the compilers of the manuscript are willing to accept. That it be published as a companion pamphlet to the one which contains a compilation from the Spirit of prophecy on Country Living, and that the distribution be handled on the same basis as the pamphlet Country Living.

TEXTBOOK ON BIOLOGY--READING COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the following named persons be a reading committee on the textbook on biology that is in process of preparation: L.H.Wood, D.M.Brown, Dr. Wayne McFarland, E.E.Cossentine, K.J.Reynolds, L.R.Rasmussen, F.L.Marsh, H.W.Clark, N.R.Hallock, H.B.Wilcox, J.E.Minesinger.

ELDER AND MRS. A.G.STEWART--\$200:

VOTED, That a special grant of \$200 be made from the Contingency Fund to Elder and Mrs. A.G.Stewart, of Australia, who are in America this summer in the interests of our mission program.

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DEATH OF MRS. C.E.RICE:

Word was received of the death of Mrs. C.E.Rice, on July 30, at Orlando, Florida. Mrs. Rice was the widow of Brother C.E.Rice, who before his death was for many years connected with the work of our medical institutions, and served for a time as Associate Secretary of the General Conference Medical Department.

VOTED, That the Secretary be asked to convey to the relatives of Mrs. C.E.Rice a message of sincere sympathy from this Committee in this sorrow that has come to them.

GENERAL CONFERENCE WORKERS--VACATION POLICY:

A committee that was appointed on the question of vacation policy for General Conference workers, submitted the following recommendations, which were adopted:

We recommend, That the General Conference vacation policy be amended so as to allow employees to accumulate vacation time up to four weeks.

We recommend, That for the General Conference session year (1950) an extra week be offered to those members of the clerical staff who can arrange to take their vacation during the month of July, and that those whose work requires them to remain on duty at the home office in Washington during this time be granted three weeks at some other time that can be arranged.

OLIVER PITT--OHIO:

KENNETH A.LILLY--REVIEW AND HERALD:

VOTED, To pass on to the Review and Herald the call from the Columbia Union for Oliver Pitt to connect with the Ohio Conference as Book and Bible House manager; and to pass on to the Columbia Union and the Ohio Conference the call for Kenneth A.Lilly to connect with the Review and Herald.

J.G.DASENT--ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE:

E.S.DILLET--LAKE REGION CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Lake Region Conference the call from the Columbia Union for J.G.Dasent to connect with the Allegheny Conference; and to pass on to the Columbia Union and the Allegheny Conference the call from the Lake Union for E.S.Dillett to connect with the Lake Region Conference.

CHARLES ALLAWAY--BRITISH COLUMBIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and the Montana Conference the call from the Canadian Union for Charles

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Allaway to connect with the British Columbia Conference as Publishing Department Secretary.

CLARENCE RENSCHLER--UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union and the South Dakota Conference the call from the North Pacific Union for Clarence Renschler to connect with the work in the Upper Columbia Conference.

DR. C.R.ANDERSON--WASHINGTON SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to Dr. C.R.Anderson, returned from Jamaica, the call to connect with the Washington Sanitarium in the field of internal medicine.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

W.E Nelson, Miami, Florida.

Louise Meyer, Child Evangelism Institutes in Michigan Conference, November 13-27.

J.A.Stevens, Michigan Conference, April 16-30, 1950.

SITUATION IN CHINA:

Consideration was given to a letter and cable messages from W.H.Branson with reference to the developing situation in China. Communications between Hong Kong and the Communist held areas are almost entirely cut off, and it is impossible to send foreign funds into the Communist areas. The China Division Committee in Hong Kong, after giving careful consideration to the situation, have submitted a series of recommendations to this Committee for approval, requesting reply by cable. The Committee in Hong Kong also requested that cable be sent to the workers in Shanghai, approving instruction from the Division Committee that all foreign personnel be evacuated from Shanghai, Hankow, and Chiaotoutseng. The recommendations from the China Division Committee are as follows:

Whereas, It now appears that outside contacts with Communist occupied China may soon be entirely severed, thus making it impossible to direct the work in those sections from the Division office in Hong Kong or any place in Nationalist China,

We recommend, 1. That a temporary Provisional Division be set up for the direction of the work in Communist occupied areas of China, including Division institutions within that

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territory with headquarters in Shanghai, the same to be known as the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, North China Provisional Division.

2. That the China Division Committee and officers act as counselors to the temporary Provisional Division, and maintain as close contact with their officers and committee as possible.

3. That the following persons be appointed to serve as officers and departmental leaders of the temporary Provisional Division:

President, Hsu Hwa.

Secretary, H.H.Tan.

Treasurer, S.T.Wang.

Educational Department Secretary, H.C.Shen in connection with his principalship of the ECUA.

Home Missionary and Publishing Secretary, Gao Hung Shen.

Medical Department Secretary, Dr. H.Liu (to locate at Wuhan Sanitarium).

Sabbath School and M.V.Secretary, Chen Ming.

Division Committee Members: Hsu Hwa, S.T.Wang, Chen Ming, Gao Hung Shen, H.H.Tan, H.C.Shen, Dr. H.Liu, John Oss, Union presidents and vice-presidents of the territory administered by this Division, Dr. Paul Lee, Manager Signs Press, Medical Director Shanghai Sanitarium.

4. That the budget for the areas to be administered by the temporary Provisional Division be turned over to the Shanghai office, including a proportionate share of the Division administration budget, specials, etc.

5. That financial, statistical and departmental reports of the two divisions be correlated for presentation to the General Conference through the Hong Kong office.

6. That the Hong Kong office continue to present the budget requests for the entire China field to the General Conference.

7. The temporary Provisional Division shall, as far as possible, administer the work in the territory over which they have charge in harmony with the policies of the China Division.

VOTED, That the following cable be sent to the China Division Committee in Hong Kong: Committee concurs your plans for Provisional Divisional organization as you have outlined. Have cabled Shanghai that we concur your instructions to evacuate all foreign personnel.

VOTED, That the following cable be sent to the workers in Shanghai: General Conference Committee concurs in Division instructions to evacuate all foreign personnel.

The meeting adjourned, with earnest prayer by Elder McElhany, in behalf of the work and workers in China.

A.V.Olson, Chairman.

E.D.Dick, Secretary.

E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

THREE HUNDRED NINETY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 4, 1949

MEMBERS PRESENT:

A V Olson, J L McElhany, E D Dick, H T Elliott, N W Dunn
 J I Robison, W E Nelson, H H Cobban, E J Johanson, J F Cummins,
 J A Stevens, E F Hackman, L R Rasmussen, E E Franklin, F H Yost,
 J J Strahle, H W Lowe, K J Reynolds, E E Cossentine, W K Ising,
 Claude Conard, Henry Brown, W A Butler, W H Teesdale, G A Huse,
 Miss Louise Kleuser, L L Moffitt, D A McAdams, C S Longacre,
 F D Nichol, G E Peters, D A Ochs, M E Kern, J R Ferren, M C Taft.

Prayer by E.F.Hackman. Minutes of the meeting of August 1 were approved.

MISS MARY FORD--MALAMULO HOSPITAL:

VOTED, To pass on to the British Union the call from the Southern African Division for Miss Mary Ford, nurse, to connect with the Malamulo Mission Hospital.

S.J.MARTZ--RELEASED:

VOTED, That S.J.Martz be released from the call to the West African Union since he does not see his way clear to accept because of health conditions in the family.

J.E. CHRISTENSEN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That in view of their condition of health, we authorize the permanent return of Elder and Mrs. J.E.Christensen from China.

MISS SVEA HOGLUNG--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That on recommendation of the China Division Committee, we authorize the permanent return of Miss Svea Hoglund to Sweden.

AUTUMN COUNCIL--SABBATH SCHOOL:

VOTED, To ask the Sabbath School Department to arrange for the Sabbath school of the Autumn Council.

VOTED, That the Sabbath school offering received at the Council be placed in the hands of the local conference, to be distributed in counsel with the union.

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AUTUMN COUNCIL--STENOGRAPHERS:

A committee that was appointed on stenographic help for the coming Autumn Council submitted the following recommendation, which was adopted:

We recommend, That the following stenographers from the General Conference office be asked to attend and assist with the work of the Autumn Council: Katie Farney, Geraldine Poole, Marian Nyman, Mary Paul, Hazel Shadel, Louise Surface, Gertrude Tenspolde, Ora Williams, Eva Linscott, Stella Fleisher, Elizabeth Zeidler, Thelma Wellman, LaVerne Case, Nell Hunter, Dorothy Ninaj.

AUTUMN COUNCIL--DATES FOR LEGAL AND CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS:

VOTED, That the dates for the legal and constituency meetings that are to be held in connection with the Autumn Council be as follows:

International Insurance Company, November 8, 3:15 P.M.

International Religious Liberty Association, November 8, 3:45 P.M.

Riverside Sanitarium Constituency, November 9, 10 A.M.

Oakwood College Constituency, November 9, 10 A.M.

Christian Record Benevolent Association, November 10, 10 A.M.

H.M.S. RICHARDS--OVERSEAS ITINERARY:

VOTED, That H.M.S. Richards be authorized to complete the overseas itinerary that was interrupted when he returned from Australia in June to initiate the Voice of Prophecy broadcast over the American Broadcasting System. This itinerary will include China, the Far East, India, the Middle East, Southern Europe and England.

GEORGE ANDERSON--ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Northeastern Conference the call from the Columbia Union for George Anderson to connect with the Allegheny Conference as Associate Publishing Department Secretary.

MISS CELESTE LEWIS--LOS ANGELES ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to Oakwood College the call from the Pacific Union for Miss Celeste Lewis to connect with the Los Angeles Academy as librarian and English teacher.

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MISS ELEANOR RUE---NORTHERN CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union Conference and Walla Walla College the call from the Pacific Union for Miss Eleanor Rue to connect with the Northern California Conference as a church school teacher.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

H.F.Brown, West Virginia, to promote Dorcas work, last week in November.

Miss Louise Meyer, Child Evangelism Institute in Minnesota, September 9-17.

J.J.Strahle, solicitation for Washington Sanitarium building fund, September and October; Atlantic Union, to assist in solicitation program for New England Sanitarium.

E.J.Lorntz, Indian meeting in South Dakota, August 26-28.

E.E.Cossentine, Lynchburg and Oak Hill, Virginia, August 6-7.

E.B.Hare and Miss Louise Meyer, Southwestern Union for institute work, October 14-November 6.

Mrs. Cora Thurber, North Pacific Union, for Dorcas work, October 9 to November 6.

W.E.Nelson, College of Medical Evangelists in August, and Medical College Board meeting the latter part of September.

J.L.McElhany, College of Medical Evangelists Board meeting, Los Angeles, the latter part of September.

DR. RONALD NIELSEN--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Northern European Division Committee, to extend the sponsorship required by the Government on behalf of Dr. Ronald Nielsen, of Ethiopia, in connection with his application for visa to the United States. Doctor Nielsen is coming to America on furlough and to take some post graduate work.

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RONALD HANN--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference Committee, to extend the sponsorship required by the Government on behalf of Ronald Hann, of New Zealand, in connection with his application for permanent residence status in the United States. Brother Hann is planning to take the medical course at Loma Linda.

PUERTO RICO SANITARIUM:

Approval was given two years ago to the Inter-American Division for the construction of the first unit of a sanitarium and hospital in Puerto Rico, near the city of Mayaguez, said unit to have a bed capacity of twenty-four. Careful study revealed the fact that any hospital with less than fifty beds would not be able to conduct a nurses' training school, and it is most desirable that such a training school should be conducted for the young people in that part of the Inter-American Division. Therefore up to the present time the Division has not gone forward with the project.

They are now seeking approval of the erection of the complete sanitarium plant, of fifty-bed capacity, at a total cost of \$346,000, toward which they have total funds available of \$271,736.06. Certain features, such as the erection of the mechanical building and the installation of the elevator, can be deferred until the additional funds become available.

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the proposed sanitarium and hospital, to be known as the Bella Vista Sanitarium and Hospital, near Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, on the plan as submitted by the Inter-American Division.

A.V.Olson, Chairman.
E.D.Dick, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FOUR HUNDREDTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 8, 1949

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J L McElhany, A V Olson, E E Roenfelt, E D Dick, H T Elliott, J I Robison, N W Dunn, W E Nelson, W H Williams, H H Cobban, J F Cummins, E J Johanson, Roger Altman, F H Yost, E E Cossentine, L R Rasmussen, H H Votaw, J A Stevens, L L Moffitt, Henry Brown, E E Franklin, Claude Conard, K J Reynolds, Miss Louise Kleuser, M K Eckenroth, L E Froom, J R Ferren, W K Ising, D A McAdams, C S Longacre, F D Nichol, W H Teesdale, G E Peters, M C Taft.

Prayer by K.J.Reynolds.

E.M.BRYANT INVITED TO TAKOMA PARK:

E.M.Bryant, a minister of another denomination, has been convinced for some years of the Sabbath truth, through reading and study, and more recently has been a student of the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence Course. He has now accepted all points of the advent message, and has resigned and handed in his credentials to his church.

VOTED, That E.M.Bryant and his wife and daughter, now located in Baltimore, be invited to come to Takoma Park as guests of the General Conference for from two to three weeks, with a view to determining whether arrangements should be made for him to attend the Seminary under the terms of the policy which provides for a period of training for ministers of other denominations who accept the message.

CALENDAR QUESTION:

A letter was read from Dr. J.Nussbaum, telling of activity in Europe to have the Calendar Reform question placed on the agenda of the United Nations Assembly, meeting September 20. It was felt that in view of the seriousness of the situation our standing committee on the Calendar Question should be enlarged, and that steps should be taken immediately to prepare special literature to meet this issue, also that we should have representatives present in the United Nations Assembly meeting ready to do all they can to try to defeat the measure.

VOTED, That to the standing committee of five, consisting of H.E.Votaw, C.B.Haynes, F.H.Yost, F.D.Nichol and W.P.Bradley, there be added the following members: D.E.Rebok, E.E.Cossentine, A.V.Olson, W.E.Nelson, E.D.Dick, J.L.McElhany, J.I.Robison, E.E.Roenfelt; any number of the members of this committee that are available being authorized to meet and do business.

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VOTED, That the Committee on Calendar Revision be authorized to have prepared and printed such literature as they deem best, in English, French and Spanish, to meet the present issue.

E.NIEMANN--LOS ANGELES:

VOTED, To pass on to E.Niemann, returned from the Netherlands East Indies, the call from the Pacific Union to connect with the Southern California Conference, for German work in Los Angeles.

B.R.SPEARS--NORTHERN CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union and the Central States Mission the call from the Pacific Union for B.R.Spears to connect with the work in the Northern California Conference.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

M.L.Andreasen, L.K.Dickson, Meade MacGuire, to attend regional meetings in the Pacific Union during August and the first week in September, as may be arranged with each.

F.H.Yost, Calendar Reform meetings in Oklahoma, October 1.

Grace Fields, Conference Dorcas Federation, Greater New York Conference, August 16.

G.E.Peters to St. Louis to assist in arranging hotel accommodations for the colored delegates to the Autumn Council.

W.E.NELSON--SOUTHERN AFRICAN DIVISION:

VOTED, That W.E.Nelson be released from the visit to Australia that was scheduled for December, 1949, and that he be assigned to visit the Southern African Division, December, 1949, and January and February, 1950.

ARTHUR L.WHITE--SOUTHERN EUROPE:

VOTED, That Arthur L.White be authorized to respond to the request from the Southern European Division for his services during the latter part of 1950.

PAUL WICKMAN--EUROPE AND BRITISH UNION:

VOTED, That Paul Wickman be authorized to respond to the request for his services in connection with the radio work in the Southern and Northern European Divisions and the British Union, during the late summer or early autumn of 1949.

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SOLVEIG LODH--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Northern European Division, to extend the sponsorship required by the Government on behalf of Miss Solveig Lodh, of Sweden, in connection with her application for student visa to the United States; this is with the understanding that the General Conference can take no responsibility for the transfer of funds from Sweden to the United States. Miss Lodh is coming to attend Washington Missionary College.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.
E.E.Roenfelt, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FOUR HUNDRED FIRST MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
August 10, 1949, 10:45 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J.L.McElhany, A.V.Olson, E.D.Dick, H.T.Elliott, W.P. Bradley, J.I.Robison, N.W.Dunn, E.E.Roenfelt, H.H. Cobban, E.J. Johanson, R.A.Anderson, F.H.Yost, H.H.Votaw, L.L.Moffitt, J.A. Stevens, C.S.Longacre, E.B.Hare, J.R.Ferren, M.K.Eckenroth, D.E. Rebok, Miss Louise Kleuser, E.E.Cossentine, D.A.McAdams, L.R. Rasmussen, Claude Conard, G.E.Peters, E.E.Franklin, L.E.Froom, W.H.Teesdale.

Prayer by D,E.Rebok.

CHINA:

Letters were read from W.E.Branson, outlining plans for the liquidation of the China Division and the taking over of the work in all of China by the Provisional Division recently authorized. Suggestion was also made that Hong Kong, Formosa and Macao be formed into a union mission and linked to the Far Eastern Division for supervision. Further evacuations were also recommended.

A cable was also read from Hsu Hwa, the president of the Provisional Division, requesting reconsideration of the evacuation recommendation, allowing a few foreign missionaries who might volunteer to remain in China to do so.

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Cable from the Division officers in Hong Kong recommended the permanent return of additional workers, and transfer of still others to other divisions.

Elders McElhany, Dick and Bradley had just returned from a personal interview with Mr. Perkins, head of the Division of China Affairs of the State Department. They reported Mr. Perkins as feeling that the present is the worst situation that China has ever faced, and that all Americans should leave who can possibly do so.

Action was deferred until there should be time for further study of the situation.

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

FOUR HUNDRED SECOND MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 11, 1949

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J L McElhany, A V Olson, E D Dick, H T Elliott, E E Roenfelt, N W Dunn, J I Robison, W P Bradley, A W Cormack, W E Nelson, W H Williams, H H Cobban, E J Johanson, Roger Altman, J F Cummins, H H Votaw, J A Stevens, J J Ireland, F H Yost, E E Cossentine, Henry Brown, Claude Conard, K J Reynolds, L R Rasmussen, L L Moffitt, E E Franklin, H W Lowe, C S Longacre, W K Ising, D A McAdams, W P Elliott, H P Bloum, J R Ferren, M G Taft, D E Rebok, W H Teesdale, R A Anderson, M K Eckenroth, M E Kern.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Miss Lora Clement.

Prayer by A.W.Cormack.

CLYDE G. BUSHNELL---ACTION RESCINDED:

VOTED, By request of the Inter-American Division Committee, that we rescind our action of July 21, which authorized the permanent return of Clyde G. Bushnell from Colombia.

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L.D.MINNER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That on recommendation of the Inter-American Division Committee, we authorize the permanent return of L.D. Minner from Panama.

C.W.SHAFER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That on recommendation of the Southern African Division Committee, we authorize the permanent return of C.W. Shafer from South Africa.

C.H.SMITH--RELEASED:

VOTED, That since he does not see his way clear to accept, C.H.Smith be released from the call to serve as Publishing Department Secretary of the Zambesi Union Mission.

MRS. HAZEL SEVRENS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That on recommendation of the China Division Committee, we authorize the permanent return of Mrs. Hazel Sevrens from Shanghai.

MR. AND MRS. A.R.BOYNTON--KOREA:

VOTED, To pass on to the China Division the call from the Far Eastern Division for Mr. and Mrs. A.R.Boynton to connect with the Korean Union, Brother Boynton as manager of the sanitarium in Seoul, and Mrs. Boynton for nursing service in the sanitarium.

L.L.MOFFITT--APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That L.L.Moffitt be authorized to spend the week end of August 20 in Portland, Maine, en route to the Maritime camp meetings.

CALENDAR QUESTION--UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY:

VOTED, That request be made of the Voice of Prophecy Board for the services of B.F.Perez, and of the Southern European Division for Dr. J.Nussbaum, for such time as may be necessary; and that F.H.Yost, B.F.Perez and Dr. J.Nussbaum be appointed to work among the United Nations Assembly delegates during the time of the meeting, in order to have the Calendar Reform question taken from the agenda of the meeting.

H.E.VOTAW AND F.H.YOST--LAKE SUCCESS:

VOTED, That H.H.Votaw and F.H.Yost be authorized to make a trip to Lake Success, New York, where the United Nations Assembly will meet, in order to make representation before the

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meeting convenes of our attitude and position about the Calendar Reform item being placed on the agenda.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT--G.A.HUSE ACTING SECRETARY:

W.P.Elliott having been released from the secretaryship of the Publishing Department, to become chairman of the Board of the College of Medical Evangelists, it was

VOTED, That G.A.Huse be asked to serve as acting secretary of the Publishing Department until the time of the General Conference session.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES--OVERSEAS VISITS:

VOTED, That we approve of the following overseas appointments for the secretaries of the Publishing Department:

G.A.Huse, Northern European Division early this autumn, returning by way of Germany to spend some time with the Hamburg Publishing House.

E.E.Franklin, Southern Europe, November and December; Southern Asia Division for a publishing council; thence to the Philippines and Japan.

D.A.McAdams, Southern African Division and West African Union, during the months of December to March.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP PLAN:

A committee that had been appointed to draw up a Religious Liberty Association Membership Plan submitted the following recommendations, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, It seems imperative in this day of opportunity that we should put forth our best efforts to keep the principles of religious liberty constantly before the public,

We recommend, 1. That a renewed effort be made under the direction of the General Conference Religious Liberty Department to extend the membership of the Religious Liberty Association.

2. That for the present this special effort be directed toward reaching the Jewish population.

3. That in counsel with local conference administrators, well chosen individuals throughout the field be selected and carefully trained for this work by the Religious Liberty Departmental workers.

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4. That these individuals receive remuneration in keeping with the established policy of the Department with regard to memberships.

5. That these special workers remit weekly to the General Conference Religious Liberty Department.

6. That literature and membership cards be provided new members as follows:

a. \$1.00 membership--to receive a membership card, Liberty (the official journal of the Religious Liberty Association) for one year plus one or more tracts.

b. \$2.00 membership--to receive a membership card, Liberty for two years plus one or more tracts.

c. \$3.00 membership--to receive a membership card, Liberty for three years, one or more tracts plus the book "Your Freedom and Mine" or a similar book.

d. \$5.00 membership--to receive a membership card, Liberty for five years, one or more tracts plus the books "Your Freedom and Mine," "Freedom of Religion," and "Let Freedom Ring," or similar books.

e. \$10.00 membership--to receive a membership card, Liberty for ten years, the tracts and books as mentioned above plus "Roger Williams" or a similar book.

f. Memberships of \$15.00 or more--to receive the items mentioned above plus "American State Papers."

7. That membership cards, tracts, and books be mailed by the Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference direct to the donor.

8. That the subscriptions be submitted by the Religious Liberty Department direct to the Periodical Department of the Review and Herald, and that we ask the Review and Herald Board to accept these subscriptions at 41 2/3 cents, less 10 per cent.

CHINA--REPLIES TO CABLES:

VOTED, That Elders McElhany, Dick and Bradley be asked to formulate a cable in reply to the message from Hsu Hwa, said

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reply to reaffirm our former instruction with reference to the evacuation of all foreign personnel from Communist occupied areas.

VOTED, That cable be sent to the Division Committee in Hong Kong, reaffirming our concurrence in their instructions relative to evacuations, and promising a reply soon to their request for counsel concerning the future of the China Division.

SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION--KARACHI HOSPITAL:

Request was presented from the Southern Asia Division for approval of their plan for financing the establishment of a fifty to sixty bed hospital in Karachi. The total cost, which includes the cost of the land, remodeling existing buildings, erecting a hospital building, a church, hospital furnishings, and godowns and contingencies, is 1,182,000 rupees. The funds to be counted on amount to 1,185,000 rupees, which include 250,000 rupees from the European Chamber of Commerce. It is understood that the Chamber of Commerce will have reservation of six beds in a ward and four beds in private rooms.

VOTED, That we approve of the establishment of the hospital in Karachi, Pakistan, as proposed by the Southern Asia Division.

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

FOUR HUNDRED THIRD MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 15, 1949

MEMBERS PRESENT:

A V Olson, J L McElhany, E E Roenfelt, W P Bradley, J I Robison, N W Dunn, A W Cormack, W E Nelson, W H Williams, J F Cummins, E J Johanson, Roger Altman, H H Votaw, J A Stevens, E B Hare, E E Franklin, K J Reynolds, W H Teesdale, T L Oswald, R A Anderson, L R Rasmussen, Claude Conard, E E Cossentine, W K Ising, J J Ireland, L A Skinner, G M Mathews, G A Huse, M C Taft, F D Nichol, C S Longacre, H W Lowe.

Prayer by T.L.Oswald. Minutes of meetings held August 4, 8, 10 and 11 were approve.

WEST INDIAN TRAINING COLLEGE--SURVEY COMMITTEE:

The Inter-American Division having requested that two General Conference representatives be appointed to serve on a committee to make a survey of the West Indian Training College, it was

VOTED, That the officers be authorized to appoint two General Conference representatives as requested.

P.F.RICHARDSON--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That on the recommendation of the Inter-American Division Committee, we authorize the permanent return of P.F. Richardson, as from March 2, 1949, when he left Venezuela.

COLPORTEUR-PASTOR PLAN--COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That M.V.Campbell and E.E.Franklin be added to the Committee on the Colporteur-Pastor Plan.

DOROTHY KEUSTER--MONTEREY BAY ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and the Idaho Conference the call from the Pacific Union for Miss Dorothy Keuster to connect with the Monterey Bay Academy as dean of girls.

FLOYD HILLS--IOWA:

VOTED, To pass on to Floyd Hills, returned from Trinidad, the call from the Northern Union, to connect with the work in the Iowa Conference.

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K.T.KHNG--MALAYAN UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the China Division the call from the Far Eastern Division for K.T.Khng to return to the Malayan Union Mission.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

T.L.Oswald, Home Missionary Secretaries' meeting, Minneapolis, October 5 and 6.

L.E.Froom, workers' meeting in Carolina Conference, ~~some time in October.~~ *August 25-28*

N.W.Dunn, Carolina Conference junior camp, August 18-20; Missionary Volunteer rally, Charlotte, September 3.

G.A.HUSE--BRITISH UNION:

VOTED, That G.A.Huse be authorized to visit the British Union in the interests of the publishing work, en route to or from his appointments in the Northern European Division.

AUTUMN COUNCIL--INVITATIONS:

VOTED, That Miss Helen Smith and Mr. Ernest Wendth be invited to attend the Autumn Council for Press Relations work during the Council.

VOTED, That the business manager and the treasurer of Oakwood College be invited to attend the Autumn Council.

HOUSING AND RENT SUBSIDIES:

The committee that was appointed to review real estate values in the Washington area on July 1, in harmony with one of the provisions of the Housing and Rent Subsidy policy for General Conference employees, submitted the following recommendation, which was adopted:

In view of the decline in real estate prices as evident on July 1, of this year,

We recommend, That the General Conference policy with reference to help on the purchase of property be amended to the extent that the amount of help granted may be up to \$1,600, instead of up to \$1,800 as provided originally.

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HAMLET CHURCH BUILDING:

Request was presented from the Columbia Union on behalf of the Ohio Conference for approval of the erection of a church building for the church at Hamlet, at an estimated cost of \$9500 toward which they have cash in hand to the amount of \$7,000. The conference gives assurance that they are underwriting the building program.

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the church building for the church at Hamlet, Ohio, on the understanding as stated by the Ohio Conference that no indebtedness will be incurred.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION:

For some time the officers have, by authorization of this Committee, voted visiting appointments within a restricted area for members of the General Conference staff. There being need of a little clarification of the plan, a committee was appointed for that purpose. This committee submitted the following recommendations, which were adopted:

We recommend, 1. That the travel area covered by General Conference officers' authorization be: Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the territory of the Greater New York Conference.

2. That authorized travel between Washington and points in the above area be either by rail or automobile, and that if the journey is made by automobile, the regular mileage rate apply, no additional allowance being made for tolls, ferry, or garage charges.

3. That in the case of journeys voted by the General Conference Committee between Washington and points beyond the area covered by officer authorization, expense be allowed on the basis of railway travel for the entire distance, unless air travel has been authorized.

A.V.Olson, Chairman.
E.E.Roenfelt, Secretary
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FOUR HUNDRED FOURTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 16, 1949

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J L McElhany, A V Olson, J I Robison, W P Bradley, E E Roenfelt, N W Dunn, A W Cormack, W E Nelson, W H Williams, H H Cobban, E J Johanson, Roger Altman, J A Stevens, C S Longacre, L E Froom, E E Cossentine, L R Rasmussen, H W Lowe, H H Votaw, G M Mathews, T L Oswald, Claude Conard, E B Hare, F H Yost, R A Anderson, W H Teesdale, E E Franklin, F D Nichol, K J Reynolds, G A Huse, M K Eckenroth, Dr E A Sutherland, D E Rebok, M E Kern, T E Lucas, W K Ising.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Frederick Lee, A L White.

Prayer by Frederick Lee.

CHINA:

Consideration was given to further communications from China. In reply to our cable to the brethren in Shanghai counseling evacuation of all foreign personnel, a message was received from Claude Miller, Hsu Hwa and E.L. Longway, conveyed through the State Department, again urging that a limited number of missionaries be allowed to remain for the sake of the work and because they believed there was no threat to personal safety.

VOTED, To reply to the brethren in Shanghai, through the State Department, as follows:

"General Conference opinion regarding evacuation unchanged, but recognize privilege of individual decision you understanding likelihood complete severance communications, funds, supplies, and future evacuation facilities. We insist on evacuation at first opportunity all with health hazards."

A cable from the China Division officers in Hong Kong reported word from E.L. Longway that the authorities in Shanghai had levied a \$12,000 tax on the Ningkuo Road property for the last half of the year, and that there were indications that other tax demands would be made soon. Brother Longway request ed counsel as to whether to pay the tax or risk losing the property.

Advice having been sought from Mr. Perkins, of the State Department, regarding this matter, it was

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VOTED, That the following cable be sent to W.H.Branson, in Hong Kong: "State Department officials recommend that counsel be had with Shanghai Consul, also with other mission bodies concerning tax levy. We concur this procedure. Advise us before making any payments."

Request had been received in a former communication from the Division officers at Hong Kong, for counsel with reference to the organization of Hong Kong, Formosa and Macao into a union mission, and the linking of said union with the Far Eastern Division.

VOTED, To reply to this request as follows: "Approve your suggestion re reorganizing South China territory. Await further developments before deciding turn Hong Kong, Formosa, Macao over to Far East."

TIBET:

A letter was read from W.H.Branson, suggesting that at this time when there is such heavy withdrawal of our forces from China, advantage be taken of what appears to be a providential opportunity for opening the work in Tibet. He suggested that a group of China workers be sent into Tibet, through India, and that the Southern Asia Division administer the undertaking, after the group had been selected by the China Division.

VOTED, That a committee be appointed to give study to this proposition.

Committee appointed: J.L.McElhany, A.V.Olson, W.P.Bradley, A.W.Cormack, D.E.Rebok, W.H.Williams, E.J.Johanson.

PARADISE VALLEY SANITARIUM:

VOTED, That the Paradise Valley Sanitarium be authorized to borrow up to \$50,000, in addition to the \$100,000 authorized in December, 1948, in order to complete the reconstruction work that is under way, and that we approve of the plan as submitted through the Pacific Union for liquidating the entire obligation by the end of 1952.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.
J.I.Robison, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FOUR HUNDRED FIFTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 18, 1949

MEMBERS PRESENT:

A V Olson, J L McElhany, J I Robison, W P Bradley, A W Cormack, W E Williams, H H Cobban, E J Johanson, Roger Altman, H H Votaw, J A Stevens, L R Rasmussen, C S Longacre, L E Froom, Miss Louise Kleuser, H W Lowe, E E Cossentine, F H Yost, W K Ising, E E Franklin, Claude Conard, K J Reynolds, M K Eckenroth, C A Huse, F D Nichol, Dr E A Sutherland, J J Ireland, W A Scharffenberg, D E Rebok, M E Kern.

Prayer by H.H.Votaw. Minutes of the meeting of August 15 were approved.

H.A.JENKS--SOUTHERN RHODESIA:

VOTED, To request the North Pacific Union and the Oregon Conference to release H.A.Jenks, to connect with the Southern African Division, to serve as principal of a school in Southern Rhodesia.

AMOYESE-SPEAKING WORKER FOR BURMA:

VOTED, To pass on to the China Division the call from the Southern Asia Division for an Amoyese-speaking worker for Burma.

CHINA WORKERS TO FAR EASTERN DIVISION:

VOTED, That M.C.Warren, M.N.Hempel and C.B.Miller, of China, be assigned to the Far Eastern Division, Brethren Warren and Hempel with their budgets, Brother Miller without budget if he accepts an unfilled call of the division.

CHINA WORKERS TO SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION:

VOTED, That F.W.Detamore, Henry Meissner, C.B.Guild and N.O.Dahlsten, of China, be assigned to the Southern Asia Division with their budgets; and R.Ubbink without budget, to fill the call for a treasurer for the Pakistan Union.

WARREN HILLIARD--JAPAN:

VOTED, To recommend Warren Hilliard, of China, to the Far Eastern Division for work in Japan.

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SHIRLEY BARNELL--JAPAN:

VOTED, To request the Atlantic Union and the Greater New York Conference to release Miss Shirley Barnell, and that Miss Barnell be invited to respond to the call from the Far Eastern Division for a church school teacher for Japan, on the basis of a two-year term of service.

AUSTRALASIAN INTER-UNION CONFERENCE
SEMINARY EXTENSION COURSE:

VOTED, That in reply to the request from the Australasian Inter-Union Conference that a Seminary Extension Course be conducted in Australia and New Zealand by two member of the Seminary staff, in the summer and autumn of 1950, we advise that plans for this course be postponed one year.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

J.J.Strahle, early week end in September to New England Sanitarium to counsel re solicitation campaign.

D.E.Rebok, Kentucky-Tennessee workers' meeting, August 28-31.

L.A.Skinner, Southern Union, October 11-29, instead of October 11-15, as previously voted.

Dr. J.W.McFarland, American Congress of Physical Medicine, Cincinnati, September 6-9.

Dr. E.A.Sutherland, Knoxville Sanitarium, Tennessee, August 10,11.

J.L.Shuler to visit the Eckenroth effort in Atlanta, in November.

Paul Wickman, Cincinnati, August 28.

R.A.ANDERSON AND W.H.WILLIAMS--INTER-AMERICA:

VOTED, That R.A.Anderson and W.H.Williams be authorized to make a trip to Miami, and if necessary to Mexico, to assist in connection with certain business items in the Inter-American Division.

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J.L.SHULER--PHOENIX, ARIZONA:

VOTED, That with the approval of the Theological Seminary Board, we accede to the request of the Pacific Union and the Arizona Conference for the services of J.L.Shuler to conduct an evangelistic effort in Phoenix, Arizona, in 1950.

COMMITTEE ON M.V.UNIFORMS:

VOTED, That the Missionary Volunteer Department be authorized to call their Committee on M.V.Uniforms to meet in Washington, September 7.

VOICE OF PROPHECY BOARD MEETING:

VOTED, That the date for the Voice of Prophecy Board meeting at the time of the Autumn Council be Thursday, November 10, at 2 P.M.

T.S.HILL--MINNEAPOLIS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Lake Union and the Michigan Conference the call from the Northern Union for T.S.Hill to connect with the Minnesota Conference as pastor of the Stevens Avenue Church in Minneapolis.

AGNES EROH--SOUTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union Conference and Washington Missionary College the call from the Southwestern Union for Miss Agnes Eroh to connect with Southwestern Junior College as dean of women.

S.J.SCHWANTES--SPANISH-AMERICAN SEMINARY:

VOTED, To pass on to the South American Division the call from the Southwestern Union for S.J.Schwantes, of Brazil, now attending the Theological Seminary, to connect with the Spanish-American Seminary as Bible teacher.

ATLANTA EFFORT:

VOTED, To accede to the request of the Southern Union for assistance in connection with the Eckenroth effort in Atlanta, as follows:

Dr. J.W.McFarland, two weeks, to be arranged.

Dr. and Mrs. H.W.Vollmer, time to be arranged, the Pacific Union to meet salary; travel and other expense to be met by the local conference.

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R.A.Anderson, one week, September 5-11.

Miss Louise Kleuser, September 11-18.

J.R.Ferren, several weeks in September.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Roberts, to assist in Correspondence School and secretarial work, salary and expense to be met by the local conference.

TIBET:

On recommendation of the committee that was appointed to study the proposition of opening the work in Tibet, it was

VOTED, That the following cable be sent to the Southern Asia Division:

"Dr. Dunn and wife, William Hilliard and wife, Miss Green, and three Tibetans with influential contacts willing to enter Tibet, suggesting they go from Darjeeling. China Division suggesting they turn over this territory to your division. Europeans would remain in India in language study while Tibetans entered country and prepared way. Ten thousand dollars available for outfitting, also budgets assured. Cable your reactions immediately. Also investigate possibilities, sending us further word later."

DEATH OF J.W.MacNEIL:

Announcement was made of the death of Elder J.W.MacNeil at the Washington Sanitarium, Monday night, August 15, after a long illness. Elder MacNeil, after returning from seven years of missionary service in South Africa, was connected with the work in the Potomac Conference, as pastor and conference president, until compelled to retire because of ill health.

VOTED, That the Secretary be asked to convey to Sister MacNeil and other members of the family an expression of our deep sympathy in this hour of sorrow.

A.V.Olson, Chairman.
J.I.Robison, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FOUR HUNDRED SIXTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 22, 1949

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J L McElhany, J I Robison, W P Bradley, N W Dunn, A W Cormack, W H Williams, E H Cobban, Roger Altman, E J Johanson, J J Ireland, J A Stevens, H H Votaw, Claude Conard, D A McAdams, Henry Brown, R A Anderson, G A Huse, W A Scharffenberg, D E Rebok, C S Longacre, R Ruhling, W H Teesdale, Miss Louise Kleuser, W K Eckenroth, E E Franklin, Dr J W McFarland, C B Haynes, G E Peters, F D Nichol, L R Rasmussen, Dr E A Sutherland, E E Cossentine, Miss Lois Burnett, H W Lowe, M C Taft.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dr. DeWitt Fox.

Prayer by Claude Conard. Minutes of meetings held August 16 and 18 were approved.

H.A.B.ROBINSON--ACTION RESCINDED:

VOTED, On request of the Inter-American Division Committee, to rescind our action of June 1, 1949, which authorized the permanent return of H.A.B.Robinson from that division.

GORDON OSGOOD--TRANSFER OF APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That the appointment of Gordon Osgood be changed from the Antillian to the Caribbean Union, to serve as Publishing Department Secretary, this in harmony with the request of the Inter-American Division Committee.

A.VOLLMER--BRITISH UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central European Division the request from the British Union for A.Vollmer, of the Hamburg Publishing House, and Mrs. Vollmer, to spend some time in England, the British Union meeting transportation and all other expenses.

W.A.HENRY--NORTHERN CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southwestern Union and the Oklahoma Conference the call from the Pacific Union for W.A. Henry to connect with the Northern California Conference as singing evangelist.

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C.L.ANNISS--RELEASED:

VOTED, That C.L.Anniss, of England, be released from the call to the secretary-treasurership of the West Pakistan Union Mission.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

J.L.Shuler, Phoenix, Arizona, from Oakland, California, time to be arranged.

W.A.Scharffenberg, Executive Council of Temperance League of America, Chicago, August 25,26; Central Union for temperance meetings, October 16-23.

G.M.Mathews, elementary teachers' institute in Southwest September 29 - October 6.

D.A.McAdams, colporteur rally, Carolina Conference, September 22-25; Canadian Union Publishing Council, Winnipeg, October 17-19.

Mrs. Cora Thurber, Pacific Union, November 8-December 16 following appointments in the North Pacific Union.

H.W.Lowe, Northern Union Sabbath School Secretaries' Council, October 4-6.

E.B.Hare and Miss Louise Meyer, Child Evangelism Institute, Carolina Conference, January 6-15.

J.A.Buckwalter, Cincinnati, August 26-29; Wyoming, September 2-4; Walla Walla, September 6-8; Oregon, September 9-11; Washington, September 12-15; Montana, September 16-18; Pacific Press and Los Angeles, September 19-October 5; Walla Walla Week of Prayer, October 7-15; Winnipeg, October 17-19; Oshawa, October 22; New York, October 23.

ASA THORENSEN--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference, to extend the sponsorship required by the Government on behalf of Asa Thorensen, of New Zealand, in connection with his application for visa to the United States.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.
J.I. Robison, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 24, 1949

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J L McElhany, A V Olson, W P Bradley, J I Robison, N W Dunn, E E Roenfelt, A W Cormack, H H Cobban, Roger Altman, J A Stevens, F H Robbins, G A Huse, C S Longacre, W A Butler, W A Scharffenberg, M E Kern, Paul Wickman, L R Rasmussen, F H Yost, Claude Conard, J J Strahle, W H Teesdale, E E Franklin, F D Nichol, H H Votaw, C B Haynes, Miss Louise Kleuser, H P Bloum, D A McAdams, M K Eckenroth, G M Mathews, L E Froom, D E Rebok, Dr J W McFarland, R A Anderson, G E Vandeman.

Prayer by F.D.Nichol.

CABLES TO E.L.LONGWAY AND W.H.BRANSON:

Study having been given to further messages from China with reference to the evacuation of missionaries, the question of the tax levy on the property in Shanghai, and the suggestion of opening the work in Tibet, it was

VOTED, That the following cables be released to E.L. Longway and W.H.Branson:

"Longway, Adventist, Shanghai. General Conference Committee has studied your request for reconsideration our evacuation counsel. Kindly inform you and Hsu Hwa as follows: Counsel given in former messages still stands. American government has urged all citizens to withdraw. If in spite of all this individual missionaries elect to remain we will do all possible to help them. We recognize, however, that these may be cut off from all supplies, funds, communications and further evacuation facilities. We insist Shanghai Division officers function fully, missionaries electing to remain serving only as counselors. Those leaving evacuate Gordon if possible. Urge keep your expenditures within approved budget provisions."

"Branson, Adventist, Hong Kong. Following message sent Shanghai: 'General Conference Committee has studied your request for reconsideration our evacuation counsel. Kindly inform you and Hsu Hwa as follows: Counsel given in former messages still stands. American government has urged all citizens to withdraw. If in spite of all this individual missionaries elect to remain we will do all possible to help them. We recognize, however, that these may be cut off from all supplies, funds, communications, and further evacuation facilities. We insist Shanghai Division officers function fully, missionaries electing to remain serving only as counselors.' Those leaving evacuate Gordon

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if possible. Urge keep your expenditures within approved budget provisions. Approve payment land tax on basis suggested your cable. Urge you counsel provisional division to make no additional capital expenditures. Committee here approve Tibet proposal and Southern Asia agrees. You can proceed with Tibet plans. Writing immediately regarding this. We arrange guarantee Gordon evacuation expense with President Lines."

J.L.McElhany,
A.V.Olson, Chairmen.
W.P.Bradley, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 25, 194⁹₅

MEMBERS PRESENT:

J L McElhany, A V Olson, W P Bradley, J I Robison, E E Roenfelt, N W Dunn, A W Cormack, H H Cobban, J F Cummins, J A Stevens, C S Longacre, C B Haynes, Paul Wickman, Claude Conard, E E Franklin, J J Strahle, R A Anderson, R Ruhling, W A Butler, F D Nichol, D A McAdams, Dr E A Sutherland, G A Huse, M C Taft, J J Ireland.

OTHERS PRESENT:

E.Veuthey, of the Haitian Mission.

Prayer by A.W.Cormack. Minutes of the meeting of August 22 were approved.

G.A.HUSE--EUROPEAN VISIT POSTPONED.

VOTED, That the visit of G.A.Huse to Northern and Central Europe and the British Union be postponed until late winter or early next spring.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That J.D.Snider be added to the Committee on Religious Liberty Problems that is to meet in Takoma Park in September.

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E.M.BRYANT--SEMINARY: ✓

VOTED, To invite E.M.Bryant, of Baltimore, to attend the Theological Seminary, under the policy that provides for a period of training for ministers of other denominations who accept the message, the expense to be cared for by the General Conference Contingency Fund.

DR. FRANCIS LEGGE--SEMINARY: ✓

VOTED, On recommendation of the Atlantic Union, that Dr. Francis Legge, of New York, be invited to attend the Theological Seminary, under the policy that provides for a period of training for ministers of other denominations who accept the message.

VOTED, That the salary rate of E.M.Bryant and of Dr. Francis Legge, while attending the Seminary be set at the maximum for ordained ministers, and that the policy relating to allowances to students attending the Seminary be applied in their cases.

ROBERT WEAVER--INDIANA

K.M.KENNEDY--ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Union and the Alabama-Mississippi Conference the call from the Lake Union for Robert Weaver to connect with the Indiana Conference; and to pass on to the Lake Union and the Indiana Conference the call from the Southern Union for K.M.Kennedy to connect with the work in the Alabama-Mississippi Conference.

MRS. MABLE BROWN--FLORIDA SANITARIUM:

VOTED, To pass on to the Central Union Conference and the Boulder Sanitarium the call from the Southern Union for Mrs. Mable Brown to connect with the Florida Sanitarium.

G.D.O'BRIEN--BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union and the North Dakota Conference the call from the Canadian Union for G.D. O'Brien to connect with the British Columbia Conference.

H.V.REED--FLORIDA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Columbia Union and the East Pennsylvania Conference the call from the Southern Union for H.V.Reed to connect with the Florida Conference for district work.

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APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

C.S.Longacre, Oklahoma for temperance work, September 17-27.

W.A.Butler, Carolina lay preachers' institute, October 7-9.

R.A.Anderson, Durham, North Carolina, church dedication and district revival, October 15; Winston-Salem, special district meeting, revival, October 29; Greensboro, North Carolina, special district consecration meetings, November 18 and 19.

D.E.Robinson, ten days or two weeks, New York Conference in October, exact time to be arranged.

G.T.GOTT--RELEASED:

VOTED, That since he does not see his way clear to accept, G.T.Gott be released from the call to the Congo Union.

F.A.UNGER--ZAMBESI UNION:

VOTED, To request the Lake Union and the Indiana Conference to release F.A.Unger, to connect with the Southern African Division, as Publishing Department Secretary of the Zambesi Union Mission.

RICHARD DUTRO--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That on recommendation of the South American Division Committee, we authorize the permanent return of Richard Dutro from Brazil, for health reasons.

CLAUDE MILLER AND R.H.CLAUSEN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That on recommendation of the China Division Committee, we authorize the permanent return of Claude Miller and R.H.Clausen from China.

BERNARD PENNER--SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION:

VOTED, To request the Columbia Union Conference and Washington Missionary College to release Bernard Penner, to connect with the South American Division as accountant in the division office.

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PAUL NELSON--RELEASED:

VOTED, That since he does not see his way clear to accept, Paul Nelson be released from the call to Korea.

MISS SVEA HOGLUND--BURMA:

VOTED, To rescind our action of August 4, which authorized the permanent return of Miss Svea Hoglund to Sweden, and that instead Miss Hoglund be transferred, with her budget, from China to the Southern Asia Division, for nursing service in Burma.

WARREN HILLIARD--JAPAN:

VOTED, That Warren Hilliard be transferred, with his budget, from China to the Far Eastern Division, for work in Japan.

RADIO ADVERTISING OF HARD LIQUORS:

The American Temperance Society reported the introduction of a bill into Congress opposing the advertising of hard liquors over the radio and television. It was

VOTED, To approve of sending the following letter to the chairman of the committee that will consider the bill:

To the Honorable Robert Crosser,
Chairman of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.
House Office Building.

Honorable Sir:

We, the members of the Executive Committee of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, with headquarters at 6840 Eastern Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., assembled in executive session August 25, 1949, unanimously voted to urge the speedy passage of the bill H R 6111, introduced by Congressman Fred L. Crawford of Michigan, to prohibit the use of radio and television in the advertising of distilled spirits, wines or malt beverages.

We oppose this brazen attempt of the distillers to invade our homes with hard liquor advertising and to entertain our children with "fantastic stories of the alleged 'rare' qualities of the distillers' products."

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Since Schenley's Advertising Department indicates some 200 independent radio broadcasting stations have agreed to broadcast their products, and since there is now no adequate legal control to prevent television and radio broadcasters advertising hard liquors, we respectfully urge the earliest possible passage of this bill to empower the Alcohol Tax Unit of the Bureau of Internal Revenue and the Federal Communications Commission and/or other authorities to act in prohibiting such an invasion of the American home and thereby protect our teen-age generation from being exploited with hard liquor advertisements.

The evil consequences of the proposed advertising which violates all recognized standards of good moral judgment, if permitted, would further debauch the youth of America in these critical times and outweigh all monetary or business advantages accrued thereby.

We herewith register our strongest possible protest.

Respectfully,

President General Conference
of Seventh-day Adventists.

J.L.McElhany, Chairman.
W.P.Bradley, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FOUR HUNDRED NINTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

August 29, 1949

MEMBERS PRESENT:

A V Olson, J L McElhany, L K Dickson, E E Roenfelt, W P Bradley, J I Robison, N W Dunn, W H Williams, H H Cobban, E J Johanson, Roger Altman, J A Stevens, J J Ireland, E E Franklin, K J Reynolds, F H Robbins, W A Scharffenberg, G M Mathews, C S Longacre, J J Strahle, Claude Conard, D A McAdams, W A Butler, Henry Brown, Paul Wickman, M C Taft, F D Nichol, R A Anderson, Miss Lois Burnett, Miss Louise Kleuser, G A Huse, W K Ising, M E Kern, Dr E A Sutherland, J R Ferren.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Miss Alice Neilsen, Chester Barger.

Prayer by F.H.Robbins. Minutes of meetings held August 24 and 25 were approved.

Z.H.COBERLY AND P.H.SHIGLEY--SOUTHERN ASIA:

VOTED, That Z.H.Coberly and P.H.Shigley be transferred, with their budgets, from China to the Southern Asia Division.

D.M.BARNETT--JAPAN:

VOTED, To recommend D.M.Barnett, of China, to the Far Eastern Division for service in Japan.

C.D.CHRISTENSEN--PANAMA CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To request the North Pacific Union Conference and Walla Walla College to release C.D.Christensen, to connect with the Inter-American Division, to serve as president of the Panama Conference.

RUBY MAYES--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That in harmony with her desire, the return of Miss Ruby Mayes from Nigeria to England be changed from the furlough to the permanent return basis.

H.A.JENKS--RELEASED:

VOTED, That because of unfavorable medical reports, H.A.Jenks be released from the call to Southern Rhodesia.

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DR. R.H.DUNN AND WILLIAM HILLIARD---TIBET:

VOTED, That Dr. R.H.Dunn and William Hilliard be transferred with their budgets from China to the Southern Asia Division, to spend the time in India in studying the Tibetan language while awaiting permits to enter Tibet.

GERTRUDE GREEN---TIBET:

VOTED, That Miss Gertrude Green, nurse, be invited to join the group to open the work in Tibet, and that if she accepts she be transferred, with her budget, from China to the Southern Asia Division, to spend the time in India studying the Tibetan language while awaiting permit to enter Tibet.

THREE TIBETANS TO SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION:

VOTED, That three Tibetan workers now in China be assigned to the Southern Asia Division, for service in Tibet, two budgets to be supplied by the China Division.

MILDRED DUMAS--WASHINGTON:

VOTED, To pass on to Miss Mildred Dumas, returned from South America, the call from the North Pacific Union to connect with the Washington Conference, for work in the conference office

A.E.WEBB--SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Atlantic Union and the Northeastern Conference the call from the Pacific Union for A.E.Webb to connect with the Southern California Conference for pastoral work.

FLOYD HILLS--GLENDALE UNION ACADEMY:

VOTED, To pass on to Floyd Hills, returned from Trinidad, the call from the Pacific Union to connect with the Southern California Conference, to serve as Bible teacher in the Glendale Union Academy.

S.H.HORN--THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY:

VOTED, To pass on to S.H.Horn, formerly of the Far Eastern Division, the call from the Theological Seminary Board to connect with the faculty of the Seminary.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

Miss Helen Smith, Albany, New York, for union-wide lay workers' meeting, September 8-11.

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J.L.Shuler, Montana for evangelistic workers' meeting, time to be arranged.

INTERNATIONAL TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION--QUARTERLY BULLETIN:

VOTED, That we approve of the plan of the International Temperance Association to publish an eight-page quarterly temperance bulletin, for circulation in the overseas divisions, at a cost of \$500 a quarter, the cost to be met from funds of the Association.

B.A.WALTON--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, On recommendation of the West African Union Committee, to extend the sponsorship required by the Government on behalf of B.A.Walton and family, of Nigeria, in connection with their application for visas to the United States.

NIELS WENSELL--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, On recommendation of the South American Division Committee, to extend the sponsorship required by the Government on behalf of Niels Wensell, of the River Plate College, in connection with his application for visa to the United States, to take some work in the Theological Seminary.

SPRINGFIELD CHURCH SCHOOL BUILDING:

Request was presented from the Columbia Union on behalf of the Ohio Conference, for approval of the erection of a church school building in Springfield, at an estimated cost of \$12,500. The church will have more than \$10,000 cash in hand when the building is started, and assurance is given that no indebtedness will be incurred.

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the proposed church school building in Springfield, Ohio.

SALAMANCA CHURCH BUILDING:

Request was presented from the Atlantic Union on behalf of the New York Conference for approval of the erection of a new church building for the church in Salamanca, at an estimated cost of \$8857.57. The plan for financing the project being within the policy, and assurance being given that no indebtedness will be incurred, it was

VOTED, That we approve of the erection of the proposed church building in Salamanca, New York.

A.V.Olson, Chairman.
E.E.Roenfelt, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.