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OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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The Autumn Council of 1951 was held in Cleveland, Ohio, nearly all the meetings except the Sabbath services being held in the convention room of the Hollenden Hotel. The first day of the Council, Friday, October 19, was devoted to services of a spiritual nature. Elder L.K. Dickson was the first speaker, at 9:30 A.M. He emphasized the necessity of repentance, using as his text the 14th chapter of Hosea, where the call is sounded to Israel to return to the Lord, and the Lord promises to heal their backsliding and to love them freely. God is willing and ready to love us freely today, and to bestow upon His people a power which they have never had heretofore, but before that experience can come there must be an experience of true repentance, a turning away from those things that are wrong in our lives. Elder Dickson spoke of the sins of indifference, of unbelief, of evil surmising, of growing worldliness. These, he said, are the things we need to repent of today. God is asking us to look deep into our hearts, to see what it is that is obstructing His love from coming to us freely, and then to take the steps necessary to bring about the desired change in our lives and experience.

Elder R.A. Anderson at the eleven o'clock hour read the familiar story in the gospels where Jesus fed the multitude with the five barley loaves and two small fishes. The disciples faced an apparently impossible situation, with the necessity of feeding a physically hungry multitude out in the desert. But when Jesus looked up to heaven and blessed and brake the loaves, there was sufficient for all. We today, said Elder Anderson, are facing a spiritually hungry world, a world that does not know perhaps how far away from God they are; and only as we look to God in importunate prayer can the Lord do very much with the meager resources we have to offer Him in the face of a staggering task. We have come to a great hour in this world's history. We have come to an hour when as leaders in God's cause we need to sense anew our responsibilities. Out of this Council we must devise some way in which we can meet the need of a growing world work. This is an hour when we must search our hearts, when we must know the source of our strength, and when we must know God's power to multiply our resources, however small they may be.

Elder G.E. Vandeman conducted the service in the afternoon. He felt that one of the greatest dangers to the ministry is the sin of prayerlessness. He spoke earnestly about the fact that the minister many times has so busy a program, with many, many activities that lead into a whirl of service for God, that the prayer life is neglected, and thus he is robbed of that secret power that comes only through earnest, importunate prayer. "Polished personalities, the driving force of energy, keen minds, expert planners -- God has given these talents in abundance to this people," he said; "but what would happen if at the base of it all could be this living, unquenchable, fervent something that

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comes from continuous fellowship with Jesus through prayer. "

At the close of Elder Vandeman's remarks the large audience separated into groups, and each group engaged in an earnest season of prayer.

The Sabbath services were held in the Music Hall of the Civic Auditorium. Elder H.M.S. Richards was the speaker in the Sabbath evening service. The sermon at the eleven o'clock hour Sabbath morning was by Elder W.H. Branson, and the afternoon service was conducted by Elder J.L. McElhany.

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### ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND MEETING

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 21, 1951, 10:00 A.M.

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Elder R.R. Figuhr was the speaker in the devotional service Sunday morning, October 21. He took as his text Luke 21:34: "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares."

This verse in the great Adventist chapter of the Bible, said Elder Figuhr, contains an outstanding warning to Adventists living in the last days. It seems like a strange message to a people who believe in and are proclaiming the soon appearing of the Lord. Surfeiting - the lure of appetite and carnal desire is the peril that besets the Adventist. Indulgence decreases spiritual perception and alertness. Drunkenness is another danger against which the Lord warns. This, too, seems strange, given to a people who say much about temperance, who found temperance societies, and who are leaders in condemning drunkenness. But there is a drunkenness not caused by alcohol. Whatever impairs the spiritual faculties and beclouds the vision produces a kind of intoxication. Some become intoxicated with success, as did Nebuchadnezzar and the Laodiceans. Others become drunken with the love of money and of this world. There is great peril to the church in minimizing these dangers. We must be sober as the apostle Peter admonishes us, as we wait for the coming of the Lord.

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Following the revotional service and a short intermission, the first business session of the Council convened at 10 A.M., Sunday, October 21.

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## PRESENT:

There were present nearly all the members of the General Conference Committee in North America; the overseas division presidents and a number of other representatives from the overseas fields; the local conference presidents, the union conference treasurers and auditors, and representatives of the colleges, sanitariums and publishing houses in North America. Also members of special committees that had met in Cleveland prior to the time of the Council.

After a Scripture reading by Elder W.H.Branson, the Chairman, prayer was offered by Dr. Stromberg.

## DAILY PROGRAM:

The following Daily Program for the Council was adopted:

Devotional	8:30 -- 9:30 A.M.
Council Session	9:45 -- 12:00
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

## STANDING COMMITTEES:

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

Auditing Committee:

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

R H Adair	L K Dickson	A V Olson
Roger Altman	N R Dower	✓ R H Pierson
V G Anderson	N W Dunn	H E Rice
✓ G J Appel	H T Elliott	M L Rice
✓ V T Armstrong	R R Figuhr	J I Robison
C L Bauer	G E Hutches	E E Roenfelt
W R Beach	F B Knight	H L Rudy
R R Bietz	L E Lenheim	C A Scriven
✓ C W Bozarth	H A Morrison	J C Shull
W P Bradley	✓ F A Mote	J D Smith
M V Campbell	✓ W Mueller	✓ A F Tarr
P W Christian	✓ W E Murray	Owen Troy
✓ Glenn Calkins	W A Nelson	J W Turner
J F Cummins	D A Ochs	W H Williams
E D Dick	W B Ochs	

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Budget Committee:

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

R H Adair	Dr T R Flaiz	T L Oswald
Roger Altman	T R Gardner	G E Peters
R A Anderson	A L Ham	N C Peterson
V G Anderson	H H Hicks	W E Phillips
C L Bauer	G A Huse	L R Rasmussen
Carl Becker	G E Hutches	Don R Rees
W A Benjamin	E J Johanson	J J Reiswig
R R Bietz	A W Johnson	H E Rice
L H Bland	R S Joyce	M L Rice
C L Bond	C H Kelly	J I Robison
G W Bowers	H C Kephart	H L Rudy
W P Bradley	F B Knight	H E Schneider
E L Branson	C H Lauda	F W Schnepfer
W H Branson	L E Lenheim	C A Scriven
M V Campbell	A S Maxwell	H A Shepard
T Carcich	J L McElhany	John Shull
H G Childs	L L McKinley	J D Smith
H H Cobban	L L Moffitt	A R Snouse
C J Coon	W B Mohr	W H Teesdale
J F Cummins	H A Morrison	O A Troy
W A Dessain	G R Nash	J W Turner
E D Dick	C J Nagele	T E Unruh
L K Dickson	W A Nelson	G E Vandeman
N R Dower	W E Nelson	H H Votaw
E W Dunbar	J J Nethery	J H Wagner
N W Dunn	F D Nichol	E R Walde
H T Elliott	D A Ochs	K A Wright
I M Evans	W B Ochs	I J Woodman
R R Figuhr	A V Olson	

Distribution of Labor:

W B Ochs, Chairman.  
H T Elliott, Secretary

R H Adair	N W Dunn	W A Nelson
R A Anderson	Dr T R Flaiz	J M Nerness
V G Anderson	Jesse Gibson	D A Ochs
G J Appel	G A Huse	T L Oswald
V T Armstrong	A W Johnson	G E Peters
E W Bahr	F B Knight	R H Pierson
C L Bauer	L E Lenheim	M L Rice
W R Beach	Dr W E Macpherson	E E Roenfelt
C W Bozarth	O O Mattiton	G A Scriven
W P Bradley	L L Moffitt	J D Smith
Glenn Calkins	H G Moulds	A F Tarr
M V Campbell	F A Mote	J W Turner
E W Dunbar	W Mueller	Paul Wickman
E E Cossentine	W E Murray	

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Finance Committee:

C L Torrey, Chairman.  
Roger Altman, Secretary.

R H Adair	C O Franz	O O Mattison
G T Anderson	L E Ford	D A McAdams
V G Anderson	W W Fordham	John McCartney
G J Appel	C D Forshee	J L McConaughy
R C Baker	T M Fountain	A P McDow
M S Banfield	O T Garner	J L McElhany
H W Barrows	T R Gardner	C M Mellor
C L Bauer	J O Gibson	A E Millner
W R Beach	I E Gillis	A E Mobley
W A Benjamin	E L Green	W B Mohr
L E Biggs	W E Guthrie	E A Moon
F L Bland	A L Ham	Roscoe Moore
H P Bloun	W J Harris	H A Morrison
L F Bohner	F L Harrison	F A Mote
C L Bond	H C Hartman	H G Moulds
C W Bozarth	V E Hendershot	W Mueller
W P Bradley	H D Henriksen	A G Munson
E L Branson	H H Hicks	H R Murphy
W H Branson	W B Hill	W E Murray
F Brennwald	L N Holm	C J Nagele
N F Brewer	James Howarth	G R Nash
C M Bunker	Jack Hubbs	G B Nelson
D C Butherus	E S Humann	H S Nelson
Glenn Calkins	G A Huse	R W Nelson
M V Campbell	G E Hutches	W A Nelson
H J Capman	M V Jacobsen	W E Nelson
G T Chapman	Dr H E James	J J Nethery
Wilbur Chapman	E J Johanson	G C Nickle
H G Childs	A W Johnson	R H Nightingale
P W Christian	H T Johnson	D A Ochs
E C Christie	Werber Johnson	P W Ochs
D A Cone	G E Jones	W B Ochs
C J Coon	*C H Kelly	E R Osmunson
E E Cossentine	H C Kephart	T L Oswald
J F Cummins	H W Kibble	C E Palmer
R E Crawford	H W Klaser	W L Pascoe
R M Davidson	H C Klement	F L Peterson
C H Davis	F B Knight	W E Phillips
C W Degering	N H Knight	R H Pierson
E D Dick	Dr C A Larsen	E L Place
E N Dick	A C Larson	W H Raley
H T Elliott	A V Larson	W E Read
W P Elliott	G C Lashier	D E Rebok
Harold Ermshar	L E Lenheim	R M Reinhard
L C Evans	M E Loewen	K J Reynolds
H P Evens	H W Lowe	H E Rice
A C Fearing	Dr W E Macpherson	M L Rice
R R Figuhr	C G Maracle	A J Robbins
Dr T R Flaiz	B C Marshall	J I Robison
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Finance Committee (Concluded)

E E Roenfelt	H A Shepard	A F Tarr
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H L Rudy	H D Singleton	J C Thompson
G H Rustad	J D Smith	J W Turner
F O Sanders	R A Smithwick	C F Ulrich
B L Schlotthauer	A R Snouse	D J von Pohle
H E Schneider	R E Spangle	A Warren
F W Schnepfer	J A Stevens	R S Watts
Walter Schubert	W E Strickland	J E Weaver
C A Scriven	M C Taft	Paul Wickman
		W H Williams

Committee on Nominations:

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

V G Anderson	E D Dick	J M Nerness
G J Appel	L K Dickson	D A Ochs
V T Armstrong	R R Figuhr	W B Ochs
E W Behr	L E Lenheim	A V Olson
C L Bauer	O O Mattison	R H Pierson
W R Beach	F A Mote	M L Rice
C W Bozarth	H G Moulds	C A Scriven
W H Branson	W Mueller	J D Smith
Glenn Calkins	W E Murray	A F Tarr
M V Campbell	W A Nelson	C L Torrey
		J W Turner

Plans Committee:

A V Olson, Chairman.  
K J Reynolds, Secretary.

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R A Anderson	H F Brown	D A Delafield
M L Andreassen	J A Buckwalter	Dr C A Dent
C E Andross	J M Bucy	E N Dick
G J Appel	D Lois Burnett	L K Dickson
D A Bailey	H M Burwell	Dean Duffield
W R Beach	Glenn Calkins	E W Dunbar
Carl Becker	T Carcich	N W Dunn
K C Beem	R J Christian	J E Edwards
O H Bentzinger	H K Christman	R M Eldridge
W H Bergherm	E E Cleveland	W P Elliott
R R Bietz	V N Clymer	H R Emerson
F L Bland	Harold Colburn	A A Esteb
H M Blunden	J C Culpepper	L E Esteb
J W Bothe	G C Cross	I M Evans
C W Bozarth	Archa Dart	E W Everest

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M I Fayard	C M Mellor	Walter Schubert
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R E Finney, Jr.	L L Moffitt	L A Skinner
Orley Ford	Dr A L Moon	J G Slate
E E Franklin	E A Moon	L E Smart
T T Frazier	Philip Moores	R A Smithwick
L E Froom	C E Moseley, Jr.	J D Snider
P D Gerrard	F A Mote	W A Sowers
J O Gibson	H G Moulds	J J Strahle
I E Gillis	W Mueller	Carl Sundin
Ben Glanzer	W E Murray	Dr E A Sutherland
A J Gordon	M L Neff	C B Sutton
C G Gordon	N C Nelson	M C Taft
C E Guenther	F D Nichol	A F Tarr
Leighton Hall	G C Nickle	E L Tarr
H K Halladay	E R Osmunson	L W Taylor
Dr R H Hanson	C L Paddock	W H Teesdale
S C Harris	W L Pascoe	Leo Thiel
W H Harris	Braulio Perez	Donn Thomas
Myron Harvey	G E Peters	J C Thompson
C B Haynes	J V Peters	M R Thurber
I H Ihrig	A W Peterson	M V Tucker
Bessie Irvine	E M Peterson	G F Ulrich
M V Jacobsen	F L Peterson	T E Unruh
Varner J Johns	R H Pierson	G E Vandeman
I T Johnson	E L Place	D J von Pohle
J L Jones	B M Preston	H H Votaw
S Kaplan	M W Prince	B E Wagner
J F Kent	L R Rasmussen	J H Wagner
M E Kern	A E Rawson	Horace Walsh
Louise C Kleuser	W E Read	Dr H M Walton
Dr J S Kootsey	D E Rebok	R S Watts
A V Larson	Don R Rees	C C Weiss
C H Lauda	D E Reiner	Arthur White
L H Lindbeck	L B Reynolds	R M Whitsett
E L Longway	H M S Richards	Paul Wickman
E J Lorntz	Leon Roberson	J C Williams
T E Lucas	Dr W H Roberts	K A Wright
E W Marter	E E Roenfelt	K H Wood, Jr.
G M Mathews	A H Roth	I J Woodman
A S Maxwell	H L Rudy	Dallas Youngs
Dr J W McFarland	A F Ruf	A L Zumwalt
O O Mattison		

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

C.L.Torrey, the Treasurer, in making his report, spoke of the world situation, and of the multiplied billions in money being spent on instruments of war. But, he said, notwithstanding world conditions, perplexities, fear and turmoil, God has His plans for the finishing of His work in all the earth, and we must

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hold fast our faith, enlarge our vision and plans, and make greater effort and sacrifice for the finishing of the work. The Advent Movement, he continued, began in sacrifice and it will end in sacrifice. It is the sacrifice of God's people that has made possible the sending of missionaries into nearly every land on earth, and the sustaining of our evangelistic and institutional work in North America. The total tithe received in 1950 from the world field amounted to \$27,728,250.32, a gain over the previous year of \$640,390.27. Total offerings to missions for 1950 amounted to \$9,998,658.32. For the first six months in 1951 the Ingathering receipts as reported to the General Conference amount to \$3,003,400.00, and it is anticipated that \$150,000 more will come in. We are truly grateful, said Elder Torrey, to our conference and mission and institutional leadership who have by precept and example been true leaders of the flock, lending their wholehearted support in promoting the various offerings during the year. The Lord has laid upon them the definite responsibility of providing for His work, and as they have encouraged our people to more liberal giving and greater spirituality, God has added His blessing. A time like this, he continued, becomes a clarion call to our workers and the rank and file of our church members to greater giving and the conservation of the Lord's money. I am confident, he said, that we will all wish to bind about every unnecessary want in order that the message may be advanced speedily in every part of the world.

A statement relative to the financial condition of the Sustentation Fund was presented by R.H.Adair. F.B.Knight told of that part of the work in the Treasury Department that has to do with transportation and passport arrangements, and J.F.Cummins reported on the securities held by the General Conference. W.H.Williams presented the Balance Sheet and Operating Statement of Income and Expenses for the first six months of 1951, as follows:

[See four pages following]

#### AMBASSADOR TO THE VATICAN:

In view of a report that President Truman is again planning to appoint an Ambassador to the Vatican, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we, the General Conference Committee of Seventh-day Adventists, in Autumn Council assembled, do hereby express our most earnest protest against the appointment of an Ambassador from the United States to the Vatican as a violation of the principle of separation of church and state.

Adjourned to 2 P.M., with the closing prayer by E.D. Dick.

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



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## GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Balance Sheet

June 30, 1951

ASSETS

## Cash, Banks &amp; Securities

Cash & Banks	2 949 066 30	
Securities	<u>8 989 472 16</u>	11 938 538 46

## Accounts Receivable

Divisions	695 688 64	
Publishing Houses	87 527 30	
Transportation Agencies	60 618 36	
Esda Sales & Service	348 584 40	
Personal & Miscellaneous Accts	<u>511 453 89</u>	1 703 872 59

## Inventories &amp; Prepaid Items

Miscellaneous	21 724 49	
New Building	83 305 57	
Office Supplies & Stock	<u>11 173 72</u>	<u>116 203 78</u>

## Total Assets

13 758 614 83

LIABILITIES

## Accounts Payable

Divisions	470 734 11	
Publishing Houses	342 67	
Personal & Miscellaneous Accts	<u>149 858 13</u>	620 934 91

## Trust Funds

C M E Bldg Funds from Organ.	1 027 279 58	
Famine Relief Funds	291 469 90	
Miscellaneous Funds	780 277 93	
Sustentation	<u>1 567 865 11</u>	3 666 892 52

## Deferred Items

Blue Cross	123 87	
Unexpired Subscriptions	<u>6 862 90</u>	<u>6 986 77</u>

## Total Liabilities

4 294 814 20

NET WORTH, June 30, 1951

9 463 800 63

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Balance Sheet  
June 30, 1951

DETAIL OF NET WORTH

Regular

Operating Capital, Jan. 1, 1951	5 946 838 13	
Add: Net gain for six months	1 111 581 59	
Operating Capital, June 30, 1951		7 058 419 72

Restricted Reserves

Equalization Fund	100 000 02	
Exchange Reserve	176 201 38	
Missions Funds Reserve	50 513 64	
Securities Fluctuation Reserve	404 111 86	
1951 Special Appropriations Reserve	2 032 237 33	
Less: Payments made during 6 mos.	1 580 067 72	452 169 61
Rehabilitation Funds:		
Assigned to Division but unused	808 813 97	
Unassigned General Funds	371 131 03	
Pub. Houses Restoration Unused	42 439 40	1 222 384 40

Total Restricted Reserves 2 405 380 91

Total Net Worth, June 30, 1951 9 463 800 63

Statement of Financial Position  
and Comparison of Actual and Authorized Reserves

Reserves and Operating Funds:

Restricted Reserves (Itemization above)	2 405 380 91	
Trust Funds (See page 1)	3 666 892 52	
Cash & Securities Available for Working Capital	5 866 265 03	
Equals Cash & Securities On Hand, June 30, 1951	11 938 538 46	

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Authorized Capital and Reserves

Cash and Securities Available for Working Capital	5 866 265 03	
Additional Capital represented by Inventories and Accounts	1 192 154 69	

Regular Working Capital, June 30, 1951 7 058 419 72

General Conference Authorized Reserve:

Operating Fund - 20% of 1950 Appropriations and Operating Expenses which amounted to	13 486 944 36	2 697 388 87
Reserve Fund - 20% of 13 486 944 36 as above	2 697 388 87	5 394 777 74

Excess Above Authorized Reserve 1 663 641 98

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Operating Statement  
For Six Months Ending June 30, 1951

	<u>INCOME</u>		<u>Increase Decrease*</u>
	<u>1951</u>	<u>1950</u>	
<b>Tithes</b>			
North America			
Union Tithes 1%	113 536 22	94 080 43	19 455 79
Regular Percent of Tithes	2 221 780 43	1 838 975 19	382 805 24
Special Percent of Tithes	924 487 14	762 473 46	162 013 68
Miscellaneous	7 202 15	19 789 84	12 587 69*
	<u>3 267 005 94</u>	<u>2 715 318 92</u>	<u>551 687 02</u>
Overseas Non-Revertible	32 065 71	32 005 95	59 76
Total Tithes	<u>3 299 071 65</u>	<u>2 747 324 87</u>	<u>551 746 78</u>
<b>Mission Offerings</b>			
North America			
Seventy-Cents-per-Week Funds	5 033 976 91	4 498 351 07	535 625 84
Miscellaneous	5 900 95	1 698 10	4 202 85
General Conf. Session Offering	702 75	-	702 75
	<u>5 040 580 61</u>	<u>4 500 049 17</u>	<u>540 531 44</u>
Overseas Non-Revertible	639 665 05	576 269 33	63 395 72
Total Offerings	<u>5 680 245 66</u>	<u>5 076 318 50</u>	<u>603 927 16</u>
<b>Miscellaneous Funds</b>			
Dividends, Interest, etc.-Securities	110 746 28	129 744 73	18 998 45*
Funds Returned and Reclaimed	52 198 16	-	52 198 16
Legacies & Matured Annuities for			
Missions	22 123 99	11 844 73	10 279 26
Miscellaneous Income	3 704 75	5 065 47	1 360 72*
Royalties	994 70	51 17	943 53
Specific Mission Funds Received	17 658 24	9 934 91	7 723 33
	<u>207 426 12</u>	<u>156 641 01</u>	<u>50 785 11</u>
Overseas Revertible Mission Off'gs	554 014 97	577 084 52	23 069 55*
Total Miscellaneous Income	<u>761 441 09</u>	<u>733 725 53</u>	<u>27 715 56</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>9 740 758 40</u>	<u>8 557 368 90</u>	<u>1 183 389 50</u>
Less: Total Expense (page 4)	<u>8 629 176 81</u>	<u>8 044 989 47</u>	<u>584 187 34</u>
<b>NET GAIN FOR SIX MONTHS</b>	<u>1 111 581 59</u>	<u>512 379 43</u>	<u>599 202 16</u>

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
Operating Statement  
For Six Months Ending June 30, 1951

	<u>EXPENSES</u>		
	<u>1951</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>Increase Decrease*</u>
Administrative			
Salary & Expense of Departments	489 851 92	410 243 79	79 608 13
Legal Expense	1 979 03	-	1 979 03
Transportation Agencies	27 366 47	21 131 31	6 235 16
General Operating	25 794 00	23 522 93	2 271 07
Totals	544 991 42	454 898 03	90 093 39
Appropriations, Regular			
Overseas	3 831 748 22	3 799 456 56	32 291 66
Home	250 920 06	225 241 02	25 679 04
Misc. & Fixed - Foreign Actual	201 846 83	167 269 27	34 577 56
Misc. & Fixed - Home Actual	301 620 57	241 456 84	60 163 73
Totals	4 586 135 68	4 433 423 69	152 711 99
Unbudgeted Expenses			
Laymen's Congress	445 64		445 64
Post Graduate Expense, A J Robbins	1 000 00	2 869 27	1 869 27*
Relocation German Missionary Internees	2 312 67	2 616 43	303 76*
Robert Salau Trip	-	33 85	33 85*
Security Expense	-	168 61	168 61*
Specific Mission Off'gs Disbursed	17 658 24	9 934 91	7 723 33
True Education Journal	1 192 29	1 998 19	805 90*
Unassigned Workers	-	716 28	716 28*
Workers' Moving Allowance	12 600 00	-	12 600 00
Totals	35 208 84	18 337 54	16 871 30
Appropriations by Reversion			
Home			
Ingathering Overflow	1 346 624 81	1 181 268 93	165 355 88
Institutional Comeback	506 768 52	458 526 12	48 242 40
No. American Mission Fds Reverted	35 425 51	37 579 66	2 154 15*
Tithe Funds Exchanged	924 487 14	762 473 46	162 013 68
Totals	2 813 305 98	2 439 848 17	373 457 81
Overseas			
Regular Revertible Mission Off'gs	554 014 84	577 084 52	23 069 68*
Special Reversions,			
Mission Offerings	66 446 42	98 082 74	31 636 32*
Spring in Tithes & Offerings	29 073 63	23 314 78	5 758 85
Totals	649 534 89	698 482 04	48 947 15*
Total Reversions, Home & Overseas	3 462 840 87	3 138 330 21	324 510 66
TOTAL EXPENSES	8 629 176 81	8 044 989 47	584 187 34

## ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THIRD MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 21, 1951, 2:00 P.M.

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"Take It to the Lord in Prayer" was sung to open the second session of the Council at 2 P.M., October 21, and prayer was offered by A.W. Peterson.

## BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL POLICY:

VOTED, That in harmony with a recommendation of the General Conference officers, the following named persons be a committee on forming a comprehensive policy for the leadership and operation of our Bible Correspondence School work:

H L Rudy	F A Mote	G J Appel
W H Branson	W R Beach	H M S Richards
L K Dickson	W Mueller	V G Anderson
W B Ochs	A F Tarr	C J Coon
R R Figuhr	M L Rice	L C Evans
C L Torrey	M V Campbell	Charles Nagele
W P Bradley	R M Whitsett	N R Dower
T L Oswald	G Eric Jones	Carl Becker
Paul W Wickman	C W Bozarth	L E Lenheim
A E Rawson	Arthur Roth	E R Walde
D L Olson	W E Murray	J E Edwards
W A Fagal	V T Armstrong	Dr J W McFarland
E L Cardey	C H Davis	C L Bauer

## ITEMS TO COMMITTEES:

Items on the Agenda were referred to the various standing committees.

## HARRIS PINE MILLS:

VOTED, That the nomination of a Board of Directors for the Harris Pine Mills be referred to the Nominating Committee.

## DENTAL EDUCATION:

Recommendations from the committee that was appointed on the question of Dental Education were presented, and adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, There is an urgent need for the development of the dental work as an essential part of the medical service of the denomination; and

WHEREAS, The increasing difficulty of securing adequate dental education in suitable surroundings for consecrated young Adventists points to the imperative necessity and timeliness of

providing facilities now for dental education under the direction of the denomination,

We recommend, 1. That definite plans be laid at this Autumn Council for the launching of a Seventh-day Adventist School of Dentistry, to begin operating if possible by September of 1953.

2. That the School of Dentistry be a part of and under the general administration of the College of Medical Evangelists with a dean and faculty having administrative relationships with in the institution similar to those of the School of Medicine.

3. That the School of Dentistry be located at Loma Linda for the entire four-year program.

4. That the Board of Trustees and the administrative officers of the College of Medical Evangelists be authorized and requested to proceed now with the development of an administrative staff and faculty, in preparation for the launching of the school. [The selection of a faculty, the development of the curriculum and facilities in preparation for the opening of the school necessitate the appointment of a dean and the beginning of organization at an early date.]

5. That the School of Dentistry project be integrated with the general fund-raising plan for the College of Medical Evangelists, to meet an estimated initial capital expenditure of \$750,000.00 for buildings and equipment, to supplement the facilities which will be shared with other schools of the Medical College.

6. That the General Conference begin at this Autumn Council to provide in its regular budget an operating subsidy which, it is estimated, will ultimately need to be \$90,000.00 annually.

#### CME BUILDING PROGRAM:

Recommendations from the College of Medical Evangelists Board relative to the College of Medical Evangelists Building Program were presented and adopted as follows:

Realizing the importance of maintaining a proper balance between expansion costs in Southern California and elsewhere in the world field, and the need for economy in all matters, and recognizing the advantages the College would gain through the prompt utilization of each completed unit added to the existing plant, as contrasted with the complications involved in the event there should be an interruption of a building program on a separate site,

We recommend, 1. That the Los Angeles Division of the College of Medical Evangelists continue to operate on its present site, and that provision be made for the needed expansion on that location, in lieu of the development program previously authorized for the Ramona site <sup>located</sup> at the edge of the City of Alhambra.

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2. That the General Conference arrange for Elder H.L. Rudy to act as the promoter of the Fund-raising Campaign, and that a suitable individual be selected to serve as executive secretary with Elder Rudy; and that such office secretarial help be provided as may be necessary; and that these individuals be paid by the General Conference; and all other campaign expenses be deducted from campaign receipts.

3. That the following financial plan be approved including estimated costs and receipts up to and including 1956 with the understanding that each building project will be authorized by the General Conference Committee in harmony with the policy.

Plan of Financing (11 Years, ending December 31, 1956)

General Conference	\$90 000 00	\$990 000 00
Union and Local Conferences		
of Pacific Union	60 000 00	660 000 00
Union and Local Conferences of		
Other Nine Unions	70 000 00	770 000 00
Sanitariums, excluding Loma Linda		
and White Memorial	<u>10 000 00</u>	<u>110 000 00</u>
Total to be raised by Conferences		
and Institutions		2 530 000 00
To be raised by CME Alumni and S.D.A. Dentists		1 800 000 00
To be raised by CME		<u>1 535 400 00</u>
		5 865 400 00

Estimated Cost of Immediate Building Program

Administration and Library Building - Loma Linda	300 000 00
Property Acquisition - Los Angeles	500 000 00
Moving Buildings, etc.	50 000 00
Partial Site Preparation	50 000 00
Housing Facilities - Los Angeles	406 400 00
Hospital Building	2 300 000 00
Dental Buildings - Loma Linda	750 000 00
Library Building - Los Angeles	180 000 00
Administration Building - Los Angeles	150 000 00
Steam Plant and Laundry Building	120 000 00
Equipment	122 000 00
Architect's Fees	287 000 00
Reduction of Operating Gain due to Construction	100 000 00
School of Physical Medicine	550 000 00
	<u>5 865 400 00</u>

4. That the amount prorated to the nine unions and the local conferences within these unions be the same annual amount as voted at the 1945 Autumn Council, but that it be adjusted each year among the various unions on the basis of the annual tithe as revealed by the latest annual statement available at the time of each Autumn Council.

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5. (a) That the annual appropriations to be paid by the sanitariums be the same as voted at the 1945 Autumn Council, but that the amount be divided among the various institutions on the basis of their annual gross patient income as revealed by the latest annual statement available at each Autumn Council.

(b) That new sanitariums shall not be requested to participate in this fund for the first five years of their operation, but that beginning with the sixth year they carry their full share of the total annual appropriation from the sanitariums to the CME Building Fund.

6. That we request all sanitariums which now owe on the payments as requested by the 1945 Autumn Council to make up their share to and including the year 1951 on the basis voted by the 1945 Council.

#### BUDGET REQUESTS:

The remainder of the afternoon hour was spent in hearing from division representatives relative to their needs and the requests they are making for consideration by the Budget Committee.

F.A.Mote spoke for the Australasian Inter-Union Conference; W.R.Beach for the Southern European Division; W.Mueller, Central Europe; C.H.Davis, South China Island Union; V.T.Armstrong, Far Eastern Division; Glenn Galkins, the Inter-American Division; and G.J.Appel the Middle East Division.

Adjourned, with the closing prayer by W.Mueller.

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

#### ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 22, 1951, 9:45 A.M.

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Dr. T.R.Flaiz, secretary of the Medical Department, led in the devotional service Monday morning, October 22. Taking as his opening text Romans 12:1-2, he emphasized the desire of God that His people give themselves to Him in a full and complete sacrifice. In the Old Testament sacrificial services, God required that the sacrifice that was brought to Him be without blemish. If in those sacrifices God required physical perfection, how much more does He require of those who are His servants today, that they offer Him clean, healthy and well-cared for bodies!



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Many professed Christians take the attitude that what ~~and~~ they do with their bodies, how they live physically, and what ~~and~~ they eat and drink is their own concern and not that of others. The Scriptures declare "Glorify God in your body." No one can glorify God with a dull, clouded mind in a weakened, diseased body. When a minister or worker gives to the cause of God a circumscribed service because of impaired health, or a worker's period of service is shortened because of his disregard of the principles of healthful living, then Satan's purpose is achieved, and he has gained a victory. The cause of God has been robbed of service that might have been full and efficient and greatly extended.

"I'm Longing, Dear Saviour, for Thee" was sung to open the third business session, Monday, October 22, and prayer was offered by M.E.Loewen.

The Council recessed immediately, to give time for certain legal meetings advertised 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 business 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 for a term of three years, 1951-54: H.L.Rudy, E.D.Dick, C.L.Torrey, H.T.Elliott. For a term of one year, 1951-52, H.S.Nelson was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J.H.Nies.

The Insurance Company adjourned sine die.

#### INTERNATIONAL TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION:

A meeting of the International Temperance Association was called by A.V.Olson, the vice-president. Two new societies were by vote admitted as members of the International Association. They were: the Bantu Temperance Society and the Nyasaland Temperance Society, both of South Africa. A report of the International Temperance Association was then rendered by W.A.Scharffenberg, the secretary.

The International Temperance Association adjourned.

The Council resumed, and time was given to A.F.Tarr, of the Northern European Division, W.E.Murray, of the South American Division, C.W.Bozarth, of the Southern African Division, and R.H.Pierson, of the Southern Asia Division, to present the needs of

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their fields and the requests they are making of the Budget Committee.

#### WELCOME FROM MAYOR BURKE:

The Hon. Thomas A. Burke, Mayor of the city of Cleveland, entered and was introduced by Elder L.K. Dickson. The Mayor extended greetings and a hearty welcome to the delegates, and said he hoped we would decide to hold our world conference in Cleveland.

Elder Dickson responded, thanking the Mayor for taking time to visit us, and assuring him of our appreciation of the friendly and cordial treatment we were receiving in the city of Cleveland.

#### AMERICAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY:

The Council recessed again, and a meeting of the American Temperance Society was called by H.L. Rudy, the president, and adjourned to the call of the Chair.

The Council resumed, and the hour having come for adjournment, the closing prayer was offered by H.T. Elliott.

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

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#### ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 23, 1951, 9:45 A.M.

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"The Unity of the Faith" was Dr. V.E. Hendershot's theme as he spoke in the devotional hour Tuesday morning, October 23. Many churches after about one hundred years from the time of their origin, he observed, have suffered division, have disintegrated, have turned into a course different from that on which they set out, or have fallen into apostacy. More than a century has elapsed since the inception of the Advent Movement. As a church, therefore, we are in a critical period of our existence.

"At the time of His ascension, Christ bestowed gifts upon His church. Among other things, these were designed to lead His people into "the unity of the faith." All of these spiritual gifts were to be confirmed in the remnant church, among those who would be waiting for the return of Christ. The Seventh-day

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Adventist Church is unique in that each one of the gifts have been and are manifested in it. This fact constitutes our great safeguard. So long as we faithfully follow the counsel given through the Spirit of prophecy there is no possibility of our church taking a wrong course, disintegrating, or falling into apostasy. Today there are many critics of the church of God. They find fault with many things in and about the church. Instead of taking much account of these, we would do well to look at the marvelous things that God has done for and through the church.

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The fourth business session of the Council was opened with song, and prayer was offered by A.L.Ham.

The Council recessed immediately, and legal meetings scheduled for the hour were called as follows:

OAKWOOD COLLEGE:

A meeting of the constituency of Oakwood College was called by A.L.Ham, the chairman of the Board. A report of the work of the College covering a two-year period was rendered by F.L.Peterson, the president, and the financial statement for two years ending June 30, 1951, was submitted by T.T.Frazier, the treasurer. It was voted to ask the Nominating Committee for the Council to serve as a nominating committee for the Oakwood constituency, to submit nomination of trustees for the ensuing term, and adjournment was taken to the call of the Chair.

RIVERSIDE SANITARIUM:

A meeting of the constituency of the Riverside Sanitarium was called by A.L.Ham, the chairman of the Board. A report of the work of the Sanitarium was rendered by Dr. C.A.Dent, the medical director, and the financial statement was submitted by A.Warren, the business manager. It was voted to ask the Nominating Committee for the Council to make nomination of trustees for the ensuing term, and adjournment was taken to the call of the Chair.

The Council resumed.

DEATH OF MRS. H.H.VOTAW:

Announcement was made that Mrs. H.H.Votaw had passed away Monday night, October 22, at the Washington Sanitarium. It was

VOTED, That we record with sorrow the passing of Mrs. Votaw, wife of Elder H.H.Votaw, of our Religious Liberty Department. Sister Votaw's life of faithful service by the side of her

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husband in the mission field of Burma and here in the homeland has been appreciated by all who knew her.

Resolved, That we, the General Conference Committee in Autumn Council assembled, do hereby extend to Brother Votaw, as well as to other sorrowing relatives, our deepest sympathy in their bereavement. We pray that God may give them in this hour of sorrow the comfort of the blessed hope.

VOTED, That the Treasurer be asked to arrange for a floral tribute from the General Conference for the funeral of Sister Votaw.

#### MESSAGES OF GREETING:

The Secretary read a cable from the Southern African Division, signed by the secretary of the division, extending greetings to the leaders assembled in Autumn Council. It was

VOTED, That the Secretary be asked to acknowledge this message and to convey greetings from the Council in return.

VOTED, That messages of greeting be sent from the Council to W.A.Spicer, C.H.Watson and Frederick Griggs.

#### REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

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

We recommend, 1. For the presidency of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference, F.A.Mote.

2. As assistant treasurer of the General Conference, C.W.Bozarth.

#### AMERICAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY:

The Council recessed, and a meeting of the American Temperance Society was called by H.L.Rudy, the president. A report of the activities of the Society was rendered by W.A.Scharffenberg, the secretary. J.A.Buckwalter, the associate secretary, solicited interest in and contributions for the magazine Listen, and L.H.Lindbeck spoke in behalf of a greatly increased circulation of the magazine. It was voted that L.H.Lindbeck be appointed a member of the Executive Council.

The American Temperance Society adjourned.

The Council resumed, and R.J.Christian and F.D.Nichol spoke in behalf of a more intensive promotion of the circulation

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of our church paper, the Review and Herald.

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

A.V.Olson, Chairman.  
H.T.Elliott,  
J.I.Robison, Secretaries.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 24, 1951, 9:45 A.M.

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Speaking in the devotional service Wednesday morning, October 24, on "The Finishing of the Work," Elder H.L.Rudy raised the question, "What do we mean or understand when we speak about the finishing of the work?" This question is answered in a statement that was made by Christ when praying to His Father, and recorded in John 17:4: "I have glorified Thee on the earth; I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do." In the work of Christ it was not so much the numbers that He gathered about Him that constituted the finishing of His work, as it was the fact that He had accomplished a great mission for His Father. He had glorified Him on the earth.

As Thou has sent Me, even so have I sent them into the world," Jesus declared. This sums up the primary mission of God's church in the world; it is to glorify God. The greatest success that can come to the cause of God is the witness that sinners give to the glory of God as revealed, not in what we as God's people do, but in what we are. The finishing of the work will be the result of the impact that the preaching of the message will make when supported by consistent, sanctified, Christ-like lives. We must see to it that as individuals and as a church we are carrying out the purpose of God, and that all of our practices are in harmony with the instruction that He has given us.

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The fifth business session of the Council convened at 9:45 A.M., Wednesday, October 24. After the opening song, prayer was offered by G.T.Anderson, of La Sierra College.

Additions were made to standing committees as follows:

A.W.Peterson and M.I.Fayard to the Committee on Plans, and M.V. Jacobsen and F.L.Bland to the Finance Committee.

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## CHRISTIAN RECORD BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION:

The Council recessed, and a meeting of the Christian Record Benevolent Association was called by M.V.Campbell, the chairman of the Board. C.W.Degering, the secretary, rendered a report, and the treasurer, D.C.Duffield, submitted the financial statement, which was approved. It was voted to change the provision in the constitution for the number of Board members to read: "not less than eleven nor more than nineteen; and to replace the word "treasurer" with the word "secretary" in Article VI, section 6, providing for the signing of legal documents.

The nominating committee of the Council was asked to make nomination of a Board of Trustees for the ensuing two-year term. The nominating committee having anticipated the request, submitted a report, and the following named persons were elected the Board for the ensuing biennial term:

V.G.Anderson, C.L.Bauer, M.V.Campbell, C.W.Degering, D.C.Duffield, H.T.Elliott, P.F.Gerrard, H.C.Hartman, R.S.Joyce, L.E.Lenheim, W.B.Mohr, W.A.Nelson, D.A.Ochs, W.B.Ochs, M.L.Rice, C.A.Scriven, J.D.Smith, C.L.Torrey, J.W.Turner.

The Christian Record Benevolent Association adjourned.

The Council resumed, and recommendations from the Plans Committee were submitted, and adopted as follows:

## MEDICAL APPOINTEE RESIDENCY TRAINING:

WHEREAS, For several years past there has been an increasingly serious dearth of adequately qualified medical workers for overseas assignment, particularly of doctors with British qualifications; and

WHEREAS, This shortage has led to costly disappointments in the use of unqualified workers,

We recommend, That the General Conference and the sanitariums involved jointly undertake the following plan:

1. That young men or women who are medical college graduates and who are considered suitable for medical service in the mission field be invited to connect with our participating sanitariums on a residency basis for a period of two years.

2. That these residents be granted the usual teaching status of residents, suggesting that the residencies be such as to train them for foreign service.

3. That during the first year of his residency the physician will avail himself of the opportunity to take the Canadian medical board examinations for securing British qualifications.

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4. That beginning with the second year the resident will become available to the General Conference for mission field assignment.

5. That if at the close of the second year of residency the physician has not been called by the General Conference he is then eligible to permanent assignment by the sanitarium in which he has trained, or with their consent, to any other sanitarium. In case such a call does not materialize, the resident will be free to look to private practice in the area of his choice.

6. That the remuneration of the resident physician will be on the basis of the beginning physician's rate for the first and second years, and that in consideration for the teaching services rendered by the sanitarium for the resident, the General Conference will assume one third of the salary during the residency, as well as the extra expenses involved in taking the Canadian examinations, and the moving expenses which may result from bringing the physician from the place where he interned to the institution accepting him as a resident. The payment of this moving expense will be on the basis of railway fare plus Pullman for each member of the family, and the moving of household goods up to two tons, as may be authorized by the General Conference Committee. Debt retirement credit shall apply to this residency period provided the physician later enters regular denominational employment.

7. Each institution participating in this plan will accept up to two new residents each year, and will replace as early as possible those residents called to mission service.

8. To benefit by the General Conference aid in this plan, the prospective resident must have been cleared for appointment to foreign service through the regular channels of the Secretarial Department.

#### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

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

We recommend, 1. For Field Secretary of the General Conference, E.J.Lorntz.

2. For President of the Southern African Division, Ralph S.Watts.

3. As the Board for the Harris Pine Mills: W.H.Branson, C.L.Torrey, W.B.Ochs, C.A.Scriven, Clyde H.Harris, Charles J. Nagele, A.Pflaugrad, C.L.Bond, H.L.Rudy, W.E.Nelson, W.H.Williams

4. As the General Conference members of the Board of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Self-Supporting Institutions, until the time of the next general election: W.B.Ochs, A.L.Ham, W.H.Branson, W.H.Williams, Dr.Wayne Mc Farland.

Adjourned, with the closing prayer by H.L.Rudy.

W.B.Ochs, Chairman.  
H.T.Elliott,  
J.I.Robison, Secretaries.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 24, 1951, 2:00 P.M.

After a song to open the sixth session of the Council at 2 P.M., Wednesday, October 24, prayer was offered by A.F.Ruf, of West Virginia.

MISSIONS EXTENSION OFFERING:

Recommendations from the Finance Committee relative to the Missions Extension Offering were presented, and adopted as follows:

We recommend, 1. That for 1952 a basic goal of \$100,000 be set for the Missions Extension Offering.

2. That the basic goal be distributed to the union conferences on the basis of membership, and that it be promoted on the basis of a personal goal of \$1.00 per member.

3. That the amount raised by any union conference above its basic goal be divided, 40% to revert to the respective union conference for evangelism, and 60% to be retained by the General Conference for missions extension.

4. That no comeback be deducted or paid on the amount received in excess of the basic goal.

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Recommendations from the General Conference Officers were presented, and adopted as follows:

A BIBLE CONFERENCE IN 1952:

WHEREAS, We have reached the time, when as never before there is need for a thorough understanding of those Bible truths which have made us a distinct people; and

WHEREAS, We have felt for many years the need for a representative Bible Conference at which the fundamental doctrines of Seventh-day Adventists may be studied; therefore



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We recommend, 1. That a Bible Conference lasting from seven to ten days be held just prior to the 1952 Biennial Council of the General Conference Committee.

2. That in the Bible Conference emphasis be placed upon the fundamentals of the everlasting gospel, as proclaimed in the setting of the outstanding doctrines of the Advent message.

3. That such subjects as the following be included in those presented for study at the Conference:

- a. The Central Theme of Our Message
- b. Righeousness by Faith
- c. The Imminence of the Second Advent
- d. The Heavenly Sanctuary and Its Cleansing
- e. Preaching the Sabbath More Fully
- f. The Latter Rain. What Does It Mean to Finish the Work?
- g. The Covenants
- h. The Place of the Spirit of Prophecy in the Work
- i. What is the Health <sup>Reform</sup> Message? The Relationship of the Health Reform Message to the Gospel.
- j. How Shall We Reach the Great Cities?
- k. Evangelism -- public, personal
- l. Our Attitude Toward Moot Questions
- m. The Place of Emphasis in Our Preaching
- n. The Place of Prophecy in Our Preaching

4. That the Executive Committee shall appoint a suitable committee to choose the subjects and the speakers, and to arrange a program for the Conference.

5. That opportunity be given those invited to attend for questions to be asked on each subject to be discussed.

6. That the General Conference Committee appoint a chairman, an assistant chairman, a secretary and two assistant secretaries for this Conference.

7. That the following workers be invited to attend:

The members of the General Conference Committee who will be in attendance at the 1952 Biennial Council, and others who may be invited to the Council.

From North America: a. Two Bible teachers from each senior college, to be chosen by their respective boards.

b. One Bible teacher from each junior college, to be chosen by their respective boards.

c. One to as many evangelists from each union conference as there are local conferences in the union, to be appointed by the respective union committees.

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- d. The editors of our leading periodicals.
- e. The book editors of our leading publishing houses.
- f. Representatives from the Theological Seminary.

From Overseas Divisions: a minimum of three in addition to the president of the field.

#### SMALL CHURCH EVANGELISM:

WHEREAS, In the vicinity of many of our smaller churches a series of meetings on our doctrines has not been held for many years; and

WHEREAS, In many of these churches the membership has been reduced by loss of members from death, removal or apostacy; and

WHEREAS, In many of these communities there are young people who have never become identified with the church, though their parents are members; and

WHEREAS, There are also found in the vicinity of our churches those who formerly were with us but who have left the church, as well as others who have become interested in our doctrines but who have not yet taken their stand for the truth; therefore

We recommend, 1. That during the year 1952 plans be made by all our conferences and mission fields throughout the world for the holding of a short series of meetings, of ten days to two weeks' duration, in their smaller churches, in order to strengthen the present believers, and in an effort to increase greatly the membership.

2. That in these meetings emphasis be given to our doctrinal beliefs and the need of repentance, and the new birth.

3. That, wherever consistent, pastors and district leaders exchange churches for such efforts so as to bring fresh talent into these meetings.

4. That special invitations be sent to all Bible correspondence school students in the respective communities to attend these meetings.

5. That the publishing houses be asked to supply each conference with lists of names of subscribers to our missionary periodicals resident in the conference and that invitations be sent out from the conference office to the subscribers inviting them to attend the meetings.

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6. That from the very beginning of each series of meetings the goal of baptism and church membership be held before those who are not already members, and that special efforts be made to prepare a group for baptism before the meetings close.

7. That the district superintendents be asked to arrange follow-up work for those who have become interested but are not ready for baptism.

8. That these short efforts be conducted in addition to our regular city evangelistic program where the meetings are held for a much longer period.

#### 1952 AUTUMN COUNCIL:

WHEREAS, The economic conditions generally seem to make it impracticable to hold the 1952 Autumn Council in Europe as formerly voted; and

WHEREAS, It is planned to hold a Bible Conference in connection with the Autumn Council next year; and

WHEREAS, It seems advisable to hold our annual meetings in an environment better suited to our needs than that found in a large city hotel;

We recommend, 1. That the 1952 Autumn Council be held in North America, in Takoma Park, Washington, D.C.

2. That arrangements and dates for the Autumn Council and other meetings be as follows:

- a. General Conference Officers' Council, August 24-31.
- b. Bible Conference, September 1-13.
- c. Pre-Council Conventions, September 14-17.
- d. Autumn Council, September 18-27.

#### 1953 AUTUMN COUNCIL:

Following the adoption of the foregoing recommendations relative to the 1952 Autumn Council there was some discussion as to a location for the 1953 Council, and it was

VOTED, That the 1953 Autumn Council be also held in Takoma Park, and that the fixing of the date be referred to the Committee in Washington.

#### 1954 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION:

J.F.Cummins, of the Treasury Department, reported on investigations that had been made with reference to a location for the 1954 General Conference Session. It seems that the cities offering the best facilities for our needs are Cleveland

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and San Francisco, and options are being held on the auditoriums in both cities. After some discussion of the kind of accommodations available in the two cities, it was

VOTED, That the 1954 General Conference Session be held in San Francisco, California.

Further recommendations from the General Conference Officers were adopted as follows:

#### FURLOUGH SALARIES:

We recommend, That in the case of a worker who spends his furlough, or any extended period of time whether furlough or not, in a division other than North America, the executive committee of the division in which the worker spends the time be asked to set the salary rate during the period of the worker's residence in that division.

#### PERMANENT RETURN OF MISSIONARIES' CHILDREN:

In order to avoid misunderstanding and error in the matter of allowances which pertain to such cases,

We recommend, That when missionaries decide to send their children home on a permanent return basis whether for educational or other purposes, such requests for returns be processed in the regular way by definite committee action by the Division and the General Conference Committees.

#### APPEAL TO THOSE WITH MEANS:

We, the representatives of the world-wide work of Seventh-day Adventists, assembled in Autumn Council at Cleveland, Ohio, view with solemn concern the conditions prevailing throughout the earth. The day of the Lord is near, and hasteth greatly. Only a brief space of time remains in which to complete the task set before God's remnant people. As never before we must summon every resource, and devote every energy to bringing the last invitation of mercy to a judgment-bound world. We acknowledge with grateful appreciation the faithful liberality of our devoted believers in maintaining a generous flow of tithes and offerings to the support of this movement. We pledge ourselves anew to prudence and economy in the administration of the funds provided. And with a view to further supplementing the treasury of the Lord, making possible an increasingly rapid advance of His cause during the days of grace which yet remain, most earnestly

We recommend, That direct and special appeals be made to our people everywhere, encouraging those whose faithful stewardship under the blessing of heaven has brought them the custody of more than average means, to make unusually substantial gifts for the promotion of the Advent Message throughout the world, calling particular attention to the following considerations:

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1. The rapidly fulfilling signs of the end, which daily remind us that we are living in the last hours of soul-winning opportunity.

2. The economic and political conditions now prevailing throughout the world, which are progressively unfavorable to the preservation of private wealth.

3. The instruction which has repeatedly come to us as a people urging those of means to give liberally to the cause of God while there is opportunity, and before the destructions of the last days sweep all their possessions away.

4. The calls for means from the needy regions beyond, calls which have never been more insistent nor more full of promise than they are today, and which make an urgent appeal to all our hearts. We need ever to remember that the doors now open will soon be forever closed.

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Following the adoption of the recommendations on the "Appeal to Those with Means," Elder Branson spoke of the very generous gift made by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde H. Harris, of Pendleton, Oregon, in turning over to the General Conference the Harris Pine Mills, to be operated for the benefit of our world-wide work. It was

VOTED, That the Secretary be instructed to write Brother and Sister Harris on behalf of the General Conference Committee in Autumn Council assembled, telling them of the encouragement this large gift brings to us as workers, helping us to understand how the Lord is moving on hearts in behalf of His work.

Adjourned, with the closing prayer by J.I. Robison.

W.B. Ochs, Chairman.

H.T. Elliott,

J.I. Robison, Secretaries.

E. Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 24, 1951, 7:00 P.M.

The General Conference Committee was called to meet in executive session, in Room 316 of the Hollenden Hotel, Wednesday October 24, at 7 P.M.

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

R R Figuhr, W H Branson, L K Dickson, A V Olson, H L Rudy, W B Ochs, H T Elliott, W P Bradley, J I Robison, N W Dunn, E E Roenfelt, C L Torrey, W H Williams, R H Adair, J F Cummins, F B Knight, J L McElhany, N F Brewer, L E Froom, A L Han, W E Read, G E Peters, E J Johanson, W E Phillips, H W Barrows, F Brennwald, W A Scharffenberg, J A Buckwalter, E E Cossentine, L R Rasmussen, Dr T R Flaiz, R M Whitsett, G E Vandeman, G A Huse, E E Franklin, B E Wagner, L L Moffitt, H W Lowe, W J Harris, E W Dunbar, F D Nichol, M N Campbell, D A Ochs, M L Rice, C A Scriven, J W Turner, V G Anderson, F A Mote, W L Pascoe, H G Moulds, V T Armstrong, J M Nerness, Glenn Calkins, G C Nickle, G J Appel, A F Tarr, W E Murray, Walter Schubert, C W Bozarth, E A Moon, R H Pierson, A E Rawson, O O Mattison, W R Beach, C B Haynes, H A Morrison, M C Taft, W H Teesdale, H M S Richards, K A Wright, J A Stevens.

## GEORGE BUTLER--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That in view of the doctor's report on the health condition of Mrs. Butler, we authorize the permanent return of Elder and Mrs. George Butler from Australia.

## DR. E.J. HORSLEY--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That on recommendation of the Inter-American Division Committee, we authorize the permanent return of Dr. E.J. Horsley from Jamaica.

## DR. PAUL YINGLING--CALLED TO CLEVELAND:

VOTED, That we approve of arrangements for Dr. Paul Yingling of Los Angeles to come to Cleveland, for consultation relative to the call to the Baghdad Hospital.

## L.K. DICKSON--RADIO AND TV RALLIES:

VOTED, That L.K. Dickson be appointed to promote the Radio and TV Rallies that are to be held this winter, and that in view of this he be released from his overseas appointments.

## MINDANAO JUNIOR COLLEGE:

VOTED, That in view of the critical educational problem in the southern islands of the Philippine Union, we approve

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of the Far Eastern Division's proceeding with the establishment of a junior college in Mindanao as far as means and developments will permit.

#### DEATH OF RALPH DINSBIER:

Announcement was made of the death of R.H.Dinsbier, of New York, on October 16. Brother and Sister Dinsbier served for a number of years as missionaries in China.

VOTED, That the Secretary be asked to convey to Sister Dinsbier an expression of our sincere and deep sympathy in the bereavement that has come to her in the passing of her husband.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

E.J.Lorntz, Slovakian church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, early in December.

G.E.Vandeman, Jamestown, North Dakota, November 5-7, en route from Walla Walla to Takoma Park.

E.W.Dunbar, Florida, November 17-22; Georgia-Cumberland Conference, November 23,24; Tennessee, November 25-27.

Dr. J.W.McFarland, Ontario-Quebec Conference, early January.

T.E.Lucas, Southwestern Union MV Council, early December.

G.E.Peters, workers' meeting, Allegheny Conference, November 5-7.

E.R.Walde, Florida, November 17-19.

L.L.Moffitt, Pacific Union S.S.Department Council, November 12-16; North Pacific Union S.S.Secretaries' Council, Portland, November 26-29.

J.A.Buckwalter, Pittsburgh, Sabbath, October 27.

H.F.Brown, Erie, Pennsylvania, Sabbath, October 27.

E.N.Dick, Canadian Union College, en route from British Columbia.

C.B.Haynes, spearhead effort in Stearns, Kentucky, November 24 to December 3.

Ben Glanzer, New York, October 13.

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L.R.Rasmussen, Lake Union for academy inspection, December; Central Union for academy survey, time to be arranged.

E.E.Franklin, Publishing Department meetings, Trenton, New Jersey, November 7-9.

V.E.Hendershot, workers' meeting, Charlotte, North Carolina, November 5-7.

A.W.Johnson and E.D. Dick, Cleveland to Washington and return, for attendance at funeral of Mrs. H.H.Votaw.

F.B.Knight, Washington to New York, on transportation business.

W.B.Ochs and a representative of the Home Missionary Department to workers' meeting in Illinois, November 26-29.

W.H.Branson, colporteur institute, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, January 4, 5, 1952.

Paul Wickman, Newfoundland, in interest of the radio work, time to be arranged.

L.R.Rasmussen, Atlantic Union for academy inspection, time to be arranged.

E.E.Cossentine, week end at Union Springs Academy, date to be arranged.

W.A.Scharffenberg, Mount Vernon, Ohio, and Detroit before returning to Washington.

E.W.Dunbar, MV Council, Batavia, New York, December 7-9.

H.W.Lowe, S.S.Secretaries' Council, Nashville, December 5

W.E.Phillips and H.P.Bloum, Miami, Florida, returning via Oakwood and Riverside.

M.E.DAWSON--CALLS:

VOTED, To pass on to M.E.Dawson, returning from South Africa, calls as follows: from the Southern Publishing Association to connect with the publishing house as treasurer; and from the College of Medical Evangelists to connect with that institution as general personnel manager for the entire institution.

ACCOUNT IN RHEIN-RUHR BANK:

Resolved, That the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists establish an account with the Rhein-Ruhr Bank, in Dusseldorf, Germany, and that the said Bank be, and hereby is, authorized to recognize the signatures of C.L.Terrey, Treasurer, and/or W.H.Williams, Undertreasurer, to sign or make all or any changes and orders for the payment of money on said account.



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## CME FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE

STANLEY C. HARRIS:

VOTED, That Stanley C. Harris be appointed a member and as Executive Secretary of the CME Fund-Raising Committee.

VOTED, That Stanley C. Harris be authorized to visit the College of Medical Evangelists some time during the month of November.

DRS. MITCHELL AND PRINCE

CME FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That Gerald E. Mitchell, D.D.S., and M. Webster Prince, D.D.S., be appointed members of the CME Fund-Raising Committee.

## VISITS TO OVERSEAS DIVISIONS:

VOTED, That we approve of arrangements relative to visits to overseas divisions, as follows:

L.L. Moffitt, Inter-America, in 1952, as arranged.

W.J. Harris, South America, February to June, 1952.

E.W. Dunbar, Inter-America, February to March, 1952.

L.A. Skinner, South America, September - December, 1952.

Louise Meyer, Northern Europe, February - April, 1952.

Paul Wickman, Australasia, February - May, 1952, and Far Eastern Division, returning.

T.L. Oswald, Australasia, April - June, 1952.

J.A. Buckwalter, Inter-America, November 20 - December 16 1951.

E.E. Franklin, Inter-America, November-December, 1951.

E.E. Cossentine, Inter-America, November 20-December 20, if possible.

E.R. Walde, stopover in Miami, November 13, 14, returning from Mexico City.

C.E. Moseley, West Africa, end of November, 1951, to January, 1952.

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A.L.White, South America, April - July, 1952, with stop-over in Mexico on return trip.

A.A.Esteb, Southern Europe, April - June, 1952; Middle East, time to be arranged, in 1952.

A.L.Ham, South Africa, December 9, 1951 - February 12, 1952.

L.E.Froom and F.H.Yost, Inter-America, six weeks beginning in June, 1952.

J.R.Ferren, Miami, November 9-15, 1951.

G.M.Mathews, Inter-America, December 15, 1951 - January 30, 1952.

E.N.Dick, Inter-America, December 15, 1951 - January 30, 1952.

R.H.Adair, South Africa, December 9 - February, 1952.

That W.H.Williams be released from the trip to Southern Africa and Ethiopia, and that he attend the Northern European Division meeting, and go to Berne and Berlin.

Adjourned.

R.R.Figuhr, Chairman.

H.T.Elliott, Secretary.

E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

## ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 25, 1951, 9:45 A.M..

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Elder V.T.Armstrong was given opportunity in the devotional hour Thursday morning, December 25, to bring to the Council a report of the work in the Far Eastern Division, other divisions having been assigned the 7:30 hour each evening. He presented a most encouraging report. A strong and aggressive evangelistic program is being carried on throughout the division. Everywhere people are interested in Christianity, and this is our day of opportunity for the preaching of the gospel. Last year there were 6,636 baptisms, the largest number of any year in the history of the work in the Far Eastern Division. In Japan, thirty new church buildings have been dedicated since the close of World War II.

Our medical work is making a most favorable impression throughout the division, causing many in every walk of life to look to us, not only for physical, but also for spiritual help. The educational work has been greatly expanded, but needs to be still greatly enlarged. In the Philippines we have 10,000 young people, 75% of whom are in public schools and colleges. We must make provision that will enable all of our young people to obtain their education in our own denominational schools. The publishing work is onward, with a new plant in the Philippines, and one in Japan. The workers of the division are of good courage, and are resolved to carry on, despite any difficulties that may arise, until the work is finished.

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The seventh business session of the Council convened at 9:45 A.M. Thursday, October 25. Prayer was offered by M.E.Loewen, of the Ohio Conference.

## CORRESPONDENCE BIBLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That A.V.Olson be added to the Bible Correspondence School Policy Committee.

## OAKWOOD COLLEGE:

The Council recessed, and a meeting of the constituency of Oakwood College was called by A.L.Ham, chairman of the Board. The nominating committee submitted their report, and the following Board was elected: V.G.Anderson, F.L.Bland, L.H.Bland, E.E.Cossentine, Dr.Carl A.Dent, L.B.Reynolds, L.E.Ford, W.W.Fordham, Dr.T.R.Flaiz, C.O.Franz, H.S.Hanson, H.R.Murphy, H.W.Kibble, A.L.Ham, W.B.Ochs, G.E.Peters, F.L.Peterson, H.E.Schneider, H.D.Singleton, O.A.Troy, J.H.Wagner, A.Warren, W.E.Williams, H.T.Elliott, C.E.Moseley. Advisory Members: L.E.Lenheim, M.L.Rice, D.A.Ochs, M.V.Campbell, J.W.Turner. The secretary read the minutes of the preceding and this meeting, and the meeting adjourned sine die.

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## RIVERSIDE SANITARIUM:

A meeting of the constituency of the Riverside Sanitarium was called by A.L.Ham, chairman of the Board, and on nomination, the same persons elected as the Board of Oakwood College, with the Advisory Members, were elected as the Board of Management of the Riverside Sanitarium. After the reading of the minutes by the secretary the meeting adjourned sine die.

The Council resumed.

## STATISTICAL REPORT:

The statistical report of Seventh-day Adventist conferences, missions and institutions in the world field for the year ending December 31, 1950, was distributed, in printed form, to the delegates. Elder E.J.Johanson, the Statistical Secretary, in presenting the report, said we have cause to rejoice at the progress indicated. Church membership increased during the year by 40,174 (5.6%) to 756,712, with overseas membership increasing by 32,428 (6.8%) to 505,773, and North American membership by 7,746 (3.2%) to 250,939. Overseas membership now represents two-thirds of the entire world membership, and North American one-third. Sabbath school membership stood at 952,229, of which three-fourths is overseas. Church contributions throughout the world field amounted to \$45,908,057.73, including tithe, foreign mission offerings, and contributions for home mission and local church work. This is an increase over 1949 of \$827,157.44, as expressed in U.S. currency.

FINANCIAL SUMMARIES OF EDUCATIONAL  
INSTITUTIONS AND SANITARIUMS AND HOSPITALS:

E.J.Johanson presented also financial summaries of the educational institutions, and of the sanitariums and hospitals in North America. The operation of the colleges and academies during the year 1950-51 resulted in an increase of \$1,867,682.33 or 1.9%, in the net investment in these institutions. During the same year the indebtedness of these institutions increased by \$804,702.04, or 40%, so that it now stands at a total of \$2,813,629.07.

The eighteen denominational sanitariums and hospitals in North America regularly submitting reports to the General Conference, show a total operating income of \$15,450,950.67 for the year 1950, representing an increase over the previous year of \$1,105,015.25, or 7.7%. Operating expenses during 1950 amounted to \$14,772,506.38, being \$919,956.65, or 6.6% more than for 1949. The operating gain of \$678,444.29 represents an increase of \$185,058.60, or 37.5% over the 1949 gain of \$493,385.69.

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Further recommendations from the General Conference Officers were submitted, and adopted as follows:

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## OVERSEAS WORKERS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

WHEREAS, It sometimes occurs that overseas employees of other mission societies or commercial enterprises operating in the area of the mission field accept the Advent Message and are shortly thereafter employed in our mission service; therefore

We recommend, 1. That when such individuals enjoy furlough or leave-of-absence privileges from their former employing organizations at the time of the change of their employment, such workers shall not lose these privileges but shall be eligible to furlough or leave-of-absence as denominational employees on the basis of the denominational furlough policy applying in that area.

2. That when such workers are employed by our organization, responsibility for their sustentation support shall rest upon the division from which the worker originally comes.

3. That the service record of such workers shall not receive credit for any time spent in government or commercial employ.

4. That if former employment was with a religious organization, our sustentation policy governing such cases shall apply.

5. That in order to avoid misunderstandings in these matters, such workers shall not be employed without the approval of the committee of the employing division, after consulting with the workers' home divisions. The General Conference shall also record its approval of such employment, and at the same time notify the division on whom the future responsibility for sustentation rests. Attention is particularly called to the need for special care in employing workers over thirty-five years of age.

## WORKING POLICY REVISIONS:

We recommend, That the General Conference Working Policy be revised as follows (all underlined material is either new or revised):

Assistance for Education of Older  
Children of Missionaries

1. That paragraph 2, page 99, be amended to read as follows: "The student receiving a grant must be an unmarried dependent child of a missionary and must attend one of our denominational colleges or training schools, except in fields where the denomination does not provide senior college facilities, grants being made only for the period the student is actually attending school."

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Rent of Homes in Mission Fields

2. That the last two lines of page 96 be amended to read: "A missionary is not required to pay more than twelve per cent of his wage as rent." (Note.--This was made 11.5% by a later action.)

Visits by General Conference Workers

3. That wherever in this policy, pages 24 and 25, the term "General Conference Secretary" is used the expression "one of the vice-presidents appointed for this work," be substituted, inasmuch as the responsibility of arranging for overseas visits has now been assigned to one of the general vice-presidents.

Freight, Insurance, and Customs Charges

4. That paragraph 1, page 93, be amended by deleting the phrase "over two years of age," thus making the 500 pound freight allowance apply to each child irrespective of age.

Workers Returned from Mission Service

5. That paragraph 3, page 119, be amended to read: "The division or General Conference is responsible for transporting these workers to the fields to which they are called, the division being responsible for locating the worker in his former home or in his first place of employment, the General Conference assuming the responsibility in all other cases."

6. That the following paragraph be included in the policy on permanently returned workers and form paragraph 8, page 119: "Overseas divisions shall make provision for the assistance and placing of workers who are permanently returned to their home fields from mission service rendered in other divisions."

7. That at the close of paragraph 1, page 118, of the permanently returned workers' policy, the following sentence be added: "In the application of this policy the General Conference is acting in the capacity of the North American Division."

Rehabilitation Allowance

8. That paragraph 1, page 119, be amended to read: "Missionaries . . . who have completed more than one half of one period of service in the mission field and who are permanently returned for reasons other than those involving dismissal, shall be granted by the division in which the worker has served overseas, a rehabilitation allowance," etc.

9. That paragraph 1, last sentence, page 120, be amended to read: "In case a worker does not elect to take home the full freight allowance provided above he shall be compensated in cash at the rate of \$14.00 per 100 pounds on the difference

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between the freight actually carried and the maximum allowance." Further, that paragraph 2 be deleted, which reads: "A sum equivalent to \$65.00 for crating and packing for a family, or \$20.00 for a single worker."

10. That paragraph 1, page 120, be amended to read: "The division from which the missionary is returning shall pay: 1. Freight, cartage, and handling, as well as necessary packing and crating charges on household goods and personal effects," etc.

#### Assistance on Medical Expense

11. That the section on "Medical Expense of Missionaries on Furlough" be deleted and these workers be included in the section "Medical Expense" on page 136.

12. That paragraph 1 under "Medical Expense" page 136, be amended to read: "Workers including missionaries on furlough or permanently returned to their homeland, having medical expense," etc.

13. That the following paragraphs be added to the policy on "Medical Expense":

a. "When a worker submits his request for assistance under the medical expense policy, he shall submit statements from the medical institution or doctor covering at least the major items of expense reported."

b. "Workers are asked to make their own arrangements for medical attention and be responsible to the institution or doctor for the expense involved. Except in cases of emergency workers should take counsel with the organization concerned before arranging for major operations or other medical attention calling for heavy expense."

#### Assistance on Medical Expense in Overseas Divisions

14. That paragraph 1, page 165, be amended to read as follows: "In applying the medical expense policy in overseas divisions, a worker having medical . . . expenses in excess of one fourth of one week's wage may receive one half of the bill for an amount remaining above that portion of his wage, up to and not exceeding the equivalent of three weeks' wage. When these expenses are more than the equivalent of three weeks' wage, two thirds of any amount between three weeks' wage and five weeks' wage will be allowed to the worker, and three fourths of any additional amount, if the bill is for more than the equivalent of five weeks' wage," etc.

15. That paragraph 2, page 165, which reads: "The above allowances are not intended to cover accumulations of small disconnected medical or dental bills," be deleted,

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### Travel Allowance

16. That the daily travel allowances on page 148, paragraph 4; 145, paragraph 6a; and 108, paragraph 19e, be amended to read: "Daily travel allowance at the prevailing rate of the division concerned," wherever the \$3.00 rate is mentioned, and that "50% of the prevailing rate in the division" wherever the \$1.50 allowance is mentioned.

### Vacations

17. That the policy entitled "Vacations for Sanitarium Nurses," page 148, be deleted and the following general statement on "Vacations" be included in the Working Policy:

"The right of our denominational workers to an annual vacation of two weeks under ordinary circumstances is recognized. With the object of obtaining the maximum good from yearly leaves, it is the plan that vacations be taken each year rather than allowing an accumulation over several years. However, exceptions to this general plan are recognized in lands where laws require longer vacations and also in certain mission fields where climatic conditions require longer leaves. Each division shall therefore regulate vacation policy in its own territory."

### Operating Policy---Union Mission

18. That page 31, section 3, be amended to include the following: "A Union Mission shall also grant credentials to all workers within the Union territory entitled to ministerial and missionary credentials except as otherwise provided by action of the Division Committee."

### The Tithe

19. That page 132, section 4, be amended by adding the following sentence: "In fields where the budgets are segregated into Sections I and II, and in other fields as the division committee may direct, the tithe of the foreign missionaries shall be paid into the treasury from which they receive their salaries, inasmuch as the tithe of the overseas workers forms a part of Section II of the budget."

### Tithe Per Cent Schedule

20. That the following paragraphs be inserted at the beginning of the section on "Tithe Percentage," page 133, and the title of the section amended accordingly: "In harmony with the divine principle set forth in the Bible and the writings of the Spirit of prophecy that all should share in the responsibility of supporting the world-wide work, we recognize the justice of our conferences and missions sharing their tithe."



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"In overseas divisions the division committee shall arrange for the fields within their territory to contribute a per cent of their tithe to the division treasury to be used on behalf of the work within the division. This per cent shall be based as far as possible on a graduated scale as the division committee may determine."

#### Financial Assistance to Missionary Appointees from Home Bases

21. That the title of the section on "Financial Assistance to Missionary Appointees" be amended to read: "Financial Assistance to Missionary Appointees from Home Bases," and that the following sentence be added to paragraph 1: "Where nationals of other than home base divisions are called from their home division to serve in another division, the outfitting and other allowances to be granted such workers shall be determined by the receiving division in counsel with the sending division."

#### Furlough Policy

22. That the Furlough Policy, page 104, section 2, be amended to read: "Children of missionary families sent out from the home fields shall be entitled to furlough privileges with their parents until they reach the age of twenty. If employed in the mission field such children retain their furlough privileges after the age of twenty except in the case of a daughter who marries a national worker, in which case she comes under the policy in paragraph 5. If a son of a missionary entitled to furlough marries a national and is employed in the work, he and his family shall have furlough privileges, this to apply also to his children until they reach their eighteenth birthday, at which time the children's furlough privileges cease, even though they are employed by the denomination at that time or are subsequently employed. However, in case such children return to their parents' homeland and establish residence there, they shall be considered new missionary appointees and shall be entitled to all the privileges of such workers if they are called back to the division of their former residence."

"Children of missionaries whose parents enjoy furlough privileges and who are over twenty years of age not employed in the mission field, while retaining the right to a permanent return to the homeland of their parents are no longer entitled to furlough privileges."

#### Salary Arrangements for Missionary Appointees

23. That paragraph 3, page 89, be amended to read:

"The salary of the missionary appointee ordinarily begins one month before the date of sailing. This month's allowance together with salary during the time the appointee is traveling to the port of disembarkation in the mission field shall be paid

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at the rate the outgoing missionary had received in his homeland and in the currency of the country from which the worker comes without reference to rates of exchange established for payment of workers in local mission fields. From the time of disembarking in the mission field the appointee shall be paid at the rate of salary which he is to receive in the field and at the rates of exchange as are in use by the local mission in dealing with other workers. When the plan of continuing the homeland rate of salary during the time of travel to his field results to the disadvantage of the missionary, the employing division may make such adjustments as are considered necessary," etc.

#### Salary Rates for Permanently Returned Missionaries

24. That paragraph 3, page 116, be amended to read:

"Workers returning permanently to their homeland on account of failing health or for other valid reasons are supported by the division for a period up to six months from the date of sailing from the field and at the rate of salary set for them in the homeland upon their return," etc.

#### Expense of Missionaries on Furlough When Assigned Special Work

25. That the section of page 114, be amended by the addition of the following:

"In order that the services of missionaries furloughing in North America may be better utilized in the promotion of the interests of foreign missions in our churches throughout the field the following plan for meeting the expense in connection with this work is agreed upon:

"a. When a missionary is authorized by the local conference president or a local pastor to accept speaking appointments in near-by churches within the local conference he may report the actual travel expense incurred in meeting such appointments. Said expense shall be met by the General Conference.

"b. When appointments requiring greater travel are arranged between the union conference administration and the General Conference, the expenses for such shall be borne by the General and union conference as mutually agreed upon at the time the appointments are arranged."

#### Medical Examination and Expense of Permanently Returned Workers and Workers on Furlough

26. That the following statement be added to the Working Policy, page 108, section 20:

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"The employing division shall pay for the medical examination of missionary families on furlough, and if further medical attention is necessary, aid in meeting such expense shall be given by the employing division on the basis of the medical and dental policy as found on page 136.

"Missionary families returning permanently to their homeland shall contact the Secretarial office of the General Conference or of their home division, immediately upon arrival in their home country. The secretary concerned will supply the regular furlough medical blanks on which to report the results of the general physical examination which all missionary families returning home permanently are asked to have. The expense involved shall be paid by the division in which the worker has labored.

"The secretary concerned shall within three months report the results of the examination to the division which pays the expense. If the examination reveals the necessity of further medical attention because of sickness resulting from service in the mission field, the division from which the missionary is returning shall share the expense with the worker, during a period not to exceed six months from the date of sailing from the field, in harmony with the medical and dental policy found on page 136, and as authorized by the General Conference."

#### Freight and Outfitting for Special Short Term Missionaries

27. That the following section be included on page 94, following "Outfitting Allowances":

"When missionaries are sent out on a special short term basis, assistance on freight and outfitting may be provided after consultation with the calling division to which such expense shall be charged.

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A report from a committee that was appointed on Motion Pictures and Telecasts was submitted, and adopted as follows:

#### STANDARDS FOR MOTION PICTURES AND TELECASTS:

We recommend, That the following manuscript setting forth the principles upon which motion pictures and television presentations are to be considered acceptable or unacceptable be approved and that it be published as one of the Missionary Volunteer Department leaflets.

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## MOTION PICTURES

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"We must abstain from any practice which will blunt the conscience or encourage temptation. We must open no door that will give Satan access to the mind of one human being formed in the image of God." Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 360.

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"Why have you not extolled the word of God above every human production? Is it not enough to keep close to the Author of all truth? Are you not satisfied to draw water fresh from the streams of Lebanon? God has living fountains from which to refresh the thirsty soul, and stores of precious food with which to strengthen the spirituality." Testimonies, Vol. 6, p. 164.

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## MOTION PICTURES AND TELEVISION

## Principles and Standards Governing Their Selection

The projection of motion pictures into the modern world, followed by their vast development and exploitation, has thrust upon the church a problem of grave proportions. The television screen, whether its pictures originate on a stage with living actors or from motion picture film, projects the problem into the home. The motion picture and television are among the world's most potent educational media for good or evil. To distinguish the good from the evil so the good can be utilized and the evil rejected is the crux of the problem. This is a matter of such importance as to call for a clear statement of the fundamental principles involved, and for a courageous stand thereupon by the leaders of the church and by the laity.

There are legitimate uses of television and motion pictures for purposes of education, enlightenment, and recreation. And there are sharply defined basic principles that determine their right or wrong use, as verily as of reading, dress, or association. These principles we should recognize and apply logically, consistently, and unitedly. They involve what is presented, the way it is presented, where it is presented, and by whom it is presented. The distinction between good and evil, between proper and improper lies in the nature of the subject, and its origin and presentation, not in the machine which projects the subject. The same principles of morality, propriety, and value, as regards the Christian who seeks to keep himself unspotted, apply equally to television and the motion picture.

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There are fundamental principles that should govern the selection of telecasts or motion picture films for exhibition in Seventh-day Adventist institutions, homes, or assemblies. The following counsel from the Spirit of prophecy seems applicable here:

"Those who would not fall a prey to Satan's devices must guard the avenues of the soul; they must avoid reading, seeing, or hearing that which will suggest impure thoughts." Messages to Young People, p. 285.

"By drinking at an impure fountain, poison is introduced into the system. Inexperienced youth taken over this line of study receive impressions which lead their thoughts into channels that are fatal to piety." Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 360.

In harmony with the principles set forth in this counsel it is evident that all feature motion pictures or telecasts that portray fictional, dramatized theatrical plays cannot be approved or condoned by the church. The history of the theatrical drama and its present character show it to be generally opposed to the highest ideals of morality, and alien to spiritual life. Its themes are built upon human passions. It graphically presents, by portrayal and by suggestion, the sins and crimes of humanity,--murder, adultery, robbery, and every other evil. Even its attempted depiction of virtue is feeble, and frequently false. And its conception of love and of love-making desecrates the most intimate and sacred relation of man and woman.

Such films are unacceptable because they confuse the thinking of our people regarding the Seventh-day Adventist attitude toward the theater, the opera, and novel reading; because they create an appetite for emotional reaction which can be satisfied only by further indulgence; and because they make an unwarranted play upon the emotions. Pictures which play upon the emotions create an appetite for the sensational, causing the individual to live in the realm of the unreal, destroying responsiveness to duty, and resulting in emotional instability.

The motion-picture house has so popularized the theater, that millions are daily in attendance at exhibitions which can only exert an influence to lower standards of Christian purity. We believe that in no small degree it is responsible for the present breakdown of morality. There can, therefore, be no compromise here without tragic loss and fundamental mistake.

In education we are directed to build only upon the real, the actual, and the true, and to turn away from the false, the speculative, and the fanciful. In literature we are cautioned against the fictional and the unreal. In dress we are to abandon the artificial, the showy, the merely decorative. In diet we are asked to discard the impure, the corrupting, and the hurtful. In character building we are admonished to reject all sham and pretense. So, likewise, in our relation to the motion picture,

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silent or sound, we must definitely choose only "whatsoever things are true," honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report; and deliberately refuse that which is untrue and unreal, which involves sham and pretense, or which is impure and corrupting. All such pictures should, because of their inherent wrong, be barred from use by the church, its organizations, institutions, and members.

With such basic principles clearly established we therefore take a definite and positive stand against the feature motion pictures and telecasts which dramatize scenes and events that are opposed to the high ideals of morality that have been enunciated in our church standards. We therefore call upon our entire church membership, young and old, to take their stand upon this platform.

We recognize that there are acceptable motion pictures and telecasts depicting real life, and historical or even Biblical scenes that have been dramatized. The legitimate use of motion pictures or television for the presentation of the message or for education and also recreational purposes is not to be condemned. No doubt there are wonderful opportunities for proclaiming the gospel and reaching millions through these means; but like so many things in life, motion pictures and television are dangerous blends of good and evil. They have been largely appropriated by the evil one with the result that the popular movie and television tend to break down standards of Christian character. Clear discernment of right and wrong is needed, therefore, that we may guard well the avenues of the soul.

For the aid of those charged with the responsibility of selection, we here submit a list of suggestions, further expanding and applying the aforesaid principles, by which motion-picture films to be used in our churches, schools, sanitariums, or elsewhere in connection with our cause, may be adjudged, and either approved or rejected. We believe that the fundamental principles and standards here set forth will prove helpful to committees, boards, and individuals required to make decisions in the choice of pictures. These are tabulated under two heads, (1) "Acceptable Presentations," and (2) "Unacceptable Presentations," though we are conscious of the fact that this listing is neither final nor complete, but is only a general guide in selection.

### I. ACCEPTABLE PRESENTATIONS

a. Industrial Pictures, -- Such as pictures showing processes of manufacture, lumbering, mining, oil production, public utilities, transportation, commerce, transmission of news and information.

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- b. Scientific Processes and Food Research.
- c. Travelogues, -- Pictures of other countries, their national habits, customs, and life (excluding scenes that may have an unwholesome influence).
- d. Nature and Wild Life, -- Pictures of national or other parks, natural scenery, mountain climbing, exploration, the Forest Service, animal life in various states and nations, the life development of insects, plants, fish, birds, and animals (excluding those which emphasize cruelty).
- e. Archeology and Wholesome Art, -- (That conforms to our recognized standards of Christian modesty).
- f. Newsreels and Current History, -- (Excluding pictures which are contrary to our recognized standards).
- g. Educational Pictures, which impart information and teach truth in any branch of learning.
- h. Historical, -- Pictures of authentic events accurately portrayed, and otherwise meeting the standards set forth in this statement.
- i. Our Denominational Work, and activities.
- j. Biographical, Pictures of honorable characters, worthy of emulation and accurately portrayed, and otherwise meeting the standards set forth in this statement.

## II. UNACCEPTABLE PRESENTATIONS

- a. Motion pictures impersonating Christ.
- b. All feature motion picture films or telecasts that portray fictional dramatized theatrical plays.
- c. Pictures portraying scenes of intimate love-making.
- d. Pictures which lower esteem for the sanctity of marriage by portraying family disruptions, or ridiculing home life and home relationships.
- e. Pictures portraying scenes which are contrary to Seventh-day Adventist standards and ideals, such as dancing, card playing, gambling, drinking, night life, carousing, gaiety, revelry, or rowdiness.
- f. Pictures portraying crime or glorifying criminals.
- g. Pictures portraying scenes of violence, cruelty, or brutality, such as prize fighting or professional wrestling.

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h. Pictures portraying scenes of smoking or drinking as a desirable social activity.

i. Pictures which by ridicule or insinuation, or crude comedy, could lower, in the estimation of the observer, regard for the law of God, religion, or the ministry, or the dignity of human personality or law enforcing agencies.

j. Pictures of a scientific or historical character which distort the facts or pervert the truth.

k. Pictures in which coarse, profane, or vulgar language is used.

l. Animated cartoons which violate the standards of propriety in this section.

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Adjourned, with the closing prayer by V.E.Hendershot.

R.R.Figuhr, Chairman.

H.T.Elliott,

J.I.Robison, Secretaries.

E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary.

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ONE HUNDRED THIRTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 26, 1951, 9:45 A.M.

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Elder W.A.Fagal, in leading out in the devotional service of the day, used as his introductory text Ezekiel 37:4-5. This Scripture, he said, had its application not only to ancient Israel; it has an application also to our day. The world today, figuratively speaking, is a valley of dry bones. Multitudes today are spiritually dry, barren and dead. In order to bring life to the bones that Ezekiel saw, he was commanded to speak the word of the Lord. The only thing that today can bring life to the multitudes who are spiritually dead is the preaching of the Word of God to them. Men regard preaching as foolishness, but God has absolute confidence in it. He has ordained that through "the foolishness of preaching" men should be brought to a knowledge of Him and be saved. The time has come when by every legitimate and conceivable means we should endeavor to make known the message of God to men.



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After the opening song for the eighth business session of the Council, at 9:45 A.M., Friday, October 26, prayer was offered by D.A.Ochs.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR:

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

We recommend, 1. That Dr. Genevieve McWilliams be released from the appointment to Ethiopia.

2. That the College of Medical Evangelists be requested to release Dr. Dorothy Jeanne Andrews, of the White Memorial Hospital, to connect with the Northern European Division to serve as a doctor in Ethiopia.

3. That the Columbia Union and the New Jersey Conference be requested to release V.C.Brown to connect with the Northern European Division to serve as a worker for Sierra Leone, West Africa.

4. That the Southwestern Union and the Oklahoma Conference be requested to release C.V.Brauer to connect with the Middle East Division for evangelistic work in Egypt.

5. That the North Pacific Union and the Oregon Conference be requested to release R.C.Skinner to connect with the Middle East Division for evangelistic work in Iran.

6. That the Review and Herald be requested to release Ruland Robinson to connect with the Argentine Publishing House, in South America, to serve as press foreman.

7. That the Southern Union and the Florida Sanitarium be requested to release Miriam Kerr to connect with the College of Medical Evangelists for work in the nursing department of the Loma Linda Sanitarium.

8. That the S.P.A. be requested to release Virginia Thomas, for secretarial work in the Southern Union office.

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

#### EXCHANGE POLICY:

WHEREAS, It is possible for the General Conference to make remittances to most of the overseas divisions in local currencies and thus make a larger saving for the cause, and in order to bring this plan into harmony with General Conference policy; therefore

We recommend, That the General Conference Exchange Policy, paragraphs 6,7,8,10, and 11 be amended to read as follows:

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6. The General Conference or division treasurers shall make remittances, as shall be agreed upon, to the respective union or local fields in the currency of the country in which such fields are operating unless it is found advantageous to exchange funds locally, in which case any difference between the current and fixed rates of exchange shall be reported to the next higher organization.

7. The fixed rates of exchange shall apply to the following transactions only:

- a. Regular base appropriations, appropriations covering Church Extension funds and spring in tithes and offerings.
- b. Tithes, offerings, sustentation, and exchange items.
- c. Salaries and expense of workers under appointment, on furlough, or permanently returned to their homelands.
- d. Statistical reports.
- e. Transfer of funds for workers to the extent outlined in succeeding paragraphs of this policy.

8. Except as outlined in paragraph 7, all appropriations voted by the General Conference to our overseas divisions at the time of the Autumn Council or at other times shall be handled at the current rate of exchange unless otherwise provided in the action granting the appropriation.

10. The General Conference will appropriate monthly by reversion to the various divisions concerned one half of the net gain in exchange or will charge them for one half of the net loss in exchange as reported by each division field. In all transactions handled at fixed rates of exchange in behalf of workers, the difference between the current and fixed rate values shall be credited to the General Conference Exchange account in the division's books and be charged against the division's one-half portion of the net exchange gains.

11. The General Conference shall enter in an Exchange Reserve account the one half remaining of the net exchange gains or losses reported by the various overseas divisions. Any net gain thus accrued may be used to meet emergency conditions resulting from unusual exchange fluctuations, or for such purposes as may be determined by the General Conference Committee in Autumn Council.

We further recommend, That an additional section of the Exchange Policy known as Section 28, be added to read as follows:

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28. The General Conference will keep in close touch with the division treasurers and where it is found that the overseas divisions can purchase exchange at a better rate than the General Conference, the division treasurers will make the purchases so that the maximum income to the cause may be realized. It is understood that the overseas fields and the General Conference shall share equally in the gains resulting from these remittances to the divisions or the purchase of foreign exchange by overseas fields. No portion of the gain in exchange shall be used in Class I work, that is, for employment of workers or in payment of any other recurring expenses.

We further recommend, That these revisions of the Exchange Policy take effect as from January 1, 1952, with the understanding that prior to that date such extraordinary exchange gains as are realized from General Conference transactions in local currency with divisions shall be shared equally between the General Conference and the divisions concerned, and that the terms of the Exchange Policy prior to revision shall apply to all other exchange items in all divisions. The South American Division and the Southern European Division, it is understood, will not be affected by the revised policy prior to January 1, 1952.

#### ADVANCED TEACHER TRAINING:

We recommend, That paragraphs 1 and 2 under "Advanced Teacher Training," page 140 of the Working Policy, be amended to read:

1. A college teacher who is recommended by the board to leave of absence for a period of twelve months for advanced study shall receive as a maximum allowance, for which a written agreement shall be entered into covering (a) full salary, (b) tuition or travel expense, whichever is greater. The entire amount for a calendar year of authorized study shall be amortized at the rate of 20% for each year of service following the leave. Allowances for leaves for study longer than one calendar year shall be amortized by proportionately extended periods of service.

2. After receiving a year's leave as described above, the head of a department in a college or junior college cannot be called by another employing organization within five years and any other teacher in the department who has received similar help cannot be called within three years, except by agreement with the college boards involved which shall include provision for the unamortized portion of the allowance granted; etc.

#### WEEK OF PRAYER AND SACRIFICE OFFERING:

We recommend, That the combined Annual and Week of Sacrifice Offering be referred to hereafter as the Week of Prayer and Sacrifice Offering.

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The following further report from the Plans Committee was presented, and adopted:

#### NORTH AMERICAN INGATHERING GOAL FOR 1952:

WHEREAS, The increasing needs of the mission fields and the vast unworked areas of earth present a tremendous challenge for a vastly enlarged effort in raising funds for our world mission program; and

WHEREAS, The conditions of the world demand urgency and faithfulness and undivided loyalty from the entire church in the finishing of the work of God; therefore

Be it resolved, That a goal of \$3,000,000.00 be set as the 1952 Ingathering goal for the North American Division and that we call upon each institution and every department of the denomination to cooperate in this grand undertaking; and, further, that we appeal to every member of every church in North America to assist to the full extent of his ability in quickly reaching this goal.

#### SETS OF DENOMINATIONAL BOOKS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES:

WHEREAS, The Five-Year-Plan of providing annually 100 selected sets of denominational books to a like number of university, college, seminary, and larger public libraries, has operated successfully for the past four years, and is now entering upon its last year under the provision; and

WHEREAS, Widespread appreciation has been expressed by non-Adventist libraries for the receipt of these Seventh-day Adventist books, together with sets of covering Library of Congress cards for their cataloging; therefore

We recommend, 1. That this Denominational-Books-for-Libraries Plan be continued for an additional five years, to cover 500 additional libraries at the rate of 100 sets per year.

2. That the committee responsible for carrying out this provision be asked to re-study and revise the book list, in the light of books now out of print and new books now available, and to include Drama of the Ages, by W.H. Branson, in the list.

3. That the present plan of financing this project now operative, be continued.

#### CHALLENGE TO GREATER EVANGELISM WITH "SIGNS":

WHEREAS, One of our great objectives is to double our church membership by 1954, through a vastly increased effort in every phase of our evangelistic program; and

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WHEREAS, There is nothing so inspiring to every believer as a great, glowing spiritual objective, challenging larger soul-winning achievement for God; and

WHEREAS, The vision of the future assures us that "more than 1,000 will be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our literature,"

We recommend, 1. That every church member be encouraged to endeavor, by God's help, to bring the spiritual blessing and uplift of the Signs of the Times into two or more homes each year.

2. That all who do so be presented with an attractive address book, entitled "My Signs Prayer List," for recording the names of persons for whom he sponsors Signs; and that it be provided free by the publishers of Signs.

3. That all of our churches be encouraged to form prayer bands, to pray for those who are subscribers to the Signs, to the end that this journal might become an instrumentality in leading them to Christ and an acceptance of the message.

#### A CALL TO GREATER SABBATH SCHOOL EVANGELISM:

WHEREAS, There are great soul-winning possibilities within the Sabbath school which as yet have not been fully utilized as indicated by the following statements from the messenger of the Lord:

"The Sabbath school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ." --Counsels on Sabbath School Work, p. 10

"Our Sabbath schools . . . can accomplish far more than they have hitherto accomplished. The Sabbath school, when rightly managed, possesses marvelous power, and is adapted to doing a great work, but it is not now what it may and should be. The influence growing out of Sabbath school work should improve and enlarge the church . . . There is a most precious missionary field in the Sabbath school, and if there are omens of good, they are only indications and beginnings of what may be done." --Ibid., p. 9; and

WHEREAS, The year 1952 is the Centennial Year in our Sabbath school work and offers an unusual opportunity for launching the strongest soul-saving evangelistic program in our history;

We recommend, 1. That every effort be made to place the strongest possible emphasis on the soul-saving phases of Sabbath school work, both among our own children, youth, and adults, and among the general public.

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2. That 1952 mark the initiation of the strongest possible program of soul-winning through better teaching, Branch Sabbath Schools, Community Bible Schools, Children's Story Hours, and Vacation Bible Schools, in order that we may make the maximum contribution to the denominational objective of doubling our membership throughout the world.

3. That at least once a month the time usually devoted to lesson review in the Sabbath school program, be used for the presentation of Sabbath school evangelism and the relating of Sabbath school soul-winning experiences.

4. That local conference committees be asked to call workers' meetings as soon as possible for the consideration and implementing of the plans of the Cleveland Sabbath School Evangelistic Council.

5. That conference committees also endeavor to arrange for the holding of similar meetings for Sabbath school officers, church elders, and missionary leaders, either on a district or conference-wide basis.

#### THE RELATION OF SEVENTH-DAYS ADVENTISTS TO WAR:

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a religious body that devotes its energies and resources exclusively to spiritual and humanitarian work. It teaches its members in every land to live blameless lives, to honor the flag and to obey the laws of their country, and to deport themselves in every way as loyal, peaceable citizens. Very particularly, the church teaches its members to pray for the welfare of the state, and for its rulers, in accordance with the instruction of Christ and the holy apostles.

In time of war, Seventh-day Adventist church members seek even more zealously to carry out these teachings. In many lands they organize first-aid classes, medical cadet training corps, and other forms of relief work, to enable them to give most effective assistance to the wounded, the sick, and the needy--the kind of assistance that they conscientiously believe they should give to their fellowmen and to their country.

When called by their country, Seventh-day Adventists have ever been willing and ready to wear the uniform, and to render faithful service in the armed forces, except training for, and engaging in, combat service and activities which would contribute to the taking of human life. They do not fear to risk their lives, they fear only to disobey God. And they believe they would be disobeying their conscientious Christian convictions if they took human life. The same holy apostles who instruct them to pray for rulers, also instruct them that they should obey God rather than man if there is<sup>a</sup> conflict between the two. Indeed, they do not know how they can give genuinely loyal service to their country unless they first are loyal to their God.

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We recommend, 1. That this statement concerning the relationship of Seventh-day Adventists to war be incorporated in the Supplement of the Church Manual under a separate heading immediately following the statement of Fundamental Beliefs, but without being a part of that statement.

2. That the next session of the General Conference be asked to draw up a statement on Seventh-day Adventists' loyalty to government and relationship to war which can be incorporated in our statement of Fundamental Beliefs as published in our Church Manual and Yearbook.

Adjourned to 9:45 A.M. Sunday, October 28, with the closing prayer by W.P. Bradley.

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

# ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 28, 1951, 9:45 A.M.

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The time of the devotional hour Sunday morning, October 28, was given to Elder C.H. Davis, of the South China Island Union Mission, to report concerning the work in the China Division. Because of political developments that have taken place in China during the past several years, all of our European workers have had to evacuate from the division, except that portion which is known as "Free China." The work in China proper is now entirely in the hands of national workers, who are showing great courage and fortitude in the face of many difficulties and hardships. Though shut off from our work and people in Free China which makes contact impossible, there are indications that our believers are standing firm, and that the workers are carrying on faithfully and loyally with the work.

In Free China there is a population of 11,000,000 Chinese. Eight million of these are on the Island of Formosa. Great opportunities for preaching the message to these millions present themselves to us today and endeavors are being made strongly to establish every phase of our work in this area. Multitudes are eagerly seeking to know the Advent Message. The workers dare not advertise the Bible Correspondence School for fear of being swamped with an overwhelming flood of enrollees. Without advertising, the Bible Correspondence School has enrolled a large number of students. The work in the great China Division calls for the earnest prayers of God's people everywhere.

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The ninth business session of the Council convened at 9:45 A.M. Sunday, October 28. After an opening song, prayer was offered by H.H.Hicks.

A further report from the Finance Committee was presented, and with some amendments was adopted as follows:

#### INGATHERING FUNDS FOR LOCAL PROJECTS:

We recommend, That each union conference in North America give favorable consideration to setting aside for welfare projects a portion of the Ingathering receipts reverting to its field.

#### DEBT CONTROL AND LIQUIDATION:

In accordance with our long-established policy providing that the world-wide work of this denomination shall be conducted in all its phases without incurring indebtedness, and particularly in view of the financial uncertainty and peril apparent on every hand at the present time, and recognizing that some of our organizations have become unfortunately involved and that diligent care must be exercised to remove the burdens now resting upon us,

We recommend, That the following provisions be wholeheartedly put into effect without delay, replacing that portion of the policy on "Debt Control and Liquidation" now appearing on pages 126,127, paragraphs 1-6, of the Working Policy:

#### "Debt Liquidation in Divisions Other Than North America

"Organizations having incurred indebtedness shall be required to adopt a definite policy of debt liquidation.

"a. Not less than 12½% of the entire indebtedness as of the close of the fiscal year ending not later than December 31, 1951; and, in the case of educational institutions, plus any note indebtedness incurred between the close of their last fiscal year and December 31, 1951, of each division and its subsidiary organizations, shall be liquidated annually. This indebtedness is to include not only notes payable and mortgages, but all accounts payable including inter-organizational accounts less net cash resources on hand after providing for reserve fund obligations. It is understood that the above per cent is a minimum and every effort shall be put forth to liquidate the indebtedness in a shorter time.

"b. It is the plan that the funds required annually for debt liquidation shall be raised within the respective divisions and shall be made up from regular and/or special appropriations received and any other funds available other than tithe. Where the indebtedness is especially large the question shall be made a matter for special consideration by the division committees in counsel with the General Conference.



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"c. In Overseas Divisions, union conference and union mission officers shall make reports of the progress in debt liquidation at the annual meetings of the Division Committee.

"Debt Liquidation in the North American Division

"a. Where indebtedness has been incurred by conferences or institutions in the North American Division, not less than 12½% of the indebtedness as of the close of the fiscal year ending not later than December 31, 1951; and, in the case of educational institutions, plus any note indebtedness incurred between the close of their last fiscal year and December 31, 1951, shall be liquidated annually. This indebtedness is to include not only notes payable and mortgages, but all accounts payable including inter-organizational accounts, less net cash resources on hand after providing for reserve fund obligations. Where the indebtedness is especially large, counsel shall be sought from the General Conference. It is understood that the above percentage is a minimum and that every effort shall be put forth to liquidate the indebtedness in a shorter time.

"b. In the North American Division, colleges, academies, sanitariums, publishing houses and other institutions shall apply annually to the reduction of their debts the following:

- (1) The debt-paying comeback to which they are entitled.
- (2) An amount equal to at least 50% of the building depreciation for the current year.
- (3) An amount equal to at least 50% of net operating profits for the current year.

"c. The union treasurer shall furnish to the Treasurer of the General Conference at the close of each year, a statement showing the use made of the comeback funds received.

"d. At each Autumn Council of the General Conference Committee, presidents of union and local conferences shall submit reports regarding plans for the reduction of indebtedness in their fields, methods adopted to this end and progress made."

REVISIONS OF SUSTENTATION REGULATIONS:

We recommend, That the indicated paragraphs of the Sustentation Policy be revised to read as follows:

Paragraph 16. Publishing houses shall pay to the fund an amount equivalent to ten per cent of their entire pay rolls, excluding wages paid to students. When a publishing house is required by law to pay to its employees time and a half for overtime work, then no percentage shall be paid on the extra half time bonus but only on the amount that would have been paid for the same work during regular hours.

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Paragraphs 17 and 18 Combined. Medical institutions shall pay to the Sustentation Fund an amount equivalent to three per cent of their entire pay rolls, including salary payments to physicians who are employed on the regular salary plan, the Incentive Plan or other similar plan, no deductions to be made from such pay rolls except the wages paid to student nurses, to persons temporarily employed for construction work, and to non-Adventist employees, also such portion of salary payments as is granted to physicians on a regular salary plan, the Incentive Plan, or some other similar plan, as may be in excess of \$85 per week. This policy shall become effective as from January 1, 1952.

Paragraph 19. Physicians serving our medical institutions on the Group Clinic Plan are not recognized as employees of these institutions with the exception of such Group Clinic Plans as provide for the doctors to receive remuneration not in excess of that provided under the Incentive Plan. Physicians serving our medical institutions on the Incentive Plan for North America are considered as employees, and salary payments should be included in the pay rolls on which the percentage to the Sustentation Fund is computed as provided in the preceding paragraph.

Paragraph 20. Academies, junior and senior colleges, and the schools in the College of Medical Evangelists shall pay to the fund an amount equivalent to  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$  per cent of their pay rolls, these pay rolls to include all employees of the school, whether temporary or otherwise, except students and persons temporarily employed for construction or repair of buildings. Salaries of teachers paid through subsidies or through direct appropriations, and also of church school teachers connected with colleges and academies operating normal departments should be included in the pay rolls of these institutions when computing the amount to be paid to the Sustentation Fund. Day schools recognized by the Department of Education as permanent junior and senior academies shall come within the provisions of this regulation, and pay to the fund the prescribed percentage on that portion of their pay roll belonging to the academic grades.

Paragraph 40. A worker who from choice or preference withdraws from the organized work but who re-enters the work may be considered eligible for assistance on the following conditions:

a. If he has been out of the work for a period of not more than five years he shall have a total service credit of twenty years.

b. If he has been out of the work for a period longer than five years he shall serve one year additional to the twenty years for each year he has been out of the work above the five years referred to in "a".

Note. This provision is not intended to encourage breaks in service nor to provide for a series of withdrawals from the work

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Paragraph 71. Widows and single women receiving sustentation shall cease to draw assistance from the fund upon marriage unless the husband is physically incapacitated or does not have the financial resources to care for the support of the family.

To be added: A married woman who has served the cause not less than fifteen years and whose husband is incapacitated and does not have sufficient financial resources to support the family shall be eligible to receive assistance from the Sustentation Fund.

Paragraph 72. A woman who is a beneficiary of the Sustentation Fund, and who loses her eligibility to the benefits of the fund upon marriage, as provided in paragraph 71, may be considered eligible for reinstatement if she should become a widow, provided she had fifteen years of service to her credit at the time of marriage or had passed the age of fifty years at the time of marriage.

Paragraph 75. An increase of from 15 to 35 per cent to the monthly sustentation rate may be granted to beneficiaries who for a considerable length of time have borne heavy responsibility in field or institutional work, such percentage to be governed by the weight and duration of responsibility carried, and other similar factors, it being understood that this percentage shall be applied to the rate paid to the widow of a worker entitled to the percentage increase in proportion to the number of year she has shared in his service whether or not he was receiving sustentation at the time of decease. Increases may be granted by the Sustentation Committee only upon the recommendation of General, division, or union committees, or managing boards of interunion or general institutions.

Paragraph 77. Widows of workers shall receive three fourths of the basic rates for married couples, except that widows with one or more dependent children may not receive less than \$62.35 a month, not including child allowance.

To be added: Where recommendation is made by the General, division or union committees or managing boards of interunion or General institutions that that special consideration be given to the sustentation rate of a widow having at least fifteen years of service and whose husband carried weighty responsibilities as set forth in paragraph 75, the Sustentation Committee may grant an increase in the sustentation rate not to exceed in any case three fourths of the family rate including the percentage increase which would be received were her husband living and on the Sustentation Fund. The length of time during which she has shared in the active service of her husband shall be one of the factors to be taken into account when determining her rate. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to a widow who has not shared in the active service of her husband.

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Paragraph 104. A beneficiary having heavy medical and/or dental expense may receive assistance on such expense in an amount equivalent to one half of such expense up to \$200, two thirds of any balance above \$200 and not exceeding \$300, and three fourths of any balance above \$300. In cases requiring hospitalization this provision applies to temporary hospitalization when ordered by an attending physician. When conditions develop that make it necessary for a beneficiary to be hospitalized over an extended period, arrangements should be made with the Sustentation Committee if assistance is to be requested on the hospital bill.

We further recommend, 1. That the following be added to the policy governing the Disability Fund:

"Assistance under this policy may be extended to widows of workers in this category who are not eligible to assistance from the Sustentation Fund."

2. That favorable consideration be given to bringing the Washington Sanitarium Mission Hospital under the sustentation plan on the basis of that institution's paying into the Sustentation Fund an agreed-upon sum of money to cover the percentage on their pay rolls during recent years, with the understanding that henceforth it shall pay into the fund the same percentage of its pay roll as is received from our other sanitariums, namely three per cent.

3. That the reference to sustentation for physicians under the Incentive Plan, be deleted from the Wage Scale.

#### COST OF INGATHERING MAGAZINES:

We recommend, That the printing of the Ingathering magazine and other Ingathering promotion material be done by our denominational publishing houses at actual cost plus five per cent.

#### COLPORTEUR COURTESY FUND:

We recommend, 1. That section "d" under 5, page 81, of the Working Policy be amended to read as follows:

Emergency assistance may be granted in sickness and accident; also such financial aid for time lost due to emergencies beyond his control as conditions may warrant.

2. That paragraph 8, page 82, be amended to read:

Where advisable licensed and credentialed colporteurs be granted a rent subsidy not exceeding \$30 per month. In order to be eligible for this consideration the colporteur shall maintain the standard of service set forth under section 2, paragraph c of this policy, computed on a monthly basis.

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## COLPORTEUR INTERNSHIP GUARANTEE:

We recommend, That paragraph 7, page 80, of the Working Policy, be amended to read as follows:

The amount of income guaranteed the colporteur under this plan ranged from a minimum of \$35 a week up to a maximum of \$45, the amount being determined by the local conference committee on the basis of the family obligations of the new recruit.

## THE SCHOLARSHIP PLAN:

We recommend, 1. That the publishing houses, Book and Bible Houses, and conferences grant a scholarship bonus to a student colporteur on the entire amount of his earnings, based on board, room, and tuition, not to exceed the value of one super-scholarship, when the student turns in at least 50% of his commissions; the school contributing only its share of the bonus in proportion to the amount of commission turned over to the school from the Book and Bible House. It is understood that the bonus on a second scholarship will be granted only when the full amount of his commission is deposited with the Book and Bible House.

2. That the Scholarship Plan be made available to students desiring to carry full academic or college work with the Home Study Institute, covering books and tuition.

3. That paragraph 1 of the Scholarship Policy be amended to include the nurses training schools.

## EASY PAYMENT PLAN:

We recommend, 1. That paragraph 4 of the Easy Payment Plan be amended to read:

That a carrying charge of 10% on the list price of the sales unit be charged the customer purchasing literature under an easy-payment contract.

2. That paragraph 6 be amended to read:

The colporteur selling on the Easy Payment Plan, as stated in section 3, must remit to the Book and Bible House all deposits and collections received from his customers placed under contract, including all cash received from cash sales, and may draw on account up to 40% of total amount of deliveries.

3. That paragraph 7 of the Easy Payment Plan be deleted.

4. That the Easy Payment Plan be designated in the future as the Budget Payment Plan.

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## MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIPS (REGULAR):

We recommend, That provision be made for 96 Ministerial Internships for 1952, 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 foreign language work, distribution to be made by the North American Committee on Administration.

## THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY INTERNSHIPS:

We recommend, That 10 internships be provided for students of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary for the year 1952.

## PUBLISHING HOUSES RELEASED FROM CME BUILDING FUND:

WHEREAS, In 1946 the Autumn Council voted inviting various organizations (including publishing houses) to participate in building up a fund for the purpose of relocating the College of Medical Evangelists; and

WHEREAS, Almost immediately thereafter a rehabilitation plan was developed and the publishing houses were asked to give full support to this enterprise; and

WHEREAS, The publishing houses have through the years taken a special interest in the publishing houses in mission lands and especially following World War II, and have since that time provided \$550,000 for rehabilitation purposes to date; and

WHEREAS, The publishing houses while agreeable and happy to continue the rehabilitation program cannot at the same time support both the College of Medical Evangelists Building Fund and the publishing house rehabilitation and expansion program; therefore

We recommend, That the publishing houses be released from contributing to the College of Medical Evangelists Building Fund, in view of the burdens they have assumed in connection with the

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rehabilitation and expansion of publishing houses in mission lands, which work must be continued indefinitely.

#### APPLICATION OF MEDICAL EXPENSE POLICY:

We recommend, 1. That the medical expense of a worker and his dependents be reportable to his employing organization regardless of the wife's employed status.

2. That a denominationally employed married woman whose husband is a student, unemployed, or non-denominationally employed, be granted medical expense allowance only for her own medical expense incurred. If, because her husband is incapacitated, she is recognized as head of the home, the policy may apply for the medical expense of her dependents.

3. That the policy become operative for permanent full-time employees at the beginning of such employment, it being understood that institutions or organizations may establish a probationary period for various classes of workers before considering their employment to be on a permanent basis.

#### SUSTENTATION FOR CHAPLAINS IN THE ARMED SERVICES:

We recommend, That the services of ordained ministers who enter the armed services as denominationally approved chaplains be included as part of their sustentation service record for a term of up to five years. An additional five-year period may be included if approved by the General Conference Committee.

#### OVER-AGE MINISTERIAL INTERNS:

We recommend, That paragraph 3, page 57, of the Working Policy, dealing with Ministerial Internships, be amended by the addition of the following sentence:

"However, one whose experience as a regular worker began before reaching thirty-five years of age and who labored in some line other than the ministry, and who later enters college or the Theological Seminary to complete training for the ministry, may be accepted as a ministerial intern."

#### EXCHANGE RATES - 1952:

We recommend, That the following be the denominational fixed rates of exchange for the year 1952:

## EXCHANGE RATES - 1952

<u>Division</u>	<u>Monetary Unit</u>	<u>1952 Fixed Rates</u>
Australia	Australian £	\$2.28
Fiji	Fijian £	2.55
New Caledonia and Society Islands	Pacific Franc	.016
New Zealand	New Zealand £	2.85
<u>Central Europe</u>		
Germany	Deutschemark: West	.25
"	" East	.05
Saar	French Franc	.003
<u>Far Eastern</u>		
British N. Borneo	BMB \$	.33 1/3
French Indo-China	Piaster	.05
Indonesia	Guilder	.13 1/2
Japan	Yen	.00285
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	.60
British Guiana	Dollar	.60
British Honduras	Dollar	.70
Colombia	Peso	.37
Costa Rica	Colon	.14
Cuba	Peso	1.00
Curacao	Florin	.55
Dutch Guiana	Guilder	.55
French West Indies	Metropolitan Franc	.003
Guatemala	Quetzal	1.00
Haiti	Gourde	.20
Jamaica	Pound	2.85
Mexico	Peso	.12
Nicaragua	Cordoba	.155
Panama	Balboa	1.00
Puerto Rico	Dollar	1.00
Salvador	Colon	.40
Santo Domingo	Peso	1.00
Spanish Honduras	Lempira	.50
Trinidad	Dollar	.60
Venezuela	Bolivar	.30



Middle East

Cyprus	Pound	2.85
Egypt	Egyptian L	2.90
Iran	Rial	.02
Iraq	Dinar	2.85
Israel	Israeli L	2.85
Jordania	Pound	2.85
Syria-Lebanon	Lebanese L	.30
Turkey	Turkish L	.30

North America

Bermuda	English L	2.85
Canadian Union	Dollar	.96

Northern European

Denmark	Kroner	.15
Eritrea	Shilling	.1425
Ethiopia	Dollar	.41
Finland	Markka	.004
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

South American

Argentina	Peso	.06 2/3
Bolivia	Boliviano	.008
Brazil	Cruzeiro	.04545
Chile	Peso	.012
Ecuador	Sucre	.065
Paraguay	Guarani	.06 2/3
Peru	Sol	.06 2/3
Uruguay	Peso	.45

Southern African

Belgian Congo	Belgian Franc	.0225
British East Africa, Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda	East African Shilling	.1425
N. & S. Rhodesia	Rhodesian L	2.85
Nyasaland	" L	2.85
S. African Union	South African L	2.85

Southern Asia

Burma	Rupee	.215
Ceylon	"	.215
India	"	.215
Pakistan	"	.31

South China Island Union Mission

Hong Kong	Hong Kong \$	.16
Formosa	Taiwan \$	.05
Macao	Macao \$	.16

Southern European

Angola & Mozambique	Angolar	.036
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	Ruppee	.215
Portugal	Escudo	.036
Reunion	Colonial Franc	.006
Rumania	Leu	.007
Spain	Peseta	.025
Switzerland	Swiss Franc	.235
Yugoslavia	Dinar	.02

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## TRAVEL EXPENSE, WIVES OF GENERAL CONFERENCE WORKERS:

We recommend, That paragraph 3, page 25, of the Working Policy, under the heading "Visits by General Conference Workers" be amended to read as follows:

3. When a General Conference worker is appointed to visit the mission field, and it is authorized that the wife shall accompany the husband, the General Conference shall meet the transportation expense of the wife to and from the division headquarters and for such field itinerating as may be outlined by the General Conference on the following basis: For trips covering from five to seven months, one half the expense; seven to nine months, two thirds; nine months or more, full expense. Where a worker is requested by the Committee to make a second extended trip in one year and the first trip was less than five months, the Committee may grant assistance on the above basis in meeting the expense of his wife should she be authorized to accompany him

## BIRTHDAY OFFERINGS:

WHEREAS, For many years the Sabbath school birthday offerings have been promoted on the basis of these offerings being used for new work and yet no specific projects have been designated; and

WHEREAS, There would be great promotional value in the raising of the birthday offerings if specific projects were designated; therefore

We recommend, That the Sabbath School Department be assigned definite projects which are listed in the annual budget for new work as special objectives for our Sabbath schools in promotion of the birthday offerings during the year, these projects to be assigned by the Treasury Department of the General Conference.

## MISSION BROADCASTS:

We recommend, 1. That a series of mission broadcasts be prepared for general use in North America to acquaint the public with Seventh-day Adventist mission work in all the world, as a preparation for the Ingathering Campaign.

2. That if possible, appeal for funds be made over the radio.

3. That these mission broadcasts be recorded so as to make it possible for them to be used locally or in any territory where the Ingathering is promoted.

4. That the General Conference meet the expense of producing the recordings and the several union or local conferences bear the broadcast expense.

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## AMERICAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY--STUDENT MEMBERSHIPS:

We recommend, That section 2, of Article III of the Constitution of the American Temperance Society be revised so as to include a student membership, and that the student membership dues be set at \$1.00, and that the regular membership be set at \$2.00. Section 2 will then read:

Section 2 - The membership of this organization shall consist of Junior, Student, Regular, Contributing, Sustaining, and Life members. The annual membership fees for the various classes of members shall be as follows:

Junior	\$ .25
Student	1.00
Regular	2.00
Contributing	5.00
Sustaining	10.00

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

SPECIAL NUMBER OF LIBERTY:

We recommend, That the Religious Liberty Department and the editors of Liberty consider the advisability of publishing a special number of Liberty dealing with the principles and dangers involved in the appointment of an American ambassador to the Vatican.

THESE TIMES:

We recommend, That These Times Magazine be given a larger field of activity by restoring it to the missionary field with access to the churches, and that careful consideration be given to setting a time for a campaign in the churches on behalf of its circulation.

## MINISTERIAL BOOK CLUB:

WHEREAS, A well-informed Adventist ministry is imperative if we are speedily to evangelize the world; and

WHEREAS, In these last hours of time we are increasingly called upon to meet opposition to the truths of the Bible; and

WHEREAS, The Ministerial Reading Course plan has provided practical and helpful volumes in former years for the libraries of our ministers; therefore to increase the usefulness of the plan,

We recommend, 1. That a new reading plan be adopted for 1952, and that the name "Ministerial Book Club" be substituted for the name "Ministerial Reading Course."

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2. That we continue to offer four (4) books annually, but that one volume be sent to the worker each quarter.
3. That subscriptions to the "Ministerial Book Club" be encouraged by circular letters from conference presidents and mission superintendents, and through promotion in the columns of The Ministry and the Review and Herald.
4. That a uniform method of financial assistance in the purchase of the books be adopted, and that this assistance be one half of the expense of the books.
5. That ministers in the General, union, and local conferences, as well as in our institutions, be included in the plan.
6. That a card be provided, which when signed by the worker will authorize the treasurer to charge to the worker's account his share of the cost of the books.
7. That with each book a brochure of three sermons be sent to the worker, and that these sermons be on four general subjects: for the first quarter of 1952, Sabbath morning services; for the second quarter, evangelistic sermons with appeal for decision; for the third quarter, campaign sermons with spiritual emphasis; and for the fourth quarter, representative communion studies.

#### THE SCHOLARSHIP PLAN:

We recommend, That the hour requirement for all students to qualify for scholarship bonuses be reduced from 400 hours to 350 hours for men, and from 350 hours to 300 hours for women, and that the existing policy be so amended.

#### COLPORTEUR BIG WEEK:

We recommend, That Colporteur Big Week for North America for 1952 be April 20-26..

#### LAUNCHING A NEW MAGAZINE:

We recommend, That the following paragraphs be added to the present series of regulations governing magazines and periodicals, adopted at the 1947 Autumn Council, appearing on pages 12-16 of the 1947 Autumn Council Leaflet:

"a. To launch a new magazine or periodical within the North American Division it shall be necessary to obtain the approval of the Autumn Council.

"b. To secure this approval, the promoters of the idea for the new magazine or periodical shall first submit the plan to the General Conference officers, who will, in turn, refer the

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plan for study and counsel to the Publishing Department and the Publishing Advisory Committee. Then the officers of the General Conference will decide whether or not the matter shall be brought to the Autumn Council.

"c. The Autumn Council shall decide whether or not the magazine or periodical is to be launched, and if so, which house will be the publisher, its channel, method of distribution, and also the special field to be served."

#### CHURCH MEDICAL SECRETARY:

WHEREAS, There is a great need to strengthen the medical missionary activities in our local churches; and

WHEREAS, "We have come to a time when every member of the church should take hold of medical missionary work" (Testimonies, Vol. 7, p.62),

We recommend, That a medical secretary be selected in each church to foster and guide medical missionary activity in the church under the direction of the local church board and in cooperation with the conference medical secretary; and further

We recommend, That if there is a physician, dentist, nurse, dietitian, or other suitable person who is active in the church, that he be asked to serve in the capacity of medical secretary; and, if such a person is not available, it is suggested that the local elder be asked to foster this work.

#### CONFERENCE MEDICAL MISSIONARY COMMITTEE:

WHEREAS, In those conferences where a medical missionary committee has been formed, new interest and added strength has come to all phases of medical missionary work,

We recommend, That study be given to setting up a medical missionary committee in union and local conferences under the direct supervision of the conference committee; that the personnel of the medical missionary committee be the conference president, the medical secretary, and/or medical advisor, the Red Cross instructor-trainer, a nurse, the Home Missionary and Temperance secretaries of the conference, and any others the conference committee deems advisable, it being understood that the doctor and nurse need not be on the conference pay roll. The duties of this committee shall be that of promoting medical missionary activity in the conference by fostering such medical missionary programs as Medical Missionary Day, Red Cross first aid and home nursing classes, health classes, church and community health, and cooking schools.

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## TRANSFER OF WORKERS:

WHEREAS, The transfer of workers from one conference to another and from one institution to another involves the cause of God in very large expense; and

WHEREAS, A great disservice is done to the work of the church through a too-frequent transfer of workers especially when the transfer results in depriving the worker of the opportunity of giving continuity of service in the place in which he is for a reasonable period of time,

We recommend, That conference committees and institutional boards be urged to give the question of the transfer of workers very careful and earnest study with a view to making every endeavor to reduce the number of transfers of workers to a minimum commensurate with the best interests of the work.

## NURSING EDUCATION:

WHEREAS, There is an increased demand for all groups of nursing personnel as our world work enlarges; and

WHEREAS, The responsibilities entrusted to the nurse as a member of the medical team continue to increase as medical science advances; therefore

We recommend, 1. That each regional area develop that pattern for the education of nurses which best fits the needs of its constituency.

2. That colleges and medical institutions which have combined their facilities in establishing nursing schools on a collegiate level be authorized to continue their efforts in this line.

3. That medical institutions which now have a three-year diploma program in nursing be encouraged to continue the same and that no change in the program be undertaken without counsel with the Medical and Educational Departments of the General Conference.

4. That schools of nursing now requiring the pre-nursing year continue to require the pre-nursing year as a prerequisite to entrance to the nursing school.

5. That where possible medical and educational institutions set up recognized programs for vocational or practical nurse education and that wherever feasible or advisable appropriate credit be given toward the study of professional nursing.

6. That the Medical and Educational Departments of the General Conference sponsor a well organized program of promotion of nursing education along the following lines:

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a. That the privileges, opportunities, and increased need of Christian nurses, both practical and professional, in the organized work be systematically presented to the youth and parents in our churches.

b. That the urgent need for more nurses be promoted by our medical and educational institutions.

c. That nursing education be sponsored through pictures and articles in our publications, by the distribution of publicity matter, by field trips, club organizations, camps and group meetings.

7. That institutions which offer programs in nursing (professional and non-professional) be encouraged to recognize the importance of the educational aspects of theoretical and clinical instruction.

#### LOCATING GRADUATES FROM THE COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS:

We recommend, That the section in the Working Policy, pages 72-74, be revised to read as follows:

The College of Medical Evangelists exists for the training of physicians, dentists, dietitians, nurses, laboratory and x-ray technicians and physical therapists to minister in these lines of service in both home and foreign fields. The work of the college has been richly blessed of God. Already a large number have gone forth from this institution to render loyal service in many lands.

Still larger results might accrue to the cause if the graduates of the College of Medical Evangelists were more widely distributed among the conferences in the homeland and among the mission fields of the world. It is recognized by both union and local conference committees that, because of the unique position he holds in a community, a capable Seventh-day Adventist physician or dentist with a true Christian experience is a great help in the church and in the community. He brings spiritual and financial strength to the church. His influence in the community and his example as a citizen in his personal contacts are a blessing to the church and to the cause in general. This is true regarding all classes of College of Medical Evangelists graduates.

In harmony with the best interests of the cause, and for the reasons stated above, the graduate of the College of Medical Evangelists, especially physicians and dentists, shall be encouraged to locate in conferences where there are fewer graduates of the college, and in the mission fields of the world. To bring about this objective the following plan has been adopted:

1. The Medical Extension office of the Medical Department of the General Conference shall help to facilitate a closer



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liaison between the student body and graduates of the College of Medical Evangelists on the one hand and the field with its many calls and opportunities on the other.

2. Recognizing that the location of the internship of the physician has a strong influence on his selection of a place to practice, the Medical Extension Office shall supply information regarding suitable internships in the areas most seriously in need of physicians.

3. In cooperation with the College of Medical Evangelists, the Medical Extension Office shall each year provide the union and local conference presidents and medical institutions with information concerning the character and location of the interns.

4. The union conference shall cooperate with the local conference and institutions in establishing a loan fund needed to locate physicians and dentists in the local conference by the union conference contributing directly 20% toward the fund in each case, weaker conferences receiving added consideration in the light of their circumstances.

5. The fund so created shall be used to assist the physician or dentist in setting up practice, and may be used to assist him with transportation and moving expenses.

6. Equipment may be purchased on the deferred payment plan, the payments to be made as far as possible by the physician or dentist from his earnings.

7. Care shall be exercised in making advances from the fund to grant only such sums as are ascertained to be needed, and in no case to exceed the amount of \$3000.00.

8. The loan to the physician or dentist by the conference or institution shall be covered by a legally drawn contract. Since this loan is placed at the disposal of the physician or dentist for the purpose of helping him get started in practice, he shall be expected to repay it among the first of his obligations. In the event this is not possible, he shall negotiate an extension to the satisfaction of the organization making the loan.

9. When loans are advanced to medical or dental graduates, the Medical Extension Office shall be informed of the amounts and terms of said loans. Before making a loan to a physician or dentist who has been in practice, the conference or institution shall ascertain as to whether he has any outstanding loan with another conference or institution.

10. Where interest is charged the maximum rate shall be 5 per cent.

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11. In addition to the above provisions the following plan is established for the assisting of students of medicine and dentistry:

Conferences and institutions may extend aid on a loan basis to students of medicine and dentistry from the beginning of their third year. A maximum of \$750.00 for each of the third and fourth years, and \$500.00 for the intern year may be provided on this plan. A contract agreement shall be entered into between the conference or institution making the loan, binding the student to locate in that conference or to connect with that institution.

12. The Medical Extension Office of the Medical Department of the General Conference and the officers of the College of Medical Evangelists shall give special study to the problem of directing the interest of the graduates to seek locations which will result in a more even geographical distribution of this group, this study to be directed specifically (a) to the question of existing inducements offered by conferences, institutions, and private individuals, and (b) to information regarding location and type of internships.

13. A copy of this policy shall be placed in the hands of the student, physician, or dentist requesting help under its provisions. The lending organization shall satisfy itself that the student, physician, or dentist involved understands the provisions of this policy.

(Note.- The financial provisions in paragraphs 7 and 11 have been approved by the Finance Committee.)

#### REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The Nominating Committee submitted its final report, which was adopted as follows:

We recommend, 1. For Secretary of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference, H.G.Moulds.

2. For Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference, C.C.Weis.

3.a. To fill vacancies on the Board of Regents caused by the expiration of terms: E.E.Bietz, Miss D.Loie Burnett.

b. To fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. G.T.Harding; Dr. W.E.Macpherson.

Adjourned to 1:15 P.M., with the closing prayer by G.R.Nash.

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

## ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SECOND MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 28, 1951, 1:15 P.M.

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After the opening song for the tenth session of the Council, prayer was offered by E.D.Dick.

## APPRECIATION:

Recommendations of appreciation, from the Plans Committee, were adopted as follows:

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

1. To the Convention Bureau of the City of Cleveland and the management of the Hotel Hollenden for services rendered in providing accommodations for the delegates and places of meeting.

2. To the mayor and city officials of Cleveland for opening to the Council the Music Hall and other auditoriums in the Cleveland Public Auditorium.

3. To the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church for placing the church at the disposal of the Council for meetings.

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

5. To the local radio stations for providing time for interviews with the delegates.

6. To the ladies of the secretarial and stenographic staff for unstinted and efficient service in connection with the work of the Council.

## DEVOTION AND CONSECRATION:

The following resolution of devotion and consecration was adopted by a standing vote, and all joined in the prayer of consecration offered by E.E.Roenfelt:

WHEREAS, The past year has been a period of growth and great progress in the onward march of the Church, in which God has permitted us to witness many manifestations of His loving care and protection and many demonstrations of His power in holding back the forces of evil and furthering the work being carried on in His name throughout the earth; and

WHEREAS, His hand has been strong to lead in spite of the obstacles of indifference, persecution, and inadequate

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resources of men and means, and His Spirit has invigorated His people and led them to give themselves in service, therefore, be it

Resolved, That unitedly we pledge our devotion and consecration to God for the early finishing of the work, and that, while fully aware of our sins and shortcomings, for which we are truly repentant, we seek and claim the salvation and strength which He has promised, and we go from this Council with renewed courage and a clearer vision of our task, and with the determination so to relate ourselves to God, and so to lead the church and the brethren by love and zeal and example, that the Spirit may have freedom through human channels to win souls and prepare a people for the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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The following further report from the Finance Committee was adopted:

#### APPROPRIATION TO BIBLE SOCIETY:

We recommend, That an appropriation of \$10,000 be granted to the American Bible Society for 1952, the amount to be prorated among the local conferences in North America on the basis of the 1950 tithe receipts.

#### FUNDS TO ASSIST SMALLER CONFERENCES:

We recommend, That the policy to assist smaller conferences, paragraph 2, be amended to read as follows:

Only local conferences with an annual tithe of less than \$225,000 benefit from this fund.

#### COLPORTEUR COURTESY FUND:

We recommend, That paragraph c, section 6, page 81, of the Working Policy be amended to read as follows:

An allowance of \$5.00 a day while in attendance at annual institute for heads of families, with a maximum of \$25.

#### SUSTENTATION FOR ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL:

We recommend, That denominational workers with a minimum of two years of service who are inducted into the armed services in time of war and a declared national emergency shall have such service included as part of their sustentation service credit, provided the time served is temporary and the worker returns immediately to denominational employment upon his discharge from the services.

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FINANCING OF FULL-TIME  
TEMPERANCE WORKERS:

WHEREAS, The following statements from the Spirit of prophecy indicate that "The evil of intemperance must be more boldly met in the future than it has in the past" (Temperance, p. 239), and that

"In every place the temperance question is to be made more prominent" (Temperance, p. 258), and that

"To those in high positions we are to present the total abstinence pledge asking them to give the money they would otherwise spend for the harmful indulgences of liquor and tobacco" (Temperance, p. 198); and

WHEREAS, God has signally blessed us in the revival and reorganization of our temperance work in recent years, and guided us in the preparation of suitable literature and in the planning of worthy projects through which we can carry on our work within and without the church; and

WHEREAS, Because of this many people are manifesting a new interest in the temperance work and are offering their funds and services to promote it in a larger way; and

WHEREAS, Many young men of talent and experience are anxious to devote their lives to temperance work and are seeking help and counsel regarding it,

We recommend, 1. That a limited number of conferences be permitted to employ full-time temperance workers who would solicit funds, give lectures in public schools, churches, before service clubs and civic organizations, as well as promote the cause of temperance in our own churches and schools; it being understood that the major portion of their time would be devoted to the solicitation of funds from non-Adventists exclusively.

We recommend, 2. That the following policies be adopted by our conferences in the employment of full-time temperance workers:

a. That such workers be issued regular licenses or credentials.

b. That upon recommendation of the conference committee, appropriate letters of authorization be issued such workers by the American Temperance Society.

c. That the salary and travel of such workers be charged to the conference American Temperance Society Fund.

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d. That appropriate receipts or membership cards be issued all donors by such workers.

e. That all contributions and membership dues be remitted weekly to the conference treasurer, who, by virtue of his office, is to serve as treasurer of the American Temperance Society for his territory.

f. That 50% of the net funds raised after expenses and salary of the solicitors have been deducted be retained by the conference and credited to the conference American Temperance Society Fund.

g. That the remaining 50% be forwarded on to the General Conference to the credit of the American Temperance Society.

h. That only such workers be employed and retained as have demonstrated their ability to develop and foster an effective program in this field of endeavor.

#### FURLOUGH SALARY RATES:

We recommend, That the following sentence be added at the end of paragraph 16, page 106, of the Working Policy:

The worker on furlough receives the homeland salary rate from the date of embarkation in the mission field until he disembarks in the mission field upon his return from furlough. In case this operates to the disadvantage of the worker, the division committee is authorized to make the necessary adjustment.

#### INCORPORATION OF WELFARE WORK ACTION RESCINDED:

At the 1946 Autumn Council an action was taken recommending that there be formed for charitable purposes a corporation to be called "Seventh-day Adventists Charities, Inc."

VOTED, That this action of the 1946 Autumn Council be rescinded.

#### SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES TO INSTITUTIONAL WORKERS:

VOTED, That the General Conference Committee in Washington be asked to appoint a committee to give study to the question of salaries and allowances to institutional workers, report to be made to the Spring Meeting.

#### IRREGULAR SOLICITATION OF FUNDS:

VOTED, That the Chair be asked to appoint a committee on the question of the irregular solicitation of funds.

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Committee appointed: L.K.Dickson, L.E.Froom, F.D.Nichol  
L.E.Biggs, C.L.Bauer, M.L.Rice.

# SPRING MEETING OF GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee be held in Takoma Park, April 9-15, 1952, beginning at 10 A.M., April 9.

# DENOMINATIONAL WORKERS ENGAGING IN "SIDE LINES":

R.R.Figuhr read a statement which he had prepared on the question of denominational workers engaging in "side lines" and it was

VOTED, That this statement be published in The Ministry, and also in tract form, so that it may be brought to the attention of all denominational workers.

In connection with the above, it was

VOTED, That we hereby reaffirm our established policy which provides that "Our conference and institutional workers shall refrain from all side lines of business and give themselves wholly to denominational work and the ministry of the gospel."

Adjourned to 9:45 Monday, with the closing prayer by N.W.Dunn.

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

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# ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THIRD MEETING

# GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

October 29, 1951, 9:45 A.M.

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Speaking in the devotional service Monday morning, October 29, on the subject "The Gospel of Jesus Christ," Elder L.H.Bland took as his introductory text Romans 1:16,17. Three outstanding things are set forth in this text, namely, - the gospel of Jesus Christ, the power of God, and the righteousness of God. The purpose of the gospel is to save souls. There is power in the gospel. The gospel must become a living experience in us if we are to have the power of God for the saving of souls through our ministry.

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Through the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed. It is to be revealed in the lives of men and women. As workers in the cause of God we need to tarry in prayer and supplication before God until His power sweeps into our hearts, cleansing us from our sins, and enabling us to live victorious over all our besetments. The greatest obstacle that stands between us and the manifestation of the power of God is our sinful, selfish hearts. When we have fully experienced the power of God, not only to declare us righteous, but in making us righteous, then we shall have the power of God in the preaching of the gospel.

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"My Jesus, I Love Thee" was sung to open the eleventh business session of the Council, at 9:45 A.M., Monday, October 29, and prayer was offered by W.E. Nelson.

The Plans Committee submitted its final report, which was adopted as follows:

#### GREATER LAY EVANGELISM: \

WHEREAS, We are instructed by the spirit of prophecy that "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers;" and

WHEREAS, At the North American Laymen's Congress held at Grand Ledge, Michigan, in 1951, the delegates and thousands of church members demonstrated their deep interest in carrying out the above inspired instruction by sacrificing their time and means in attending the congress and in signing soul-winning pledge cards; and

WHEREAS, These delegates and other members in attendance returned to their home churches determined to enter upon the greater soul-winning program presented at the Laymen's Congress, and to interest the members in the church to join the minister and church officers in this enlarged evangelistic movement, thus fulfilling the vision given to the servant of the Lord in which, "Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the Word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence." (9T, 126)

We recommend, 1. That in addition to the plan of issuing Lay Preachers' Credentials to members who meet the qualifications as stated in a previous Autumn Council action, we also give recognition to other church members who actively participate in church missionary activities, giving Bible studies,



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holding neighborhood cottage meetings, conducting branch Sabbath or Sunday schools, and following up interests created through Bible correspondence schools, Dorcas welfare, radio, telecasts, and literature contacts, et cetera.

2. That for those engaged in such types of service, appropriate recognition be given to them at special church services, the names of those participating to be recommended by the church board and the conference Home Missionary Secretary.

3. That the preparation of such a token of recognition be referred to the General Conference Committee and the Home Missionary Department.

#### DAY OF SOLEMN PRAYER AND FASTING.

WHEREAS, We live in the midst of "wars and rumors of wars," and under the dread shadows of World War III; and

WHEREAS, These grave conditions have resulted in peril of life and liberty, and loss of property to our believers in lands where freedom is greatly restricted, thus seriously hampering the heralding of the everlasting gospel to all nations; therefore

We recommend, That January 12, 1952, be set apart as a day of solemn prayer and fasting, summoning our people everywhere to plead most earnestly with God:

1. For the power of the Holy Spirit to rest upon our ministry and people for holy living and effective witnessing.
2. For the winds of strife to be held a little longer, that the work of God may go forward unimpeded.
3. For God to open, or reopen, doors in lands now closed to the preaching of the message of Christ's return.
4. For His hand of care and protection to be over our youth called to serve their countries in connection with the armed forces.
5. For the lives of our leaders and people to be preserved in the lands of affliction.
6. For these brethren, and our people everywhere, to be endued with the mighty power of the Holy Spirit for soul winning.

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SUMMARY OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST  
BELIEF, TEACHINGS AND PRACTICE:

We recommend, That the War Service Commission be authorized to publish, in such form as will meet its need, the following summarization of Seventh-day Adventist belief, teachings, and practice.

(The following summary is condensed from lengthier statements which contain supporting Bible passages and exegesis, as well as official and formal actions of the denomination's governing body, the General Conference Executive Committee).

The principal features of the Seventh-day Adventist official belief, teachings, and practice are as follows:

Belief in:

Acceptance of the Holy Bible as the divinely inspired word of God.

The Godhead, or Trinity, as revealed in three persons; the eternal Father, the Lord Jesus Christ His Son, and the Holy Spirit; regeneration or the new birth; baptism by immersion.

The Ten Commandment Law as the great moral, unchangeable cord of God's kingdom; in the seventh-day Sabbath of the fourth commandment, from sundown Friday night to sundown Saturday night.

The nature of man is mortal, not immortal; the dead are unconscious; future rewards and punishments; everlasting life for the righteous and eternal death for the wicked; a resurrection from the dead for both righteous and wicked; and a future judgment.

The literal, visible, bodily, imminent return of Jesus Christ to this earth; a millennium which the people of God will spend in heaven preparatory to the establishment of God's eternal kingdom on this earth; the restoration of Edenic conditions and the purification and renovation of this earth as the eternal home of the redeemed.

The bodies of Christians in regeneration become temples of the Holy Spirit and are not to be defiled by either food or drink which would impair their natural disease-resisting qualities; simplicity, plainness and modesty in dress and behavior; the payment of tithes and offerings; spiritual gifts and the restoration to the remnant church of the gift of prophecy.

There are two divinely established institutions, the church and civil government; genuine Christianity manifests itself in good citizenship and loyalty to civil government; the breaking out of war among men in no way alters the Christian's

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supreme allegiance and responsibility to God or modifies his obligation to practice his belief and put God first in all things.

Discipleship to Jesus Christ, who came into this world not to destroy men's lives but to save them, causes Seventh-day Adventists in time of war to take a noncombatant position, following their divine Master in not taking human life but rendering all possible service to save it; in accepting the obligations of citizenship, as well as its benefits, their loyalty to government requires them to serve the state in any capacity, civil or military, in war or peace, in uniform or out of it, which will contribute to saving life, asking only that they may serve in those capacities which do not violate their conscientious convictions.

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Approved by the General Conference Executive Committee of Seventh-day Adventists for publication by the War Service Commission of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, 6840 Eastern Avenue, Washington 12, D.C.

VOTED, That in using the foregoing summary in the overseas divisions, it is understood it will be passed upon by the respective division committees.

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

#### SOCIAL SECURITY:

We recommend, That a representative committee be appointed by the General Conference Committee to give additional intensive study to the entire question of Old Age and Survivors' Insurance, commonly called Social Security, including a careful inquiry into the practicability of providing institutional and other employees eligible to social security with similar benefits by means of a strictly denominational plan; the results of this study to be brought in a comprehensive way to the 1952 Spring Meeting. It is understood that this special committee shall be allotted all the time necessary for thorough, exhaustive work to be done.

#### INGATHERING GOALS:

We recommend, That the basic Ingathering goals in North America be increased five per cent.

#### WAGE INCREASE:

We recommend, That as of January 1, 1952, an increase of up to five per cent be applied to the maximum denominational

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wage scale for each class, it being understood that in North America the increased rates will be adjusted upward where necessary in order to state them in multiples of twenty-five cents.

#### TELEVISION FOR 1952:

We recommend, 1. That the television program be continued during 1952, televising from Eastern Faith for Today in New York City.

2. That a budget be provided for the program over the eleven stations which are carrying our present program.

3. That we accept the proposal of the Pacific Union Conference in joining with the Voice of Prophecy, Glendale, in producing from eight to thirteen films to be used as replacements on the television net work, it being understood that the production expense of these films will not add to the overall budget of Eastern Faith for Today.

4. That Faith for Today will apply the weekly production budget amounting to \$800.00 against each film produced by the Pacific Union Conference for the eight to thirteen films proposed in paragraph 3 above.

5. In harmony with a recommendation coming from the Television Commission meeting at Grand Ledge, Michigan, we request the conferences in North America to appropriate during 1952 the equivalent of nine tenths of one per cent of their 1950 tithe to the radio and television interests, as follows:

Television	\$124,261.85
Radio, VOP	64,000.00
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#### INCREASE IN SUSTENTATION RATES:

We recommend, That the basic sustentation rates be increased five per cent as from January 1, 1952.

#### INCREASE IN PHYSICIANS' SALARIES:

We recommend, That in applying the five per cent wage scale increase, it be understood that in the case of physicians, this applies only on the General Conference minimum wage rate.

#### AUTOMOBILE DEPRECIATION:

We recommend, That the automobile depreciation allowance for North America be increased to a maximum of \$35 monthly as of July 1, 1951.

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## AUTOMOBILE MILEAGE:

We recommend, That as of January 1, 1952, the automobile mileage allowance in the United States be from 3 to 6 cents a mile, with a maximum of 7 cents in Canada.

## RELATIONSHIP OF RENT TO SALARY:

We recommend, That a denominational worker ordinarily be not obliged to pay as rent, exclusive of furnishings, heat, gas, light, and water, more than 11.5 per cent of his salary on the Wage Scale as revised at the 1951 Autumn Council; and that this apply in fields outside of North America as well as in North America.

## MISSIONS OFFERING GOAL:

VOTED, That the missions offering goal for North America be raised from seventy to eighty cents per week per member, and that the goal for the colored membership in the Southern and Southwestern Unions be seventy cents per week per member.

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

## OAKWOOD COLLEGE--APPROPRIATIONS FROM

## COLORED CONFERENCES AND OTHERS IN 1952:

VOTED, That we approve of the following plan relative to appropriations to Oakwood College from colored conferences and others, for 1952:

That in addition to the General Conference appropriation for operating, the following organizations be requested to contribute for 1952 the amounts shown below:

South Central Conference	\$1 600 00	
South Atlantic Conference	800 00	
Oakwood Church	100 00	
Pacific Union Conference	500 00	
Northeastern Conference	534 70	
Central States Mission	156 51	
Allegheny Conference	680 47	
Lake Region Conference	419 54	
Southwest Region Conference	208 78	5 000 00

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Also that in the allocation of the special \$60,000 fund to be used toward establishing industries and preparing the college to meet accreditation requirements, the amount of \$25,000 be contributed on the following division:

Pacific Union Conference	500 00	
Northeastern Conference	4 943 36	
Central States Mission	1 447 00	
Allegheny Conference	6 290 85	
Southwest Region Conference	1 930 14	
Lake Region Conference	3 878 55	
South Atlantic Conference	3 553 44	
South Central Conference	2 456 66	25 000 00

Note.--The allocations to colored conferences in both the operating and the special request are based upon the relation of tithe receipts as of the year 1950.

#### PRIVATE SOLICITATION OF FUNDS: \

The committee that was appointed on the private solicitation of funds submitted a statement and appeal, which was adopted as follows:

Questions have arisen from time to time with reference to fund raising activities in our churches and among Seventh-day Adventists by persons not authorized to undertake such solicitation. This problem is well covered by existing policies and we would therefore call attention of our elders, pastors, and conference workers to the policy on the solicitation of funds as found on pp. 152, 153 of the Working Policy, and on pp. 189-191 of the Church Manual.

"1. No conference, church, or institution, without special counsel and arrangement, is to plan work requiring solicitation of funds from outside its own territory. Any solicitation within its own territory shall be in harmony with local union, and General Conference policy.

"2. For the protection of churches from unauthorized teachers and fraudulent and undenominational solicitation, the following principles and methods are recognized.

"a. Ministers and church officers should not grant the privilege of the pulpit to persons who have no recognition or recommendation from the conference.

"b. No permission shall be granted to solicit funds either publicly or privately without such recognition.

"c. Literature for solicitation purposes shall be provided only to responsible persons.

"d. All funds contributed by our people for any cause in response to appeals, shall be passed through the regular channels of the church.

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"e. No authority is granted workers in the cause representing special interests in one part of the field to solicit help for that work in any other part of the field or in any other conference, without arrangement by the conference officers with written authorization therefor.

"f. Conference and church officers shall take such steps as may be necessary to prevent unauthorized or illegal public solicitation.

"3. No campaign other than Ingathering shall be conducted for the solicitation of money by Ingathering methods, using our Ingathering literature, for either home or foreign missions, and local conferences shall take such steps as may be necessary to prevent violations of this regulation.

"4. Mission field workers visiting the home churches or in touch with the home base by correspondence, are asked to solicit funds only for enterprises included in the budget of appropriations, working in cooperation with churches and conferences to raise the funds required to meet the appropriations on which the missions depend. In harmony with this, the following was presented by the missionaries and adopted at the session of the General Conference:

"The band of missionaries present at this Conference desire to place on record their deep appreciation of the loyal way in which our people throughout the homelands are giving of their means for the maintenance of the work being conducted in the great mission divisions of the world field.

"And while placing on record appreciation of the loyalty of our people in supplying funds for the conduct of the work, we also place on record our appreciation of the way in which these funds are disbursed. It has been a source of incalculable good to the missionary operations everywhere to have a regular annual budget, with its regular appropriation balanced by the consideration of all the needs as they are presented in the appeals from the various divisions; and we hereby express disapproval of any solicitation on the part of missionaries for objects outside of the budget, and pledge ourselves to turn the attention of our people, when we make appeals for funds, to their opportunity to render a special service to the cause of missions by making substantial and extra gifts to help swell the Seventy-Cent-a-Week Fund [now Eighty-Cent-a-Week Fund] as the best means by which the work can be extended to the best advantage of each field and of the world generally that must be warned in finishing the work."

We wish to call attention of our elders and pastors to the fact that even though a person may be a duly credentialed representative of an organization sponsored by Seventh-day Adventist church members, that does not in itself give such a person the right to go to our churches to raise money for his

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enterprise. The solicitor may be a member in good and regular standing and be able to exhibit letters of encouragement from some of our leading workers, but such solicitation is a violation of the spirit of the regulations set forth above.

These policies are not drawn up to govern our people arbitrarily in their giving but to protect them from inroads on their generosity by those who are collecting funds for enterprises or for personal use which are never audited by the denomination, as are all our regular church funds, and for which no account is ever given either to the denomination or to the donors.

We wish to appeal, therefore, to our workers to guard carefully the liberality of our people and not to allow the funds which they are so ready to give to the work of God to be directed into channels of unauthorized enterprises or for the establishing of personal projects.

#### BUREAU OF PRESS RELATIONS:

VOTED, That the question of enlarging the scope of the Bureau of Press Relations to include the work of Public Relations be referred to the General Conference Committee in Washington for further study, with power to act.

#### BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS ORGANIZATION:

The committee that was appointed on Bible Correspondence School Organization submitted a report, and it was

VOTED, That the report be referred to the General Conference Committee in Washington for further study and report to the 1952 Autumn Council.

#### THE BUDGET:

The report of the Budget Committee was presented, and adopted as follows:



## THE BUDGET FOR 1952

We recommend, That the base and special appropriations for 1952 to the world fields be made from the following estimated income and available funds:

Regular and General Conference Income		
(Basis, July 1, 1951)		10 981 637 62
Special General Conference Surplus Operating	1 300 000 00	
China Budget Accumulation	800 000 00	
Special Funds of Central European Division	170 000 00	
International Insurance Company	<u>30 000 00</u>	2 300 000 00
Church Extension Fund		<u>200 000 00</u>
Total Estimated Income and Available Funds for 1952		13 481 637 62

We recommend, 1. That the regular base appropriations for 1952 be as follows:

OVERSEAS

Australasia	306 500 00	
Central Europe	77 800 00	
Far East	859 600 00	
Inter-America	805 300 00	
Middle East	430 900 00	
Northern Europe:		
Regular	665 900 00	
British Union--Pase	57 000 00	
West Africa--Additional Operatin	<u>15 000 00</u>	737 900 00
South America		853 500 00
Southern Africa		869 550 00
Southern Asia	868 450 00	
School for Missionary Children	<u>15 000 00</u>	883 450 00
Southern Europe		876 050 00
R&H World Edition		70 000 00
Reconstruction Base--Orient		461 392 09
South China Island Union Mission		125 807 91
Equalization		<u>200 000 00</u>
		7 557 750 00

INTERNATIONAL RADIO

Australasia	12 000 00	
Central Europe	4 500 00	
Reconstruction Base--Orient	18 000 00	
Far East	27 000 00	
Inter-America	53 500 00	
Middle East	17 500 00	
Northern Europe	54 000 00	
South America	66 000 00	
Southern Africa	27 000 00	
Southern Asia	38 500 00	
Southern Europe	47 500 00	
Production	<u>47 000 00</u>	412 500 00
Total Overseas Base Appropriations		7 970 250 00

GENERAL AID NORTH AMERICA

Administrative		1 175 898 97
Miscellaneous and Fixed		1 210 224 00
Canadian		60 524 65
Southern Union:		
Colored	35 000 00	
Rural Schools	<u>5 000 00</u>	40 000 00
Southwestern Union:		
Colored	14 000 00	
Spanish American Seminary	<u>10 140 00</u>	24 140 00
Home-Foreign		102 700 00
Oakwood College		35 000 00
Riverside Sanitarium		11 000 00
R&H Quarterly		7 000 00
E. G. White Publications		20 600 00
College of Medical Evangelists:		
Regular	177 000 00	
School Tropical Medicine	<u>30 000 00</u>	207 000 00
S.D.A. Dental School		30 000 00
S D.A. Theological Seminary:		
Regular	77 300 00	
Interns	<u>10 000 00</u>	<u>87 300 00</u>

Total Base Appropriations for General  
and North America

3 011 387 62

Total Base Appropriations for 1952

10 981 637 62

2. That Special Appropriations be as follows:

OVERSEAS

Australasia		72 000 00
Inter-America	65 000 00	
West Indian Training School	<u>30 000 00</u>	95 000 00
Far East		84 000 00
Middle East		60 000 00
Northern Europe	71 400 00	
West Africa (New Union Sec. Training School)	50 000 00	121 400 00
South America		84 000 00
Southern Africa		84 000 00
Southern Asia	54 000 00	
School for Missionary Children	<u>30 000 00</u>	84 000 00
Southern Europe	84 000 00	
Religious Liberty - Paris	<u>5 000 00</u>	89 000 00
Central Europe:		
Specials	30 000 00	
E. G. White Publications	15 000 00	
Working Capital, Hamburg P.H.	30 000 00	
Rehabilitation (incl. Saarbrücken) and Division Working Capital	<u>70 000 00</u>	<u>145 000 00</u>

Special Appropriations Overseas

918 400 00

GENERAL AID NORTH AMERICA

Smaller Conferences		70 000 00	
Radio-Voice of Prophecy		50 000 00	
E.G.White Publications		2 400 00	
E.G.White Pub., Slides on Spirit of Prophecy		1 000 00	
Protestants and Other Americans United		1 000 00	
Television		50 000 00	
E.G.White Publications		10 000 00	
Text Books, Primary		33 000 00	
Text Books, Secondary		5 000 00	
Text Books, Bible		10 000 00	
C.M.E. Building Fund		90 000 00	
General Conference Office Building		150 000 00	
Southwestern Jr. College, Girls' Dormitory		40 000 00	
Atlantic Union College, building		40 000 00	
Oakwood College:			
Science Hall	50 000 00		
Misc. equipment on basis			
colored conference share	<u>35 000 00</u>	85 000 00	
St. Helena Sanitarium		40 000 00	
Chicago Churches		40 000 00	
Sabbath School Film, voted at			
Spring Council		15 000 00	
S D.A Theological Seminary, Apartment Intall.		20 000 00	
S D.A Theological Seminary:			
Evangelistic expense	7 500 00		
Files and Equipment	<u>1 200 00</u>	8 700 00	
Initial Expense "Prophetic			
Interpretations"		27 500 00	
Riverside Sanitarium Chapel		5 000 00	
Canadian Union, Toronto Sanitarium		40 000 00	
Camp Pastors		<u>13 000 00</u>	846 600 00

CITY EVANGELISMOverseas

Australasia	17 500 00	
Central Europe	25 000 00	
Far East	25 000 00	
Inter-America	25 000 00	
Middle East	17 500 00	
Northern Europe	25 000 00	
London	10 000 00	
South America	25 000 00	
Southern Africa	25 000 00	
Southern Asia	25 000 00	
Southern Europe	<u>25 000 00</u>	245 000 00

North America

Atlantic (Donation from North Pacific & Pacific		
Unions, \$10,000 each)	35 000 00	
New York City	30 000 00	
Canada	25 000 00	
Central	15 000 00	
Columbia	15 000 00	

Lake	10 000 00	
Chicago	20 000 00	
Northern	15 000 00	
Southern	10 000 00	
Southwestern	<u>15 000 00</u>	190 000 00

CHURCH BUILDINGSOverseas

Australasia	5 000 00	
Far East	5 000 00	
Inter-America	7 000 00	
Middle East	5 000 00	
Northern Europe	5 000 00	
South America	5 000 00	
Southern Africa	8 000 00	
Southern Asia	5 000 00	
Southern Europe	<u>5 000 00</u>	50 000 00

North America

Atlantic	4 000 00	
Canada	4 000 00	
Central	4 000 00	
Columbia	4 000 00	
Lake	4 000 00	
Chicago	10 000 00	
Northern	4 000 00	
North Pacific	4 000 00	
Pacific	4 000 00	
Southern	4 000 00	
Southwestern	<u>4 000 00</u>	<u>50 000 00</u>

Total Special Appropriations General and North America	1 086 600 00
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Total Special Appropriations Overseas Divisions	<u>1 213 400 00</u>
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Total Special Appropriations and North America, and Overseas	2 300 000 00
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3. That the following appropriations for 1952 be made from the Church Extension Fund to Overseas and North American Division:

OVERSEAS

Australasia	11 000 00	
Central Europe	12 000 00	
Far East	11 000 00	
Inter-America	13 000 00	
Middle East	8 000 00	
Northern Europe	13 000 00	
South America	13 000 00	
Southern Africa	13 000 00	
Southern Asia	13 000 00	
Southern Europe	<u>13 000 00</u>	120 000 00

NORTH AMERICAAtlantic Union:

Rochester, N.E.	1 500 00	
Babylon, L.I., N.Y.	2 500 00	
Jamaica, L.I., N.Y.	2 500 00	
St. Johnsbury, Vermont	<u>1 500 00</u>	8 000 00

Canadian Union:

La Duc, Alta.	5 000 00	
Hamilton, Ont.	<u>3 000 00</u>	8 000 00

Central Union:

Boulder, Colo.	640 00	
Durango, Colo.	425 00	
Los Animas, Colo.	267 00	
Harper, Kans.	534 00	
Hutchinson, Kans.	800 00	
Kansas City, Kans., colored	800 00	
Kansas City, Mo., Park Memorial	933 00	
Sikeston, Mo.	400 00	
College View, Nebr.	1 066 00	
Genoa, Nebr.	267 00	
Lincoln, Nebr., colored	534 00	
Dixon, Wyo.	667 00	
Worland, Wyo.	<u>667 00</u>	8 000 00

Columbia:

Baltimore, Md.	1 600 00	
Baltimore, Md., colored	1 066 67	
Westwood, N.J.	533 33	
Chillicothe, O.	533 33	
Cleveland, O., colored	533 33	
Allentown, Pa.	533 33	
Chester, Pa.	533 33	
Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 333 34	
Washington, Pa.	266 67	
Lynchburg, Va.	533 33	
Parkersburg, W.Va.	<u>533 34</u>	8 000 00

Lake Union:

Harvey, Ill.	2 000 00	
Bedford, Ind.	2 500 00	
Jackson, Mich.	<u>3 500 00</u>	8 000 00

Northern Union:

Fairfield, Iowa	250 00	
Prainerd, Minn.	1 000 00	
Duluth, Minn.	1 250 00	
Hinckley, Minn.	300 00	
Minneapolis, S.S., Minn.	600 00	
Bowman, N.D.	600 00	
Carrington, N.D.	2 000 00	
Wahpeton, N.D.	<u>2 000 00</u>	8 000 00

North Pacific Union:

Moses Lake, Wash.	4 000 00	
Orchard Ave., Wash.	<u>4 000 00</u>	8 000 00

Pacific Union:

Springerville, Ariz.	1 000 00	
Escalon, Calif.	1 000 00	
Fallbrook, Calif.	1 000 00	
Lancaster, Calif.	2 000 00	
Lone Pine, Calif.	1 000 00	
Lucerne Valley, Calif.	1 000 00	
Ukiah, Calif.	<u>1 000 00</u>	8 000 00

Southern Union:

Atlanta, First, Ga.	4 000 00	
Mobile, Ala., colored	<u>4 000 00</u>	8 000 00

Southwestern Union:

Harrison, Ark.	1 000 00	
Jonesboro, Ark.	1 000 00	
Sand Springs, Okla.	1 500 00	
Santa Fe, N.M.	500 00	
Roswell, N.M., colored	500 00	
Dallas, Tex.	1 500 00	
Wichita Falls, Tex., colored	<u>2 000 00</u>	<u>8 000 00</u>

Total North America		80 000 00
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Total Overseas		<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

Base, all Divisions		10 981 637 62
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Specials

Overseas Divisions	1 213 400 00	
General and North America	<u>1 086 600 00</u>	2 300 000 00

Church Extension Funds

Overseas Divisions	120 000 00	
North America	<u>80 000 00</u>	200 000 00

Estimated Revertible Funds

Overseas Divisions (Basis, 1950)	1 469 100 08	
North America " "	<u>2 109 912 98</u>	<u>3 579 013 06</u>

Total Appropriations for 1952 including Reversions (Basis, 1950)		17 060 650 68
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Following the adoption of the Budget, overseas presidents and other representatives from overseas divisions expressed their thanks and appreciation for the generous appropriations made to their respective fields.

Elder C.A.Scriven, speaking for the North American union and local conference presidents, said they were happy and thankful to be able to lead our people in the raising of these funds for the mission fields.

The delegates stood and joined in singing "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow," and a word of prayer was offered by Elder W.H.Branson.

VOTED, That the officers be asked to prepare an article, conveying the thanks and appreciation as expressed by the overseas representatives and the full body of delegates, to our Seventh-day Adventist believers who have given so generously as to make this budget possible, and that this article be published in the Review and the union papers.

As the Council drew to a close, Elder Branson called attention to the large amount of work done, the important actions taken, and the budget of over \$17,000,000 voted. He pointed out that some of the funds voted to the divisions was made possible by the sad experience that has come to our work in China. He hoped that these funds would be used wisely, and that our work and the believers in China would be remembered often in prayer. He called special attention to the action setting Sabbath, January 12, apart as a day of prayer and fasting. "If there ever was a time," he said, "when we needed to pray, this is the time." "We are probably coming into very difficult times," he continued, "and surely we need to get together, and to call our people together for special seasons of prayer and fasting before the Lord, that He will according to His promise keep the doors open long enough for us to complete our task. My mind turns to these words from the servant of the Lord: 'Soon grievous troubles will arise among the nations, troubles that will not cease until Jesus comes. As never before we need to press together, serving Him who has prepared His throne in the heavens, and whose kingdom rules over all. God has not forsaken His people. Our strength lies in not forsaking Him. We have no time to lose.'

"As we return to our fields, in the homeland and overseas, may we realize in a new way that we have no time to lose. May we keep that thought in our minds, 'We have no time to lose.' Let us pray that God will help us to step into every opening providence, and to increase our funds as much as possible so that we may do so.

The Council adjourned sine die, with the benediction by E.D.Dick.

L.K.Dickson, Chairman.

E.D.Dick, H.E.Elliott and  
E.E.Roenfelt, Secretaries.  
E.Zeidler, Recording Secretary

## ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING

## GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, October 29, 1951, 1:15 P.M.

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## MEMBERS PRESENT:

L K Dickson, R R Figuhr, W B Ochs, A V Olson, H L Rudy, V T Armstrong, W E Murray, L F Bohner, A H Roth, G J Appel, A F Tarr, J O Gibson, C H Davis, E A Moon, E W Rawson, H T Elliott, E D Dick, J I Robison, E E Roenfelt, N W Dunn, W H Williams, F B Knight, M L Rice, M V Campbell, D A Ochs, L E Lenheim, C A Scriven, C L Bauer, K J Reynolds, C B Haynes, E E Cossentine, W E Nelson, K H Wright, H E Rice, J A Stevens, H W Barrows, L L Moffitt, G E Peters, W H Teesdale, N F Brewer, J R Ferren, H A Morrison, V E Hendershot.

Prayer by M.L.Rice.

## APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

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

W.B.Ochs, Jacksonville, Florida, November 17; Southern Publishing Association constituency meeting, Nashville, December 3-4; Lodi, California, December 9, returning via North Pacific Union for appointments as may be arranged; workers' meeting, Syracuse, New York, December 27.

D.E.Rebok, Buffalo, New York, Sabbath, November 3.

E.J.Johanson, Erie, Pennsylvania, from Cleveland, October 27.

W.E.Phillips and H.P.Bloum, survey of Southwestern Junior College, in November, in connection with appointments in Nashville.

E.J.Lorntz, Texas Conference, November 10-24.

Stanley C.Harris, Chicago, November 2-4,

A.W.Johnson, Hinsdale, Illinois, November 9-11.

J.A.Buckwalter, North Shore and Chicago, November 9-11.

Paul Wickman, Hinsdale and Chicago, November 23-28.

C.B.Haynes, New Jersey, November 17; Chicago, December 7-9.

G.E.Vandeman, North Shore and Chicago, December 14-16.



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L L Moffitt, workers' meeting, Charlotte, North Carolina  
November 5-7.

Paul Wickman to New York from Cleveland, October 26, to  
visit Mutual and ABC offices with H.M.S.Richards.

G.M.Mathews, Hawaii during February, to join A.C.Nelson  
in survey of schools.

F.A.Soper, Reading, Pennsylvania, November 3; West Penn-  
sylvania Conference, November 21-25.

Louise Meyer, Toronto, Ontario, for Sabbath school ap-  
pointments, time to be arranged.

S.A.Kaplan to assist in Jewish Ingathering, Montreal  
and Toronto, time to be arranged.

Carl Sundin, Worthington, Ohio, October 27; Oklahoma,  
November 5, and Albuquerque, New Mexico, en route to California  
from Cleveland.

That request be passed on from the Pacific Union to the  
Review and Herald for J.M.Jackson, and to the Southern Publish-  
ing Association for I.H.Ihrig, to attend a union colporteur in-  
stitute at Newbury Park Academy, December 26-January 2.

A.E.Rawson, Union Springs Academy, New York, time to be  
arranged.

That the request of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference  
be passed on to the Atlantic Union, for a group of six workers  
and laymen to attend health and welfare rallies, November 30  
to December 2, all expenses to be met by the Georgia-Cumberland  
Conference.

N.W.Dunn, Canadian Union College for fall Week of Prayer,  
time to be arranged.

L.K.Dickson, Nashville, December 5,6, to attend Bible  
School Commission and union committee meeting.

H.T.Elliott, Berrien Springs, Michigan, en route from  
Cleveland.

E.L.BECKER--VOICE OF PROPHECY:

VOTED, To pass on to E.L.Becker, returned from the Far  
Eastern Division, the call from the Voice of Prophecy Board to  
join the Voice of Prophecy organization in Glendale, as treasur-  
er.

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## GARY SCHUELER--SOUTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE:

VOTED, To pass on to the Southern Publishing Association the call from the Southwestern Union for Gary Schueler to connect with the Southwestern Junior College Press.

## E.J.LORNTZ:

VOTED, That E.J.Lorntz be appointed a member of the North American Committee on Administration.

VOTED, That E.J.Lorntz be asked to carry the responsibility for the Spanish-American work as counselor on home-foreign problems; and that he be asked to make the arrangements for the Spanish workers' meeting that is to be held in January.

## JEWISH MAGAZINE:

VOTED, That the Jewish magazine, authorized by action of the Autumn Council, be issued as a quarterly, and that a special committee be appointed by the Committee in Washington to study questions connected with the production of the magazine, as to number of pages, costs, etc.

VOTED, That S.Kaplan be appointed editor of the Jewish magazine, it being understood that when the Ingathering number of the magazine is published, it will be under the supervision of the Ingathering Editorial Committee.

VOTED, further, that S.Kaplan be responsible for the production of other literature, such as tracts, for the Jewish people.

## R.E.CRAWFORD--RADIO RALLIES:

VOTED, That we place a request with the Canadian Union for the loan of the services of R.E.Crawford, for a period of up to six months, for work in connection with the Radio and Bible Correspondence School Rallies that are to be held this winter.

Adjourned, with the closing prayer by C.B.Haynes.

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