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TWO HUNDRED THIRTIETH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 2, 1953

MEMBERS PRESENT:

A L Ham, J I Robison, Roger Altman, H W Barrows, W P Bradley,
 F Brennwald, N F Brewer, H F Brown, A W Cormack, J F Cummins,
 E E Franklin, E B Hare, Louise Kleuser, F B Knight, H W Lowe,
 L L Moffitt, H A Morrison, C E Moseley, Jr., F D Nichol,
 L R Rasmussen, W A Scharffenberg, B E Wagner

Prayer by B.E.Wagner.

I PONCE--SPONSORSHIP:

The American consul in Mexico City informs us that because it is necessary for both Mr. and Mrs. I.Ponce to work in the United States to make possible the completion of his educational program within two years, a student visa cannot therefore be given.

VOTED, On request of the Inter-American Division, that an open sponsorship be granted to I.Ponce, in order that he may attend college in the United States in preparation for further service in Mexico.

Adjourned, with prayer by A.W.Cormack.

A.L.Ham, Chairman
 J.I.Robison, Secretary
 Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

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TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 5, 1953

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W H Branson, J I Robison, R H Adair, Roger Altman, H W Barrows,
 C W Bozarth, F Brennwald, H F Brown, A W Cormack, E D Dick, N W Dunn,
 J E Edwards, H T Elliott, J R Ferren, E E Franklin, A L Ham, W J Harris,
 H W Klaser, Louise Kleuser, H W Lowe, T E Lucas, L L Moffitt, H A
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 A H Roth, A H Rulkoetter, W A Scharffenberg, J A Stevens, W H Teesdale,
 C L Torrey, B E Wagner, W H Williams

OTHERS PRESENT:

Wesley Amundsen, R Ruhling

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Prayer by E.D.Dick.

MINUTES of meeting of January 29 were approved.

JOAN MOWERY--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Joan Mowery be released from the call to connect with the Southern Asia Division.

JOHN OSS--RELEASED:

VOTED, That John Oss be released from the call to serve in the South China Island Union Mission.

R W NUMBERS--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That R.W.Numbers be granted a permanent return from the British West Indies Union as recommended by the Inter-American Division.

DAVID K DOWN--SOUTHERN ASIA:

VOTED, To request the Australasian Inter-Union Conference to release David K. Down to connect with the Southern Asia Division as pastor-evangelist for Calcutta.

R E RIEGER--HONDURAS MISSION:

VOTED, To request the Southwestern Union and Texico Conference to release R.E.Rieger to serve as president of the Honduras Mission in the Inter-American Division.

MRS. BESSIE DETAMORE--BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL WORKSHOP:

VOTED, That the Voice of Prophecy be requested to arrange for Mrs. Bessie Detamore to attend the Bible Correspondence School Workshop to be held in Denver, Colo., March 9 to 12.

MRS. S H HORN--LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

In view of the fact that the S.H.Horn family were deprived of furlough privileges during the time of his internment through the war years, and has had no furlough since, it was

VOTED, That Mrs. S.H.Horn be granted a leave of absence to visit her family in Holland during the summer of 1953, while her husband is assisting in the Theological Seminary Extension School in Southern Europe.

CME SURVEY COMMISSION REPORT:

The findings of the CME Survey Commission were presented to a group composed of General Conference officers, representatives of the College of Medical Evangelists, and the Commission members, at the time of the recent meetings in southern California. On their recommendation it was

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VOTED, That a committee be appointed by the officers to prepare the report of the CME Survey Commission for presentation to the 1953 Spring Meeting.

ADMINISTRATORS' COUNCIL:

VOTED, To authorize the holding of an Administrators' Council in San Francisco, Calif., immediately preceding the 1954 General Conference Session.

OVERSEAS VISITS:

VOTED, That C.L. Torrey visit the Australasian Inter-Union Conference for a period of three or four weeks, from mid-February to mid-March, 1953; and that R.R. Figuhr's itinerary in Australasia be extended to mid-March.

SERVICE MEN'S CENTER--SAN ANTONIO:

Careful consideration was given to a request for a service center for our approximately three hundred servicemen and their families who are stationed in San Antonio, Texas. We have no place where they may spend their week ends. A group of General Conference men appointed by the Committee recently spent considerable time in San Antonio looking for a property to rent, but found none available. The only alternative is to purchase a property which is now for sale, as it is imperative that some provision be made for these men without further delay. It was therefore

VOTED, (1) To advance from General Conference funds sufficient to meet the necessary cost of this property in San Antonio, Texas; (2) that the property when purchased be held in the name of the General Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists; (3) to refer to the Autumn Council Budget Committee the question of providing funds for this project.

BOOK ON CHURCH BUILDING PLANS:

VOTED, To adopt the following recommendations from the General Conference officers:

WHEREAS, It is desirable that the proposed book on church building plans be published at a price that will make it readily available to all our churches contemplating building or remodeling either a church or a church school; and

WHEREAS, It is recognized that a book of this type is, of necessity, likely to have a comparatively limited circulation; and

WHEREAS, The General Conference has already invested a considerable sum in the preparation of the manuscript, which expenditure, however, will not be passed on to the cost price of the book; and

WHEREAS, The Review and Herald Publishing Association has kindly agreed, as their contribution to the church building program, to publish and stock the book on a cost basis, the price suggested being \$5.00 per copy, provided that the publication shall be handled on a net basis; therefore

We recommend, That we request the Review and Herald Publishing Association to publish and stock the book on church building plans, and that it be sold by the Review and Herald through the regular channels on a net basis, without commissions or discounts.

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I M VACQUER--NEW YORK CITY:

VOTED, To authorize I.M.Vacquer's travel expense from Sandoval, New Mexico, to New York City and return, for consultation.

R H ADAIR--NEW YORK CITY:

VOTED, That R.H.Adair be authorized to visit New York City on Transportation Bureau business.

WORLD REVIEW:

VOTED, To adopt the following recommendations from the General Conference officers:

We recommend, 1. That the present plan for the World Review be discontinued as of December, 1953.

2. That all overseas divisions be offered the privilege of drawing from the current issues of the regular Review and Herald up to one half of its contents on the average for use in the division papers, a copy of the Review and Herald to be sent air mail to the division office by the publishing house for that purpose. (Should the division desire additional copies to be air mailed to other points in its territory, the postage would be met by the division concerned.)

3. That the following credit line appear in the division papers at the end of each article reprinted from the Review: "--Reprinted from the Review and Herald, general church paper of Seventh-day Adventists."

4. That the General Conference appropriate to the Review and Herald \$12,500 annually as compensation for the use of the Review in this manner by the overseas divisions. This payment is based on the following: (a) The sending of the weekly copies of the Review by air to each division office makes it possible for the division papers to present to their readers the gist of the Review material long before second class mail can carry the Review to its overseas subscribers. The net result will mean a curtailment of present overseas subscriptions and a reduction in anticipated ones in the future. (b) In view of the fact that all the world field will immediately have use of the Review, equity calls for part of the production cost--in this instance, a very small part--to be borne by the General Conference in behalf of the overseas fields.

5. That the divisions be encouraged to make such adjustments or enlargements in their division papers as may be necessary to take full advantage of this plan that brings the essence of the general church paper to our people in all the world.

HELEN SMITH--UNIVERSITY COURSE:

VOTED, That Miss Helen Smith be authorized to enroll at Columbia University for a special course in advanced writing given in evening classes over a period of three months, the expense to be met from funds of the Bureau of Press Relations.

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GLADYS DUNN--VOICE OF PROPHECY:

VOTED, To pass on to Miss Gladys Dunn of the ESDA office the call from the Voice of Prophecy office for her to become secretary to H.M.S.Richards.

N F PEASE--SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the College of Medical Evangelists the call from the Pacific Union and Southeastern California Conference for N.F.Pease to be pastor of the La Sierra church.

EMILY M HENDRIX--SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

VOTED, To pass on to the College of Medical Evangelists the call from the Pacific Union and Southern California Conference for Miss Emily M. Hendrix of the Los Angeles Division to connect with the Howard-Knight Medical Group at Downey, Calif.

DON F NEUFELD--REVIEW AND HERALD:

VOTED, To pass on to the Canadian Union and the Canadian Union College the call from the Review and Herald Publishing Association for Don F. Neufeld to join the staff for editorial work.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve the following appointments and itineraries:

- N.F.Brewer to Mobile, Ala., February 7, extension of itinerary
- W.A.Benjamin to Mt. Vernon, Ohio, insurance business
- Carl Sundin to North Pacific Union to visit doctors, sanitariums, and Walla Walla College
- J.R.Ferren to Northern New England and New York conferences, February 15-19
- Request Review and Herald for R.J.Christian to visit Pacific Union Conference June 1 to July 31
- J.E.Edwards, Pacific Union Conference for Home Missionary rallies, March 25 to April 5
- W.P.Bradley to Michigan workers' meeting, February 16,17

SAMUEL WEISS--BASIS OF CALL:

VOTED, That the basis of the call for Samuel Weiss of the Central American Union to connect with the Southern California Conference, be recorded as follows:

1. Samuel Weiss declares his intention to make the United States his permanent home, and states that he has no plans to return to Argentina.

2. The Inter-American Division and the Southern California Conference agree to share equally the following expense in the transfer: fares for four, Costa Rica to California, \$600.00; freight, \$520.00; rehabilitation allowance, \$680.00.

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CENTRAL EUROPEAN DIVISION--SUSTENTATION:

Sustentation payments made in various parts of the world which are ordinarily chargeable to the Central European Division have exceeded the amount provided by the Autumn Council appropriation.

VOTED, That we appropriate an additional amount of \$9,497.47 to the Central European Division Sustentation Account from the 1952 Contingency Fund.

CHINA DIVISION--REHABILITATION ACCOUNT:

VOTED, That we appropriate from the general Rehabilitation Fund the sum of \$30,169.20 to the China Division Rehabilitation Account.

MEETING OF TRANSPORTATION AGENTS:

VOTED, That the Treasury be authorized to arrange a meeting of the transportation agents from London, New York, San Francisco, and Miami, to be held in Washington, D.C., at a convenient time in 1953.

SANDIA VIEW ACADEMY--APPROPRIATION:

VOTED, That we appropriate from the 1953 Contingency Fund the amount of \$15,000 to the Southwestern Union for the Sandia View Academy, to assist in putting the heating plant in first class condition.

Adjourned.

W.H.Branson, Chairman
J.I.Robison, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-SECOND MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 12, 1953

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W H Branson, W P Bradley, R H Adair, Roger Altman, H W Barrows,
 F Brennwald, A W Cormack, E D Dick, N W Dunn, J E Edwards, H T
 Elliott, J R Ferren, T R Flaiz, E E Franklin, A L Ham, H W Klaser,
 Louise Kleuser, F B Knight, T E Lucas, H A Morrison, F D Nichol,
 A V Olson, T L Oswald, W E Phillips, L R Rasmussen, W E Read,
 E E Roenfelt, A H Rulkoetter, W A Scharffenberg, J A Stevens,
 W H Teesdale, C L Torrey, B E Wagner, E R Walde, W H Williams

OTHERS PRESENT:

S A Kaplan, R Ruhling

Prayer by W.H.Teesdale.

MINUTES of meetings of February 2 and 5 were approved.

J J IRELAND-- SYMPATHY TO RELATIVES:

J.J.Ireland, who served the denomination faithfully for fifty-nine years, as auditor in the Pacific Union for many years, and then as auditor and as assistant treasurer of the General Conference, passed away at his home on the morning of February 9.

Resolved, That we express our deep sympathy to the widow of J.J.Ireland and to Miss Jennie Ireland, his sister, commending them to the care of our loving heavenly Father.

OVERSEAS VISITS:

VOTED, To approve arrangements for overseas visits as follows:

W.A.Scharffenberg, extension of Southern Asia itinerary to Japan
 S.H.Horn to Central European Division for month of August following his work in Southern Europe
 K.J.Reynolds to West Africa prior to his European trip during May and June if E.E.Cossentine is unable to make the West African visit
 F.Brennwald to the Far East and Southern Asia during the month of June
 H.P.Bloum to Southern Africa and the Middle East during May
 W.T.Phillips to Europe during June
 H.W.Barrows to South America during May
 F.B.Knight to include Berlin, Berne, and Paris with his present trip to London
 W.J.Harris to Northern Europe during June and July
 E.B.Hare to Middle East in October and Southern Asia during November and December

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An MV Secretary to Inter-America in late 1953 or early 1954
 Elmer Walde to Middle East, February, 1954; Central Europe, March and
 April, 1954
 J.W.McFarland to Northern Europe, March 20 to April 2, 1953; Southern
 Europe to April 14
 E.N.Dick to stop in Middle East on way home from present itinerary

H E R SCHELL--SUSTENTATION:

VOTED, That H.E.R.Schell be recommended to the Sustentation Committee
 as suggested by the Committee on Allowances.

J J MILLET--MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIP:

The Southwestern Union desires a ministerial internship for J.J.Millet
 who is especially qualified for work among the French-speaking people of
 southern Louisiana but who does not come within the age limit stipulated in
 the Ministerial Internship Plan.

VOTED, To approve the plan of the Southwestern Union to submit applica-
 tion for ministerial internship for J.J.Millet to serve in the Arkansas-
 Louisiana Conference.

COMMITTEE ON CME SURVEY COMMISSION REPORT:

The committee to study and prepare the report of the CME Survey Commis-
 sion for presentation to the Spring Meeting was named by the officers as
 follows: W.B.Ochs, W.H.Branson, C.L.Torrey, W.H.Williams, H.T.Elliott,
 R.R.Figuhr, H.L.Rudy, D.E.Rebok, T.R.Flaz, W.E.Macpherson, W.P.Elliott,
 V.J.Johns, Jr., Harold Shryock, J.C.Shull, W.F.Norwood, M.V.Campbell,
 C.A.Scriven, V.G.Anderson, C.L.Bauer, J.D.Smith, M.L.Rice, L.E.Lenheim,
 D.A.Ochs, L.C.Evans.

BUREAU OF PRESS RELATIONS--ASSISTANT SECRETARY:

VOTED, That a third assistant secretary be added to the staff of the
 Bureau of Press Relations.

DON ROTH--BUREAU OF PRESS RELATIONS:

VOTED, To request the Columbia Union and East Pennsylvania Conference to
 release Don Roth, and to invite him to connect with the Bureau of Press
 Relations as an assistant secretary.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve appointments and itineraries as follows:

W.H.Branson, W.B.Ochs, W.H.Williams, W.E.Nelson, E.E.Cossentine, to
 attend Atlantic Union College Board meeting, March 2

Request to Columbia Union to arrange for T.G.Bunch to attend CME
 Postgraduate Assembly and Bible Conference

H.F.Brown, Union College, March 6,7; CME Postgraduate Assembly, March 8-
 13; Pacific Union appointments, March 14-31

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W.H.Beaven, Columbia Union Conference Oratorical Contest and Youth Rally, Reading, Pa., February 27,28; Spring Meeting of General Conference Committee, April 4-12

Paul Wickman to attend Bible Correspondence School Workshop, Denver, March 9-12

Dorothy Ninaj to attend Bible Correspondence School Workshop, Denver, March 9-12

V.B.Ochs, H.T.Elliott, G.E.Peters or C.E.Moseley, Jr., W.A.Fagal, J.R.Ferren, to attend Bible Correspondence School Workshop, Washington

Request for I.H.Thrig to attend meeting in Indiana Conference, Feb. 28

J.F.Cummins to San Antonio, Texas, and San Francisco, Calif.

Request for F.L.Peterson, L.B.Reynolds, Carl Dent, and Earl Cleveland to attend Southwest Region Conference workers' meeting, New Orleans, Feb. 26 to March 2

A.W.Cormack to Saskatoon, February 17,18, should L.K.Dickson be unable to attend these meetings

A.A.Esteb to Cleveland, Ohio, all day meeting, February 21, and Laymen's Convention, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, May 28-30

L.A.Skinner to Pathfinder Fair, Michigan, May 15-17

Howard Weeks to Canadian Union College, March 4-6, returning from Walla Walla College

T.E.Lucas, Alabama-Mississippi Conference, ten days in April

T.L.Oswald, Southern Publishing Association Board, March 4, en route west

Auditors' itineraries for February and March: H.W.Barrows--North Pacific Union Conference, San Francisco Transportation Office, Pacific Press Publishing Association, Pacific Union Conference, Pacific Union Supply, World Wide Pictures, Voice of Prophecy; F.Brennwald--San Francisco Transportation Office, Pacific Press Publishing Association, Pacific Union Conference, Pacific Union Supply, World Wide Pictures, Voice of Prophecy; H.P.Bloum--Southern Publishing Association, Riverside Sanitarium; W.E.Phillips--Southern Union Conference, Lake Union Conference, Inter-American Division

C.E.Moseley, Jr., to South Atlantic workers' meeting, Miami, Fla., February 17,18 (instead of Lake Region meeting)

W.H.Bergherm to meetings at Mount Vernon Academy, February 4

R.H.Adair, in place of F.B.Knight, to attend the special meeting to be held in St. Louis in March for planning program and finance of the Pan-American Youth Congress

JAPAN MISSIONARY COLLEGE:

On recommendation of the Far Eastern Division, it was

VOTED, That the Japan Missionary College be given permission to bring the departments of Education and Theology to the senior college level by adding a year beginning with the school year of 1953-54 and another year for the school year of 1954-55, thus enabling the college to give the necessary training to prepare students for the ministry and church school teaching.

J E WEAVER--AUSTRALASIA:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and Pacific Union College to release J.E.Weaver, and that he be appointed to serve as secretary of the Educational and YPMV departments of the Australasian Inter-Union Conference.

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EUROPEAN FLOOD RELIEF:

VOTED, To approve the plan of inserting in the Review and Herald an invitation to our people to contribute to a fund for European Flood Relief.

MAX GRUENZEUG--CALL RESCINDED:

In view of additional information from Germany which indicates that Max Gruenzeug was not either formerly a worker in Germany or a displaced person, but became a denominational worker after taking up residence in Venezuela, it was

VOTED, To rescind the action of the General Conference Committee taken November 6, 1952, calling Max Gruenzeug of Germany to connect with the Puerto Rico Conference with the privilege of furlough in the United States.

FRIEDA CLARK--GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE:

VOTED, That Miss Frieda Clark, returned missionary, be invited to connect with the General Conference office for work in the Religious Liberty Department.

H F ROLL--RELEASED:

VOTED, That H.F.Roll be released from the call to connect with the Temperance organizations as treasurer.

C E GUENTHER--CREDENTIALS:

VOTED, That Ministerial Credentials for the period ending July 31, 1954, be granted to C. E. Guenther.

E J KANNA--FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That E.J.Kanna, president and treasurer of the Paraguay Mission, be given permission to furlough in the United States, as recommended by the South American Division.

E H WALLACE--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, To approve the arrangement agreed to between the Far Eastern Division and E.H.Wallace whereby he is granted a five month extension of furlough on half salary, enabling him to complete work for his master's degree.

R H SHEPARD--EXTENSION OF FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That R.H.Shepard be granted a two month extension of furlough in harmony with the recommendation of the Southern Asia Division, to enable him to complete work for his master's degree.

J J COSTA--RELEASED:

VOTED, That J.J.Costa be released from the call to Portugal as he is not clear in accepting at this time.

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JUANITA SLACK---RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Juanita Slack be released from the call to Indonesia since medical clearance is not given.

E J TRACE--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That E.J.Trace be granted permanent return from East Africa, because of unfavorable medical report.

M L SANFORD--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That M.L.Sanford of the Zambesi Union be granted a permanent return, since the family is not given medical clearance.

ANN LOUISE HURLE--GIFFARD MISSION HOSPITAL:

VOTED, That Miss Ann Louise Hurle of London, England, be invited to connect with the Southern Asia Division to serve as a nurse at the Giffard Mission Hospital.

DR. J R KIGER--KOREA:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and Glendale Sanitarium to release the Drs. J.R.Kiger to connect with the Far Eastern Division for medical service in Korea.

H J BENNETT--LOAN:

VOTED, To approve the granting of a \$500.00 missionary appointee loan to H.J.Bennett of the Southern African Division, the loan to be amortized according to the policy on "Financial Assistance to Missionary Appointees from Home Bases."

MISSIONS EXTENSION FUND DISBURSEMENT:

VOTED, To adopt the recommendation of the subcommittee appointed by the officers to give study to the disbursement of the Missions Extension Fund for 1952, amounting to \$82,874.39, as follows:

South China Island Union	\$ 2 074 39
Australasia	5 000 00
Central Europe	5 000 00
Middle East	5 000 00
Northern Europe	9 400 00
Southern Africa	9 400 00
Southern Asia	9 400 00

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Far East	9 400 00
Inter-America	9 400 00
South America	9 400 00
Southern Asia	9 400 00

SOUTHERN AFRICA--REALLOCATION OF APPROPRIATION:

A special appropriation of \$50,000 was made to the Southern African Division by the General Conference Committee on March 14, 1945, along with appropriations to other divisions as authorized by the Spring Meeting of 1945, this one "tentatively assigned for a nurses' training school for training white workers." The establishment of such an institution in South Africa has proved impracticable, and the fund is held in trust. On request of the Southern African Division it was

VOTED, That the \$50,000 appropriated in 1945 to assist in the establishment of a nurses' training school in the Southern African Division, be re-allocated to the Division for reduction of indebtedness.

SPONSORSHIP POLICY:

VOTED, To amend the policy on granting sponsorships as adopted by the General Conference Committee May 2, 1949, by adding a paragraph, the action now reading as follows (new material underscored):

We recommend, 1. That in case a sponsorship is granted on recommendation of an overseas division the attention of the division be called to the fact that the division will be expected to assume any financial obligation that may accrue during the period of the alien residence in the United States of the one sponsored which in any way grows out of the obligations of the sponsorship.

2. That sponsorships be granted to the following persons under the conditions specified:

a. To workers and their dependents who are officially transferred to the United States by action of responsible committees or are appointed to visit America by action of the division or detached union committee concerned.

b. To students who enter the United States on student visas and who come upon recommendation and/or financial assistance of the division committee. It is understood that this sponsorship does not open the way for naturalization.

c. To students and others, in special cases, who upon recommendation and/or financial sponsorship of the division committee desire to enter the United States.

d. To other members of the Seventh-day Adventist church only for temporary visits and on recommendation of the division committee concerned.

3. That this policy is not intended to restrict the granting of sponsorships to refugees and displaced persons by the General Conference which is covered by separate action.

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INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION--DIVISION OF BUDGET:

The 1952 Autumn Council voted an appropriation of \$876,800.00 to the Inter-American Division, and on request of the Division it was

VOTED, That the Inter-American Division be authorized to divide the appropriation as follows: Section I, \$266,900.47; Section II, \$609,899.53.

THIRTEENTH SABBATH OVERFLOW--REALLOCATION:

VOTED, On request of the Far Eastern Division, that \$17,000 of the Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow for the first quarter of 1950 which had been allocated to new work in the Central Celebes and in the Dutch part of New Guinea, be reallocated to the new work on Timor Island and establishing work in Indonesia Borneo.

Adjourned.

W.H.Branson, Chairman
W.P.Bradley, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-THIRD MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 19, 1953

MEMBERS PRESENT:

A V Olson, W P Bradley, Roger Altman, H W Barrows, W A Benjamin,
 C W Bozarth, W H Branson, L K Dickson, N W Dunn, J E Edwards, H T
 Elliott, A A Esteb, E E Franklin, A L Ham, H W Klaser, Louise
 Kleuser, F B Knight, H W Lowe, T E Lucas, L L Moffitt, H A Morrison,
 W E Nelson, F D Nichol, W B Ochs, T L Oswald, W E Read, D E Rebok,
 E E Roenfelt, A H Rulkoetter, J A Stevens, M C Taft, W H Teesdale,
 C L Torrey, B E Wagner, A L White, W H Williams

OTHERS PRESENT:

W H Bergherm, R Ruhling

Prayer by A.L.Ham.

COMMITTEE ON REVISED STANDARD VERSION:

VOTED, That O.H.Christensen, D.F.Neufeld, A.G.Maxwell, R L Hammill,
 and Ronald Drayson be authorized to attend a meeting of the Committee on
 Revised Standard Version, to be held in Washington at the time of the Spring
 Meeting of the General Conference Committee.

W H BEAVEN--MINISTERIAL LICENSE:

VOTED, That W.H.Beaven be granted Ministerial License for the period
 ending July 31, 1954.

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE TEACHERS--PERSONNEL:

L K D

VOTED, That L.R.Rasmussen and R.C.Baker be added to the personnel of the
 Committee on Recruiting and Training Bible Teachers, the latter to serve in
 place of R.R.Bietz who is unable to attend the meeting of the committee in
 April.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICE--TRAVEL EXPENSE:

VOTED, That the question of home to office travel expense be referred
 to the Committee on Allowances and Adjustments, with power to act.

W H BERGHERM--COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

VOTED, That W.H.Bergherm be invited to attend the meetings of the General
 Conference Committee that are held in Takoma Park.

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OVERSEAS VISITS:

VOTED, To approve the following arrangements for overseas visits:

K.J.Reynolds to Northern Europe, April, May, and June, visiting briefly in Southern Europe en route

Cancel appointment of E.B.Hare to Middle East and Southern Asia

J.W.McFarland to visit Spain in connection with his other appointments in Southern Europe

L.L.Moffitt to Southern Africa, July to September, 1953

SHEVCHENKO FAMILY--SPONSORSHIP:

VOTED, That the letter of guaranty required by the Brazilian Government be granted to the Shevchenko family, consisting of Mr. Mihael Shevchenko, his wife Nadea and their two children, and Mrs. Helen Staritzina, who desire to emigrate from Shanghai to Brazil.

MARTHA WESTPHAL--PACIFIC PRESS:

VOTED, To pass on to the Canadian Union and British Columbia Conference the call from the Pacific Press Publishing Association for Miss Martha Westphal to connect with the Book Department of the Mountain View office.

ADA WARHURST--SOUTHERN ASIA:

VOTED, To request the Australasian Inter-Union Conference to release Miss Ada Warhurst of the South Australian Conference, and to invite her to connect with the Southern Asia Division as a Bible instructor, her place of labor to be assigned by the Division.

B A LARSEN--FURLOUGH:

VOTED, That B.A.Larsen be granted permission to spend his coming furlough in the United States, in harmony with his own request and as recommended by the South American Division.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve the following appointments and itineraries:

J.C.Thompson, from Nashville, Tenn., to San Antonio, Texas, week end of February 21, re establishing service center

W.P.Bradley to Indiana and Illinois conference sessions, March 10-15

C.E.Weniger, M.K.Eckenroth, and Louise Kleuser to Southern California workers' institute, August 16-21, 1953

T.R.Flaiz to Boulder Colorado Sanitarium board meeting, March 5

PAULINE POJORLIE--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Pauline Pojorlie be released from the call to Puerto Rico.

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W O BALDWIN--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That W.O.Baldwin, serving as Educational and Temperance secretary of the Far Eastern Division, be granted permanent return for educational reasons, as recommended by the Far Eastern Division.

V D BOND--PERMANENT RETURN:

VOTED, That V.D.Bond, at present manager of the Malayan Signs Press, be granted a permanent return for educational reasons, as recommended by the Far Eastern Division.

DR. C L MITCHELL--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Dr. C.L.Mitchell be released from the call to the Malamulo Mission Hospital in Southern Africa.

JOHN C MATTINGLY--NGOMA MISSION:

VOTED, That the Lake Union and Indiana Conference be requested to release John C. Mattingly to connect with the Ngoma Mission in the Southern African Division as evangelist.

K TILSTRA--WEST NEW GUINEA MISSION:

VOTED, To request the Northern European Division to release K. Tilstra of the Netherlands Union Conference to connect with the Far Eastern Division as president of the West New Guinea Mission.

T P MISENKO--INDONESIA UNION SEMINARY:

VOTED, To request the Lake Union and Michigan Conference to release T.P.Misenko, and to invite him to connect with the Far Eastern Division as Bible teacher in the Indonesia Union Seminary.

R F MEDFORD--NDORA MISSION:

VOTED, To request the Lake Union and Michigan Conference to release R.F.Medford, and to invite him to connect with the Southern African Division as evangelist for the Ndora Mission.

EVELYN MAE DEMEREST--SOUTH AMERICA:

VOTED, To request the Lake Union and Michigan Conference to release Miss Evelyn Mae Demerest, and to invite her to serve as secretary to the president of the South American Division.

PHILIPPINE HURRICANE RELIEF:

VOTED, That \$3,000 be appropriated to the Far Eastern Division from the General Conference Emergency Fund, to be used for Philippine hurricane relief, a recent hurricane having done \$10,000 damage to Adventist churches in southern Luzon.

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H A MUNSON--SUSTENTATION:

VOTED, That H.A.Munson, returned from the Philippines, be recommended to the Sustentation Committee in view of his present health situation.

E W BAHR--SUSTENTATION:

VOTED, That E.W.Bahr, returned from Korea for health reasons, be recommended to the Sustentation Committee.

DIVISION OF FOREIGN MISSIONS--APPROPRIATION:

VOTED, That the 1953 appropriation to the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches, be allocated to the various committees as follows:

General Services and Related Organizations	\$ 1 800 00
African	150 00
Christian Medical Council	150 00
Japan	150 00
Korea	150 00
Philippines	150 00
India, Pakistan, and Ceylon	150 00
Rural Missions	150 00
Missionary Research Library	150 00
Near East	100 00
World Literacy	200 00
	<u>\$3 300 00</u>

BROOKFIELD BRANCH--AUDIT:

VOTED, That the General Conference auditors be authorized to audit the books of the International Branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association.

SPRING MEETING--PROGRAM:

VOTED, To adopt the program for the 1953 Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee as follows:

Wednesday, April 8

9:00- 9:15 a.m.	Devotions: Led by L.K.Dickson	
9:15-10:30	Business Session	
10:30-10:45	Recess	
10:45-12:00	Business Session	
12:00-12:30	Noonday Worship: "At One With God"	Taylor G. Bunch
Dinner		
2:00-3:30 p.m.	Business Session	
3:30-3:45	Recess	
3:45-5:30	Business Session	
Supper		
7:30-9:00	Subcommittees	

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Thursday - April 9

9:00-9:15 a.m.	Devotions: Led by V.G.Anderson
9:15-10:30	Business Session
10:30-10:45	Recess
10:45-12:00	Business Session
12:00-12:30	Noonday Worship: At One With Brethren" Taylor G. Bunch
Dinner	
2:00-3:30 p.m.	Subcommittees
3:30-3:45	Recess
3:45-5:30	Business Session
Supper	
7:30-9:00	POAU, "Present Situation on Religious Liberty Front in United States," Dr. Glenn Archer Sligo Church

Friday - April 10

9:00-9:15 a.m.	Devotions: Led by W.B.Ochs
9:15-10:30	Business Session
10:30-10:45	Recess
10:45-12:00	Business Session
12:00-12:30	Noonday Worship: "Separation from the World" Taylor G. Bunch
Dinner	
2:00-3:30 p.m.	Business Session or Subcommittees
3:30	Recess for Sabbath Preparations
7:30-9:00	"The Present World Situation" The Far East - W.H.Branson The South Seas - R.R.Figuhr Special Music Sligo Church

Sabbath - April 11

Forenoon	Delegates to Spring Meeting to attend Washington Area Churches
Afternoon	For Delegates and Wives - A Communion Service conducted by T.G.Bunch and Area Pastors Sligo Church
7:30-9:00 p.m.	"The Present World Situation" The Middle East and Southern Asia - E.E.Roenfelt South Africa - Frank H. Yost Sligo Church

Sunday - April 12

9:00-9:15 a.m.	Devotions: Led by Dr. A.H.Rulkoetter
9:15-10:30	Business Session
10:30-10:45	Recess
10:45-12:00	Business Session
12:00-12:30	Noonday Worship: "What Jesus Did for Me" Taylor G. Bunch
Dinner	

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2:00-3:30 p.m.	Subcommittees
3:30-3:45	Recess
3:45-5:30	Business Session
Supper	
Evening	Social Gathering for those attending the Spring Meeting Takoma Academy Gymnasium

Monday - April 13

9:00- 9:15 a.m.	Devotions: Led by T.T.Lucas
9:15-10:30	Business Session
10:30-10:45	Recess
10:45-12:00	Business Session
12:00-12:30	Noonday Worship: "What I Must Do for Jesus" Taylor G.Bunch
Dinner	
2:00-3:30 p.m.	Subcommittees
3:30-3:45	Recess
3:45-5:30	Business Session
Supper	
7:30-9:00	"The Present World Situation" Europe - A.V.Olson Ethiopia - E.E.Cossentine Sligo Church

Tuesday - April 14

9:00- 9:15 a.m.	Devotions: Led by C.L.Torrey
9:15-10:30	Business Session
10:30-10:45	Recess
10:45-12:00	Business Session
12:00-12:30	Noonday Worship: "Bearing My Testimony" Taylor G. Bunch and Others
Dinner	
2:00-3:30 p.m.	Subcommittees
3:30-3:45	Recess
3:45-5:15	Business Session - Closed in Consecration Service of fifteen minutes, led by D.E.Rebok

All meetings except those indicated otherwise will be held in the
chapel of the General Conference Building

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Adjourned.

A.V.Olson, Chairman
W.P.Bradley, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary

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OF THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

February 26, 1953

MEMBERS PRESENT:

A V Olson, H T Elliott, Roger Altman, C W Bozarth, W H Branson,
 N F Brewer, H F Brown, A W Cormack, E D Dick, E W Dunbar, A A Esteb,
 J R Ferren, A L Ham, H W Klaser, Louise Kleuser, H W Lowe, L L Moffitt,
 H A Morrison, W E Nelson, F D Nichol, D A Ochs, T L Oswald, W E Phillips,
 D E Rebok, E E Roenfelt, A H Rulkoetter, J A Stevens, W H Teesdale,
 C L Torrey, A L White, Paul Wickman, W H Williams

OTHERS PRESENT:

H K Halladay, R Ruhling, F A Soper

Prayer by L.L.Moffitt.

MINUTES of February 12 and 19 were approved.

GERMAN MISSIONARIES--REHABILITATION GRANTS:

VOTED, On recommendation of the General Conference officers, that payments to be charged to the Central European Division Account be made to the following persons: R. Helbig, \$862.50; R. Reider, \$917.75; E.A.Flammer, \$677.96.

FUND FOR SMALLER CONFERENCES--DISTRIBUTION:

VOTED, That the funds available for smaller conferences be distributed in 1953 as follows:

<u>Atlantic Union</u>		
Northern New England	\$ 6 000 00	
Bermuda Mission	<u>1 700 00</u>	7 700 00
<u>Canadian Union</u>		
Alberta	6 000 00	
British Columbia	2 500 00	
Manitoba-Saskatchewan	8 700 00	
Maritime	5 600 00	
Ontario-Quebec	2 500 00	
Newfoundland Mission	3 500 00	
St. Lawrence Mission	<u>3 500 00</u>	32 300 00
<u>Central Union</u>		
Wyoming	11 300 00	
Central States Mission	<u>12 300 00</u>	23 600 00
<u>Columbia Union</u>		
Chesapeake	2 000 00	
West Pennsylvania	6 000 00	
West Virginia	<u>10 000 00</u>	18 000 00

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<u>Northern Union</u>		
North Dakota	5 000 00	
South Dakota	<u>6 000 00</u>	11 000 00
<u>North Pacific Union</u>		
Idaho	2 500 00	
Montana	7 500 00	
Alaska	<u>4 300 00</u>	14 300 00
<u>Pacific Union</u>		
Arizona	6 000 00	
Nevada-Utah	10 000 00	
Hawaii	<u>5 600 00</u>	21 600 00
<u>Southern Union</u>		
Alabama-Mississippi	2 000 00	
South Atlantic	8 700 00	
South Central	<u>11 300 00</u>	22 000 00
<u>Southwestern Union</u>		
Southwest Region	8 700 00	
Texico	<u>9 000 00</u>	17 700 00
Total		\$ 168 200 00

B F PEREZ--TRAVEL EXPENSE:

VOTED, To authorize the payment of the travel expense of B.F.Perez for his visit to the Inter- and South American divisions authorized October 2, 1952, from funds of the International Radio Commission.

NORTH AMERICAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY--APPROPRIATION:

VOTED, That an appropriation of \$9,644.75 be made to the North American Temperance Society from the Contingency Fund, this being the value of the inventory shown on the books of the General Conference for that organization.

OVERSEAS VISITS--GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICERS:

VOTED, To authorize General Conference officers to attend winter councils and other meetings in overseas divisions during 1953 as follows:

- W.B.Ochs, Australia (visiting Hawaii en route)
- L.K.Dickson, Southern Africa, June to September; Inter-America*.
- R.R.Figuhr, Northern, Central, and Southern Europe
- H.L.Rudy, Middle East and Southern Asia.
- A.V.Olson, South America
- C.L.Torrey, Southern Africa for six weeks
- J.F.Cummins, Inter-America for four weeks*
- W.H.Williams, South America for six weeks
- R.H.Adair, Far East and South China Island Union, six weeks

*To include attendance at 3 union meetings

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at \$5.50 per thousand (this price including wrapping and postage) if the General Conference will order one million copies.

VOTED, That the union and local conferences be invited to order quantities of this reprint for distribution by the churches on Home Visitation Day, the General Conference offering to pay fifty cents a thousand toward the purchase of this material for from one to two and a half million copies, making the price \$5.00 a thousand to the union and local conferences.

HOME VISITATION DAY--DATE:

The next Home Visitation Day is the first Sabbath in March, which is too early to secure the reprints of the Look Magazine article for distribution by the churches. The second Home Visitation Day for 1953 is November 7.

VOTED, To recommend to the Spring Meeting of the General Conference Committee that Sabbath, June 6, be designated a special Home Visitation Day.

HELEN OLDHAM--RELEASED:

VOTED, That Miss Helen Oldham be released from the call to serve in India as a Bible instructor.

D E MANSSELL--TRANSFER OF APPOINTMENT:

VOTED, That D.E.Mansell, called to service in the North Brazil Union, be appointed to evangelistic work rather than departmental work in the Union.

L H CANADAY--MALAYAN SIGNS PRESS:

VOTED, That L.H.Canaday, a student at Walla Walla College, be invited to connect with the Far Eastern Division as manager of the Malayan Signs Press in Singapore.

L L BOCK--NORTH BRAZIL UNION:

VOTED, That the Canadian Union and Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference be requested to release L.L.Bock to serve as secretary of the home missionary, Sabbath school, young people's, and educational departments of the North Brazil Union.

SHIGENOBU ARAKAKI--JAPAN:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and Hawaiian Mission to release Shigenobu Arakaki, and to invite him to connect with the Far Eastern Division for work in Japan on the Nisei basis as arranged by the Division.

ELFRIEDE KOELLING--NYANCHWA:

VOTED, To request the Central Union and Nebraska Conference to release Miss Elfriede Koelling of the Platte Valley Academy, and to invite her to serve as dean of girls and teacher of home economics at the Nyanchwa Station in East Africa.

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V D DORTCH--PHILIPPINE PUBLISHING HOUSE:

VOTED, To request the Pacific Union and Northern California Conference to release V.D.Dortch, and to invite him to connect with the Far Eastern Division as manager of the Philippine Publishing House in Manila.

MRS. EVELYN GRAY--BAGHDAD:

VOTED, To invite Mrs. Evelyn Gray of San Pedro, California, to connect with the Dar el Salaam Hospital in Baghdad as X-ray and laboratory technician.

MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIPS:

VOTED, That twelve additional ministerial internships be made available--two to be assigned for Home Foreign Work and one each to each of the union allotments.

MILDRED WOODS--HARRIS PINE MILLS:

VOTED, To request the Lake Union and Illinois Conference to release Miss Mildred Woods of the Hinsdale Sanitarium to connect with the Chicago branch of the Harris Pine Mills.

IVY FREEMAN--MICHIGAN:

VOTED, To pass on to the Review and Herald Publishing Association the call from the Lake Union for Miss Ivy Freeman to connect with the Book and Bible House of the Michigan Conference.

APPOINTMENTS AND ITINERARIES:

VOTED, To approve arrangements for appointments and itineraries as follows:

A.L.White to include Mountain View, Calif., in his March itinerary.

Howard Weeks to substitute for J.R.Ferren in the following appointments: Denver, Colo., March 9-12; Nashville, Tenn., March 14; Southern Missionary College, March 16,17; Oakwood College, March 18,19.

Dr. J.A.Hyde to visit institutions at Madison and Riverside in Tennessee, the Von Pohle Clinic in Tempe, Arizona, the White Memorial Hospital, Loma Linda Sanitarium and other medical institutions in southern California, and the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota.

E.E.Cossentine to Glendale, Pacific Press, La Sierra College and Pacific Union College during month of March.

L.K.Dickson to Southern Missionary College board meeting February 24,25, Arkansas-Louisiana Conference workers' meeting in New Orleans, March 11,12.

Request for services of I.H.Ihrig of Southern Publishing Association to visit Illinois, April 16-18.

N.W.Dunn, Week of Prayer, New England Sanitarium, March 14-21.

G.E.Peters to Knoxville, Tenn., latter part of March, for four days.

A.A.Esteb, College View, March 7.

Maybelle Vandermark, Dorcas Federation meetings, Southern New England Conference, March 21-24.

Publishing Department representative to Southwestern Junior College Institute, April 3-8.

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Ben Glanzer, Home and School Association Benefit Program, Greater New York Academy, March 7.

Request Washington Sanitarium for services of Dr. R.A.Hare to visit St. Louis, Mo., February 27.

H.T.Elliott, W.H.Williams, to St. Louis, Mo., February 27, to counsel with Central Union representatives concerning leasing of hospital property.

Mrs. H.E.Edwards, request Emmanuel Missionary College approval of (a) her trip to Washington, D.C., to meet with the Education and Medical departments prior to the Spring Meeting, and (b) attendance at the meeting of the American Public Health Association in New York during the summer of 1953.

DON ROTH--RELEASED:

VOTED, To release Don Roth from the call to connect with the Bureau of Press Relations.

CECIL COFFEY--BUREAU OF PRESS RELATIONS:

VOTED, To request the College of Medical Evangelists to release Cecil Coffey, who has been doing public relations work for the college, to connect with the General Conference Bureau of Press Relations as assistant secretary.

C B HAYNES--RESIGNATION:

VOTED, To accept the resignation of C.B.Haynes as the representative of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists on the General Commission on Chaplains of the United States armed services.

J C THOMPSON--COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS:

VOTED, To appoint J.C.Thompson to serve with W.H.Bergherm as our denominational representative on the Commission on Chaplains.

WAR SERVICE COMMISSIONS--COORDINATING COMMITTEE:

VOTED, That the committee on coordination of work of the War Service commissions be constituted as follows: A.V.Olson, chairman; W.H.Bergherm, C.B.Haynes, W.B.Ochs, J.C.Thompson.

COMMITTEE ON CHAPLAINS IN THE ARMED SERVICES:

VOTED, That the personnel of the Committee on Chaplains in the Armed Services be as follows: A.V.Olson, chairman; W.H.Bergherm, W.B.Ochs, K.J.Reynolds, J.C.Thompson.

PERIODICALS TO MEN IN ARMED SERVICES: *See 1108*

The Review and Herald Publishing Association plans to supply free the Review and Instructor to each of the Seventh-day Adventist chaplains in the armed services, and generously offers to supply these periodicals to Seventh-day Adventist servicemen at a 45% discount to the General Conference,--\$5.00 a year for the two periodicals.

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VOTED, To adopt the plan of supplying the Review and Instructor to each Seventh-day Adventist serviceman at General Conference expense, the funds for this purpose to be supplied by the special offering for Literature for Servicemen, this to be divided 40% to the North American War Service Commission and 60% to the International Service Commission.

Adjourned, with prayer by F.D.Nichol.

A.V.Olson, Chairman
H.T.Elliott, Secretary
Mary Paul, Recording Secretary