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MINUTES OF MEETINGS

OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 16, 18, 25, 26, 1950

and

AUTUMN COUNCIL

OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Grand Rapids, Michigan, October 23 - 31, 1950

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TWENTY-NINTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 16, 1950

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W H Branson, W B Ochs, A V Olson, L K Dickson, E E Roenfelt, E D Dick, H T Elliott, J I Robison, W P Bradley, N W Dunn, A W Cormack, W H Williams, R H Adair, Roger Altman, W E Nelson, H H Votaw, C B Haynes, D A Ochs, T L Oswald, W E Read, D E Rebok, L A Skinner, H H Cobban, L E Froom, W H Teesdale, F Brennwald, W J Harris, L L Moffitt, J E Edwards, A L White, Dr. T.R. Flaiz, H W Barrows, L R Rasmussen, H W Lowe, W A Butler, E J Johanson, W A Scharffenberg, N F Brewer, J A Stevens, A W Johnson, A L Ham, J R Ferren, R A Anderson, M E Kern, G E Peters, G A Huse, M C Taft

Prayer by L.E.Froom. Minutes of meetings held October 12 and 13 were approved.

RESEARCH WORK--L.H.WOOD AND MISS JULIA NEUFFER:

VOTED, To place a request with the Theological Seminary for the services of L.H.Wood for from three to four months next summer to join the Research Committee in some intensive research work.

VOTED, To place a request with the Review and Herald for the services of Miss Julia Neuffer for three to four months in addition to the time already arranged for by our action of September 11, the additional time to be spent in assisting L.H. Wood in the research work he is asked to do.

AUTUMN COUNCIL--INVITATIONS:

VOTED, That B.P.Hoffman be invited to attend the Autumn Council.

VOTED, That J.Wagner, of Brazil, now in Berrien Springs, be invited to attend the auditors' meeting in Grand Rapids, beginning on Sunday, October 22, and to attend the Autumn Council following.

D.A.DELAFIELD--SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

VOTED, To pass on to the Review and Herald Board the call from the Southern Publishing Association Board for D.A. Delafield to connect with the Southern Publishing Association, to serve as editor of Our Times, and book editor.

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L.G.WHITTEN--EAST PENNSYLVANIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the Northern Union and the Iowa Conference the call from the Columbia Union for L.G.Whitten to connect with the East Pennsylvania Conference as Publishing Department Secretary.

ANTHONY PETRONE--GREATER NEW YORK:

VOTED, To pass on to the Pacific Union and the Northern California Conference the call from the Atlantic Union for Anthony Petrone to connect with the work in the Greater New York Conference.

CECIL MARSDEN--LA SIERRA COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Canadian Union Conference and the Canadian Watchman Press the call from the Pacific Union for Cecil Marsden to connect with the print shop of La Sierra College

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

L.K.Dickson, Southwestern Union Session instead of W.B. Ochs.

W.B.Ochs, Lake Union Session instead of L.K.Dickson.

M.K.Eckenroth, Canadian, Central, Northern, North Pacific Pacific and Southwestern Union Sessions.

R.A.Anderson, Lake, Southern, Atlantic and Columbia Union Sessions; West Pennsylvania workers' meeting, November 13,14.

W.B.Ochs, Chicago area evangelistic rally, Sabbath afternoon, October 28.

T.L.Oswald, Emma Howell, Helen Smith, Medical Secretaries' Council, St. Louis, November 3-5.

T.L.Oswald, workers' meeting, Arkansas-Louisiana and Oklahoma Conferences, November 6-9 inclusive.

H.T.Elliott, Holland, Michigan, October 21.

E.E.Roenfelt, Muskegon, Michigan, October 21.

Voice of Prophecy Group, Illinois Youth's Congress, Broadview Academy Auditorium, November 3-5.

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Louise Meyer and W.J.Harris, Columbus, Ohio, December 11-15.

Eric B.Hare, teacher training courses and institutes, North Pacific Union, November 29 - December 17.

E.E.Franklin, Lake Union colporteur institute, January 15-20.

G.A.Huse, Publishing Secretaries' Council for Lake Union, Battle Creek, Michigan, date to be arranged, following Autumn Council.

W.P.Bradley, Illinois Youth's Congress, November 3-5.

C.B.Haynes, Nashville, Tennessee, December 8-10.

L.R.Rasmussen, to spend a few days in Hawaii en route to the Far East in December.

Mrs. Cora Thurber, Dorcas Federation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 17,18.

E.W.Dunbar, Georgia-Cumberland Youth's Congress, week end of January 20, 1951.

MARILYN CHACE--RELEASED:

VOTED, That since she does not see her way clear to accept, Miss Marilyn Chace be released from the call to the South American Division office.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

VOTED, That E.W.Dunbar and L.A.Skinner be included with G.M.Mathews and Miss Lois Burnett as our representatives to attend the mid-century White House Conference on Children and Youth, to be held December 3-7.

ARGENTINE PESO--EXCHANGE RATE:

VOTED, That the fixed rate of exchange of 11 cents for the Argentine peso, as authorized by our action of February 27, be effective as from April 1, 1950, instead of January 1, as stated in that action.

ARVA ARASOLA--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Northern European Division Committee, to extend the sponsorship required by the Government on behalf of Arva Arasola, of Finland, in connection with his application for visa to the United States for the purpose of taking some work in the Theological Seminary.

October 16, 1950

SPEAKING APPOINTMENTS IN AND NEAR GRAND RAPIDS:

VOTED, That H.T.Elliott be authorized to make speaking appointments in the vicinity of Grand Rapids for workers who may be in Grand Rapids on the Sabbath preceding the Autumn Council.

AUTUMN COUNCIL---ACCOUNT IN GRAND RAPIDS BANK:

Resolved, That an account be opened in the name of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in the Old Kent Bank, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and that the said bank be, and hereby is, authorized to honor the signatures of C.L.Torrey, Treasurer, and/or W.H.Williams, Undertreasurer, and/or R.H. Adair, Assistant Treasurer, on checks drawn against this account.

W.H.Branson, Chairman.
E.E.Roenfelt, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

THIRTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 18, 1950

MEMBERS PRESENT:

H L Rudy, L K Dickson, A V Olson, R R Figuhr, N W Dunn, H T Elliott, W P Bradley, J I Robison, E E Roenfelt, R L Torrey, Roger Altman, H W Lowe, W E Nelson, W H Teesdale, L R Rasmussen, L L Moffitt, H H Cobban, D A Ochs, D E Rebok, A L White, A L Ham, R A Anderson, L A Skinner, E J Johanson, J R Ferren, Paul Wickman, Miss Lois Burnett, M E Kern.

Prayer by L.R.Rasmussen.

MISSION STUDY BOOKS---COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That a new Committee on Mission Study Books be appointed as follows: A.V.Olson, M.E.Kern, A.L.Ham, E.W.Dunbar, J.I.Robison, W.P.Bradley, E.E.Roenfelt, N.W.Dunn, D.E.Rebok, E.E.Cossentine, L.R.Rasmussen, L.A.Skinner.

PREPARATION OF MISSION STUDY BOOKS:

VOTED, That we give authorization for J.I.Robison, W.P. Bradley and N.W.Dunn to be released temporarily from regular duties in order that they may have time to do the work on the mission study books they have been asked to write.

October 18, 1950

VELLORE MEDICAL COLLEGE BOARD:

VOTED, That C.L.Torrey and Dr. T.R.Flailz be appointed to serve as the General Conference representatives on the American Section of the Vellore Medical College Board.

E.D.DICK--EAST MEDITERRANEAN DIVISION:

VOTED, That E.D.Dick be authorized to respond to the request of the East Mediterranean Division to stop in Beirut on his way to the Southern Asia Division.

B.E.WAGNER--INTER-AMERICA:

VOTED, That B.E.Wagner be authorized to attend Publishing Department institutes and other meetings in the Inter-American Division, November 14, 1950 - January 4, 1951.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

J.L.Shuler, San Antonio, Texas, February; San Bernardino California, March.

Paul Wickman, one week in Newfoundland, in November, exact time to be arranged.

MRS. SHAFQUAT (nee Gladys Tidmore)--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That in harmony with her request, and on recommendation of the Northern European Division Committee, we authorize the permanent return of Mrs. Shafquat (nee Gladys Tidmore) from Ethiopia.

W.H.TEESDALE--RELEASED:

VOTED, That since he does not see his way clear to accept, W.H.Teesdale be released from the call to the Northern European Division as Educational Secretary.

E.C.CHRISTIE IN CHARGE IN WASHINGTON:

VOTED, That E.C.Christie be placed in general charge of the General Conference office, and the staff remaining in Washington during the time of the Autumn Council in Grand Rapids.

R.C.HILL--CHANGE IN APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That the appointment of R.C.Hill be changed from the Southern African Division, for Helderberg College, to the Far Eastern Division, in response to the call for a farm manager for the Mindanao Mission Academy.

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ALINE MANGUM--CAROLINA CONFERENCE:

VOTED, To place in the hands of Miss Aline Mangum, of the Department of Purchase and Supply, the call from the Southern Union to connect with the Carolina Conference for office work.

GLADYS CLARK--SOUTHERN UNION:

VOTED, To pass on to the North Pacific Union and the Upper Columbia Conference the call for Miss Gladys Clark to connect with the Southern Union for secretarial work in the union office.

MRS. MARY ELLINGWORTH--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, On recommendation of the Southern African Division Committee, to extend the sponsorship required by the Government on behalf of Mrs. Mary Ellingworth, of the Belgian Congo, in connection with her application for visa to the United States.

DR. ELMER H. OLSON--JAPAN:

VOTED, That in response to the request of the Far Eastern Division, we invite Dr. Elmer H. Olson, of California, to go to Japan for a period of four months, to assist Dr. Syphers in connection with the emergency situation in Tokyo.

H.L. Rudy, Chairman.
N.W. Dunn, Secretary.
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

AUTUMN COUNCIL

Grand Rapids, Michigan, October 23 - November 1, 1950

THIRTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 23, 1950, 7:30 P.M.

The 1950 Autumn Council of the General Conference Committee was held in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Beginning Monday evening, October 23, and continuing through the daytime hours of Tuesday, the time was devoted to studies on the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Latter Rain, Elder W.H. Branson, President of the General Conference, leading out Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, with an earnest call to ministers and laymen alike to put away all hindrances to the full reception of the Holy Spirit. He read as a text Zechariah 10:1: "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field." "Is it time, actually time for the latter rain," asked Elder Branson, "or are we just about to approach that time? I read an excerpt from the Review and Herald of March 19, 1895, in which Sister White said: 'The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the church is looked forward to as in the future, but it is the privilege of the church to have it now. Seek for it, pray for it, believe for it.' That was fifty-five years ago.

"The decision as to when the latter rain will come to this people," continued Elder Branson, "is in our hands. It is not that God is willfully withholding something, but only that He must wait until we are prepared to receive it. It is entirely our responsibility tonight to decide whether or not we are going to have the baptism of the Holy Spirit in this Council, or whether we will have to wait until next year, or five or ten years hence. If we are ready tonight to clear the way for the infilling of the Holy Spirit in our hearts, if we are ready to put away all dissention, and jealousies and faultfinding, and other sins from our hearts and lives, we have every right to reach out and claim this promised blessing. God has pledged the very existence of His throne that if His people comply with the conditions He has laid down, He will fulfil every promise that He has made to them. If we are ready tonight to make this vital decision, that we would rather have the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our work and our lives than to have anything that the world can offer, then there will be nothing left between us and God, and we should have it, provided we are ready to claim it by faith. May God give us the willingness of heart to lay aside everything that stands between us and the reception of the Holy Spirit, and then to claim that gift by faith."

October 23, 1950

Tuesday forenoon, following a devotional service at nine o'clock, led by R.A.Anderson, there was a Bible study conducted by A.V.Olson, and a prayer and testimony service led by N.F.Brewer; another Bible study in the afternoon, by M.K.Eckeroth, and a prayer and testimony service led by Glenn Calkins. The need for, and the preparation essential for receiving the Holy Spirit was the theme in all of these services.

The first business session of the Council convened in the Black and Silver Room of the Civic Auditorium at 7:30 Tuesday evening, October 24.

PRESENT:

There were present nearly all the members of the General Conference Committee resident in North America, the local conference presidents, the union treasurers and auditors, the colored evangelist from the Pacific Union, and representatives of the colleges, sanitariums and publishing houses. The following workers from overseas were also present: Hsu Hwa, of the China Division; V.T.Armstrong and P.L.Williams, of the Far Eastern Division; C.C.Morris, of the East Mediterranean Division; J.Wagner and L.B.Halliwell, of Brazil; and A.H.Roth and F.L.Bohner, of the Inter-American Division.

Elder W.H.Branson, the Chairman, read a portion of the 61st chapter of Isaiah, and prayer was offered by Hsu Hwa, president of the China Division.

MESSAGES OF GREETING:

The Secretary read messages of greeting from the following: E.F.Hackman, president of the Inter-American Division, who is in California convalescing from surgery; N.C.Wilson and F.A.Mote, of the Australasian Inter-Union; F.G.Clifford, of the Southern African Division; W.E.Murray, president of the South American Division, who is in New York ready to depart for Buenos Aires; and from C.S.Longacre. It was

VOTED, To ask the Secretary to acknowledge these messages with appreciation, and to convey our greetings to these workers in return.

DAILY PROGRAM:

The following Daily Program was adopted:

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| Prayer Bands | 7:30 -- 8:00 A.M. |
| Devotional | 9:00 -- 9:50 |
| Council Session | 10:00 -- 12:30 |
| Committees and Boards | 2:00 -- 3:15 P.M. |
| Council Session or Committees | 3:30 -- 6:00 |
| Council Session or Committees | 7:30 -- 9:00 |

October 24, 1950

STANDING COMMITTEES:

On nomination by the Committee in Washington, the following committees were appointed [additions made from time to time being included here with those originally nominated]:

Auditing Committee:

W.H.Branson, Chairman.
C.L.Torrey, Secretary.

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| R H Adair | L K Dickson | W B Ochs |
| Roger Altman | N W Dunn | G E Peters |
| V G Anderson | H T Elliott | M L Rice |
| V T Armstrong | R R Figuhr | J I Robison |
| C L Bauer | H C Hartman | E E Roenfelt |
| W P Bradley | H H Hicks | H L Rudy |
| Glenn Calkins | L E Lenheim | C A Scriven |
| M V Campbell | A C Larson | J D Smith |
| H G Childs | W A Nelson | J W Turner |
| A W Cormack | R H Nightingale | R S Watts |
| J F Cummins | A V Olson | W H Williams |
| E D Dick | D A Ochs | |

Budget Committee:

C.L.Torrey, Chairman.
W.H.Williams, Secretary.

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| R H Adair | W W Fordham | D A Ochs |
| Roger Altman | A L Ham | W B Ochs |
| V G Anderson | G T Harding, M D | T L Oswald |
| R C Baker | W J Harris | W E Phillips |
| C L Bauer | H H Hicks | E L Place |
| W A Benjamin | G A Huse | W E Read |
| L E Biggs | G E Hutches | M L Rice |
| C L Bond | E J Johanson | A J Robbins |
| W P Bradley | G Eric Jones | J I Robison |
| E L Branson | C H Kelly | E E Roenfelt |
| W H Branson | L E Lenheim | H L Rudy |
| N F Brewer | M E Loewen | G H Rustad |
| M V Campbell | A S Maxwell | F W Schnepfer |
| H G Childs | J L McElhany | C A Scriven |
| P W Christian | A E Millner | W H Shephard |
| H H Cobban | L L Moffitt | John Shull |
| A W Cormack | Roscoe W Moore | Jere D Smith |
| J F Cummins | H A Morrison | W A Spicer |
| H J Detwiler | H R Murphy | J A Stevens |
| E D Dick | G R Nash | M C Taft |
| L K Dickson | W A Nelson | F E Thompson |
| N W Dunn | W E Nelson | J W Turner |
| H T Elliott | F D Nichol | H H Votaw |
| R R Figuhr | R H Nightingale | R S Watts |
| T R Flais, M D | A V Olson | J E Weaver |

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Distribution of Labor:

W B Ochs, Chairman.
H T Elliott, Secretary.

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| Roger Altman | N W Dunn | G E Peters |
| R A Anderson | H T Elliott | D E Rebok |
| V G Anderson | I M Evans | M L Rice |
| V T Armstrong | R R Figuhr | J I Robison |
| C L Bauer | T R Flaiz, M D | E E Roenfelt |
| W P Bradley | G A Hise | H L Rudy |
| C M Bunker | A W Johnson | W A Scharffenberg |
| Glenn Calkins | L E Lenheim | C A Scriven |
| M V Campbell | L L McKinley | J D Smith |
| A W Cormack | L L Moffitt | C L Torrey |
| E E Cossentine | W A Nelson | J W Turner |
| J F Cummins | D A Ochs | Paul Wickman |
| E D Dick | W B Ochs | W H Williams |
| L K Dickson | A V Olson | |

Finance Committee:

C L Torrey, Chairman.
Roger Altman, Secretary.

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| R H Adair | E W Dunbar | L E Lenheim |
| V G Anderson | N W Dunn | R G Lewis |
| V T Armstrong | H T Elliott | H W Lowe |
| M S Banfield | W P Elliott | C G Maracle |
| H W Barrows | L C Evans | B C Marshall |
| C L Bauer | H P Evens | J L McConaughy |
| R R Bietz | R R Figuhr | A P McDow |
| L H Bland | C O Frenz | J L McElhany |
| H P Bloum | Lewis Ford | A E Mobley |
| H M Blunden | L E Froom | W B Mohr |
| L F Bohner | T R Gardner | P Moores |
| C L Bond | Ben Glanzer | C C Morris |
| G W Bowers | Calvin Gordon | H A Morrison |
| W P Bradley | E L Green | A G Munson |
| E L Branson | A L Ham | C J Nagele |
| W H Branson | G T Harding, M D | G B Nelson |
| F Brennwald | H C Hartman | H S Nelson |
| N F Brewer | Myron Harvey | W A Nelson |
| Glenn Calkins | James Howarth | W E Nelson |
| M V Campbell | Hsu Hwa | J J Nethery |
| T Careich | E S Humann | R W Nelson |
| G F Chapman | G A Huse | A V Olson |
| H G Childs | A W Johnson | D A Ochs |
| E H Cobban | E J Johanson | W B Ochs |
| A W Cormack | R S Joyce | T L Oswald |
| J F Cummins | C H Kelly | C E Palmer |
| R M Davidson | H C Kephart | G E Peters |
| E D Dick | A C Larson | N C Petersen |
| L K Dickson | C H Lauda | W E Phillips |

Finance Committee (Concluded)

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| E L Place | C A Scriven | H E Thomas |
| L R Rasmussen | H E Schneider | M V Tucker |
| D R Rees | H A Shepard | J W Turner |
| R M Reinhardt | John Shull | H I Votaw |
| H E Rice | J D Smith | Jacob Wagner |
| M L Rice | A R Smouse | J H Wagner |
| J I Robison | W A Sowers | A Warren |
| E E Roenfelt | J A Stevens | R S Watts |
| R P Rowe | J D Snider | W H Williams |
| H L Rudy | M C Taft | P L Williams |
| H E Schnepfer | Norman Taylor | I J Woodman |
| | | K A Wright |

Committee on Nominations:

L.K.Dickson, Chairman.
A.W.Cormack, Secretary.

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| V G Anderson | R R Figuhr | W B Ochs |
| C L Bauer | T R Flaiz, M D | D E Rebok |
| R R Bietz | G A Huse | K J Reynolds |
| W H Branson | M E Kern | M L Rice |
| Glenn Calkins | L E Lenheim | J I Robison |
| M V Campbell | J L McElhany | C A Scriven |
| E D Dick | L L Moffitt | J D Smith |
| N R Dower | C J Nagele | R A Smithwick |
| E W Dunbar | W A Nelson | J A Stevens |
| W P Elliott | D A Ochs | C L Torrey |
| | | J W Turner |
| | | T E Unruh |

Plans Committee:

H.L.Rudy, Chairman.
E.E.Roenfelt, Secretary.

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| Wesley Amundsen | D C Butherus | J E Edwards |
| C V Anderson | W A Butler | R M Eldridge |
| G T Anderson | H J Capman | I M Evans |
| R A Anderson | E L Cardey | H P Evens |
| C E Andross | R J Christian | W A Fagal |
| D A Bailey | H K Christman | J R Ferren |
| Carl Becker | D A Cone | R E Finney, Jr. |
| K C Beem | C J Coon | E M Fishell |
| W H Bergherm | E E Cossentine | T R Flaiz, M D |
| E E Bietz | R E Crawford | T M Fountain |
| F L Bland | C W Degering | E E Franklin |
| J W Bothe | C A Dent, M D | C O Franz |
| H F Brown | W A Dessein | L E Froom |
| J A Buckwalter | N R Dower | O T Garner |
| D Lois Burnett | M K Eckenroth | Ben Glanzer |

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Plans Committee (Concluded)

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| W E Guthrie | G M Mathews | A R Smith |
| Leighton Hall | D A McAdams | R A Smithwick |
| E B Hare | J W McFarland, M D | J J Strahle |
| S C Harris | L L McKinley | W E Strickland |
| C B Hynes | W C Moffett | Carl Sundin |
| H D Henriksen | M L Neff | E A Sutherland, M D |
| W B Hill | N C Nelson | A G Sutton |
| L N Holm | F D Nichol | M C Taft |
| Hsu Hwa | E R Osmunson | Norman Taylor |
| I H Ihrig | C L Paddock | E Thiel |
| H E James, M D | J Peters | M R Thurber |
| Ivar Johnson | E M Peterson | Owen A Troy |
| J L Jones | F L Peterson | T E Unruh |
| J F Kent | W E Read | G E Vandeman |
| M E Kern | D E Rebok | B E Wagner |
| H C Klement | J J Reiswig | J H Wagner |
| Louise C Kleuser | K J Reynolds | E R Walde |
| C C Kott | L B Reynolds | A L White |
| J S Kootsey, M D | H M S Richards | Paul Wickman |
| C A Larsen, M D | A H Roth | R M Whitsett |
| R H Libby | A O Sage | R S Winter |
| E J Lorntz | F O Sanders | Dallas Young |
| H W Lowe | W A Scharffenberg | H A Young |
| T E Lucas | F D Singleton | A L Zumwalt |
| C R MacIvor | L A Skinner | |

VOTED, That W.H.Jones, of the Potomac Conference, be added to the Budget Committee, to serve in place of H.J.Detwiler, who is ill.

AGENDA:

Certain items on the Agenda were referred to the various Standing Committees, and special committees on other items were appointed as follows:

Organization of Evangelistic Teams: L K Dickson, W B Ochs, the union conference presidents, R A Anderson, W H Branson, C L Torrey, H T Elliott, R M Whitsett, F O Sanders, F L Bland, A O Sage, Don R Rees, M K Eckenroth, G E Vandeman, J L McConaughy, T Carcich, R C Baker, E L Branson, G R Nash, R E Finney, T E Unruh, F E Thompson, H M S Richards, R L Boothby.

Television: W B Ochs, the General Conference officers, W H Jones, Paul Wickman, H M S Richards, E R Walde, R M Whitsett, A O Sage, W A Fagal, R H Libby, the union conference presidents, R R Bietz, E L Branson, R H Nightingale, G E Hutches, F E Thompson, R S Watts, N R Dower, T Carcich, C V Anderson, J L McConaughy, H A Morrison.

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Bible Correspondence Schools: The General Conference officers, the union conference presidents, secretaries of the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference, secretaries of the Radio Department of the General Conference, H.M.S. Richards I.E. Gillis.

Token Delegation to European Youth's Congress: The General Conference officers, the union conference presidents, the secretaries of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference.

Increase of Salaries: C L Torrey, the union conference presidents, A V Olson, W H Branson, W H Williams, W B Ochs, E D Dick, W P Elliott, Dr G T Harding, H A Morrison, H G Childs, V T Armstrong, Glenn Calkins, H C Hartman, H C Kephart, H H Hicks, L E Biggs, N C Peterson, D C Butherus, C M Bunker, N R Dower, I M Evans, A E Millner, C V Anderson, J J Reiswig, H R Murphy, J C Shull, A R Smouse, F W Schnepfer, W H Jones, K A Wright, L N Holm, H S Nelson, J H Nies, A C Larson, H A Young.

North American Supplement to Church Manual: W B Ochs, the union conference presidents, the local conference presidents, and the members of the Committee on Church Manual.

TIME AND PLACE OF SPRING MEETING:

VOTED, That the 1951 Spring Meeting be held in Washington, and that the fixing of the date be referred to the Committee in Washington.

TIME AND PLACE OF 1951 AUTUMN COUNCIL:

Suggestions were made relative to a place for holding the 1951 Autumn Council, among those mentioned being Denver, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Oklahoma City, and Boston. It was

VOTED, To refer to the Committee in Washington the fixing of the date, and the selection of a place for the 1951 Autumn Council.

PERMANENT LOCATION FOR AUTUMN COUNCILS:

The Chairman stated that suggestions had been received from various sources that it might be well to have a permanent location for the Autumn Councils, a place of our own with our own accommodations, rather than depending on auditorium and hotel accommodations in large cities. No action was taken, but the consensus was that we should hold to the present plan of holding the Autumn Councils in different locations, because of the favorable publicity that is given to our work, and the inspiration that comes to our own people in the area where such a meeting is held.

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1952 AUTUMN COUNCIL:

A suggestion was presented from the officers that the 1952 Autumn Council, which will be the Biennial Council, be held in Europe, provided it is possible to hold such a meeting in Europe at that time. The suggestion was favorably considered, the feeling being that such a meeting would mean much to our work and workers, and believers generally in Europe, while at the same time such contact with the work in Europe would mean much to the delegates who would attend from North America and the other divisions. It was

VOTED, That we look with favor on holding the 1952 Autumn Council in Europe, that the officers make the necessary arrangements relative to date and place, and that a committee be appointed to make recommendation concerning the delegation that should attend from North America.

Committee appointed: W.H.Branson, C.L.Torrey, E.D.Dick, the union conference presidents, and one local president from each union to be appointed by the respective union presidents.

1954 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION:

VOTED, That the Committee in Washington be asked to make investigation relative to a location for the holding of the 1954 General Conference Session, report to be made at the time of the Spring Meeting.

Adjourned to 10 A.M., Wednesday, with the closing prayer by C.L.Torrey.

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

THIRTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 25, 1950, 10:00 A.M.

Elder J.L.McElhany, who was the speaker in the devotional service Wednesday morning, October 25, began his study by reading from the twentieth chapter of the Gospel of John, where Jesus said to His disciples: "Peace be unto you; as my Father hath sent Me, even so send I you. And when He had said this, He breathed on them and saith unto them, receive ye the Holy Ghost." In

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another place the disciples were told, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon it," and that then they were to be witnesses unto Him both in Jerusalem and in all Judaea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

We too, said Elder McElhany, are to be witnesses unto Him, for we as Seventh-day Adventists believe that God has especially called us to proclaim a message that will prepare a people for the coming of the Lord, and when the Holy Spirit is poured out in its fullness in the Latter Rain, we are still to be preaching the third angel's message. Our greatest need to-day, he continued, far greater than any need for more money or more workers, is our need for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that we may indeed be witnesses unto Him, that with power we may preach this gospel of the Kingdom in all the world. May we every one of us enter into a spirit of deep intercession, and may the burden of our prayers, in our personal devotions, in the church, wherever we are, be for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine" was sung to open the second business session of the Council, at 10 A.M., Wednesday, October 25, and prayer was offered by R.A. Smithwick.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

C.L. Torrey, the Treasurer, in rendering his report, spoke of the tragedies wrought by the last World War, and of the fear and unrest throughout the world during the past five years since the close of the war. In contrast he spoke of the great work now in progress throughout the world, in which men are seen running everywhere with the gospel of peace, calling men from darkness to light, from sin to righteousness, from fear to hope and peace. He called attention also to the problems brought to the Treasury by the currency situations in the various governments of the world, and to the necessity of making provision against contingencies that may arise because of these situations. He then called on W.H. Williams to present the Balance Sheet and Operating Statement of Income and Expenses for the first six months of 1950, as follows:

[See four pages following]

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Balance Sheet
June 30, 1950

ASSETS

Cash, Banks & Securities

| | | |
|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Cash & Banks | \$2 699 349 46 | |
| Securities | <u>8 999 030 80</u> | \$11 698 380 26 |

Accounts Receivable

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Divisions | \$ 143 256 18 | |
| Publishing Houses | 253 134 49 | |
| Transportation Agencies | 50 369 98 | |
| Esda Sales & Service | 244 225 41 | |
| Personal and Miscellaneous Accounts | <u>597 175 58</u> | 1 288 161 64 |

Inventories and Prepaid Items

| | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Employees' Housing a/c | \$ 10 200 00 | |
| Office Supplies & Stock | 13 504 50 | |
| Rent Subsidy Control | <u>162 79</u> | <u>23 867 29</u> |

| | |
|--------------|------------------|
| Total Assets | \$ 13 010 409 19 |
|--------------|------------------|

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Divisions | \$ 822 758 96 | |
| Publishing Houses | 5 485 48 | |
| Personal & Miscellaneous Accts. | <u>174 159 17</u> | \$ 1 002 403 61 |

Trust Funds

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| C M E Building Funds from Organ. | \$ 719 726 23 | |
| Miscellaneous Funds | 934 422 57 | |
| Sustentation | <u>1 710 459 47</u> | 3 364 608 27 |

Deferred Items

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Blue Cross | \$ 224 80 | |
| Unexpired Subscriptions | <u>6 853 44</u> | <u>7 078 24</u> |

| | |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Total Liabilities | \$ <u>4 374 090 12</u> |
|-------------------|------------------------|

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| NET WORTH, June 30, 1950 | \$ <u><u>8 636 319 07</u></u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Balance Sheet
June 30, 1950

DETAIL OF NET WORTH

Regular

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Operating Capital, 1-1-50 | \$ 5 863 540 47 | |
| Add: Net Gain for Six Months | <u>512 379 43</u> | |
| Operating Capital, June 30, 1950 | | \$ 6 375 919 90 |

Restricted Reserves

| | | |
|--|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Exchange Reserve | \$ 115 296 93 | |
| Rehabilitation Funds: | | |
| Assigned to Divisions but not yet used | \$ 999 128 11 | |
| Unassigned General Funds | 273 894 06 | |
| Publishing Houses Restoration Unused | <u>43 134 43</u> | 1 316 156 60 |
| Reserve for Fluctuation of Securities | | 319 930 13 |
| Reserve for 1950 Special Approp. | \$1 659 688 39 | |
| Less: Payments made during 6 Mos. | <u>1 179 188 41</u> | 480 499 98 |
| Medical Missions Fund | | <u>28 515 53</u> |
| Total Reserves | | <u>2 260 399 17</u> |
| Total Net Worth, June 30, 1950 | | <u><u>\$ 8 636 319 07</u></u> |

Statement of Financial Position
and Comparison of Actual and Authorized Reserves

Reserves and Operating Funds

| | |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Exchange Reserve | \$ 115 296 93 |
| Rehabilitation Funds | 1 316 156 60 |
| Securities Reserve | 319 930 13 |
| 1950 Special Appropriations | 480 499 98 |
| Medical Missions Funds | 28 515 53 |
| Trust Funds | 3 364 608 27 |
| Cash & Securities Available for Working Capital | <u>6 073 372 82</u> |
| Equals Cash & Securities on Hand, June 30, 1950 | <u><u>\$11 698 380 26</u></u> |

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Authorized Capital and Reserves

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Cash & Securities Available for Working Capital | \$ 6 073 372 82 |
| Additional Capital represented by Inventories and accounts | <u>302 547 08</u> |
| Regular Working Capital, June 30, 1950 | \$ 6 375 919 90 |

General Conference Authorized Reserve

| | | | |
|---|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Operating Fund - 20% of 1949 Appropriations and Operating Expenses which amounts to | \$ 13 372 262 36 | \$ 2 674 452 47 | |
| Reserve Fund - 20% of \$13 372 262 36 as above | | <u>2 674 452 47</u> | 5 348 904 94 |
| Excess above Authorized Reserve, June 30, 1950 | | | <u><u>\$ 1 027 014 96</u></u> |

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Operating Statement
For Six Months Ending June 30, 1950

INCOME

| | 1950 | 1949 | Increase Decrease * |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Tithes | | | |
| North America | | | |
| Union Tithes 1% | \$ 94 080 43 | \$ 93 711 12 | \$ 369 31 |
| Regular Percent of Tithes | 1 838 975 19 | 1 840 312 36 | 1 337 17* |
| Special Percent of Tithes | 762 473 46 | 790 132 03 | 27 658 57* |
| Miscellaneous | 19 789 84 | (11 419 12)* | 31 208 96 |
| | \$ 2 715 318 92 | \$ 2 712 736 39 | \$ 2 582 53 |
| Overseas, Non-Revertible | 32 005 95 | 33 341 22 | 1 335 27* |
| Total Tithes | \$ 2 747 324 87 | \$ 2 746 077 61 | \$ 1 247 26 |
| Mission Offerings | | | |
| North America | | | |
| Seventy-Cents-a-Week Funds | \$ 4 498 351 07 | \$ 4 370 029 85 | \$ 128 321 22 |
| Miscellaneous | 1 698 10 | 4 959 67 | 3 261 57* |
| | \$ 4 500 049 17 | \$ 4 374 989 52 | \$ 125 059 65 |
| Overseas, Non-Revertible | 576 269 33 | 512 110 95 | 64 158 38 |
| Total Mission Offerings | \$ 5 076 318 50 | \$ 4 887 100 47 | \$ 189 218 03 |
| Miscellaneous Funds | | | |
| Dividends, Interest, etc - Securities | 129 744 73 | 105 147 69 | 24 597 04 |
| Legacies & Matured Annuities for | | | |
| Missions | 11 844 73 | 77 146 23 | 65 301 50* |
| Miscellaneous Donations & Income | 5 065 47 | 4 411 98 | 653 49 |
| Royalties | 51 17 | 1 343 31 | 1 292 14* |
| Specific Mission Offerings Received | 9 934 91 | 6 660 79 | 3 274 12 |
| | \$ 156 641 01 | \$ 194 710 00 | \$ 38 068 99* |
| Overseas Revertible Mission Offs. | 577 084 52 | 850 721 20 | 273 636 68* |
| Total Miscel. Income | \$ 733 725 53 | \$ 1 045 431 20 | \$ 311 705 67* |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$ 8 557 368 90 | \$ 8 678 609 28 | \$ 121 240 38* |
| Deduct: Total Expenses | 8 044 989 47 | 7 980 991 23 | 63 998 24 |
| NET GAIN FOR SIX MONTHS | \$ 512 379 43 | \$ 697 618 05 | \$ 185 238 62* |

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
Operating Statement
For Six Months Ending June 30, 1950

| <u>EXPENSES</u> | | | | <u>Increase Decrease*</u> | |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|--|
| | <u>1950</u> | <u>1949</u> | | | |
| Administrative | | | | | |
| Salary and Expense of Departments | \$ 410 243 79 | \$ 419 597 42 | \$ | 9 353 63* | |
| Transportation Agencies | 21 131 31 | 29 733 39 | | 8 602 08* | |
| Maintenance and General | 23 522 93 | 23 007 46 | | 515 47 | |
| Totals | \$ 454 898 03 | \$ 472 338 27 | \$ | 17 440 24* | |
| Appropriations, Regular | | | | | |
| Overseas | \$ 3 799 456 56 | \$ 3 353 350 00 | \$ | 446 106 56 | |
| Home | 225 241 02 | 292 945 02 | | 67 704 00* | |
| Miscellaneous & Fixed - Foreign (Actual) | 167 269 27 | 139 819 35 | | 27 449 92 | |
| Miscellaneous & Fixed - Home " | 241 456 84 | 248 502 07 | | 7 045 23* | |
| Totals | \$ 4 433 423 69 | \$ 4 034 616 44 | \$ | 398 807 25 | |
| Unbudgeted Expenses | | | | | |
| Employees Housing Expense | \$ | \$ 39 600 00 | \$ | 39 600 00* | |
| Home Study Institute Expense | | 574 69 | | 574 69* | |
| Post Graduate Expense - A J Robbins | 2 869 27 | | | 2 869 27 | |
| Relocation of German Worker Internees etc. | 2 616 43 | 16 872 44 | | 14 256 01* | |
| Robert Salau Trip | 33 85 | 2 179 17 | | 2 145 32* | |
| Security Expense | 168 61 | | | 168 61 | |
| Special Mission Funds Reversion | 98 082 74 | | | 98 082 74 | |
| Specific Mission Funds Disbursed | 9 934 91 | 6 660 79 | | 3 274 12 | |
| True Education | 1 998 19 | 3 234 22 | | 1 236 03* | |
| Unassigned Workers | 716 28 | | | 716 28 | |
| Totals | \$ 116 420 28 | \$ 69 121 31 | \$ | 47 298 97 | |
| Appropriations by Reversion | | | | | |
| Ingathering Overflow | \$1 181 268 93 | \$ 1 172 095 54 | \$ | 9 173 39 | |
| Institutional Comeback | 458 526 12 | 464 867 05 | | 6 340 93* | |
| North American Mission Funds Reverted | 37 579 66 | 21 182 24 | | 16 397 42 | |
| Non-Tithe Funds Reverted | 762 473 46 | 790 132 03 | | 27 658 57* | |
| Total Home Reversions | \$2 439 848 17 | \$ 2 448 276 86 | \$ | 8 428 69* | |
| Overseas Revertible Mission Offerings | 577 084 52 | 850 721 20 | | 273 636 68* | |
| Overseas Spring in Tithes & Offerings | 23 314 78 | 105 917 15 | | 82 602 37* | |
| Total Reversions | \$3 040 247 47 | \$ 3 404 915 21 | \$ | 364 667 74* | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$8 044 989 47 | \$ 7 980 991 23 | \$ | 63 998 24 | |

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J.F.Cummins, being called on, made a statement concerning the securities held by the General Conference, reporting the securities in good shape. R.H.Adair spoke of the family of sustentation beneficiaries, 1,626 in number in North America, and Roger Altman gave a word picture of a day's work in the transportation and passport office of the Treasury Department.

The Treasurer, in concluding his report, stated that during the year 1949 our believers throughout the world field gave in tithes and offerings and solicited during Ingathering campaigns a grand total of \$37,135,806.53, a gain over the year 1948 of \$1,603,233.33, or an increase of 4.5%. He felt that we should be truly thankful for the manifold blessings that have attended our work.

NORTH AMERICA DIVISION ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

Recommendations from the General Conference officers relative to setting up a North American Division Administrative Committee were presented, and being amended, were adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, Our Lord's commission to His church is to go into all the world, to every kindred, tribe and nation, and prepare a people for His coming kingdom; and

WHEREAS, We believe that this mighty task can be accomplished with greater efficiency by releasing the General Conference leaders from as much of the detailed administration of the work in the North American Division as possible, thus leaving the General Conference officers and Committee largely free to divide their interests among all the world sections of the General Conference territory; and

WHEREAS, It should be the objective of the North American Division, not only quickly to evangelize the peoples of the North American continent, but also to train workers for many of our great mission fields beyond the seas, and to help support them in their work of evangelization; therefore

We recommend, That the administrative details of the North American Division be on the following basis:

1. Leadership. That the Vice-President for North America in counsel with the President, carry the chief responsibility of leadership for the administration of the work in this Division.

2. Secretaries. That an Associate Secretary and an Assistant Secretary be chosen to give their entire time to the work of this Division.

3. Committee on Administration. That, while the General Conference Committee shall continue to be recognized as the executive committee for the North American Division, a committee on detailed administration for North America be appointed (which shall serve as a subcommittee of the General Conference Committee) to handle many of the details of the work in this Division.

4. That this Committee on Administration be made up as follows:

Vice-President of the General Conference for North America, chairman. (In his absence he shall designate some one to act as chairman.)

The President, the Secretary and the Treasurer of the General Conference.

Associate Secretary of the General Conference for North America.

Assistant Secretary.

General Conference Undertreasurer.

A representative from each of the General Conference departments, including the Ministerial Association, the Auditing Department, the International Temperance Association, to be designated by the department head in counsel with the officers; also the Medical Extension Secretary.

Secretary of the War Service Commission.

Secretary of the Commission for Self-Supporting Missionary Enterprises.

Secretary of the Bureau of Press Relations.

Associate Secretary of the Colored Department

Associate Secretary of the Home Foreign Bureau.

Presidents of Union Conferences.

Chairmen of General Conference Institutional Boards.

Members of the General Conference Committee representing institutions in North America.

Such other persons as may be named by the General Conference Committee.

5. The Committee on Administration shall be responsible for fostering the following lines of work:

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- a. The raising of funds for our great world mission program in cooperation with the General Conference Treasury, the Home Missionary Department, and the Sabbath School Department.
 - b. Assisting in the placing of returned missionaries.
 - c. Transfer of workers within the Division.
 - d. The work of the Home Foreign Bureau.
 - e. The work of the Colored Department.
 - f. Directing the work of the North American War Service Commission.
 - g. Detailed promotion of evangelism and all lines of departmental work.
 - h. The processing of ministerial internships as allotted by the General Conference Committee.
 - i. Such other responsibilities as may be delegated to it from time to time by the General Conference Committee.
6. That there be no governing or control of funds by the North American Committee on Administration, but that all financial requests be handled by the General Conference Committee; also, the setting of mission offering goals, the calling of workers for foreign service from North America, and the making of policies for the general conduct of the work in the North American Division shall be functions of the General Conference Committee.
7. That this Committee function between Councils of the General Conference Committee. During the Councils all matters pertaining to the North American Division work shall be considered by the General Conference Committee.
8. That separate minutes be kept of the actions of the Committee on Administration for North America (including the actions passed at any Autumn or Spring Council pertaining only to the North American Division), and that copies of these be furnished to the General Conference Committee members resident in North America.
9. That all actions of the Committee must be in harmony with the policies of the General Conference Committee.
10. That all actions of this Committee be subject to review and revision by the General Conference Committee but, unless revised, shall be considered final.
11. That the second and fourth Autumn Councils of the General Conference Committee following the regular General Con-

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ference sessions be considered largely North American Councils.

12. That a separate agenda be prepared for the annual Councils, listing all items pertaining to the North American Division, and a special time be allocated in the Council for the consideration of such North American items.

13. Any seven members of the North American Division Administrative Committee, including an officer, shall, after due notice to available members, constitute a quorum, and shall be empowered to transact such business as is in harmony with the general plans outlined by the Committee at the designated place of meeting as hereinafter provided.

14. All meetings of the North American Division Administrative Committee, except majority meetings, shall be held at the general headquarters, or at such other place as may be definitely arranged by a majority meeting of the Committee, or by a quorum of at least seven members meeting in regular session at general headquarters.

15. That these arrangements go into effect as from January 1, 1951.

Adjourned, with the closing prayer by W.A.Butler.

L.K.Dickson, Chairman.
E.D.Dick,
H.T.Elliott, Secretaries.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

THIRTY-THIRD MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 25, 1950, 5:30 P.M.

The General Conference Committee was called to meet in executive session, in the Red Room of the Auditorium, at 5:30 P.M., Wednesday, October 25.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W H Branson, L K Dickson, A V Olson, H L Rudy, R R Figuhr, W B Ochs, E D Dick, H T Elliott, W P Bradley, J I Robison, E E Roenfelt, N W Dunn, A W Cormack, C L Torrey, W H Williams, Roger Altman, R H Adair, J F Cummins, L F Bohner, H A Morrison, W H Teesdale, M L Rice, D A Ochs, L E Froom, J E Edwards, C B Haynes V T Armstrong, P L Williams, Henry Brown, G E Peters, F L Peterson, H M Blunden, M K Eckenroth, V G Anderson, J A Stevens, N F Brewer, A L Ham, C A Scriven, C C Morris, Miss Lois Burnett, H W Lowe, Dr T R Flaiz, E B Hare, R A Anderson, H M S Richards, E R Walde, W E Phillips, J J Nethery, E J Johanson, H W Barrows, E W Dunbar, Dr G A Dent, A W Johnson, G M Mathews, W E Nelson, C L Bauer, L L Moffitt, Paul Wickman, A H Roth, W P Elliott, D E Rebok, F D Nichol, J L McElhany, A L White, W A Butler, M E Kern, G A Huse, W A Nelson, T L Oswald, F Brennwald, J A Buckwalter, W A Scharffenberg, W J Harris, H H Cobban, L R Rasmussen, M V Campbell, W E Read, K A Wright, L E Lenheim, H H Votaw.

Prayer by H.H.Cobban.

BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR OPERATING S.D.A. PUBLISHING INSTITUTIONS:

Recommendations from the Officers were read, and were still under discussion when time came to adjourn.

W.H.Branson, Chairman.

E.D.Dick, Secretary.

E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 25, 1950, 7:30 P.M.

"How Firm a Foundation" was sung to open the third session of the Council, at 7:30 P.M., Wednesday, October 25. Prayer was offered by H.M. Blunden.

NORTH AMERICAN COMMISSION

FOR SELF-SUPPORTING MISSIONARY ENTERPRISES:

Recommendations from the General Conference Officers with reference to a North American Commission for Self-Supporting ~~Missionary~~ Enterprises were presented, and after being amended, were adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The Commission on Rural Living has through its promotion and direct contacts in the field stirred and strengthened the hearts of our people generally in bringing to them the message in the Testimonies about leaving the cities, there being being 54,425 copies of Country Living now in circulation and it is desirable to continue to encourage our church members to choose an environment for their homes conducive to their best spiritual and physical welfare; and

WHEREAS, A splendid work is being accomplished by our Self-Supporting Institutions, which greatly appreciate being formally recognized and encouraged by the General Conference and in turn they are giving loyal support to our world program;

We recommend, 1. That the Commission fostering these two-fold interests be continued under the title of the North American Commission for Self-Supporting Missionary Enterprises.

2. That the Commission foster the expansion and extension of this work by encouraging qualified people to enter self-supporting missionary endeavor.

3. That the officers of this Commission cooperate with the union and local conferences in counsel and guidance and prepare such promotional material as may be needed so there will be uniformity, strength and proper support along these lines.

4. That this Commission serve as a coordinating agency for the self-supporting institutions, the duties of which shall be to give counsel as well as to be the liaison between the union conferences, the local conferences, and all self-supporting missionary units, to visit these various institutions and advise with them concerning their organization and operation, to assist in unifying these organizations, and together with representatives of the conference

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Medical, Educational, and Home Missionary Departments, develop their work, and promote the coordination of these institutions with the organized work.

5. That the promotion of the idea of rural living be continued at the union and local conference levels receiving counsel and guidance from the North American Commission for Self-Supporting Missionary Enterprises.

6. That regional secretaries of this Commission be appointed in each union and local conferences in North America where the need exists, by their respective committees, who shall foster the work of the Commission in their respective fields in counsel with their controlling committees.

7. That those contemplating changing their location and possibly their vocation take counsel with their pastors, conference officers, and others who may be able to give sound advice regarding these matters, so that hasty, ill-advised moves may be avoided and that any change made may be fruitful in providing spiritual and temporal blessings as well as opportunities for missionary endeavor.

8. That close cooperation be maintained between the Commission for Self-Supporting Missionary Enterprises and the organization known as the Association of Self-Supporting Institutions.

9. That the officers and members of this Commission be as follows:

Chairman, Vice-President for North America.

Secretary, William A. Butler.

Members: W.B. Ochs, William A. Butler, R.R. Figuhr, Dr. J.W. McFarland, E.E. Cossentine, T.L. Oswald, C.B. Haynes, W.H. Williams, A.L. White, Carl Sundin.

CHURCH OFFICERS' GAZETTE:

A report from a special committee on Church Officers' Gazette and Departmental Promotion was submitted, and after being discussed and amended, was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The Church Officers' Gazette serves as the promotional medium for the Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Departments for certain activities of their work; and

WHEREAS, These departments have requested that they be permitted to publish their program and other material now appearing in the Gazette through other channels;

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We recommend, 1. That the Home Missionary Department which now uses eight pages in the Gazette for their first Sabbath program, their weekly ten minutes missionary programs and their general Home Missionary Department promotion, combine this material with their present Lay Preacher and Dorcas Letter and publish one Home Missionary Department journal with a program supplement to be sold on a subscription basis. This journal to be subsidized to the extent that the General Conference is now paying for the publication of the two papers, viz., the Lay Preacher and the Dorcas Letter.

2. That the Missionary Volunteer Department now using fourteen pages in the Gazette publish every three or six months booklets containing the senior and junior Missionary Volunteer programs now appearing in the Gazette and that these booklets be sold to the Missionary Volunteer societies and Missionary Volunteer workers on a cash basis. That the General Conference subsidize these booklets to the extent that they have been subsidizing the youth programs in the Gazette.

3. That that portion of the Gazette (three pages) containing the promotion material and programs of the Home and School Association be sent out by the Department of Education as duplicated matter or put out as a booklet containing the programs and Home and School promotion for a period of three or six months at a time.

4. That all these mediums of promotion, if printed, be distributed through the regular channels of the Book and Bible House.

5. That the portions of the Gazette now promoting the Church Officers' Round Table, the weekly Prayer Meeting and mission stories for second Sabbath programs be discontinued and that this material be presented through existing channels of General Conference promotion.

6. That the Church Officers' Gazette be discontinued but that plans be laid to assign to the Southern Publishing Association all of the above recommended publications to compensate them for the discontinuance of the Gazette.

7. That the time for implementing these recommendations be referred to the General Conference Committee in Washington.

Adjourned to 10 A.M., October 26, with the closing prayer by A.O.Sage.

L.K.Dickson, Chairman.
E.D.Dick,
E.E.Roenfelt, Secretaries.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 26, 1950, 10:00 A.M.

The devotional service Thursday morning, October 26, was led by Elder A.L.Ham. The subject was, "Praying for the Holy Spirit." We are told in the Spirit of prophecy, said Elder Ham, that "We must pray for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit," and again that "Christ promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to His church and the promise belongs to us as much as to the first disciples. But like every other promise, it is given on conditions." If we pray for the Holy Spirit, it is presumed that we are willing to meet the conditions, to make every sacrifice necessary in order to receive the promised blessing.

The first prerequisite for the reception of the Holy Spirit in all its power is prayer, the prayer of confession of sin, and "complete surrender to the control of divine agencies." Then there is the prayer of supplication. We are told to ask, and we shall receive. Also there is the prayer of intercession. We must have a burden for souls if we are ever to experience the power of the Holy Spirit. That power is given that we may work for others. In the Spirit of prophecy we are told, "The disciples did not ask the blessing for themselves. They were weighted with the burden for souls. The gospel was to be carried to the ends of the earth and they claimed the endowment that Christ had promised. Then it was that the Holy Spirit was poured out and thousands were converted in a day." We must have a greater burden for souls than we have ever experienced if we are to have the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. There must be intensity and earnestness in our praying for the power of the Holy Spirit which has been promised to us, and which we so much need.

At the opening of the fourth business session of the Council, at 10 A.M., Thursday, October 26, Elder R.D.Moon, pastor of the Grand Rapids church, sang "There's a Beautiful Land on High." Prayer was offered by H.L.Rudy.

The Council recessed immediately, to give time for certain legal meetings scheduled for this hour.

INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY:

A meeting of the International Insurance Company of Takoma Park, Maryland, and its affiliated General Conference Insurance Agency, was called by H.L.Rudy, the president of the Board. A report of the standing of the Company was rendered by W.A.Benjamin, the secretary, and on nomination by the Nominating Committee of the Council, the following directors were elected; to fill vacancies for

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a three-year term, W.A.Benjamin, W.H.Williams, H.L.Rudy, C.L.Torrey. To fill vacancies for a one-year term, R.H.Adair and D.A.Cone.

The Insurance Company adjourned sine die.

AMERICAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY:

A meeting of the American Temperance Society was called by H.L.Rudy, the president, and a report was rendered by W.A.Scharffenberg, the secretary. Elder Scharffenberg spoke especially of the School of Alcohol Studies that was conducted at Loma Linda in August of this year. A.W.Johnson and Dr. G.T.Harding spoke also of the good impressions made as a result of the school. Action was taken endorsing this project, and setting the date for a second session of the School of Alcohol Studies, to be held July 9-20, 1951.

The American Temperance Society adjourned.

INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATION:

A meeting of the International Religious Liberty Association was called by R.R.Figuhr. H.H.Votaw, the secretary, stated that it was necessary to elect officers for this organization, and the Nominating Committee of the Council was asked to submit nominations.

The meeting adjourned to 10 A.M., October 30.

The Council resumed, and H.H.Votaw, A.W.Johnson and Stanley C.Harris spoke in behalf of the circulation of the Liberty Magazine, urging that the plan of reaching a goal of one subscription for each church member be vigorously promoted. W.H.Branson spoke also in behalf of increasing the circulation of the magazine.

FINANCIAL SUMMARIES OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS:

E.J.Johanson, the Statistical Secretary, presented the Financial Summaries of Educational Institutions in North America for the fiscal year. The summaries showed that the resources of the denomination's educational institutions in North America now amount to over twenty-two million dollars. During the fiscal year 1949-50 the increase in assets was over two and one-half million dollars, or almost ten per cent. This results in a further enlargement and improvement of the facilities of our sixty-one educational institutions, and has been made possible through capital donations of \$2,846,003.84 and operating donations of \$778,806.30. During this same period liabilities increased by \$208,330.24, or 11.6 %, to a total of \$2,008,927.03.

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SANITARIUMS AND HOSPITALS:

Elder Johanson reported the eighteen sanitariums and hospitals in North America regularly submitting reports to the General Conference, showed a total operating income for the year 1949 of \$14,345,935.42, representing an increase over the previous year of \$594,225.50, or 4.3%. Operating expenses amounted to \$13,852,549.73, being \$529,779.78, or 4% more than for 1948. The operating gain of \$493,385.69 represents an increase of \$64,445.72, or 15%, over the 1948 gain of \$428,939.97.

During the first eight months of 1950, sanitarium and hospital operating income totaled \$10,106,539.30 as against expense of \$9,688,971.76, resulting in a net gain for the eight-months period of \$417,567.54.

A number of recommendations on questions that had been before the Home and Foreign Officers in San Francisco prior to the General Conference Session, were presented, and adopted as follows:

REVISION OF POLICY ON TRANSPORTATION EXPENSE:

We recommend, That the first sentence of paragraph 13, page 106, of the Working Policy relating to transportation expense be amended to read as follows: (underlined words are new material): "All expenses, including insurance, of carrying by surface transportation up to 300 pounds of personal effects for each full fare ticket, less the amount allowed by the carrying company or companies without charge, will be allowed in addition to the cartage, dock charges, etc."

SUPPORT OF WORKERS WHO RETURN PERMANENTLY
AND GO ON SUSTENTATION:

We recommend, That the Division returning the worker support him for six months, and that following that time his sustentation rate be subsidized from the Permanently Returned Workers' Fund to full salary for a period of six months even though he may not have attained the age of 50 years or have a service record of 25 years.

FURLOUGH PRIVILEGES OF MISSIONARY CHILDREN
IF EMPLOYED BY THE DIVISION:

We recommend, That the furlough policy on page 104 of the Working Policy be amended by the addition of the following to paragraph 2: "Where children of missionaries are regularly employed in the mission field, with the expectation that they

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will be given the status of foreign missionaries, the question of employment shall be referred by the Division Committee to the General Conference for approval of the appointment."

MISSION PICTURES:

We recommend, 1. That a Committee on Mission Pictures, for use in publications promoting our work, be appointed as follows:

Chairman: One of the Secretaries of the General Conference.

Secretary: Secretary of the Bureau of Press Relations.
Secretary of the Home Missionary Department.
Secretary of the Sabbath School Department.
Editor of the Review and Herald.
Secretary of each overseas division.

2. That each division be requested to provide a budget, and appoint one or more individuals in their division to obtain suitable pictures of our denominational work, and supply copies of such pictures to the division secretary, who in turn should supply at least two copies of each picture to the chairman of the Mission Pictures Committee in Washington.

3. That the members of the Mission Pictures Committee in Washington work out plans and procedures for making available pictures from overseas divisions for use by our denominational publishing houses and General Conference departments in promoting the interests of the cause.

Adjourned, with the closing prayer by F.D.Nichol.

R.R.Figuhr, Chairman.
E.D.Dick,
E.E.Roenfelt, Secretaries.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 26, 1950, 5:00 P.M.

The General Conference Committee was called to meet in executive session, in the Red Room of the Auditorium, at 5 P.M. Thursday, October 26.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

H L Rudy
 W H Branson, R R Figuhr, A V Olson, L K Dickson, W B Ochs,
 J I Robison, W P Bradley, E E Roenfelt, N W Dunn, A W Cornack,
 C L Torrey, W H Williams, J F Cummins, Roger Altman, H H Cobban,
 V T Armstrong, P L Williams, M E Kern, O B Haynes, H W Lowe,
 G M Mathews, L R Rasmussen, W H Teesdale, H A Morrison, M C Taft,
 E W Dunbar, L E Lénheim, M V Campbell, Miss Lois Burnett, J E
 Edwards, M L Rice, Dr T R Flaiz, H E Rice, C C Morris, G A Huse,
 T L Oswald, L L Moffitt, F Brennwald, W A Scharffenberg, K A
 Wright, Dr C A Dent, H C Kephart, W E Phillips, H H Votaw, Glenn
 Calkins, R A Anderson, A L White, J A Stevens, F D Nichol, L E
 Froom, A L Ham, J J Nethery, W P Elliott, J C Shull, L F Bohnér,
 H W Barrows, W J Harris, C L Bauer, F L Peterson, A W Johnson,
 E J Johanson, N F Brewer, E J Lorntz, C A Scriven, W A Nelson,
 D E Rebok, D A Ochs, G E Vandeman, Hsu Hwa, H M S Richards, E R
 Walde, Carl Sundin, C A Degering, J R Ferren, V G Anderson, W E
 Read, A H Roth, Paul Wickman, E E Franklin, J D Smith, H M Blunden

OTHERS PRESENT:

R A Smithwick, J D Snider.

Prayer by L.E.Froom.

BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR OPERATING PUBLISHING INSTITUTIONS:

Consideration was resumed of the recommendations submitted in the meeting of the Committee on Wednesday afternoon, October 25. The recommendations were discussed at considerable length, and on being amended were adopted as follows:

(These Basic Principles for operating Seventh-day Adventist Publishing Institutions to substitute for action of the General Conference Committee on March 13, 1950).

All publishing houses established by the Seventh-day Adventist denomination are both church owned and church operated. The object of their establishment was for the furtherance of the work of the church and that it is therefore imperative that they be operated in harmony with the missionary purposes, objectives and principles of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

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organization. Boards of management and the workers in these institutions, individually or collectively, are earnestly urged to make no attempt to alter or depart from the established principles or fundamental practices of the church in the conduct of its institutional work, except within the framework of our approved church procedures.

Should these principles and practices be changed at will by those carrying on the work of these church institutions, the inevitable result would be confusion and disruption and eventually in their passing out of the control of the denomination. This is demonstrated by the experiences of many other church organizations.

The wage scale adopted by the authorized representatives of the church in the councils of the denomination, applies, in principle, to ministers and institutional workers, and is based not on the wage scales generally prevailing in the world but upon denominationally accepted principles of missionary, self-sacrificing service and support. Those accepting service in any and all branches of Seventh-day Adventist denominational work should therefore recognize this principle in the remuneration they receive.

To change this basis of operating our denominational institutions would result in confusion, and they could easily cease to be instruments for carrying out the purposes and objectives of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The conduct of our institutional work should always be placed upon and kept at a high spiritual level. The Master's injunction that "all ye are brethren" should ever be a guiding principle with every one connected with this work and at no time should there be any occasion for a division into groups in any church-operated institution.

While recognizing that the primary responsibility for the conduct of the affairs of the institutions must rest with the boards of management elected by the constituency, we do not accept the idea prevailing in the world that results in the unreasonable distinction which is often drawn between management and labor. We believe this to be entirely foreign to the very spirit and purpose of a Christian organization. From the boards of trustees, right through the plant, including managers, treasurers, department heads, superintendents, foremen and workers in all departments, there should be maintained at all times a spirit of Christian fellowship, cordial cooperation and mutual respect. To maintain such an atmosphere is the purpose of the church in the conduct of all its institutions. The basic principle in accomplishing this end is to maintain a real and wholesome family relationship throughout the entire institution, in which every worker occupies his or her place as a responsible member, and is recognized as an integral part of the whole.

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Ways and means of solving all problems arising in the conduct of the respective institutions can readily be found within the framework of our organization and established policies and this should be the constant purpose of all those connected with our institutional work. Misunderstandings of whatever nature can successfully be cleared away by mutual counsel and brotherly fellowship and understanding.

In harmony with the above-stated principles,

We recommend, 1. That frequent meetings of the respective institutional families be held, at which times the work of the institutions and matters relating to the workers in general may be considered, items of interest reported upon, plans for further expansion and development studied, and in which members of the institutional family may offer suggestions for improving the work of the institutions.

2. That full information relating to the personal well-being of the workers, such as hours of employment, plan of remuneration, sick benefits, compensation, insurance, other allowances, etc., be made available to those entitled to such information.

3. That the constituencies, in the election of the respective boards of management, include suitable and experienced individuals from among the institutional family and the field, and that the respective boards in making up the house committees give care to see that a reasonable balance from the various departments be maintained.

4. That in harmony with the principles of our religious institutions, when new organizations within our institutions are desired they be organized in counsel with and by approval of the respective institutional boards.

5. That appropriate credentials or licenses be issued to all regular, full-time workers in our publishing institutions in harmony with the provisions of the General Conference working policy.

Appointment of Standing Committees
in Institutional Constituency Meetings

We recommend, That the following be the policy governing the appointment of standing committees at institutional constituency meetings:

At the time of the constituency meetings of denominational institutions the standing committees for said meeting shall

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be provided after the general pattern as outlined in the General Conference Working Policy for setting up the standing committees for Union Conference Sessions. In the case of the institutions, segments of the Constituency such as General, Divisional and Union Conferences, and constituent members within the institution shall each name an agreed number from their groups to constitute the committee to nominate the Standing Committees for the Constituency meetings. The ranking officer of the General Conference present, or in the case of a local institution, the ranking officer of the Union Conference shall serve as Chairman of this special committee. Representatives from these several groups shall be appointed to serve on this special committee, by these groups at the time of the constituency meeting.

The meeting adjourned, with the closing prayer by L.K. Dickson.

W.H.Branson, Chairman.
J.I.Robison, Secretary.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 26, 1950, 7:30 P.M.

"I Would be Like Jesus" was sung to open the fifth business session of the Council, at 7:30 P.M. Thursday, October 26, and prayer was offered by M.E.Kern.

REVIEW AND HERALD CIRCULATION:

Elder F.D.Nichol, editor of the Review and Herald, presented some interesting facts obtained as the result of questionnaires sent to some 1500 Review and Herald subscribers. From the replies received it seemed evident that the majority of Review subscribers are those who have been Seventh-day Adventists ten years or longer, and also that they are in the older age group. This would seem to indicate that new converts to the truth, and many others of those in the younger age groups are not receiving and reading the Review. Therefore it would seem that one of the most important fields for Review and Herald circulation promotion is in the group of those who have been Seventh-day Adventists less than ten years.

Elder Branson called attention to the fact that the campaign to increase the circulation of the Review is to begin November 4, and he urged all workers to take personal responsibility in trying to encourage all the members of our churches to enter their subscriptions during this campaign.

ARMY CHAPLAINCIES:

A document was distributed containing actions that have been taken at various times in the past on the question of Army Chaplaincies, and question was raised as to whether we should adhere to the position we have held in the past on this question, or whether we should encourage some of our ministers to apply for chaplaincies in the armed services.

A motion was made to the effect that we do so encourage some of our young men to take up the work of chaplains in the armed services, feeling there would be no violation of principle in their doing so.

The motion was under consideration when the hour came to adjourn.

R.R.Figuhr and W.H.Branson, Chairmen.
E.D.Dick and E.E.Roenfelt, Secretaries
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

THIRTY-EIGHTH MEETING
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 27, 1950, 10 A.M.

H.M.S. Richards, who conducted the devotional service Friday morning, spoke on the subject of "Righteousness by Faith a Prerequisite to the Latter Rain." Everywhere in the world, he said, we find the human race trying in some way to right themselves with God. Mohammedanism is an effort to placate God. But the Mohammedan goes through life to death without any knowledge of personal salvation. Hinduism is another effort on the part of man to find God, so also the other ethnic religions. Even we Seventh-day Adventists may be inclined at times to try to find God by meritorious works,--faithfulness in Sabbath keeping, in tithing, or some other point of doctrine. But the righteousness which is by the law, by works, is a dream. We can never merit righteousness, can never have it except by faith as a gift from God. The Protestant church has drifted away from the gospel of righteousness by faith. Modernism has eaten it away on one side and ritualism on the other side. What a great opportunity there is now for God's people to reemphasize that wonderful doctrine.

In our own individual experience, the early rain is our reception of righteousness by faith, when through the power of the Holy Spirit our lives are regenerated and changed,--we are born again. We overcome temptation and grow in grace. Then we are prepared for the latter rain, for service in God's cause, and to bear mighty testimony for Him. The latter rain, ripening earth's harvest, represents the spiritual grace that prepares the church for the coming of the Lord. But unless the former rain has fallen, there will be no life. Unless the early showers have done their work, the latter rain can bring no seed to perfection.

"It was by confession and forsaking of sin, by earnest prayer and consecration to God, that the early disciples prepared for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. The same work only in greater degree must be done now. Divine grace is needed at the beginning; divine grace at every step of advance; divine grace alone can complete the work."

After song for the opening of the sixth business session of the Council, prayer was offered by V.G. Anderson.

ARMY CHAPLAINCIES:

The motion made in the evening meeting of October 26 was repeated, as follows:

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That we look with favor upon some of our men of mature experience and ministerial training giving consideration to taking up chaplaincies in the army, navy or other services of the country.

A long and earnest discussion followed, and finally a substitute motion being offered, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, There seems to be a field of opportunity for successful spiritual work by men acting as chaplains in the armed forces of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Such chaplains could also often make contact with Seventh-day Adventist boys in the armed forces in the front lines during a war period; and

WHEREAS, The United States War Department gives assurance that the work of the chaplains is a noncombatant branch of the service;

Resolved, That we place no barrier in the way of Seventh-day Adventist ministers of maturity and high spiritual experience undertaking this line of work should they feel personally called to do so; and further, that any who do choose such service, and who are in good and regular standing will continue to receive credentials from the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, and while the time spent in the service of the armed forces will not add to their church service record, it will not be considered a break in such record.

Adjourned to 10 A.M. Sunday, D.A.Ochs offering the closing prayer.

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

THIRTY-NINTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 29, 1950, 10:00 A.M.

"Cherished Sin a Hindrance to the Work of the Holy Spirit" was the subject of the devotional service Sunday morning. Elder H.L.Rudy was the speaker. We have been admonished to pray for the Holy Spirit, he said, and I am sure all of us find it in our hearts to do just that. Then why is it that the church of God is languishing because of the lack of spiritual power? The answer is to be found in the second verse of the 59th chapter of Isaiah: "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear." Where shall we as Seventh-day Adventists look for the hindrance that bars the free working of the Spirit of God in our midst? May it not be that the reason for our comparative lack of power is the fact that we have put ourselves, our organization, and our methods in the way of the Holy Spirit?

We have had wonderful meetings here, continued Elder Rudy. We have indicated by our testimonies that we are ready to go all the way in clearing the King's highway, so that there may be a free flowing of the Spirit of God in and through our lives. But I believe the evidence that we have the Holy Spirit ruling in our hearts will be seen when we return to our homes and our fields. Will we put first things first in our business, in our devotions, in everything that touches us individually? I believe that right in our homes, in our offices and in our institutions there are things that must be changed before we can give evidence that the Spirit of God is ruling in our lives. We are told in the Spirit of prophecy that there are two outstanding reasons for the lack of spiritual power. First, that known sin is cherished, and second, that we refuse to walk with God. Refusing to walk with God is the natural result of cherished sin in the life. May the Lord help us to surrender every cherished sin, that we may indeed walk with the Lord all the way, that He may show Himself strong in our behalf.

The seventh business session of the Council convened at 10 A.M., Sunday, October 29. After the opening song, prayer was offered by M.L.Rice.

GRADUATE WORK IN COLLEGES:

Recommendations from a Special Committee on Graduate Work in our Colleges were submitted, and adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The present graduate program relating to graduate studies offered in our colleges needs clarification and more

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careful direction that unnecessary duplication in graduate offerings be avoided and standards of graduate work in liberal arts colleges be maintained,

We recommend, 1. That the following criteria, as prepared by the college presidents in their meeting in Colorado in 1949, be adopted as the basis for judging the fitness of a college to carry a graduate program:

- a. An adequate demand on the part of students with a qualifying undergraduate major.
- b. Adequate library facilities.
- c. An adequate faculty.
- d. Adequate laboratory and research facilities.
- e. Proved financial stability.
- f. Sustained approval by standard accrediting agencies.

2. That the following be appointed as a committee to survey the needs of the denomination and of our young people for graduate work in our colleges, to evaluate the facilities for such work, to recommend which institutions qualify according to the criteria in paragraph 1 and should therefore be encouraged to offer graduate work in designated areas, and to report its findings and recommendations to the Committee on Graduate Work before the Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee in 1951: K.J.Reynolds, W.B.Ochs, A.W.Johnson, T.R.Flaiz.

3. That permission be granted to Walla Walla College to offer a fifth year to meet standards for a master's degree with a major in education, with the understanding that at the end of two years of operation of the program its effectiveness shall be evaluated by the Department of Education of the General Conference which shall then report its findings and recommendations to the Committee on Graduate Studies.

4. That the requests from Pacific Union College, Union College and Washington Missionary College to offer graduate work in nursing and nursing education, and the Pacific Union College request to offer a graduate minor in Bible (nine quarter hours in addition to present offerings) be referred to the special^{sub} committee named above.

DELEGATES TO EUROPEAN YOUTH'S CONGRESS:

The report of the Special Committee appointed on the delegation from North America to the European Youth's Congress was submitted, and adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The European Youth's Congress will attract Adventist youth from all the free countries of Europe, as well as from some of the mission fields in Africa and the Indian Ocean which look to Europe as a home base; and

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WHEREAS, It is recognized that while this Congress will be primarily a meeting for European Youth, yet a limited North American representation would impart and receive important and valuable inspiration and instruction; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable that this delegation be equally distributed throughout the union conferences of the North American Division;

We recommend, 1. That the delegation to be appointed from North America to this Congress be on a limited token basis and be chosen from among our lay young people according to the following arrangement: one representative from among the students from each denominational college including junior colleges and one additional Missionary Volunteer lay member from each union, these representatives to be chosen by the respective union conference committees.

2. That in the case of Oakwood College and our colored constituency, one representative be chosen from the student body of the college and two Missionary Volunteer members from among the lay young people of the colored conferences, these three representatives to be chosen by the Oakwood College Board, the two latter on nomination from the colored conferences.

3. That delegates be at least 18 years of age. They shall be chosen because of their participation in soul-winning "Share Your Faith" endeavor and their ability to impart inspiration both to the Paris Youth Congress and later to the youth of the home field.

4. That the Missionary Volunteer societies of North America raise a European Youth Congress fund amounting to \$30,000, and that this fund be raised between January 1 and July 1, 1951. Union conference quotas will be based on church membership and probable total delegate expense.

5. That the \$30,000 be allocated as follows:

a. \$20,000 be set apart to be used to assist in the expense of the European delegates.

b. \$10,000 to be used in subsidizing the expense of North American delegates.

6. That the Missionary Volunteer Secretaries of the General Conference and the General Conference Treasurers, with E.W. Dunbar as chairman, be a committee to work out details of the financial arrangements.

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RESOLUTION OF GRATITUDE:

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

WHEREAS, Through His love the Lord has extended to us a special dispensation of His grace in calling us to be workers together with Him in His purpose to save men and women in His kingdom and has bestowed on us the privilege and responsibility of leadership of His people and His cause; and

WHEREAS, During the past year we have witnessed the continued blessing of God on our efforts and on those of His people throughout the world, enabling His church despite persecution and difficulties and obstacles of many kinds, to make encouraging advances in many lands in the proclamation of the third angel's message, to build up and strengthen the work both at home and abroad, and to witness a large addition to our church membership; therefore

Resolved, That we express to God our heartfelt gratitude for the many blessings that He has so graciously and bountifully bestowed on us, and for His mercy toward us notwithstanding our shortcomings and failures; and that, with a new and fuller dedication of ourselves and our all, and seeking and claiming by faith the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the fullness of the latter rain, we address ourselves to the prosecution of the task committed to us, doing our utmost to lead our fellow workers and church members to unite with us in a great and grand endeavor, under the Spirit's power, to win more souls to God than ever before and quickly to carry His last message to its ultimate and triumphant consummation.

GENERAL PROMOTION OF REVIVAL AND EVANGELISM:

Recommendations from the Plans Committee on General Promotion of Revival and Evangelism were submitted. Following the reading of the recommendations, opportunity was given, and all the North American union conference presidents reported concerning results being seen of the revivals being held in the churches and told of plans for enlarged evangelism in their respective unions. V.T. Armstrong, of the Far Eastern Division, and Glenn Calkins, speaking for the Inter-American Division, told of plans for emphasizing this program in their fields. Elder W.H. Branson felt that annual revivals in our churches could be one of the greatest means of increasing our church membership.

The recommendations were adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The work of revival carried on in many of our churches and institutions since the recent General Conference Session has already brought great blessing to our people; and

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WHEREAS, The Lord has graciously visited us through His Spirit during this Autumn Council and has laid a new burden and passion for lost souls upon our hearts;

Be it Resolved, 1. That the work of revival and reformation now in progress be continued until all of our people in the conferences and institutions shall have been reached and given the opportunity of entering into this renewed experience under the outpouring of the Holy Spirit; and

2. That constant effort be put forth to implement the series of recommendations on evangelism adopted at the last General Conference Session, to the end that the advent message may be quickly carried to the uttermost part of the world.

Adjourned to 7:30 P.M., with the closing prayer by M.V.Campbell.

W.B.Ochs, Chairman.
E.D.Dick,
E.E.Roenfelt, Secretaries.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FORTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 29, 1950, 7:30 P.M.

The eighth business session of the Council, at 7:30 P.M. October 29, was opened with a song by the King's Heralds Quartet, after which prayer was offered by M.V.Tucker.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOULDER MEDICAL COUNCIL:

A report from the Plans Committee containing recommendations from the Medical Council that was held at Boulder, Colorado April 25-30, 1949, was presented, and adopted as follows:

The following recommendations are from the Medical Council held at Boulder, Colorado, April 25-30, 1949, and apply to our denominationally-owned and operated medical institutions:

1. Principles and Standards

WHEREAS, We recognize that our denominational sanitariums and hospitals constitute a united sisterhood of medical

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evangelical institutions mutually responsible for maintaining the high reputation which they enjoy because of our principles of physical therapy, diet, and unique standards that have made us a distinctive people;

We recommend, That our institutions at home and abroad be called to a new emphasis in loyal and consistent support of our well-recognized principles of therapeutics, diet, and social conduct.

2. Sphere of Operation of Large and Small Medical Institutions

We recommend. a. That our medical institutions strategically located and providing adequate clinical facilities, be encouraged to organize and operate as medical centers for medical teaching and specialty training while emphasizing the distinctive sanitarium features of our medical institutions.

b. That the small institutions in outlying areas in the main be staffed on the general practice basis, and that emphasis be given to maintaining distinctive sanitarium features in these institutions.

3. Institutional Staff

We recommend, That in seeking to conduct our medical work in harmony with God's plain instruction, we set forth as our ideal and objective toward which we shall diligently work, the plan of staffing our denominational medical institutions with physicians in full-time institutional employ, and that the staff policies be under the control of such full-time staff, under the institution's board of directors. Nothing in this action is intended to prevent the appointment of a courtesy and consulting staff in our institutions.

4. Expansion of Medical Institutions

WHEREAS, The Lord through His messenger has counseled against the concentration of any branch of our work in a few great centers; and

WHEREAS, In connection with our medical work we have been instructed to establish small sanitariums in many places;

We recommend, That existing medical institutions do not, except with General Conference Committee approval, expand beyond the point of making provision for the physical and clinical facilities required for the teaching load indicated by the medical and nursing educational needs in the area as recommended by the Medical Board of Coordination.

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5. Medical Secretaries in Conferences

WHEREAS, Our denominational history has proved that the various branches of our work prosper and make their best growth when under the direct fostering care of departmental secretaries in the conferences; and

WHEREAS, Our medical work, with few exceptions, has lacked this leadership in local conferences; and

WHEREAS, Our medical work has served to break down prejudice and to strengthen our evangelistic objectives wherever it has been fostered;

We recommend, a. That our union conference leadership, particularly in the North American Division, give study to creating a medical department in each union, headed, if possible, by a physician employed as a regular conference worker.

b. That study be given to the appointment in the larger local conferences of an institutionally employed doctor, if available, or of a physician in private practice, or of a fully qualified nurse to devote her full time to the promotion of the medical work.

6. Record Librarians

WHEREAS, There is a shortage of qualified medical record librarians in our denominational medical institutions; and

WHEREAS, Training of record librarians in non-Seventh-day Adventist institutions is complicated by difficulties in Sabbath observance;

We recommend, That the Medical Department of the General Conference be requested to give study to the development of training facilities within our own ranks for these much needed workers.

7. Distribution of Graduates from the Medical College

WHEREAS, We greatly appreciate the loyalty of members of the C.M.E. alumni to the work of the denomination in general and the medical work in particular; and

WHEREAS, We recognize the great loss to our denominational effort resulting from the present geographical distribution of the graduates of the College of Medical Evangelists; and

WHEREAS, We recognize that up to the present time we have not come seriously to grips with the solution of this problem,

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We recommend, That the General Conference Committee be requested to appoint a committee representing the General Conference, the College of Medical Evangelists, the C.M.E. alumni, sanitariums, colleges, and union and local conferences to unite in a study of the various factors bearing upon the matter of the distribution of graduates of the medical college, this committee to report at the next Autumn Council.

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

DEBT CONTROL AND LIQUIDATION:

WHEREAS, The cost of building projects has greatly increased during the past few years; therefore

We recommend, That the General Conference Working Policy page 122, Debt Control and Liquidation, paragraphs 3 and 4, be amended to read as follows:

Paragraph 3. In union conferences in North America, building or other projects costing more than \$5,000 but not more than \$25,000 shall be approved by the union conference committee concerned. In the case of projects exceeding \$25,000 the union committee shall submit to the General Conference particulars of the estimated cost, and full information regarding the means by which the project is to be financed, together with properly prepared plans and specifications for the building, it being understood that the approval of the General Conference Committee shall be obtained before construction is begun or financial commitments made.

Paragraph 4. In each Division outside of North America, a building control policy shall be formulated by the Division Committee after counsel with and approval of the General Conference Committee. This policy shall indicate the conditions under which projects shall be approved by local and union conference and mission committees without Division approval and also set forth the plans, methods, and conditions under which the approval of the Division Committee is required. In the case of major institutional projects General Conference approval shall be obtained before any commitments are made.

FINANCIAL ANALYSES AND OPERATING SUMMARIES:

We recommend, That we continue the preparation and distribution of the quarterly comparative analysis of colleges and academies and monthly analysis of sanitariums substantially in their present form.

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WORKING FUND AND CASH REQUIREMENTS OF INSTITUTIONS:

We recommend, 1. That the minimum standard of working capital to be maintained by our academies appear in the quarterly financial analysis at 15% of the annual expense.

2. That the minimum standard working capital to be maintained by our colleges and sanitariums appear in the financial analyses at 20% of the annual expense.

3. That we eliminate from our standards for academies, colleges, and sanitariums the provision that 25% of the working capital be maintained in cash or negotiable securities, recommending that the minimum standard for cash and securities be listed in our reports as the equivalent of liabilities and surplus reserves.

LOCAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL AUDITS:

WHEREAS, It is the duty of the local conference treasurer to audit the books of the local church treasurer at least once each year; and

WHEREAS, The church treasurer's work is greatly strengthened by the guidance and counsel of a qualified auditor; therefore

We recommend, 1. That renewed emphasis be placed by local conference committees upon the importance of safeguarding denominational funds by regular audits of the local church treasurer's books.

2. That the conference treasurer be required to report to the conference committee at the time of the annual audit regarding this feature of his work, indicating whether or not each church has been audited during the year.

3. That since in many conferences it is physically impossible for the treasurer himself to audit all local church records, suitable provision be made for other competent individuals to assist in auditing church treasurers' records, such individuals to be responsible directly to the conference treasurer.

That the financial records of elementary or intermediate schools, operated by one or more churches, be audited by or under the supervision of the local conference treasurer in whose field the school is located.

Adjourned to 10 A.M. Monday, with the closing prayer by F.D.Nichol.

W.B.Ochs, Chairman.

E.D.Dick and N.W.Dunn, Secretaries.

E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FORTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 30, 1950, 10:00 A.M.

R.R.Figuhr, in the devotional service Monday morning, spoke of the sin of covetousness, and of the opposite characteristic, that of sacrificial giving, which is to be an outstanding trait of God's people in the last days, a result of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the life.

A sacrificing spirit is not a natural characteristic of the human heart, for by nature we are covetous, selfish and self-centered. The young man who came to Jesus to inquire what he must do to inherit eternal life went away sorrowful because he was told to sacrifice his worldly possessions, that they might be consumed in the service of God. How different the experience of the disciples on the day of Pentecost, when after the Holy Spirit came upon them, they were "all together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and parted them to all men as every man had need." This liberality on the part of the believers was the result of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They were truly converted, and their love of the cause they had espoused was greater than their love of money and other possessions. Their works testified that they counted the souls of men of higher value than this world's wealth.

Human giving, continued Elder Figuhr, is limited by human frailties. It is a carefully measured giving. Sacrificial giving prompted by the Holy Spirit in our hearts knows no limitations. We are told that in the last days when the Holy Spirit again comes upon the church in Pentecostal power, that same spirit manifested by the early church will be seen in God's people, and their all,--money, property, cherished possessions, their sons and daughters, and they themselves will be placed on the altar to be used in the service of God.

The ninth business session of the Council, at 10 A.M. Monday, October 30, was opened with song, followed by prayer by H.D.Henriksen.

The Council immediately recessed, and a meeting of the International Religious Liberty Association was called by H.L. Rudy. A report from the Nominating Committee was submitted, and adopted as follows:

We recommend, For president of the International Religious Liberty Association, L.K.Dickson; for secretary of the Association, A.W.Johnson; for treasurer, C.L.Torrey.

The meeting of the International Religious Liberty Association adjourned sine die.

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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 Lake Union and the Michigan Conference be requested to release J.M.Bucy to connect with the Canadian Union as Publishing Department Secretary of the union.

2. That Oakwood College be requested to release Katie Walker to connect with the Columbia Union as accountant and secretary in the Allegheny Conference office.

3. That the Atlantic Union and the Northeastern Conference be requested to release Mary Morrison to connect with the Columbia Union to serve as magazine leader in the Allegheny Conference.

4. That the Voice of Prophecy be requested to release A.Frank Purcell to connect with the Columbia Union to serve as pastor-evangelist in the West Virginia Conference.

5. That the Central Union and the Missouri Conference be requested to release R.M.Whitsett and B.W.Braley to connect with the Lake Union to labor in the Illinois Conference.

6. That Howard O.Marsh, returned missionary from Inter-America, be invited to connect with the Lake Union and the Wisconsin Conference to serve on the faculty of the Wisconsin Academy.

7. That the Canadian Union and the British Columbia Conference be released to release F.W.Bieber to connect with the Lake Union to serve as Missionary Volunteer Secretary and Educational Superintendent of the Wisconsin Conference.

8. That R.E.Cash, returned missionary from Inter-America, be invited to connect with the Northern Union for district work in the Minnesota Conference.

9. That the Lake Union and the Michigan Conference be requested to release Ivey Freeman to connect with the Southern Union as stenographer for the Carolina Conference.

10. That the Columbia Union and the Ohio Conference be requested to release C.J.Dornburg to connect with the Southern Union to serve as pastor-evangelist of the Atlanta First Church in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

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11. That the Atlantic Union and the Southern New England Conference be requested to release W.B.Johnson to connect with the Southern Union and the Georgia-Cumberland Conference to serve as pastor of the Atlanta Number One Church.

12. That the Southern Publishing Association be requested to release H.C.Kephart to connect with the Southwestern Union Conference to serve as secretary-treasurer and auditor of the union.

13. That the Atlantic Union and the Greater New York Conference be requested to release Wenceslao Cadiz to connect with the Southwestern Union as bookkeeper and teacher at the Spanish-American Seminary.

14. That Dr. A.R.Stadin be invited to connect with the Northern European Division to serve on the staff of the Hultafors Sanitarium in Sweden.

15. That Wesley Amundsen, of the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference be released to connect with Madison College as president.

16. That the Canadian Watchman Press be requested to release H.P.Evens to connect with the Southern Publishing Association to serve as general manager.

17. That the North Pacific Union and the Washington Conference be requested to release D.L.Olsen to connect with the Voice of Prophecy as Associate Speaker and Head of the Bible Schools of the Voice of Prophecy.

18. That the Columbia Union and the Allegheny Conference be requested to release Gustavia Raymond to connect with the General Conference to serve in the Colored Department.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The following report from the Nominating Committee was adopted:

We recommend, 1 For assistant secretary of the Bureau of Press Relations, Howard Weeks.

2. For associate secretary of the Colored Department, H.R.Murphy.

3. For associate secretary of the Home Missionary Department, A.A.Esteb.

4. To fill vacancies on the Executive Committee of the Association of Self-Supporting Institutions, W.B.Ochs, E.E. Cossentine, J.W.McFarland, M.D., W.A.Butler, R.R.Figuhr.

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5. To fill vacancies on the Board of Regents: G.T. Anderson, for the term expiring in 1952. K.A.Wright, W.C.Hannah, G.T.Harding, M.D., for the term expiring in 1953.

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

FIRST AID AND CASUALTY CARE: ✓

WHEREAS, The War Service Commission has been authorized to give leadership in the North American Division in creating and promoting a program in our churches for civilian defense and disaster relief in cooperation with official defense agencies in states and cities; and

WHEREAS, A part of this program is in first aid and casualty care; and

WHEREAS, The National Headquarters of the American Red Cross have made to this denomination a most generous offer and a plan whereby we may prepare our church members in first aid and casualty care;

We recommend, 1. That the North American War Service Commission and the Medical Department of the General Conference complete details of the program, now being worked out with the Red Cross, whereby that organization in selected areas of our field shall train groups of men or women chosen by union and local conferences and institutions, to become accredited Red Cross Instructor Trainers in Red Cross First Aid.

2. That we request union and local conferences to designate in each of their fields a physician to serve as medical adviser in implementing the training of church members in first aid and casualty care, in order to meet the requirements of the American Red Cross that this training shall not at any time fall below the prescribed and approved standards required by the Red Cross.

3. That we request union and local conferences and institutions to select the workers in their field whom they would have take this special instructor trainer course, and who would be used in their fields and institutions to train instructors, who in turn will train church members in first aid and casualty care.

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CONTINUOUS TEACHER APPOINTMENT:

We recommend, 1. That teachers who have given satisfactory evidence of their loyalty to denominational standards and teachings, who have given satisfactory proof of their ability as teachers, and who are in agreement with the college's prescribed conditions for continuous appointment may be considered for such appointment. It is to be understood that continuous appointment does not constitute an indeterminate contract.

2. That the policy prevailing in the college for promotion in rank shall apply to the recommendation for continuous appointment.

3. That teachers who have been appointed in the same college for a minimum of five consecutive years, and whose service record is satisfactory, may be placed upon continuous appointment by action of the college board.

4. That teachers who have served a minimum of seven consecutive years in one Seventh-day Adventist college may, upon transfer to another college, become eligible for recommendation for continuous appointment in the employing college after one year of service.

5. a. That teachers on continuous appointment may be summarily dismissed for gross misconduct and/or disloyalty to the standards and teachings of the denomination.

b. That teachers on continuous appointment who are dismissed for reasons other than those stated in paragraph "a" shall receive their salary for not more than one year from the date of notification of dismissal, whether or not they are continued in their duties at the college.

6. That the General Conference policy pertaining to calls from one institution or field to another shall apply to teachers, including those on continuous appointment.

7. That should a teacher on continuous appointment desire to resign for personal reasons, he is to give notice in writing to the president of the college previous to the annual board meeting.

ENLARGEMENT OF COLPORTEUR-EVANGELISM:

WHEREAS, In the recent General Conference Session great emphasis was placed on a larger, more aggressive, and more intense evangelism and a call was made to our workers and church members throughout the world to double our church membership by the time of the next session; and

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WHEREAS, Our publishing work has proved a most effective agency in bringing to men and women a knowledge of the truth and of winning souls to Christ; and

WHEREAS, Our literature ministry is designed to play a major part in the finishing of God's work in the earth, contributing in a large measure to the loud cry of the third angel;

We recommend, That throughout the world field earnest efforts be made between now and the year 1954 to double the present number of active colporteur evangelists and the number of souls now being won through their efforts.

FIELD APPOINTMENTS FOR MEMBERS

OF THE COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS FACULTY:

WHEREAS, Numerous requests are being received from the field for a stronger and a well-balanced presentation of our health truths and of our medical missionary program at our camp, constituency, and general meetings; and

WHEREAS, The administration of the College of Medical Evangelists is agreeable to the selection of suitable doctors of the staff to make such presentation; and

WHEREAS, Contacts with the field would give members of the faculty of the College of Medical Evangelists a better understanding of the needs of the field for medical personnel, which understanding would enable them to bring back to the students a direct appeal in respect to the opportunities for medical service that present themselves;

We recommend, 1. That a plan be worked out whereby members of the faculty of the College of Medical Evangelists be assigned to camp meetings, constituency, and other meetings.

2. That these men be chosen carefully by the board of the College of Medical Evangelists to represent the college and the denominational health and medical missionary program.

3. That these assignments be worked out by the College of Medical Evangelists, the Medical Extension Secretary, and the Secretarial Department of the General Conference.

REGARDING HEALTH EDUCATION:

WHEREAS, Medical science has made rapid strides in the fields of health education, preventive medicine and community health; and

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WHEREAS, It is important that we keep our medical work abreast of the latest and best knowledge available in the field of hygiene, preventive medicine, and health education for the sake of our schools, sanitariums, and church membership;

We recommend, 1. That where possible the annual meetings of the American Public Health Association be attended by our conference medical secretaries, in order that they may bring to our schools, sanitariums, and church membership the best in medical science relating to school health, prevention of disease, and community health programs.

2. That the editor of our health journal, Life and Health, be requested to devote a section of this journal to these fields of medical science.

CIRCULATION OF LIBERTY MAGAZINE:

WHEREAS, A favorable influence is being exerted upon many public officials through reading the Liberty Magazine; and

WHEREAS, This publication serves as a desirable medium of reaching the clergy in other denominations and men of influence such as doctors, lawyers, educators, business men, and representatives of organized labor;

We recommend, That while endeavoring to increase the circulation of Liberty Magazine among our church members, we also place this important publication in the hands of as many of the influential people of this country as possible.

REPRINT OF LEAFLET:

WHEREAS, There are calls from the field for the leaflet, "Responsibilities of Membership in the Seventh-day Adventist Church," which was published some years ago and which is now out of print;

We recommend, That the Review and Herald Publishing Association be requested to give consideration to republishing this leaflet.

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR TO VATICAN:

WHEREAS, The much publicized proposed appointment by the government of the United States of America of a diplomatic representative to the Vatican constitutes a clear violation of our national established principle of separation of church and state, and of our American tradition;

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Resolved, That we respectfully request the President of the United States and our Department of State to recognize these principles, which are deeply embedded in constitutional law, and that we join other Protestant bodies in urging that the proposed embassy at the Vatican be not established, and that no diplomatic representative to the Vatican be appointed.

The resolution was adopted by a standing vote.

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

TAX ON NON-PROFIT INSTITUTIONS:

We recommend, That the following committee be appointed to give study to the tax situation affecting non-profit Seventh-day Adventist institutions under present legislation, the committee to be empowered to call in from the field such additional representatives from our institutions as may be required: W.E. Phillips, C.H.Kelly, R.H.Adair, M.C.Taft, H.A.Morrison, W.H. Shephard, J.H.Nies, L.R.Rasmussen.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE BUILDING ADDITION:

We recommend, That the item of additional space for the General Conference office be referred to the Budget Committee for favorable consideration.

SOCIAL SECURITY:

We recommend, That the following committee study the Social Security program in its relation to denominational employees and the Sustentation Policy, this committee to report to the 1951 Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee: W.E.Nelson, R.H.Adair, M.C.Taft, H.E.Rice, E.L.Place, G.B.Nelson, J.H.Nies, H.A.Morrison, G.A.Huse, W.E.Phillips, H.H.Cobban, K.J.Reynolds, H.L.Rudy, H.E.Schneider, C.H.Kelly, J.C.Shull, W.B.Ochs.

SANITARIUM ACCOUNTING MANUAL:

We recommend, That the Sanitarium Accounting Manual as revised at the Sanitarium Administrators' Council held in Boulder, Colorado, April, 1949, and the Auditors' Council held in St. Louis, Missouri, in November of the same year, be approved as setting forth standard accounting practice for our medical institutions.

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SPECIAL OFFERING FOR
COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS:

We recommend, That a special offering for the College of Medical Evangelists be received in all our churches in the North American Division in 1952, the date to be set by the General Conference Executive Committee at its 1951 Spring Meeting.

Adjourned to 7:30 P.M., with the closing prayer by E.W. Dunbar.

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

FORTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 30, 1950, 7:30 P.M.

The tenth business session of the Council, at 7:30 P.M., October 30, was opened with a song, "Overflowing Love," by Mrs. T.R.Lukens. Prayer was offered by J.J.Reiswig.

NORTH AMERICAN SUPPLEMENT OF CHURCH MANUAL:

The special committee, made up of the Church Manual Committee, together with the union and local conference presidents of North America, to whom was referred the manuscript prepared for the North American Supplement of the Church Manual, submitted their report, which was adopted as follows:

We recommend, That the manuscript in its revised form, dealing with

1. The holding of church properties, data regarding wills, annuities, etc.,
2. The Bureau of Press Relations,
3. The American Temperance Society,
4. The Religious Liberty Department,

be accepted as the North American Supplement of the Church Manual, and that it be printed and bound under the same cover as the Church Manual.

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DENTAL EDUCATION:

Dr. T.R. Flaiz made a statement relative to the efforts being made by the Medical and Educational Departments to obtain opportunities for those of our young men who wish to become dentists to secure their training in the state dental colleges. This is becoming more difficult since many of these state colleges are being put under pressure to become departments of the universities, besides which there are restrictions which limit the enrollment of students to those who are residents of the state in which the school is located. There are still a few colleges, however, where our young men can gain admittance.

The following telegram signed by Dr. Gerald A. Mitchell, and addressed to the president of the General Conference, was read:

"Greetings from the National Association of Seventh-day Adventist Dentists now convened at Atlantic City. By unanimous resolution that serious study be given to the establishment of a Seventh-day Adventist dental college we respectfully request that a representative committee be appointed at the earliest possible time to study ways and means for the consummation of this imperative need."

VOTED, That the Committee in Washington be asked to appoint a committee, with representation on the committee from among our Seventh-day Adventist dentists, to give further study to the question of dental education.

VOTED, further, that the Secretary be instructed to reply to Dr. Gerald Mitchell, asking him to convey to the officers of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Dentists our appreciation of their appeal, and assuring them that the representative committee they have suggested will be appointed.

ATTENDANCE AT 1952 BIENNIAL COUNCIL, IN EUROPE:

The following report from a special committee that was appointed was adopted:

Your committee appointed to give study to the attendance at the 1952 Biennial Council, to be held in Europe

Recommend, That attendance at this meeting be by invitation of the General Conference Committee, to be extended at the time of the 1951 Autumn Council.

SUSTENTATION AND WAGE INCREASE:

The committee appointed on Increase of Salaries submitted their report, which was adopted as follows:

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WHEREAS, It is felt that an adjustment in the General Conference wage scale for North America should be made at this time in order to assist in meeting to some extent the increased cost of living; therefore

We recommend, 1. That the schedule of wage rates adjusted by the General Conference, to be effective January 1, 1951 be increased in North America to a maximum of \$5.00 for family heads and a maximum of \$2.00 for single workers as hereinafter provided.

2. That the ministerial intern maximum rate set by the General Conference, to become effective January 1, 1951, be increased \$3.00 per week.

3. That the wage scale as adopted by the General Conference for matrons in our academies be increased to a maximum of \$44.00; and that the rate for college matrons be increased to a maximum of \$46.50.

4. That effective January 1, 1951, the base sustentation rate be increased 10%, and that the policy of allowing three-fourths of a family rate to single persons be continued.

Implementing the above,

We recommend, a. That the family rate of workers eligible for sustentation shall be \$71.50 a month for fifteen years of service, and for each year of service from fifteen to forty there shall be added \$3.00 a month, making a maximum of \$146.50 for forty or more years of service.

b. That the Treasury Department be authorized to adjust the wording and rates mentioned in other sections of the Sustentation Policy in harmony with these recommendations.

We recommend, 5. That the per diem allowance of \$3.00 be increased to \$4.00, this to include meal tips, as from October 1, 1950; and that the daily allowance for missionary families be as follows: man and wife traveling together, \$5.50; children \$1.00; children traveling alone, \$2.50.

6. That the 13 per cent of salary used to figure allowance for rent subsidy be changed to 12 per cent.

7. That the committee or board in counsel with the union conference, adjust its wage schedule in harmony with these recommendations effective January 1, 1951, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Adjourned to 10 A.M. Tuesday, with the closing prayer by O.T. Garner.

H.L. Rudy, Chairman. E.D. Dick and N.W. Dunn, Secretaries.
E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FORTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 31, 1950, 10:00 A.M.

The devotional service Tuesday morning was conducted by Elder G.E. Peters, who used as his text Acts 1:8: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me."

I am convinced we can never finish the work of God at the rate we are going, said Elder Peters, for we are trying to carry on with only a limited supply of the power of the Holy Ghost. The worker who sets himself to win a soul from darkness to light is making an attack on Satan's kingdom, and man in his own strength is no match for Satan. It takes more than a big tent or tabernacle, a hall, theater building or auditorium, with extensive advertising, a large corps of workers and the use of radio, to secure a harvest of souls to this unpopular message, which is to make ready a people prepared to meet the Lord. Before we can prevail with men, we must first prevail with God, and receive from Him the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

There are certain conditions that must precede the infilling of the Holy Spirit. First, there must be a turning away from sin. Second, there must be fervent believing prayer. Third, there must be a consciousness that the message we bear is accompanied by Pentecostal power. The disciples did not leave the upper room for the streets of the city until the Holy Ghost had come upon them. Then they went because they could no longer stay. Is it not high time for the Seventh-day Adventist ministry to have that experience? The great task of proclaiming the threefold message of Revelation¹⁴ can never be accomplished without the baptism of the Holy Spirit. May we be willing, concluded Elder Peters, to spend hours and days in supplication for this experience, that we may indeed be endued with power to proclaim the Advent message.

"Jesus Saves" was sung to open the eleventh business session of the Council, at 10 A.M., Tuesday, October 31, and prayer was offered by R.A. Smithwick.

A further report from the Finance Committee was submitted, and on being amended, was adopted as follows:

SCHOOL SUBSIDIES AND FINANCE:

We recommend, That paragraphs 1 and 2 under School Subsidies and Finance, page 139 of the Working Policy, be revised to read as follows:

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1. The policy of providing an annual operating subsidy to colleges shall be continued, subject to adjustment from time to time, it being understood that a minimum of \$15,000 shall be assured to senior colleges and a minimum of \$10,000 to junior colleges.

2. a. The regular subsidy to the conference boarding academy shall be equivalent to the salaries of the principal and the Bible teacher.

b. The regular subsidy to a conference approved day academy shall be equivalent to one salary.

LATIN AMERICAN RADIO

PRODUCTION COMMISSION:

We recommend, That the following individuals serve as the Latin American Radio Production Commission, whose function it shall be to produce all radio programs for the Inter-American and South American Divisions, and to give counsel in connection with this branch of our work in those fields: R.R.Figuhr, chairman; R.H.Adair, vice-chairman; E.R.Walde, secretary; C.L.Torrey, Paul Wickman, the President and the Radio Secretary of the Inter-American Division, the President and the Radio Secretary of the South American Division, B.F.Perez, I.E.Gillis, H.J.Westphal. Further, that the Latin-American radio production budget which was divided between Inter-America and South America be reassembled and administered by this Commission.

ELEMENTARY TEXTBOOKS FOR BIBLE AND READING:

WHEREAS, The General Conference is in the midst of the task of preparing and publishing a series of elementary Bible textbooks for grades one to eight, which task will continue for approximately four more years; and

WHEREAS, There is urgent need for a series of basic elementary readers in the English language which will meet the denominational standards and set proper interests and objectives before our children, and which will be free from the spirit of worldliness and pleasure-seeking found in books now available; and

WHEREAS, The Autumn Council held in St. Louis, November 7-16, 1949, requested that a special committee be appointed to study the entire problem of denominational textbook production, considering in detail the financial involvements, trained personnel needed, and other related matters; therefore

We recommend, 1. That the work on elementary Bible textbooks now in progress be continued, with a view to its completion in 1954.

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2. That the books, manuals, workbooks, and other necessary materials for a basic reading program be prepared without further delay.

3. That the Budget Committee be asked to provide the funds for both these projects with the understanding that the total cost will be spread over four years, and is estimated at \$133,860.00 or \$33,465.00 annually, according to the following tabulation:

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|---|---------------------|
| a. Elementary Bible (including pre-school manual) | \$32,065.00 |
| b. Basic Readers | 92,055.00 |
| c. Editorial Assistant | 9,740.00 |
| | <u>\$133,860.00</u> |

TUITION DISCOUNTS:

WHEREAS, Workers who reside permanently in the North American Division (including the territory in Florida assigned to the Inter-American Division) are remunerated according to the North American Division wage scale,

We recommend, That tuition discounts for missionaries and their families attending the schools and colleges of the North American Division, apply only to those whose permanent residence is outside North America, including nationals sent temporarily to the North American Division by their home division on the bursary plan, which it is understood includes substantial assistance from the overseas field concerned, or to those who are on furlough.

SUSTENTATION--RESPONSIBILITY OF DIVISIONS:

We recommend, 1. That we reaffirm our present policy which provides that division fields permitting overseas fields to call workers from their field shall later assume the responsibility for sustentation assistance when such workers are placed on the fund.

2. That when it is determined that a division or detached union is not sufficiently strong to care for all missionaries who have been sent from their fields to service overseas and who are eligible for sustentation, funds be supplied to care for a portion of the support of these beneficiaries.

SUSTENTATION POLICY--AMENDMENTS:

We recommend, That the Sustentation Policy be amended as follows (underlined sections or words are new material):

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"95. In the case of male workers advanced age shall not be accepted as a basis for sustentation unless the applicant has reached the age of sixty-five years or at the age of sixty has given not less than thirty-two years of service to the cause. All male applicants for sustentation who are under sixty-five years of age, unless they have reached the age of sixty and have thirty-two years of service to their credit, shall submit with their application a medical report from a physician recognized by the Sustentation Committee, and no male worker shall be admitted to the Sustentation Fund who is below sixty-five except for serious disability unless he is past sixty and has thirty-two years of service.

"96. In the case of women workers, advanced age shall not be accepted as a basis for sustentation unless the applicant has reached the age of sixty years. All women applicants who are under sixty years of age shall submit with their application a medical report from a physician recognized by the Sustentation Committee, and no woman applicant shall be admitted to the Sustentation Fund who is under sixty except for serious disability.

"97. This regulation which provides that advanced age shall not be a basis for sustentation unless the applicant has reached the age of sixty-five or sixty in the case of women workers, or male workers who have given thirty-two or more years of service to the denomination, is not intended nor should it be interpreted as suggesting that these are retirement ages irrespective of health, ability, and opportunity for service, but the regulation should be understood as merely setting a minimum limit when age alone may be considered a determining factor in granting or electing sustentation."

WHEREAS, The Sustentation Policy relating to subsidies which may be paid to beneficiaries limits such subsidies to an amount which when added to the sustentation allowance shall not exceed 80% of what is paid to other workers doing the same class of work; and

WHEREAS, In the case of beneficiaries who are permanently retired and receiving near the maximum rates of sustentation, this policy is a cause of perplexity to organizations wishing to employ such beneficiaries and is also frequently a basis for inequities; therefore

We recommend, That the following be inserted after paragraph 87 of the Sustentation Policy:

"Denominational organizations employing beneficiaries who are over sixty-five years of age and who may be regarded as permanent beneficiaries, may remunerate such beneficiaries for their work at rates and under conditions which may be mutually

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agreed upon, the total remuneration including sustentation not to exceed the full wage being currently paid for the class of work in which such beneficiary was last employed prior to going on sustentation, it being understood that there will be no addition to the service record.

"Beneficiaries subsidized up to 80% of a full salary shall not be expected to work full time."

EVANGELIZATION OF LARGE CITIES:

The special committee that was appointed on the question of evangelistic teams, or evangelization of large cities, submitted the following recommendations, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, In previous council recommendations we have recognized that the evangelization of the large cities of the world is a denominational problem,

We recommend, 1. That the matter of the evangelization of the large cities of North America be referred for study to the North American Division Committee on Administration as a major problem to be considered at an early date.

2. That the division committees in other divisions of the world field give early study to the evangelization of the large cities in their respective fields.

TELEVISION:

From a Special Committee on Television, the following report was submitted, and adopted:

WHEREAS, Television promises to become an effective means of evangelization which should be employed in reaching as many as possible with the judgment-hour message; and

WHEREAS, This method of presenting the message is entirely new and demands great skill which can be acquired only through a period of experimentation and practice; and

WHEREAS, This experimentation will be very costly and a financial burden too heavy for individual unions and conferences to undertake alone;

We recommend, 1. That for the years 1951 and 1952 all telecasting be sponsored only by the General Conference in the development of plans and programs in an effort to test out the effectiveness of this method of evangelization and to develop technique and methods for the production and release of televised programs.

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2. That the North American union and local conferences join with the General Conference in setting up a fund from which to pay station time and production costs.

3. That we continue the television program in New York City.

4. That arrangements be made for a second telecast to be conducted by the Voice of Prophecy Radio Corporation in the Los Angeles area.

5. That we look forward to expanding the New York and Western telecasts by coaxial and Vitapix cable in a plan to reach the large cities of both the East and West, one station to be chosen in each union as the initial plan, in addition to the minimum network of the East.

6. That a General Conference Television Commission be set up to care for the television programs and that the present Voice of Prophecy Board with the presidents of Greater New York and Southern California Conferences and the telecasters in each program constitute the membership; that the vice-president for the North American Division be chairman of this Commission, with a vice-chairman to be appointed by the full board; that the over-all control of the telecasting and allocation of stations and budgets be under the Commission.

7. That a fund be created to finance this television and the Voice of Prophecy work as follows:

| | | | |
|----|--|----------------|---------------|
| a. | General Conference | | |
| | Voice of Prophecy Radio | \$ 50,000 | |
| | Appropriation for Television | <u>142,500</u> | \$192,500 |
| b. | Eight fifteenths of one percent of tithe from North America on the basis of the 1949 tithe receipts | | |
| | Voice of Prophecy Radio | 64,000 | |
| | Television | <u>28,500</u> | 92,500 |
| c. | Special Television Offering in North America | | <u>89,478</u> |
| | Total provision for Radio and Television | | 374,478 |

We recommend, That this television program begin as of December 1, 1950.

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Adjourned to 7:30 P.M., with the closing prayer by
G.E.Hutches.

V.T.Armstrong, Chairman.
E.D.Dick,
V.P.Bradley, Secretaries.
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

FORTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 31, 1950, 7:30 P.M.

After the opening song for the twelfth session of the Council, prayer was offered by G.Eric Jones.

A final report from the Finance Committee was presented, and adopted as follows:

MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIPS FOR 1951:

We recommend, That provision be made for 96 ministerial internships for 1951, the allotment to be as follows:

1. That 80 internships be assigned to the several union conferences as follows:

| | | | |
|----------|----|---------------|----|
| Atlantic | 7 | Northern | 6 |
| Canadian | 6 | North Pacific | 8 |
| Central | 7 | Pacific | 13 |
| Columbia | 10 | Southern | 8 |
| Lake | 8 | Southwestern | 7 |

2. That 11 internships be assigned for colored workers and be distributed by the North American Committee on Administration in counsel with the several union conferences and the Colored Department.

3. That 5 internships be assigned to the Home Foreign Bureau for distribution by the North American Committee on Administration in counsel with the Home Foreign Bureau.

MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIP PLAN AMENDED:

We recommend, That the Ministerial Internship Plan, paragraph 6, pages 54 and 55, in the Working Policy, be amended to read as follows:

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"6. Division of Financial Responsibility. The plan is designed to assist the local conferences in such ministerial training by providing the salary and expenses on the following basis: For the first and second year the General Conference shall furnish \$15.00 per week to apply on the salary for each internship; the union and local conferences shall furnish the remaining portion of the salary and provide for travel and current expenses as may be mutually arranged. This division of financial responsibility shall begin January 1, 1951, and apply to present internships as well as those accepted in the future. General Conference funds for the purpose shall be obtained from the Comeback, being 1.6 per cent of the total mission offerings known as the Seventy-Cent-a-Week Fund.

"In the case of ministerial internships allocated to the Home Foreign Bureau and those set aside for colored workers, and for the Theological Seminary graduates, the division of financial responsibility between the General Conference and the union and local conferences is the same as in the case of the regular appointment of interns to union conferences."

MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIPS FOR

STUDENTS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY:

We recommend, 1. That 5 internships be provided each year for students who have taken advanced Biblical and ministerial training at the Theological Seminary (thus making provision for 10 such internships).

2. That appropriation for the support of five of these interns be made in the budget for 1951.

APPROPRIATION TO BIBLE SOCIETY:

We recommend, That an appropriation of \$10,000 be granted to the American Bible Society for 1951, the amount to be prorated among the local conferences in North America on the basis of the 1949 tithe receipts.

COLPORTEUR TRAVEL FUND:

WHEREAS, We are living in a swift-moving mechanized age when, in order to pursue their work successfully, a large proportion of our faithful colporteurs must needs make use of modern means of transport, which involves them in heavy expenses which they are unable to bear; therefore

We recommend, That our publishing houses, Book and Bible Houses, and local conferences in North America adopt the following plan to assist regular colporteurs, carrying licenses or credentials, in the matter of their traveling expenses:

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1. That each Book and Bible House set up a Colporteur Travel Fund. It is suggested that the method of financing the present Courtesy Fund be dropped, and that the Travel Fund and the Courtesy Fund be jointly supported as follows:

Publishing House: That each publishing house contribute monthly an amount equal to two per cent of the total retail value of subscription literature sold to the local conference.

Book and Bible House: That the Book and Bible House contribute monthly an amount equal to two per cent of the total retail value of sales of subscription literature in the local conference territory, based on publishing house figures.

Local Conference: That, if necessary, the local conference contribute an amount up to two per cent of the total retail value of sales of subscription literature in the local conference territory, based on publishing house figures.

That the money so contributed be divided between the Courtesy Fund and the Colporteur Travel Fund, on the basis of one half to the Courtesy Fund and one half to the Colporteur Travel Fund.

(Note.--The minimum requirement for regular colporteurs to receive assistance from this Travel Fund is 1500 hours and \$2,000 deliveries per annum for men, and 1200 hours and \$1,500 per annum deliveries for women.)

2. That any colporteur currently qualifying, as under note above, who is purchasing a car under contract, be entitled to draw upon this fund for making monthly payments, or for car maintenance, an amount equal to five per cent of the retail value of his subscription literature deliveries; but in no case shall this amount exceed \$300 per annum.

3. That in the case of a qualifying colporteur who does not use a car, but has other bona fide travel expenses, he submit an itemized expense report monthly to his Book and Bible House manager for reimbursement from this fund--this not to exceed five per cent of the value of his deliveries in the period covered by the report, and not to exceed \$25.00 per month.

4. That in the case of a qualifying colporteur who does not own a car but who desires to acquire one for his work, an amount equal to five per cent of the retail value of subscription literature delivered by him (not to exceed \$300 per annum) shall, at his request, after counsel with the local Publishing Committee be allowed to accumulate to his credit until such time as the purchase of a car can be made. It is understood that any expenses paid him, as specified under section 3, shall be deducted from this amount.

5. That these provisions become effective as of January 1, 1951.

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COMMITTEE TO STUDY PUBLISHING PROGRAM:

In connection with the adoption of the foregoing recommendations relative to a Colporteur Travel Fund, it was

VOTED, That the Committee in Washington be asked to appoint a committee to give study to the entire publishing program, as to manufacturing, costs, sales, finances, etc., report to be made to the Spring Meeting.

Other recommendations from the Finance Committee were presented, and adopted as follows:

TROPICAL MEDICINE INSTITUTE IN BURMA:

WHEREAS, Under the Fulbright Act of the Government of the United States, funds which have resulted from the sale of war surplus materials, are held in certain countries to be devoted to the promotion of goodwill as between those countries and the United States; and

WHEREAS, This Act makes provision for the transportation and support of persons from the United States who might go to these countries, or persons from these countries who might come to the United States for the purpose of engaging particularly in scientific study and research; and

WHEREAS, Burma is one of the countries included in the provisions of the Fulbright Act; and

WHEREAS, The School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine of the College of Medical Evangelists is desirous of taking advantage of the provisions of the said Act in establishing a Training and Research Institute at our Sanitarium and Hospital in Rangoon, Burma; and

WHEREAS, The Southern Asia Division has taken action providing for cooperation between the Rangoon Sanitarium and Hospital and the School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine in establishing such an Institute;

We recommend, 1. That the School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine be authorized to negotiate with the proper persons concerning sponsorship for medical appointments under the terms of the Fulbright Act; this being in harmony with the intent of the following resolutions adopted by the Southern Asia Division Committee on July 20, 1950:

"a. That the Division Committee authorize the development of a medical training and research institute to be known as the Rangoon Tropical Institute or other similar name.

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"b. That the Institute be administered and staffed by personnel of the Rangoon Sanitarium and Hospital.

"c. That it operate as a subsidiary of the School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine of the College of Medical Evangelists for purposes of organization and scientific direction only.

"d. That the extent and scope of the Institute's activities be commensurate with funds obtained specifically for the Institute from outside the Division budget.

"e. That advantage be taken, if possible, of the provisions of the Fulbright Act with respect to the training of selected medical personnel."

2. That in the event of the said Institute being established, it be financed entirely by funds obtained from outside the denomination.

3. That all personnel of the Institute, and American students, be approved jointly by the General Conference, the Southern Asia Division, and the College of Medical Evangelists.

POLICY ON TITHE PERCENTAGE SCHEDULE IN NORTH AMERICA:

We recommend, That paragraph 2 of the policy on Tithe Percentage Schedule in the North American Division, page 133 of the Working Policy, be interpreted to include all mission fields within continental United States of America or Canada.

EXCHANGE RATES:

We recommend, The following fixed rates of exchange for the year 1951:

[Three pages following]

EXCHANGE RATES - 1951

| <u>Division</u> | <u>Monetary Unit</u> | <u>Rate 1951</u> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| <u>Australasia</u> | | |
| Australia | Australian L | \$2.28 |
| Fiji | Fijian L | 2.55 |
| New Caledonia and Society Islands | Pacific franc | .016 |
| New Zealand | New Zealand L | 2.85 |
| <u>Central Europe</u> | | |
| Germany | Deutschemark: West East | .25 .05 |
| <u>China</u> | | |
| China | ---- | ---- |
| Hong Kong | Hong Kong \$ | .18 |
| <u>East Mediterranean</u> | | |
| Cyprus | Pound | 2.85 |
| Egypt | Egyptian L | 2.95 |
| Iran | Rial | .02 |
| Iraq | Dinar | 2.85 |
| Israel | Israeli L | 2.85 |
| Jordan | Pound | 2.85 |
| Syria-Lebanon | Lebanese L | .34 |
| Turkey | Turkish L | .30 |
| <u>Far Eastern</u> | | |
| British N. Borneo | BNB \$ | .33 1/3 |
| French Indo-China | Piaster | .05 |
| Indonesia | Guilder | .13 1/2 |
| Japan | Yen | .003 |
| Korea | Won | --- |
| Malaya | Singapore \$ | .33 1/3 |
| New Guinea | Guilder | .27 |
| Philippine Islands | Peso | .50 |
| Sarawak | Sarawak \$ | .33 1/3 |
| Siam | Tical | .05 |
| <u>Inter-American</u> | | |
| Bahamas | Pound | 2.85 |
| Barbados | Dollar | .61 |
| British Guiana | Dollar | .61 |
| British Honduras | Dollar | .70 |
| Colombia | Peso | .35 |
| Costa Rica | Colon | .14 |
| Cuba | Peso | 1.00 |
| Curacao | Florin | .55 |
| French West Indies | Metropolitan franc | .003 |
| Guatemala | Quetzal | 1.00 |
| Haiti | Gourde | .20 |
| Jamaica | Pound | 2.85 |
| Mexico | Peso | .12 |
| Nicaragua | Cordoba | .16 2/3 |
| Panama | Balboa | 1.00 |
| Puerto Rico | Dollar | 1.00 |

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| <u>Division</u> | <u>Monetary Unit</u> | <u>Rate 1951</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| <u>Inter-American (Continued)</u> | | |
| Salvador | Colon | .40 |
| Santo Domingo | Peso | 1.00 |
| Spanish Honduras | Lempira | .50 |
| Trinidad | Dollar | .61 |
| Venezuela | Bolivar | .30 |
| <u>North American</u> | | |
| Bermuda | English L | 2.85 |
| Canadian Union | Dollar | .96 |
| <u>Northern European</u> | | |
| Denmark | Kroner | .15 |
| Eritrea | Shilling | .1425 |
| Ethiopia | Dollar | .41 |
| Finland | Markka | .005 |
| Gold Coast | West African L | 2.85 |
| Great Britain | English L | 2.85 |
| Holland | Florin | .27 |
| Iceland | Kroner | .0625 |
| Ivory Coast | Colonial franc | .006 |
| Liberia | Dollar | 1.00 |
| Nigeria | West African L | 2.85 |
| Norway | Kroner | .15 |
| Poland | Zloty | .0025 |
| Sierra Leone | West African L | 2.85 |
| Sweden | Kroner | .20 |
| <u>South American</u> | | |
| Argentina | Peso | .075 |
| Bolivia | Boliviano | .012 |
| Brazil | Cruzeiro | .05 |
| Chile | Peso | .012 |
| Ecuador | Sucre | .065 |
| Paraguay | Guarani | .075 |
| Peru | Sol | .06 2/3 |
| Uruguay | Peso | .40 |
| <u>Southern Africa</u> | | |
| Belgian Congo | Belgian franc | .0225 |
| Kenya | East African shilling | .1425 |
| N. and S. Rhodesia | Rhodesian L | 2.85 |
| Nyasaland | Pound | 2.85 |
| South African Union | Pound | 2.85 |
| Tanganyika | East African shilling | .1425 |
| Uganda | East African shilling | .1425 |
| <u>Southern Asia</u> | | |
| Burma | Rupee | .215 |
| Ceylon | Rupee | .215 |
| India | Rupee | .215 |
| Pakistan | Rupee | .31 |

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| <u>Division</u> | <u>Monetary Unit</u> | <u>Rate 1951</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| <u>Southern Europe</u> | | |
| Angola and Mozambique | Angolar | .04 |
| Austria | Schilling | .04 |
| Belgium | Belgian franc | .0225 |
| Bulgaria | Leva | .0035 |
| Czechoslovakia | Koruna | .02 |
| France | French franc | .003 |
| French Cameroons | Colonial franc | .006 |
| French Equatorial Africa | Colonial franc | .006 |
| Greece | Drachma | .00007 |
| Hungary | Forint | .086 |
| Italy | Lira | .00165 |
| Madagascar | Colonial franc | .006 |
| Mauritius | Rupee | .215 |
| Portugal | Escudo | .036 |
| Reunion | Colonial franc | .006 |
| Rumania | Leu | .007 |
| Spain | Peseta | .03 |
| Switzerland | Swiss franc | .235 |
| Yugoslavia | Dinar | .02 |

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COUNCILS AND CONVENTIONS IN 1951:

The committee that was appointed on councils and conventions in 1951 submitted a report, which was amended and adopted as follows:

We recommend, 1. That the following councils and conventions be held during 1951:

a. College Teaching Section Meetings, summer of 1951, time and place to be worked out;

- (1) Business - Commerce
- (2) Applied Arts
- (3) Home Economics

b. Ten-day workshop for Directors of Schools of Nursing and Directors of Nursing Service, time and place to be worked out by the Medical Department, if after contact with the heads of the institutions it is found that there is a demand for such a workshop.

2. That the Medical and Educational Departments of the General Conference endeavor to make arrangements with the College of Medical Evangelists for the release, during the summer of 1951, of two instructors in dietetics to form a team who shall conduct in each of the colleges in the North American Division an intensive course in dietetics and cooking for the benefit of the college and academy matrons.

3. That the North American Committee on Administration be authorized to consider, with power to act, any need which may arise as a war or draft emergency, for a group meeting or convention of workers to meet such an emergency situation.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

A final report from the Committee on Distribution of Labor was adopted as follows:

We recommend, 1. That C.C.Crider, returned missionary from the Middle East Union, be invited to connect with the Canadian Union to labor in the Ontario-Quebec Conference as a district leader.

2. That E.L.Cardey, returned missionary from South Africa, be invited to connect with the Southern Union for evangelistic work.

3. That the North Pacific Union and the Washington Conference be requested to release John W.Osborn to connect with the Southern Union as evangelist for the Southern Union Conference.

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4. That the Pacific Union and the Southeastern California Conference be requested to release B.C. Marshall, of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, to connect with the Southern Union to serve as secretary-treasurer of the Carolina Conference; and that the Southern Union and the Carolina Conference be requested to release R.G. Mote to connect with the Pacific Union and the Southeastern California Conference to serve as manager of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium.

5. That the Canadian Union and the British Columbia Conference be requested to release R.E. Finney to connect with the Southern Publishing Association as editor.

6. That Mrs. Cora Thurber, of the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference be released to connect with the Greater New York Conference as head of the Bible Correspondence School.

APPRECIATION:

The following recommendations from the Plans Committee were adopted:

We recommend, That the Secretary be asked to convey our whole-hearted appreciation,--

1. To the newspapers and wire services for their courtesy and cooperation in reporting the news of the Council.

2. To the Convention Bureau of the City of Grand Rapids for the splendid service rendered in securing accommodations for the delegates.

3. To the stenographic staff for their faithful and efficient service in connection with the work of the Council.

THE BUDGET:

The report of the Budget Committee was presented, and adopted by a standing vote, as the delegates sang, "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow":

THE BUDGET FOR 1951

We recommend, That the base and special appropriations for 1951 to the world fields be made from the following estimated income and available funds:

| | | |
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| Regular General Conference Income (Basis, 1949) | | 10 405 468 00 |
| General Conference Surplus Operating | 750 000 00 | |
| General Conference Session Offering (50%) | 162 237 33 | |
| General Conference Session Offering | | |
| Evangelistic Fund (50%) | 162 237 33 | |
| Sustentation Fund--North American Division | 570 262 67 | |
| Reconstruction Fund (1950) | 225 000 00 | |
| China Division (Old account) | 70 000 00 | |
| International Radio Funds | 92 500 00 | 2 032 237 33 |
| Church Extension Fund | | <u>200 000 00</u> |
| Total Estimated Income and Available Funds for 1951 | | 12 637 705 33 |

We recommend, 1. That the regular base appropriations for 1951 be as follows:

OVERSEAS:

| | | |
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| Australasia: | 260 000 00 | |
| Central Europe | 53 800 00 | |
| China | 409 100 00 | |
| East Mediterranean | 393 400 00 | |
| Far East | 809 600 00 | |
| Inter-America | 740 300 00 | |
| Northern Europe | 615 900 00 | |
| South America | 803 500 00 | |
| Southern Africa | 784 550 00 | |
| Southern Asia | 833 450 00 | |
| Southern Europe | 826 050 00 | |
| World Edition Review & Herald | 70 000 00 | |
| *Reconstruction Base-Orient | 414 100 00 | |
| Equalization | <u>200 000 00</u> | 7 213 750 00 |

INTERNATIONAL RADIO:

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|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Australasia | 10 000 00 | |
| Central Europe | 2 500 00 | |
| China | 38 000 00 | |
| East Mediterranean | 15 500 00 | |
| Far East | 25 000 00 | |
| Inter-America | 51 500 00 | |
| Northern Europe | 52 000 00 | |
| South America | 64 000 00 | |
| Southern Africa | 25 000 00 | |
| Southern Asia | 36 500 00 | |
| Southern Europe | 45 500 00 | |
| Production Inter- and South America | <u>47 000 00</u> | <u>412 500 00</u> |

Total Overseas Base Appropriations 7 626 250 00

*Provision for support of foreign workers evacuated from China and transferred to other fields.

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION:

| | | |
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| Canada | 54 500 00 | |
| Southern Union: | | |
| Colored | 35 000 00 | |
| Rural Schools | 5 000 00 | |
| Oakwood | 30 000 00 | |
| Riverside | 11 000 00 | |
| Southwestern: | | |
| White | 5 000 00 | |
| Colored | 14 000 00 | |
| Spanish-American Seminary | 10 140 00 | |
| Home-Foreign Department | 102 700 00 | |
| S.D.A. Theological Seminary, Operating | 67 500 00 | |
| S.D.A. Theological Seminary, Internships | 5 000 00 | |
| College of Medical Evangelists: | | |
| Regular | 135 000 00 | |
| School of Tropical Medicine | 25 000 00 | |
| Review & Herald Quarterly | <u>7 000 00</u> | 506 840 00 |

GENERAL:

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| Administration | 1 071 635 00 | |
| Miscellaneous & Fixed | <u>1 200 743 00</u> | 2 272 378 00 |
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| Total Base Appropriation for North America and General | | 2 779 218 00 |
| Total Base Appropriations for 1951 | | 10 405 468 00 |

2. That Special Appropriations be as follows:

OVERSEAS:

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|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| Australasia | 20 000 00 | |
| East Mediterranean, Working Capital | 20 000 00 | |
| East Mediterranean, Unassigned | 21 000 00 | |
| Far East | 56 000 00 | |
| Inter-America | 56 000 00 | |
| Inter-America, Mandeville | 30 090 10 | |
| Northern Europe | 56 000 00 | |
| South America | 56 000 00 | |
| Southern Africa | 56 000 00 | |
| Southern Asia | 56 000 00 | |
| Southern Europe | 56 000 00 | |
| Northern Europe (1950) | 21 597 30 | |
| East Mediterranean (1950) | 21 049 93 | |
| China Division, Shanghai Church | 50 000 00 | |
| China Division, Special | <u>20 000 00</u> | |
| Total Special Appropriations Overseas | | 595 737 33 |

GENERAL AND NORTH AMERICA:

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| General Conference Office Building | 350 000 00 | |
| Atlantic Union: | | |
| Evangelistic Work, New York City | 20 000 00 | |
| Southwestern Union: | | |
| Spanish-American Seminary | 7 500 00 | |
| Oakwood College, Library Building | 30 000 00 | |
| Smaller Conferences | 70 000 00 | |
| College of Medical Evangelists, Building Fund | 90 000 00 | |
| Voice of Prophecy, Radio | 50 000 00 | |
| North American Television | 142 500 00 | |
| E. G. White Publications, Library Introductory | 6 000 00 | |
| Servicemen's Building, San Antonio | 5 000 00 | |
| Textbooks | <u>33 000 00</u> | 804 000 00 |

NORTH AMERICAN SANITARIUMS:

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------|------------|
| Loma Linda | 20 000 00 | |
| Avon Park | 20 000 00 | |
| Boulder | 20 000 00 | |
| Florida | 20 000 00 | |
| Glendale | 20 000 00 | |
| Hinsdale | 20 000 00 | |
| New England | 20 000 00 | |
| Paradise Valley | 20 000 00 | |
| Porter | 20 000 00 | |
| Portland | 20 000 00 | |
| Rest Haven | 20 000 00 | |
| Riverside | 20 000 00 | |
| St. Helena | 20 000 00 | |
| Walla Walla | 20 000 00 | |
| Washington | <u>20 000 00</u> | 300 000 00 |

NORTH AMERICAN SENIOR AND JUNIOR COLLEGES:

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| Atlantic Union College | 15 000 00 | |
| Canadian Union College | 15 000 00 | |
| Emmanuel Missionary College | 15 000 00 | |
| Oakwood College | 15 000 00 | |
| Oshawa Junior College | 15 000 00 | |
| La Sierra College | 15 000 00 | |
| Pacific Union College | 15 000 00 | |
| Southern Missionary College | 15 000 00 | |
| Southwestern Junior College | 15 000 00 | |
| Union College | 15 000 00 | |
| Walla Walla College | 15 000 00 | |
| Washington Missionary College | 15 000 00 | |
| Spanish-American Seminary | <u>15 000 00</u> | <u>195 000 00</u> |

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| Total Appropriations for North American Sanitariums and Colleges | 495 000 00 |
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| Total Special Appropriations North America and General | 1 299 000 00 |
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| Total Special Appropriations, Foreign, North American, and General | 2 032 237 33 |
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3. That the following allocation be made of the evangelistic fund accruing from the offering received at the time of the General Conference Session in San Francisco:

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| Australasia | \$ 5 000 00 | |
| Central Europe | 7 000 00 | |
| China | 7 000 00 | |
| East Mediterranean | 5 000 00 | |
| Far East | 7 000 00 | |
| Inter-America | 7 000 00 | |
| Northern Europe | 7 000 00 | |
| (London Special) | 10 000 00 | |
| South America | 7 000 00 | |
| Southern Africa | 7 000 00 | |
| Southern Asia | 7 000 00 | |
| Southern Europe | 7 000 00 | |
| Chicago, Illinois | 7 000 00 | |
| Central Union | 5 000 00 | |
| New York City, N.Y. | 10 000 00 | |
| Northern Union | 5 000 00 | |
| Canadian Union | 7 500 00 | |
| Philadelphia-Baltimore | 10 000 00 | |
| Seminary for City Field | | |
| Efforts | 5 000 00 | |
| Southwestern Union | <u>5 000 00</u> | 137 500 00 |

4. That the following appropriations for 1951 be made from the Church Extension Fund to Overseas and North American Divisions:

OVERSEAS:

| | | |
|--------------------|------------------|------------|
| Australasia | 7 000 00 | |
| Central Europe | 8 000 00 | |
| China | 8 000 00 | |
| East Mediterranean | 12 000 00 | |
| Far East | 10 000 00 | |
| Inter-America | 12 500 00 | |
| Northern Europe | 12 500 00 | |
| South America | 12 500 00 | |
| Southern Africa | 12 500 00 | |
| Southern Asia | 12 500 00 | |
| Southern Europe | <u>12 500 00</u> | 120 000 00 |

NORTH AMERICAN UNIONS:

Atlantic Union:

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Amsterdam, N.Y. | 380 00 | |
| Cortland, N.Y. | 1 530 00 | |
| Salamanca, N.Y. | 380 00 | |
| Dixfield, Me. | 760 00 | |
| St. Johnsbury, Me. | 1 150 00 | |
| Melrose, Mass., New Eng. San. Ch. | <u>3 800 00</u> | 8 000 00 |

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Canadian Union:

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| Hamilton, Ont. | 8 000 00 | 8 000 00 |
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Central Union:

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| Leavenworth, Kans., colored | 400 00 | |
| Kansas City, Kans. " | 933 00 | |
| Hutchinson, Kans. | 833 00 | |
| Lawrence, Kans. | 500 00 | |
| Boulder, Colo. | 888 00 | |
| Durango, Colo. | 445 00 | |
| Jerico Mo. | 1 000 00 | |
| St. Joseph, Mo. | 333 00 | |
| Nelson, Nebr. | 667 00 | |
| Bloomfield, Nebr. | 667 00 | |
| Dixon, Wyo. | 667 00 | |
| Pine Bluffs, Wyo. | 667 00 | 8 000 00 |

Columbia Union:

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|-------------------------|----------|----------|
| Baltimore, Md., colored | 1 200 00 | |
| Baltimore, Md., No. 1 | 1 200 00 | |
| Duncannon, Pa. | 450 00 | |
| Philadelphia, Pa. | 1 200 00 | |
| Everett, Pa. | 475 00 | |
| Phillipsburg, N.J. | 450 00 | |
| Warren, Ohio | 1 200 00 | |
| Fredericksburg, Va. | 450 00 | |
| Waynesboro, Va. | 450 00 | |
| Radford, Va. | 450 00 | |
| Webster Springs, W.Va. | 475 00 | 8 000 00 |

Lake Union:

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|---------------------------|----------|----------|
| St. Elmo, Ill. | 1 000 00 | |
| Paris, Ill. | 1 000 00 | |
| Renssaeler, Ind. | 1 500 00 | |
| E.St.Louis, Ill., colored | 1 000 00 | |
| Pontiac, Mich. | 2 500 00 | |
| Eau Claire, Wis. | 1 000 00 | 8 000 00 |

Northern Union:

| | | |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Glendale, Minn., colored | 1 500 00 | |
| Brainard, Minn. | 500 00 | |
| Duluth, Minn. | 2 000 00 | |
| Weaver, Minn. | 500 00 | |
| Jamestown, N.D. | 200 00 | |
| Ellendale, N.D. | 2 000 00 | |
| Watford City, N.D. | 900 00 | |
| Pierre, S.D. | 400 00 | 8 000 00 |

North Pacific Union:

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| Tacoma, Wash. | 8 000 00 | 8 000 00 |
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Pacific Union:

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| Reno, Nev. | 5 000 00 | |
| Palm Springs, Calif. | 1 000 00 | |
| Fresno, Calif., colored | 1 000 00 | |
| Del Paso Heights, Calif. | <u>1 000 00</u> | 8 000 00 |

Southern Union:

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|-------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Nashville, Tenn. | 4 000 00 | |
| Winter Park, Fla. | <u>4 000 00</u> | 8 000 00 |

Southwestern Union:

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|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Tulsa, Okla. | 3 000 00 | |
| Claremore, Okla. | 500 00 | |
| Dallas, Texas, colored | 2 000 00 | |
| Roswell, New Mex., colored | 500 00 | |
| New Orleans, La., Italian | 500 00 | |
| Gentry, Ark. | 500 00 | |
| Deridder, Ark. | 250 00 | |
| Hammond, Ark. | 250 00 | |
| Vivian, Ark. | 250 00 | |
| El Dorado, Ark. | <u>250.00</u> | <u>8 000 00</u> |

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| Total for North America | 80 000 00 |
| Total for Overseas Fields | <u>120 000 00</u> |

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| Total appropriations from Church Extension Fund | 200 000 00 |
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SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

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| Base, all Divisions | | \$10 405 468 00 |
| Specials: | | |
| Overseas Divisions | 595 737 33 | |
| General and North America | <u>1 299 000 00</u> | 1 894 737 33 |
| Church Extension Funds: | | |
| Overseas Divisions | 120 000 00 | |
| North America | <u>80 000 00</u> | 200 000 00 |
| Evangelistic Fund | 162 237 33 | |
| Less Television Appropriation | <u>24 737 33</u> | 137 500 00 |
| Estimated Revertible Funds: | | |
| Overseas (Basis, 1949) | 2 081 909 29 | |
| North America (Basis, 1949) | <u>2 203 902 76</u> | <u>4 285 812 05</u> |
| Total Appropriations for 1951 including Reversion (Basis, 1949) | | 16 923 517 38 |

5. That mission offerings of the Central European Division, estimated at \$151,000.00, be reverted to that Division and be used as follows:

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| Division Working Capital | 41 000 00 | |
| Rehabilitation | <u>110 000 00</u> | 151 000 00 |

ADJOURNMENT:

As the time for adjournment drew near, Elder Branson appealed to all who had enjoyed the blessings that had come during the Council to go forth with a renewed faith in God's promise to send upon His church in these latter days the power of the Holy Ghost to fit us to do the service He has outlined for His church. Let us go on believing, he said, that God has visited us here, and as we go on believing, and claiming, and praying, God will continue to increase the power of the Holy Spirit in our service until Pentecost in all its fullness will be ours to enjoy.

The Council adjourned sine die. Prayer and benediction by E.D.Dick and H.M.S.Richards, after which all joined in singing

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above."

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